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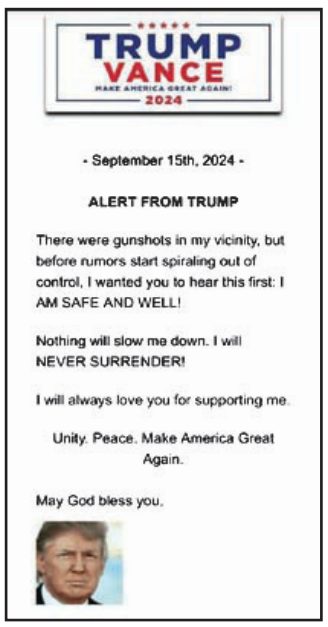
"The essential quality of a market system, contrary to popular thinking, is not that it promotes greed; But rather, that it renders greed harmless." Israel Kirzner



Speaker Mike Johnson
Kelly and I are departing Mara-Lago, where we just spent a few hours with President Trump and are thanking God for protecting him today - once again. No leader in American history has endured more attacks and remained so strong and resilient. He is unstoppable.



Trump to MAGA: Never Surrender!

Deep State fails in 2nd Trump assassination attempt

By Steve Welcenbach

For the second time in two months, Deep State operatives failed to eliminate the Leader of the greatest freedom movement the world has seen since the American Revolution. The desperation of the Globalist Totalitarians could not be on greater display. They no longer even bother to hide their responsibility for these planned ops, as demonstrated by their complete whitewash of the Butler PA crime scene, their history with the persons utilized as patsies in both assassination attempts, and the deafening disinterest by the Fake News Media in either event.

These events and facts show the power of the MAGA movement and the terror the Globalist feel. They know Trump and the MAGA people of the world are about to destroy the entire plot they worked so tirelessly and stealthily to put in place over the last century. Klaus Schwab and *continued on page 2*

Trump warns election fraudsters that they will be pursued and fully prosecuted. See his Truth social post on p. 11.

Looming 'clean' energy disasters off our coasts

One broken wind turbine blade shut down Massachusetts beaches. What would hurricanes do?

By Paul Dreissen

Photos of oil-covered seals and birds from California's 1969 Santa Barbara blowout helped launch the environmental and stop-oil movements. Some 90,000 barrels polluted ocean waters and yet, when I was scuba diving beneath it two decades later, the same production platform support structure once again hosted a magnificent ecosystem with millions of anemones, mussels, starfish, crabs and fish.



The 2010 Deepwater Horizon drillship disaster killed eleven workers and blasted 3-4 million barrels of oil and enormous amounts of natural gas into the Gulf of Mexico. Yet within a surprisingly short time after the runaway well was capped, wave action, oil-dispersant chemicals, dust-covered oil *continued on page 14*

The Beglinger Blast... I am a Conspiracy Theorist

By Joan Ellis Beglinger

"Conspiracy theorist" is a label used to silence Americans who are concerned about the integrity of our elections and have the courage to question what they see and hear. It is intended to destroy their credibility and relegate them to the lunatic fringe. Those who have a stranglehold on our political processes, abetted by the corrupt media, will do whatever is necessary to maintain power and control. The corruption in our political system is extensive and there is no doubt that, if possible, some will cheat to win.



A conspiracy theorist is someone who believes an event or situation was secretly planned, often by people who are powerful. A gullible person is one who is easily deceived and too willing to believe what other people say.

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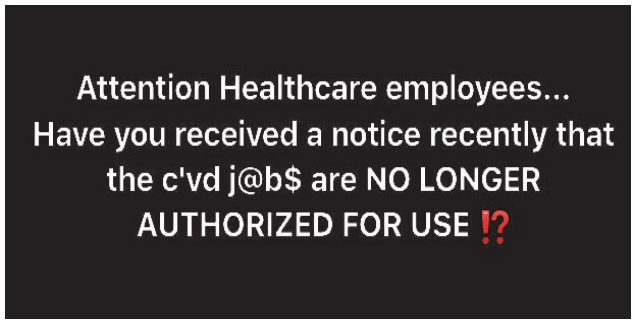

Peter Hotez Ventures into Theology

VAX High Priest finds inspiration in a Jesuit priest and scientist.

By John Leake

Dr. Peter Hotez is the Pontifex Maximus of the Vaccine Cult, despite his personal presentation always being in shambles. Like many exalted institutional leaders in America today, Dr. Hotez invariably leaves the critical viewer wondering how he became so influential.

One thing that Hotez does seem to understand is that facts alone are not sufficient to compel belief in something. For people to believe in a proposition, it must appeal to their emotional yearnings and attachments, and not only to their interest in factual reality. Thus, Hotez understands that it's not enough to talk about vaccines as substances for inducing the immune system to recognize pathogens and neutralize them before they cause severe illness. Getting into the weeds about "the science" of vaccines is complex, technical, and—if done properly—raises questions about the reality of their safety and efficacy. As Hotez understands, it's far more persuasive to proclaim unequivocally that vaccines are the SAVIORS of mankind.

Recently Hotez published a paper titled Vaccine Science Diplomacy and "The Phenomenon of Man" in which he presents a philosophical approach that could help vaccine ambassadors to form alliances with leaders of Catholic institutions. As he puts it in the Abstract:

The central tenets of international scientific collaborations leading to the development, testing, and the equitable distribution vaccines to *continued on page 17*

2024 Campaign Tax Proposals Are Slogans, Not Real Tax Reform

By Williams Kovacs

Our 2024 presidential candidates present tax reform as a slogan, "No taxes on tips," and vague statements about lowering tax rates, reducing deductions, imposing more tariffs on imported goods, and eliminating taxes on Social Security. These proposals, while well-intentioned, barely scratch the surface of our convoluted tax code. The real tax reform lies in revisiting our roots and reinstating the four-page Form 1040 and instructions, the first income tax form introduced



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"Politics and the English Language"

Orwell's 1946 essay on relationship between bad language and lying is spot-on.

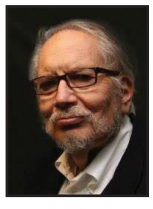
By John Leake

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn famously observed that the hallmark of totalitarianism is that everyone participating in it is in the habit of lying all the time about everything. We often think of lying as a straightforward matter of making statements that are false. However, a far more common and insidious form of lying involves using vague language, slogans, and needless abstractions instead of speaking precisely, concretely, and factually. Another feature of nascent or creeping totalitarianism is that *continued on page 8*

How Long Can Left Cover For Harris' Mangled Messaging?

By Lary Bell

After being handed her party's presidential nomination without any votes in an inside job a month ago followed by a pre-taped CNN August 29 interview along with her emotional support chaperone and vice president pick Tim Walz, Kamala Harris has yet to reveal why informed voters might wish to choose her to lead the nation and free world.



Moreover, there is little evidence *continued on page 18*

Steve's Say . . .

Deep State in Deep Panic

Donald Trump and the MAGA movement truly are the existential threat to the entrenched Deep State Globalist Totalitarians, not only in the United States but across the entire world.

Trump continues his march toward an unprecedented landslide election victory despite the plethora of Fake News fairytales of Kamala Harris' popularity and the close race fantasy peddled by the Fake Pollsters. Trump's Message:

"Fight! Fight! Fight!"

"Never Surrender!"

"We will obliterate the Deep State."

And He will. If he gets his chance.

How will he do this? Simple. By actually using the power of the President's office in conjunction with the power of The People through a legislature that does not shirk its responsibilities to implement all of the things conservatives, libertarians and traditional liberals have advocated for decades.

Trump uses his Truth Social media platform and rally speeches to tell us exactly what he will do to make this all happen. Energy independence and abundance leads the list, for it underpins all economic activity. Dismantling the regulation behemoths comes next, allowing small businesses and entrepreneurs to flourish again, bringing innovation and competition to the marketplace. Tax elimination, the third pillar of economic restoration, Trump keeps feeding us new tidbits, from no tax on tips, elimination of social security tax, his latest no tax on ovwrtime pay, and eventually the complete elimination of income tax.

Many of you will shout, "He can't do that! How can he possibly fund the government? Our interest payments alone exceed our national defense budget." Good Point. But here's how:

1) Elimination of the Federal Reserve and re-instituting sound money, i.e. the gold standard

2) Deporting all of the illegal aliens brought in by the Globalist cabal

3) Dismantling the bloated and unnecessary federal bureaucracy by eliminating whole agencies and a complete restructuring and reform of the DOJ, the FBI, and CIA if they survive into the future at all.

4) Implementation of tariffs

The entire criminal syndicate masquerading as government owes its very existence to the Federal Reserve and fiat money system. As I've asked many people, "If you and I could create an infinite supply of money, how many people could we bribe?" Answer: All but the morally righteous, which proves to be very few. The arrest and formal charges of P. Diddy (Sean Combs) and his empire of filth, slavery, human trafficking and disgusting behavior will connect to all the criminals in the Deep State corral, from Epstein and Obama to the Clintons and the powerful in all governments around the world. Corporate executives, Hollywood darlings, scientists, NGO leaders, all stripes of political operatives and everyone associated with the UN or one of its related entities will all be shown to be securely woven into this web of deceit and evil. The truth revelation underway cannot be held back or covered up. Many people will be shaken out of their media induced comas.

The second item speaks for itself. Can anyone really doubt Trump can't or won't deport all of these criminals? The bad guys certainly think he will. Crime will plummet and all the people's money spent to keep these people here now becomes available for economically constructive purposes.

Trump announced Elon Musk as his chosen tool to dismantle the administrative state. Elon seemed giddy in his consent to be chosen for that task. I would be. We don't and never did need the federal government to be involved in anything other than national defense, border integrity and foreign relations. Nothing else. I guess that eliminates well over 90% of federal spending. We haven't had a federal budget since Obama took office.

Tariffs provide the least intrusive pathway to garnering funds for constitutional federal expenditures while protecting the nation from foreign economic manipulations that lead to unfair trade practices. In fact, the US constitution specifies tariffs as the ONLY means by which the federal government can obtain operational revenue. Historical evidence proves the effectiveness of tariffs functioning in this regard. Trump continually cites the tariff policies of President William McKInley and the tsunami of federal revenue generated by their implementation. The tariff policies Trump implemented during his first White House term proved so successful that even the Biden-Harris administration had to leave them in place.

So Trump has the plan, and everyone knows he's going to implement it. The MAGA movement continues to mass more and more of The People in this existential fight against the Deep State. The formal unification of both RFK Jr. and Tulsi Gabbard to the MAGA movement bring not only much needed energy and involvement from individuals formally associated with the political Left, but demonstrate Trump's commitment to dismantling the Big Pharma /Big Medical/ Processed Foods/Population reduction apparatus sickening and killing the people and ushering in an era of peace through strength, stopping the endless wars of the Neocon/Military complex.

I heard from a reliable source that some speakers at a security conference held in Waukesha last week believe Trump will be assassinated eventually by the Deep State thugs and the country will devolve into civil war. Maybe the Deep State will be successful in putting a bullet into Donald Trump as one globalist media commentator recommended, but I don't think so. Trump could've never survived this long without overwhelming support of the US Military and the protection they've provided to accomplish that rather difficult feat. The overwhelming majority of military personnel in all branches take their oath to the US Constitution to heart and will defend the nation against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. The nation is We The People, not any politician or leader. And We The People stand with Trump and the oath keepers in the Military (known as the White Hats).

No matter if the Deep State murders Trump or not, MAGA will not die off nor will The People acquiesce to the Globalist demands for a worldwide police state. No matter what, We The People must continue to Fight! Fight! Fight!, Never Surrender!, and obliterate the Deep State. But not civil war. The whole point of the Trump plan was to avoid civil war. The Globalist Totalitarians tried many schemes over the past decades to induce civil war in America, most continuing to this very day. We can't give into their seduction. I am confident that the White



Hat Military will do its job when the inevitable chaos initiated by the imported Deep State foot soldiers breaks out in the coming weeks and months. The chaos, already started in Denver, Springfield, Ohio and many other places, will get worse. Much worse. Hold on tight. Buckle up Buttercup!

These times, a gracious gift from The Almighty, test our faith in Him and His eternal, holy plan. Our country and world stands on the brink of becoming a global totalitarian state, due entirely to our wandering off from God's Word, God's Law and the corruption of both the Church and governments across the world, to carnal desires and intrigue. Only a return to God, with all our hearts, and a commitment to recognize and live the wisdom, joy and power of His Word will our world change for the better. This restoration starts and ends with us as individuals. If we all take care of our own business, families and actions, this will happen.

God Bless Everyone and all of your families.

Where We Go One, We Go All!

Trump *cont. from page 1*

his merry band of Totalitarian Freaks and Banksters thought the exact time had finally come to implement their Great Reset. Sorry criminals. The Great Awakening wins because it comes from God Himself. YOU'RE DONE. GONE. FINISHED.

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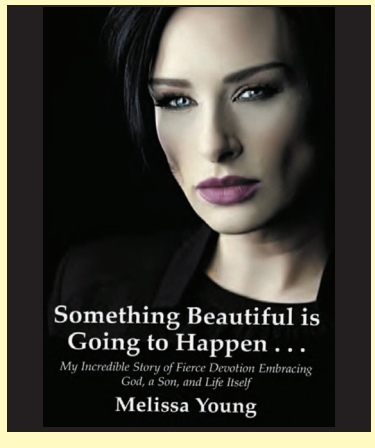

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Crude Reality: South America's Offshore Oil Buries Net Zero Agenda

By Vijay Jayaraj

South American nations are increasingly realigning energy strategies to capitalize on offshore oil and gas reserves, signaling a marked shift from previously stated goals of reducing dependence on fossil fuels to satisfy the net zero agenda of those obsessed with a faux climate emergency.

This divergence reflects the region's pressing need to address economic challenges, including poverty, unemployment and a requirement for sustainable revenue streams to fund social programs and infrastructure development.

Nations such as Brazil, Guyana and Argentina are spearheading new deals and projects aimed at intensifying exploration activities within their maritime boundaries. These endeavors are not merely speculative; they represent concrete steps backed by substantial investments from international energy giants seeking to capitalize on the region's vast offshore potential. The economic imperative driving this resurgence cannot be overstated.

Brazil's state-controlled company, Petrobras, is set to invest $6 billion in the next five years to uncover new deposits of around 10 billion barrels that could nearly double current reserves. The company's focus on pre-salt basins has resulted in significant discoveries, including the Buzios field, which is considered one of the most productive offshore oil fields globally.

Guyana's transformation into an oil powerhouse has been nothing short of remarkable since ExxonMobil discovered significant oil reserves in the Stabroek Block, which is estimated to contain over 11 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

Having started production from the Stabroek Block in 2019, a consortium led by Exxon Mobil is currently producing about 650,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) from three production platforms. The output has been steadily increasing and is expected to reach 1.4 million bpd soon with ongoing new discoveries.

Fueled primarily by oil revenues, Guyana's gross domestic product has skyrocketed, with a projected growth rate of 34% in 2024. This unprecedented growth offers Guyana an opportunity to invest in infrastructure and anti-poverty programs, something that would have been impossible without the black gold.

Argentina's government is looking to tap vast oil reserves, particularly in the Vaca Muerta field. The country is desperate to diversify its energy portfolio and reduce reliance on imported energy, especially in light of ongoing economic challenges that include high inflation, debt and a struggling currency.

With the world's second-largest shale gas field and fourth-largest shale oil reserves, Argentina's potential is immense. YPF, Argentina's state energy company, announced collaborations with international giants like Equinor and Shell to explore untapped reserves in the Argentine Sea.

The Fénix project in Tierra del Fuego — with peak production of around 10 million cubic meters of gas per day — is particularly noteworthy; it promises to transform Argentina into a net exporter of natural gas. A new oil and gas law currently under discussion aims to attract foreign investment into the sector, signifying a shift toward prioritizing fossil fuels in the face of economic turmoil.

Another struggling economy, Venezuela, has agreed to a 20-year natural gas production and exploration deal with British multinational BP and Trinidad. With a production estimate of 400 million cubic feet per day, the Cocuina gas field off the Venezuelan coast will bring in substantial revenue.

As Latin America capitalizes on fossil fuel reserves, it is likely to play a pivotal role in the global energy landscape. Increased production could reshape international dynamics as new sources counterbalance declining output from traditional producers

South America has long struggled with socioeconomic challenges, including high poverty rates and inconsistent economic growth. Offshore oil and gas reserves are an invaluable resource to lift millions out of poverty, and their development an indispensable strategy.

Compared to net zero's dreary road to societal disaster for the sake of virtue signaling, rising oil and gas revenues are immeasurably more attractive. They offer a tantalizing prospect of monies to fortify national budgets, create jobs and stimulate broader economic growth.

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The Real Existential Threat to Billions of People

By Ronald Stein

As a refresher for Biden's and Newsom's passion for pursuing net-zero emissions, wind and solar do different things than crude oil.

Wind turbines and solar panels only generate occasional electricity but manufacture absolutely NO PRODUCTS for society.

Sadly, others are following the pursuit of ONLY weather-dependent generated electricity, like nongovernmental organizations (NGO), the National Wildlife Federation, the Conservation Law Foundation, and even the Heinz Endowments, the "legacy" of former Senator and Heinz ketchup baron John Heinz.

Even Bangladesh, where the South Asian country's dominance in the manufacture of clothing is being threatened with policies toward net zero emissions that Threatens our Future Garment Purchases.

Crude oil is virtually never used to generate electricity but, when manufactured into petrochemicals, is the basis for virtually all the products in our materialistic society that did not exist before the 1800s. These products are used in infrastructures such as transportation, airports, hospitals, medical equipment, appliances, electronics, telecommunications, communications systems, space programs, heating and ventilation, and militaries.

Both Biden and Newsom do not comprehend that Teslas are 100% made from crude oil!

EV tires, electronic components, upholstery, etc., are 100% made from oil derivatives manufactured from crude oil.

FURTHER, all the parts and components of EVERY electricity generation system (coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, wind, and solar) are also made from the oil derivatives manufactured from oil!

Before the 1800s, and before the discovery of oil, we had no crude oil, products, electricity, or Teslas!

Mandating EVs and electricity generation from wind turbines and solar panels is mandating more use of crude oil.

Simplistically, to rid the world of oil usage, STOP using products made from oil!

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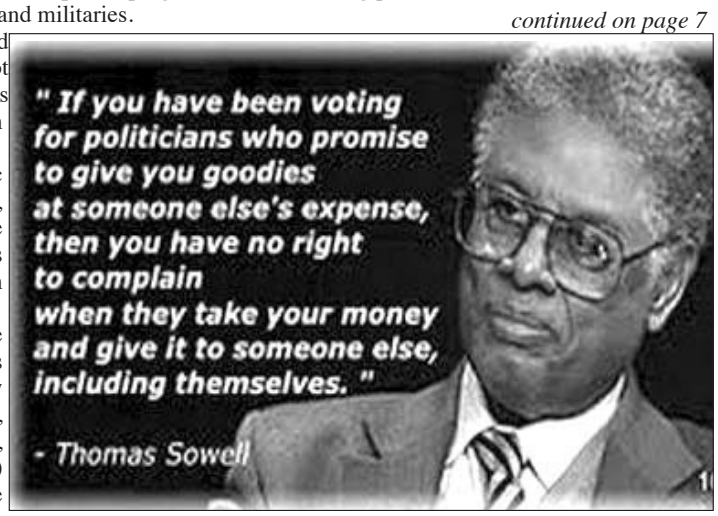

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EU Parliament Looks to Heartland Institute to Lead on Climate Policy

By James Taylor

Last week, Harald Vilimsky, a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from Austria, flew to Chicago to meet with Heartland staff and gain insights into how the European Union (EU) can follow Heartland's lead on climate and energy policy.

MEP Vilimsky is one of the foremost leaders in the EU freedom coalition. When the EU parliamentary majority introduced a bill earlier this year to impose net-zero carbon dioxide emissions and presented the bill as a fait accompli, Vilimsky rallied opposition and shocked the European establishment by defeating the bill.

James Taylor and Harald Vilimsky

Similar to America, European socialists are championing the so-called green transition as a Trojan horse for implementing socialist policies.

Vilimsky met with me and several Heartland staff to create a strategy to defeat and reverse the ongoing EU "green transition." He also provided updates on the post-election outlook for a freedom-focused agenda in the EU Parliament.

In EU Parliament elections this June, a coalition of populist conservatives and libertarians gained their greatest share of seats in history. While not quite capturing a majority of seats, the coalition expects to wield enormous influence formulating EU policy during the upcoming parliamentary session.

In addition to sharing important information and developing a strategy, I introduced him to other members of the freedom coalition in Illinois. This included former Illinois state senator Tom Morrison and former state senator and gubernatorial candidate Jeanne Ives. Vilimsky also attended and delivered remarks at the GOP pavilion at the Illinois State Fair.

Once again, Vilimsky invited me to Austria this fall to share climate realism information with the Austrian Parliament. He is confident the soil is fertile to turn the tide in Austria and throughout Europe!

MEP Vilimsky spoke at The Heartland Institute's 40th Anniversary Benefit Dinner held on September 13.

The freedom movement is rising throughout the world and the EU Parliament is looking for The Heartland Institute to guide the way.

Your support helps Heartland's influence expand to our friends in Europe. Thank you!

Heartland Debunks New York Times' Climate Change Lies!

By James Taylor

Does it ever seem like everything good in the world is about to disappear due to climate change?

Well, it must seem that way to people who listen to the establishment media's constant climate alarmist narrative. That's why I took particular pleasure in busting an absolute doozy of a climate change lie published this week by The New York Times.

Heartland staff perform a Google News search each morning to see what alleged climate scares are at the top of the day's news stories for our website ClimateRealism.com. Then, we debunk the biggest climate lies of the day.

On Monday morning, Google News promoted a New York Times article titled, "This Is How the World's Favorite Scent Disappears." The article noted that vanilla is the world's favorite scent and is used in a wide variety of perfumes and other products.

Citing anecdotal events like a cyclone that hit Madagascar several years ago during its annual cyclone season, the Timesclaimed climate change is making vanilla much more expensive and is literally driving it to extinction.

So, readers are told, you better get super-worried about climate change if you like perfume because climate change is quickly making the popular scent disappear.

Except it's not.

As I documented at ClimateRealism.com, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization provides detailed information on global crop production, including vanilla. According to the UN data, global vanilla production has doubled since the year 2000. There is so much vanilla being produced now that farmers are complaining about low vanilla prices caused by overproduction.

Busting brazen climate change lies is what The Heartland Institute does every day.

We've debunked idiotic claims in the mainstream media that climate change is decimating coffee, chocolate, beer, wine, cognac, maple syrup, cranberry sauce, and just about everything else.

What a joke!

It would be great if the mainstream media reported the truth rather than alarmist climate propaganda. However, you and I both know they aren't going to stop peddling their nonsense and will happily continue to rake in the cash they garner from click-bait fearmongering.



The Heartland Institute will keep debunking alarmist climate lies as long as you empower us to do so through your generous support.

Next time you light a vanilla candle or enjoy a vanilla latte, I hope you think of Heartland and smile.

Stick to the Weather, World Meteorological Organization, Africa's GDP Is Not Declining

By H. Sterling Burnett

The Associated Press (AP) posted a story describing a study by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) which claims climate change is costing Africa as much as 5 percent of its GDP. Data show this is false. Extreme weather has not become more frequent or severe in Africa, and GDP in the different African regions and particular countries cited by the WMO and discussed in the AP story has grown substantially during recent period of climate change.

Monika Pronczuk, the writer of the AP story, "African nations are losing up to 5% of their GDP per year with climate change, a new report says," uncritically parrots the WMO's claims that "African nations are losing up to 5% of their GDP every year as they bear a heavier burden than the rest of the world from climate change."

"'Over the past 60 years, Africa has observed a warming trend that has become more rapid than the global average,' said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo, warning that it is affecting everything from food security to public health to peace," wrote Pronczuck.

She should have checked the data.

As Climate Realism has discussed repeatedly, hard data from the United Nations and other government and international agencies refute any claims that climate change is making Africa's weather worse or causing food insecurity. The latter claim has been debunked in repeated Climate Realism articles, here, here, and here, for example, which show that crop yields and production across the continent, except in areas of civil and cross border strife driven by religious and political conflicts, have regularly set records amid modest climate change.

Climate Realism has also shown that recent extreme weather events have not, in fact, been unusual in Africa's history nor have they been more severe in recent decades, here, here, and here, for instance. In the few countries where food production has been hampered and economic growth has declined across multiple years in Africa, research shows it is consistently due to political strife, from civil wars, cross border conflicts, or political corruption. Climate change has not been a factor.

The main thrust of the WMO report is that because climate change has caused increasingly severe weather, it has also resulted in a GDP decline with African countries having to spend a disproportionate percentage of their incomes mitigating climate change. But since the former is false, the latter is as well. And, indeed, data consistently show substantial GDP growth across the period of recent climate change in the regions and countries discussed in the AP story, and one would presume the WMO report. In fact, the growth rate there has been at or above the world's average GDP growth rate as a whole. For instance:

Data from the African Development Bank (ADB) shows GDP growth in the region of West Africa at or above 3 percent since 2000, topping 4 percent two of the four years. The further projects growth in each of the countries for the remainder of 2024 and through 2025, stating; "[g]reater agricultural output, expansion in the services sectors, and reforms to strengthen private sector participation in energy and mining are expected to drive growth in Benin (6.4 percent), Gambia (6.2 percent), Togo (6 percent), Mali (4.8 percent), Sierra Leone (4.6 percent), and Burkina Faso (4.1 percent)."

Data from the World Bank show that, excluding the high income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, since 2000, GDP growth in the poorest countries has topped 6 percent five different years, five percent once, 4 percent five times, and only experienced negative growth in a single year, in 2020, the year of the

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The war on food

By Craig Rucker

Paul Driessen struck a nerve when he asked, "who is directing the war on agriculture and nutrition?"

People have been debating the issues he raised and sharing his article with their friends on Facebook.

As CFACT's senior policy analyst explains, the warming-Left doesn't just want to control your energy, they're coming for your food.

"Like the rest of the 'agro-ecology' movement, they deride and malign modern agriculture as a scourge inflicted by greedy mega-corporations. They oppose fossil fuels, pesticides, herbicides, and biotechnology. They extol 'food sovereignty' and the 'right to choose.' But their policies reflect top-down tyranny and bullying, with little room for poor farmers to embrace modern agricultural technologies and practices."

Driessen lists a host of enviro and climate pressure groups, billionaire funders, and even the World Economic Forum as leading the war on food. Importantly he identifies government agencies that have been in collusion with them.

Leftist organizations meddling in our food supply is terrible news for American farmers and consumers as well as for those in other industrialized nations.

Now Kamals Harris wants the federal government to seize control of food pricing!

The climate attack on food is even worse news for the developing world where food insecurity is most severe.

Fortunately, developing nations are pushing back. Driessen writes that, "South Africa's electricity minister recently said his country will not be 'turned into a guinea pig for a worldwide Green New Deal.' Hopefully, all developing countries will soon apply that same attitude to anarchists who would use the world's poor as guinea pigs in global agricultural and nutrition experiments."

Historically, governments that seize control of their nation's food supplies end up with hungry citizens.

The myriad supply chains it takes to stock grocery shelves are far too complex and important to trust to bureaucrats.



Green Foods Fail Olympics

By Viv Forbes

The first occupants of the Olympics village in Paris quickly taught the caterers that athletes did not favour their "climate-friendly" diet of things like avocados on toast plus almond-milk coffee. The athletes demanded more meat and eggs.

Paris Olympics CEO, Etienne Thobois, told reporters they suddenly needed more animal protein, causing them to order "700 kilos of eggs and a ton of meat, to meet the demands of the athletes."

The Olympic caterers should have read a bit of French history – Vikings brought cattle to Normandy in the 10th century and valued them for both meat and milk.

The Paris organisers could also have also looked at some French cave paintings, such as the one in Lascaux, which depict aurochs, the ancestor of domestic cattle, being attacked by ancient hunters.

Free Stone Age Painting photo and picture
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Hunting for Meat in the Stone Age

The Normans took their love of beef to Britain. In 1611 King James knighted his loin roast so it could be worthy item on a King's table – since then it has been known as "sirloin".

That old enemy of Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington, knew that his army could not survive without beef. Britain is famous for great beef breeds such as Herefords, Angus, Scotch, Welsh and Orkney beef. So the Duke's red coat armies often had their own cattle herd bringing up the rear. Fresh beef was supplemented by salt pork, flour (often fortified with weevils) and a tot of rum before battle.

Beef was also the favoured food of the new world. Spanish and Portuguese colonists took horses and cattle to the Americas and from these developed the wild longhorn cattle of Mexico and Texas. Many covered wagons of the American west were pulled by mules or oxen – and if they ran short of food, they ate some of them.

Native Americans soon learned to steal or catch horses and used them to hunt their favoured food – buffalo. Their mounted cavalry quickly conquered the prairies; and when they wore out their horses, they ate them.

As the buffalo were hunted to extinction by white and red hunters they all turned to longhorns and then to softer easier-handling British breeds like Hereford.

Soon American demand for beef prompted Texas cowboys to fight Indians, drought and wild-fires to send big mobs of beef cattle towards big meat centres such as Chicago. This Eastern demand for beef then supported the growth of transcontinental railways.

In Australia, great cattlemen like Sidney Kidman ("The Cattle King") learned to move cattle along the Channel Country from north to south on a string of Kidman properties, the cattle growing as they travelled.

And on every road entering Australia's beef capital, Rockhampton, there is a statue - not a green-skinned avocado, but a red-blooded bull.

The staple food of the Anzac warriors was canned "bully beef", billy tea and hard biscuits. Bacon, eggs, a tot of Bundaberg rum and some Anzac biscuits were the luxuries.

Green propagandists such as the Paris caterers are doing tremendous harm to our health and our food supply by attacking animal foods, and promoting grains, vegetables, seeds and fake foods for humans.

As far back as we have recorded history, humans have been hunter-gatherers. They hunted, cooked, ate and sometimes farmed cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, ducks, turkeys, swans, antelope, buffalo, caribou, mammoths, deer, bears, horses, mules, donkeys, camels, seals, herrings, prawns, oysters, crabs, clams, cod, whales, sharks, salmon, kangaroos, possums, rabbits, hares, rats, mice, dogs, cougars, eels, snakes and even other humans. (Aboriginal cannibals on the Palmer River gold field in early Australia preferred to eat sweet Chinamen who ate lots of rice rather than oversalty Britishers who ate lots of salt beef.)

When the hunters were successful, ancient tribes rejoiced and feasted mightily before the meats spoiled. But when the hunters failed and starvation threatened, they relied on the gatherers for ripening fruits, honey, tubers, wild onions, nuts and laboriously harvested grains. They learned that some plant foods, especially grass seeds, were toxic unless treated in special ways by grinding, roasting, fermenting and cooking. Meats were the favoured food but some tribes also consumed raw milk, butter, cheese and blood from their animals. Some ate fish and water fowl. Fruits were seasonal foods and tubers, onions and grains were survival foods. Party foods like sugar, alcohol and apple pie were more recent inventions.

Human teeth reflect the foods they are designed to use – canine eye-teeth for gripping and ripping meat off bones, incisors for cutting bite-sized bits, and molars for chewing and grinding. And humans have the forward-focussed eyes of predators, not the all-round eyesight of their wary herbivore prey.

Men have always battled over hunting, fishing and farming territory, but now greens are trying to lock all humans out with national parks, world heritage declarations, and bans and quotas on farming, fishing and hunting. They subsidise the sterilisation of farms and grasslands with wind and solar "farms", access roads and spider webs of power lines. They also promote the conversion of grasslands and farmland to bush and encourage offshore bird choppers whose sonic noise upsets neighbours and seems to addle the navigating abilities of some sea creatures.

Now greens are attacking our carnivore diet and promoting a granivore-vegetarian diet for humans. Politicians should be free to choose their own diet but they should not force meat lovers to pretend they are granivores – they have no crops for sprouting grains nor gizzards for grinding them. Humans are also not plant-eating ruminants with extra stomachs and who spend ages regurgitating and re-chewing the cuds of slowly digesting vegetables.

The world's teeming cities are becoming increasingly reliant on grains, sugars, oil seeds, fruits and vegetables grown by intense farming and heavily dependent on irrigation, herbicides and chemical fertilisers. Grain-dependent feedlots produce much of our beef, pork, mutton, salmon, prawns, chickens and eggs, and factories produce our baked, frozen and canned foods. Now greens are promoting denatured fake "meat" and "milks" containing no meat or milk.

Whilst intense farming has fostered a dramatic increase in human population, the human food chain is swamped with grains, greens and seed oils with their unhealthy lectins, glutens, oxalates, phytic acid, harmful oils, artificial sweeteners and chemical additives and sprays. This process parallels a dramatic deterioration in human health. Like green energy, green food for humans is proving a disastrous choice.

Pretending humans are herbivores and granivores has accompanied an epidemic of ill health. Obesity, arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimers, leaky gut, fatty liver, dental caries, heart failure, cancers, brain fog, knee replacement, stomach stitching, birth defects and gender confusion seem to be hall-marks of our age. The surgery waiting lists keep expanding.

But instead of trying to fix our dietary problems, we have created a massive new "health" industry. While human diets race off in the wrong direction, health research seeks magic bullets and focusses on profitable vaccines, patentable medicines, expensive surgery and genetic wizardry.

Grazing animals once lived mainly on grasses and herbs (with a little ripening grass seeds just before the hard times of winter). Too many animals are now confined in food factories, with little exercise and encouraged to gorge on farmed grains. Free range animals like pigs, chickens,

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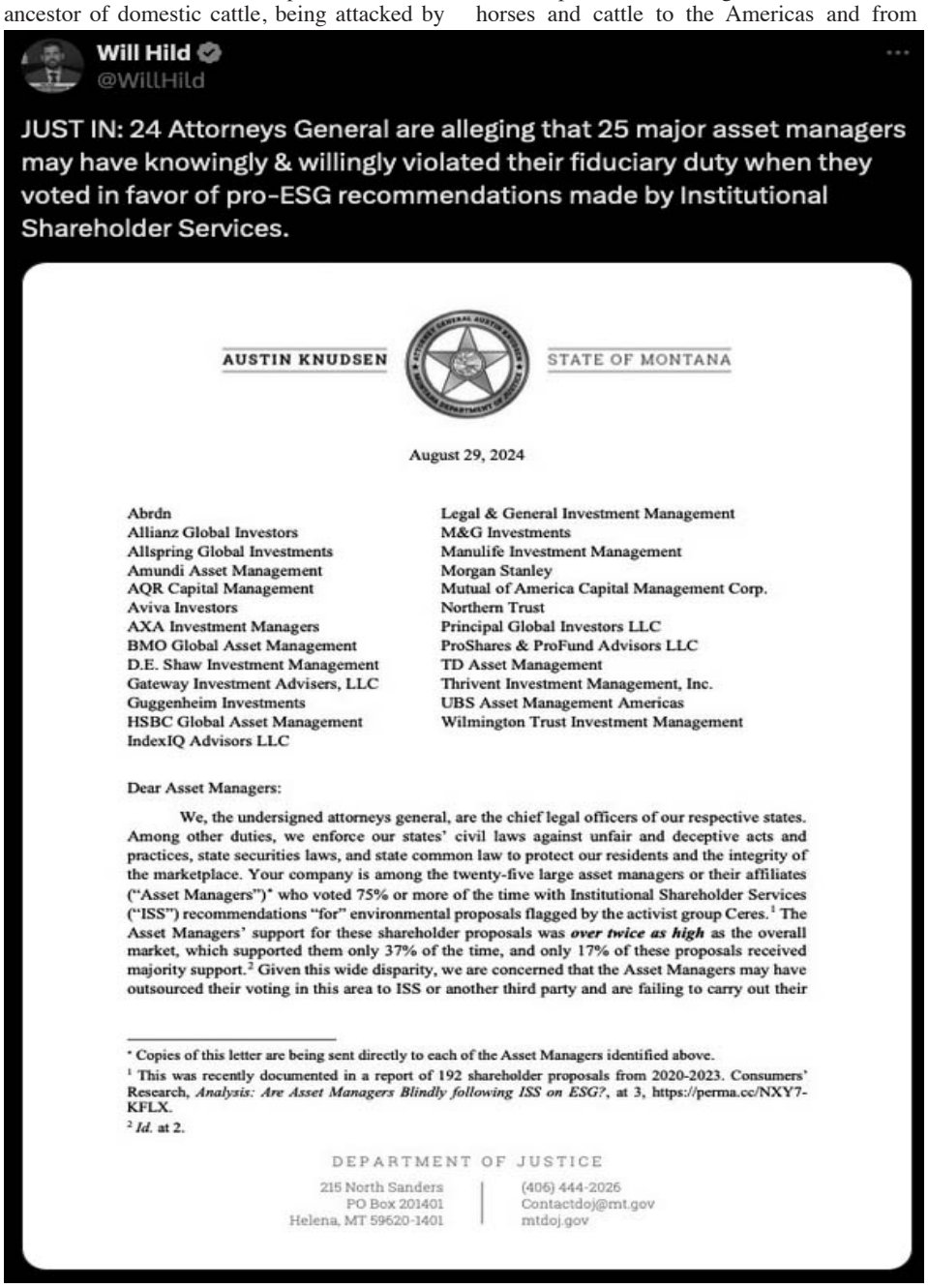

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JUST IN: 24 Attorneys General are alleging that 25 major asset managers may have knowingly & willingly violated their fiduciary duty when they voted in favor of pro-ESG recommendations made by Institutional Shareholder Services.

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Dear Asset Managers:

We, the undersigned attorneys general, are the chief legal officers of our respective states. Among other duties, we enforce our states' civil laws against unfair and deceptive acts and practices, state securities laws, and state common law to protect our residents and the integrity of the marketplace. Your company is among the twenty-five large asset managers or their affiliates ("Asset Managers")* who voted 75% or more of the time with Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") recommendations "for" environmental proposals flagged by the activist group Ceres.[1] The Asset Managers' support for these shareholder proposals was ***over twice as high*** as the overall market, which supported them only 37% of the time, and only 17% of these proposals received majority support.[2] Given this wide disparity, we are concerned that the Asset Managers may have outsourced their voting in this area to ISS or another third party and are failing to carry out their

* Copies of this letter are being sent directly to each of the Asset Managers identified above.

[1] This was recently documented in a report of 192 shareholder proposals from 2020-2023. Consumers' Research, *Analysis: Are Asset Managers Blindly following ISS on ESG?*, at 3, https://perma.cc/NXY7-KFLX.

[2] *Id.* at 2.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY PROJECT

The Week That Was August 31, 2024

Quote of the Week:

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance---that principle is contempt prior to investigation." Attributed to Herbert Spencer (1820-1903) English philosopher, biologist, anthropologist, sociologist and polymath. [H/t William Readdy]

Number of the Week:

226 USD/MWh v. $106/MWh

This Week:

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

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

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

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

You can help in two ways:

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

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

Send your contributions to:

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And thank you.

Scope: This TWTW concludes Tom Gallagher's discussion of the Holocene, the past 11,000 years and what climate models miss. John Constable has an essay on the enormous land use needed for industrial wind. Jan Emblemsvåg calculated an estimate for the levelized cost of solar power including the needed storage. Robert Bradley discusses the useful and misunderstood economic concept Creative Destruction.

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The Holocene: Last week, TWTW further discussed the lecture of Tom Gallagher: Lessons from Paleoclimatology: Conveniently Ignored By the IPCC, Part II. This week will conclude the lecture. The third lecture was discussed in TWTW on July 29, 2023. Among the important points raised in lecture 2 covered last week is the huge error range in energy imbalance in the models used by the UN IPCC and its collaborators. The estimated Surface Imbalance is 0.6 W/m2 with an error range of plus or minus 17 W/m2. The error range is 28 times the estimated value, an absurd error for "settled" science.

A second major error is the treatment of carbonic acid that is formed when CO2 is combined with water. [An important distinction not made by Gallagher: water vapor consists of individual H2O molecules; steam and clouds refer to water droplets. The droplets can combine with CO2 to form carbonic acid H2CO3. The water vapor molecules, not so much. H2CO3 is the compound that is used by green plants in photosynthesis. The calculations of the IPCC and its collaborators ignore carbonic acid and use laboratory air stripped of water vapor for the basis of their calculations. This is unrealistic. [The same criticism of unrealistic applies to the calculations of the effects of methane, CH4 (from livestock), and nitrous oxide (from manufactured fertilizer). The radiative effects of these two gases are minimal in the real atmosphere which contains water vapor.]

Green plants use the enzymes called Carbonic Anhydrase in their stoma to convert carbonic acid to carbon dioxide and water. Gallagher states:

"Under higher altitude and colder conditions carbonic acid cannot be easily delivered to plants, defining tree lines for latitude and elevations of mountains. Tree ring growth (reduced growth) shows this reduction in the winter. This is based on reduction of delivery of carbonic acid. Nature would not have developed this system if plants could use CO2 directly. The whole process of CO2 induced global warming theory needs to be rethought." [Boldface added]

Gallagher states, incorrectly, that the warming effect of carbonic acid is blocked by water vapor.

According to Gallagher, in the troposphere [before water vapor freezes out], with respect to Long Wave Radiation from the Earth: Water Vapor is also the most important greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. Outgoing Heat, radiated in the form of Long Wave IR Radiation form Earth's surface, is absorbed by water vapor molecules in the Troposphere. The water vapor molecules, in turn, radiate heat in all directions. Some of the heat returns to the Earth's surface. Thus, water vapor provides a second source of warmth (in addition to sunlight) at the Earth's surface.

Planets with Condensable Gases Have Three Phase Systems (Gas, Liquid and Solid) that store energy as Latent Heat of evaporation, condensation, and sublimation.

Water Vapor abundance rises logarithmically with Temperature – for all relative humidity levels (Temperatures from 30 to 90 F)

Water Vapor does not absorb much energy in the visible light spectrum (sunlight)

Abundance of water vapor determines the ability of air to absorb heat.

To support his statements Gallagher shows a graph:

"Water Vapor effect on Outgoing IR radiation of Earth (Satellite DATA multi- year) Clear Skies"

"The Anticipated Black Body Hyperbolic Curve That Was Expected v. actual curve Linear.

Earth is not a Black-Body Radiator Due to Water Vapor Log rise with T [temperature]

PNAS D. Kool Oct 9, 2018

Why doesn't the observe data match the theory?

Thermal radiation from Earth is controlled by water vapor, not CO2.

There is no radiation 'fingerprint' from CO2 detected directly in this satellite data.

Weather Balloon data has corroborated these results see slide Stratospheric Altitude Water Vapor Concentration [v. Troposphere]

In all stages (altitude intervals) reacting together, and the relationship is not according to temperature. Water vapor is climbing in steps from 1980 to 2010, it is pulsating in stages.

Global Temperature Tracks Water Vapor: not CO2

Temperature changes correlated with Total Precipitable Water, Not CO2 – Why"

According to Dan Pangburn (2021) – Increase in water vapor is dominated by excesses water from Irrigation.

Atomic Testing gave a logarithmic curve for the fall in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the residence time is far shorter than what the IPCC and model builders claim which use the Bern model (half-life 10 years v 50 years)

Gallagher discusses the MODTRAN IR Model Results which are similar to the HITRAN IR Model results.

However, Gallagher does not understand the absorption cross-sections and the collision processes. For example, he says that the effect of CO2 is negligible until the upper atmosphere, where it radiates to outer space. How does it radiate if it's not in excited states, and how did they get to be excited on a continuous basis? He shows a graph indicating that 15-30% of upgoing IR from the surface goes to space,YET the amount going to space is 60% of the amount radiated by the surface. It's all in the collisional dynamics that he says nothing about.

Further, Gallagher states that Earth does not emit as a Black Body. However, the surface does. Due to greenhouse gases, the planet does not emit as a Black body. What satellites see is non-black body of the atmospheric window, because of the notches in the spectrum caused by CO2 and O3 (ozone).

To TWTW, this latter section of Gallagher's presentation has significant errors and will not be presented here.

In his summary and conclusions on the Holocene, Gallagher states.

• "During the HOLOCENE (the last 11,000 years), Temperature and CO2 Concentration are NOT LINKED

• Temperature is linked to Solar Activity

• Temperature is linked to Water Vapor

• The ITCZ [Intertropical Convergence Zone] moves [North or South] seasonally and climatically with the tilt of the earth.

• Existing models have Large Error Limits, giving poor definition of small energy imbalance outcomes.

• Existing models exclude Ocean Energy Storage System and Clouds

• Solar activity drives Ocean Water Energy Absorption and Currents

• Atmospheric analysis needs to include Carbonic Acid products, not just CO2.

• Analysis needs to include Rain pH, Carbonic Anhydrase, and the Plant Cycle

• Water Vapor dominates the absorption bands of both Carbonic Acid and CO2

• CO2 appears to radiate and cool the upper atmosphere [stratosphere]

CO2 gas has negligible influences below the upper troposphere."

Based on the work of W.A. van Wijngaarden and W. Happer using the HITRAN database, SEPP calculates that the total influence of carbon dioxide on Earth's temperatures is about 25% of the greenhouse effect. Water vapor accounts for almost all of the remaining effect, except for naturally occurring ozone. See links under Challenging the Orthodoxy.

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Industrial Land Use: Jo Nova discusses an article by John Constable in UK' The Spectator.

Constable is the energy editor for the Global Warming Policy Foundation and has authored many perceptive articles on the subject exposing the glossed over weaknesses of wind and solar power. "In The terrifying scale of the green revolution," Constable writes: [Boldface added]

"Many have been emotionally drawn to the green revolution in the belief that renewable energy will restore our personal and community independence. According to this, by investing in green technology, Britain will gain freedom from coal barons and gouging sheikhs, and deliver a grassroots, democratic energy system. Ed Miliband played into this on Friday when he blamed the energy price cap being raised on the 'failed energy policy we inherited, which has left our country at the mercy of international gas markets controlled by dictators.'

Others believe green energy represents the free spirit and harmony with nature. 'What would you rather have in your neighborhood?'

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Number of the Week: As stated above, in 2020 Jan Emblemsvåg estimated that with storage, the cost of electricity would be 226 USD/MWh. According to the US Energy Information Agency, in the US for 2020 the average price of electricity to ultimate consumers for all sectors was $106/MWh. https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_03

In June 2024, the rolling 12-month average was $128/MWh.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average electricity price in June 2024 was $178/MWh. It was $229/MWh in the Northeast; $162/MWh in the Midwest; $157/MWh in the South; and $212/MWh in the West. For the Pacific it was $245/MWh, with $419 for San Francisco; $230/MWh in Urban Alaska; and $421 in Urban Hawaii.

https://www.bls.gov/regions/midwest/data/averageenergyprices_selectedareas_table.htm

State and Federal policies on energy, particularly electricity, are having their effect, and they are not for the benefit of the consumer.

Prairie-chickens and the land-eating solar industry

"Why should we destroy our environment just so the big cities can have power?"

By Patrick McIlheran

Who would have guessed that the greater prairie-chicken is the sort to get all NIMBY in Wisconsin's declared war against carbon dioxide? Yet there they are, rightly flustered that a giant swath of solar panels might end up in their Portage County prairie.

A flock of hunters and bird-watchers, speaking in defense of the chickens, have complained to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission about the proposed Vista Sands Solar project just east of Wisconsin Rapids, saying it would ruin a stronghold of the now-threatened bird.

The prairie-chickens most likely would just vanish — or, as the Dane County Conservation League pointed out to the PSC, get eaten by avian predators perching on miles of new fencing around what is now unparalleled paradise for a threatened bird once common when the Midwest was mostly wild grassland.

Miles of fencing, indeed: The project's scale elevates it from "solar farm" to, perhaps, solar plantation: At 7,100 acres, it would be Wisconsin's largest, taking up as much land as the City of West Allis, filling 11 square miles with millions of solar panels. Add in an already-approved solar project just to the north, and you're at about 10,000 acres of solar panels — the size of the cities of Racine or Stevens Point.

Conservation groups want it to take up less, perhaps a quarter to a third less. The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, for instance, wants buffer zones near existing state-owned land. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation said no solar panels should be within a mile of the birds' mating grounds. Most hasten to add that they're all aboard the solar-power train; they just wish it didn't deliver them to a sort of vast, artificial forest right by the home of a species that at all costs avoids forests or anything else tall.

Millions of panels

The state already owns about 12,700 acres of the prairie south of the planned solar site, though in scattered pieces, and the Dane County Conservation League has been buying land in the area since the 1950s to preserve it for wildlife. It now owns 4,300 acres. It's a measure of Vista Sands Solar's size that the league said it nonetheless "has the potential to destroy our 75-year commitment."

This inadvertently points out an underappreciated reality: "Renewable" power such as wind and solar might not use fuel, but they use a lot of land, and solar uses it exclusively.

Some of Vista Sands' potential neighbors were among the first to object to the PSC on the grounds that what happened immediately beyond their property line affected their habitat, too.

"The solar array will be located all around the property," wrote one landowner. "These arrays will stand quite high, destroying any views." She added: "Just because we are in a rural area doesn't mean we will have to adapt to it, having these arrays pushed on us. … Why should we destroy our environment just so the big cities can have power?"

Another neighbor objected to the high-voltage transmission lines, writing, "Nobody wants to live under or adjacent to transmission lines of this magnitude." The project's developers later seem to have agreed to bury some of those lines, conceding his point, but they can't bury the more than 2 million panels, meaning that neighbors are right: What had been a rural area is being turned an industrial one.

That happens, but usually it's a dozen acres here or there for a factory or a sand quarry. Here, it's 11 square miles. Is it for something worth that much land?

Clouds over the panels

The project is billed as being able to generate 1,300 megawatts — just a notch more than Point Beach Nuclear Plant north of Two Rivers for comparison. Point Beach does it on a site one-sixth the size.

But it is almost certain Vista Sands won't generate as much electricity over time as Point Beach because, as Badger Institute pointed out recently, while Point Beach reliably provides about as much electricity as it's capable of, utility-scale solar plantations in Wisconsin manage only about 17% of their "nameplate" or maximum potential capacity. Clouds and winters happen.

Take the experience of Wisconsin's biggest existing solar installation, Badger Hollow, west of Dodgeville, fully operational as of this year. Its capacity is 300 megawatts, about a fourth of Point Beach. According to the federal Energy Information Administration, through the first five months of this year, it generated not 25% as much power as Point Beach — but about 3.6% as much.

Meaning that if solar power, which in the latest federal figures produced 0.8% of Wisconsin utilities' electricity, is going to replace the 35% produced by coal, there's going to be a lot more of rural Wisconsin covered in solar panels — much more than facile math with "nameplate capacity" would suggest.

Prairie-chickens and rural Portage County residents won't be the only ones finding their back yards being turned into industrial sites.

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The Real Threat *cont. from page 3*

There is no need for the crusade to over-regulate the "suppliers of oil and gas" when there is no known replacement to meet the demands of our materialistic world, but Democrats, armed with their LACK of Energy Literacy, continue their pursuit to eliminate the only known sources of the products that are supporting modern lifestyles and economies:

The American Energy Alliance (AEA) tabulated "225 Ways President and the Democrats Have Made it Harder to Produce Oil & Gas".

Biden and Newsom are oblivious that without crude oil, there would be nothing that needs electricity. Everything, like iPhones, computers, data centers, and X-ray machines, that require electricity to function, and all the parts of EVs, toilets, spacecraft, and more than 50,000 merchant ships, more than 20,000 commercial aircraft and more than 50,000 military aircraft are also made from the products based on oil and use the fuels manufactured from crude oil.

Without a replacement, the elephant in the room that no one wants to discuss is that crude oil is the foundation of our materialistic society as it is the basis of all products and fuels demanded by the world that now sustains 8 billion people—ten times the population before the Industrial Revolution and thankfully has experienced record crop production. This rapid increase in agricultural output is partially attributable to an increase in atmospheric CO2 since 1940, This rise in CO2 levels alone is linked to major yield increases for corn, soybeans, and wheat.

Biden and Newsom's delusions are that the end of crude oil would be the end of civilization as "unreliable electricity" from breezes and sunshine cannot manufacture anything.

The world has also experienced significant economic growth and prosperity, benefiting from the more than 6,000 products that are derived from fossil fuels. These products support infrastructures that were not around a few short centuries ago, because they all need components and parts made from fossil fuels that were NOT available in the pre-1800's.

If Biden and Newsom had read and understood the recent book, "Clean Energy Exploitations" – Helping Citizens Understand the Environmental and Humanity Abuses That Support Clean Energy, they would NOT be supportive of China and Africa continuing their exploitations of people and environmental degradation to "their" lands.

The book discusses the lack of transparency to the world of the green movement's exploitation of people in developing countries who are mining for the exotic minerals and metals required to create the batteries needed to store "green energy." In these developing countries, these mining operations disproportionately impact low-income communities, exploit child labor, and are responsible for the most egregious human rights violations of vulnerable minority populations. These operations are also directly destroying the planet through environmental degradation.

Mandating "net-zero" emissions is frustrating when those "renewable solutions" require the same crude oil to make EVs, wind turbines, and solar panels. Policymakers are oblivious to the fact that electricity came AFTER the discovery of oil 200 years ago.

To reiterate, to rid the world of oil usage, simplistically STOP using the products made from oil ! No need to over-regulate the "suppliers of fossil fuels" when there are no replacements to meet the "demands" of our materialistic world. It's becoming very obvious that climate policies are the real existential threat to billions across our planet.

It is unethical, immoral, and hypocritical to continue financially encouraging China and Africa to exploit "their" poor with yellow, brown, and black skin and financially support environmental degradation to "their" landscapes just to reinforce mandated EVs, wind turbines, and solar panels in "our backyards"!



Weather *cont. from page 4*

pandemic. The poor countries in Sub-Saharan Africa experienced GDP growth rates of 4.3 percent, 3.7 percent, and 3 percent respectively in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The AP mentioned Mali and Zambia in particular as countries suffering economic hardship due to climate change, but the data tells a different story. Over the past decade, Mali has seen its GDP grow every year but 2020, with growth topping 5 percent five of the past 10 years (spiking to 7.1 percent in 2014), and topping three percent every other year.

Zambia's GDP history tells a similar story. Zambia's growth in 2023 was 5.8 percent, the highest single year during the past decade, and except for the pandemic year of 2020, Zambia's annual GDP increased, topping 3 percent growth in all but two growth years.

The WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations whose mandate covers weather, climate, and water resources. It is staffed with meteorologists and other scientists who specialize in weather, not economists, and as such it is not known for its incisive economic acumen or analysis. No one goes to the WMO to analyze economic trends or for its forecasts of economic growth. Based on its uninformed, deeply flawed analysis climate change's purported threat to Africa's GDP, it might be a good idea for the WMO to stay in its lane and leave economic forecasting to economists.

Also, it might behoove the AP to do some simple fact checking (it takes just a few minutes through the magic of the internet), looking at existing hard data on trends before promoting economic analyses from organizations without apparent economic expertise. In fact, even when economists pronounce something, its would still be a good idea for the AP to check the data before uncritically parroting a claim as if it were the gospel truth.

Green Foods *cont. from page 5*

cattle and sheep now stand in pens and feedlots eating grain-rich feeds.

The bun, chips, salad and sauces have swamped the meat in the "beef" burger and there is often more batter and potato than seafood in "fish and chips". Breakfast cereals have replaced bacon and eggs, and fake "meats" and fake "milks" are lauded as healthy choices.

We can see the obese results of this green food revolution waddling down the aisles of supermarkets and ordering green smoothies and muffins in the food courts.

Green energy will prove a disaster for our economy, and green foods will be a deadly choice for human health.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics now reports that 67% of all Australian adults and 25% of children are overweight or obese. Future footpaths will be crowded with mobility scooters and hospitals and care homes will be overwhelmed by unhealthy aging vegans.

Pictorial Comment. "Fake Meat":

https://saltbushclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/fake-meat-cartoon.gif

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Viv Forbes has studied science and grazing animal management. He started adult life believing all government health advice. He ate minimal butter, cheese and salt and chose lots of vegetarian options, including fake meat. His health suffered badly. Slowly he came to his senses, returned to a "Hunter Gatherer" diet and experienced real improvements in Health.

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Our Patriotic Duty Not To Fall For Lies



By Gary Wickert

A study sponsored by the University of Virginia last year arrived at a very interesting conclusion. Each week, on average, Americans tell eleven lies. It determined that people lie more often over the phone than they do face-to-face, and lie more often to strangers than to friends or family members. Men and women lie equally, but about different things. Men are more likely to lie about their achievements, while women are more likely to lie to protect someone's feelings. Children start lying at the age of 2, and by the age of 4, they can lie convincingly. Doctors are often victims of lying, where 13% of patients admit to lying when talking to their physicians. This could be from the number of times one has smoked tobacco, taken medication, or engaged in intimacy without protection. On average, 6 lies are told to supervisors, partners, spouses, and workmates every day. 10% of all lies can be defined as exaggerations, but 60% of all lies are considered to be deceptive.

Our media are almost all professional liars disguised as advocates; yet they deny being either. Americans are exhausted after decades of chronic untruth from the left-wing media. Recall the ridiculous, but pervasive, lie during the 2016 campaign about the bogus Steele dossier and that Donald Trump colluded with the Russians to affect the election. After Robert Mueller disproved everything, all we heard was a deafening, "Never mind." In 2019, the left-wing media claimed Trump pressured the Ukrainian government to investigate Joe Biden's family over corruption and holding military aid to Kyiv hostage. After it was revealed that Hunter Biden was paid $1 million by a Ukrainian energy company to enlist the help of his father, Biden himself admitted that it was he who pressure Ukraine to fire a prosecutor looking into the Biden family. The media has been silent about all of that, and their long history of lying has helped tear down American institutions, embarrass the country, and destroy the people's trust in the American media.

When it comes to politics, lying rises to pathological levels. As far as I know, every politician claims that they are honest and have the personality traits of an honest person. But in a politically-divided country which boasts—for all practical purposes—a diametrically-opposed two party political system—telling lies and stretching the truth is almost part of the job description. This is because in such a divided environment, politicians becomes advocates—for themselves, their political party, their legislative accomplishments, their backgrounds, and their political peers. And the temptations to dishonesty are manifold for an advocate. Put another way, politicians have more, many more, opportunities to lie and stretch the truth than the average American. Lie a lawyer defending a murderer on trial for his or her life, politicians feel that they are expected to advocate for their side; even if it means fudging.

This begs the question. Does politics attract liars or create them? In the case of Joe Biden, the answer is obvious. Going all the way back to 1965, when he was a Syracuse University College of Law student, Biden lifted five pages of a law review for a legal report. In 1987, he was forced out of the presidential race when he was caught stealing lines of British politician Neil Kinnock's speeches. He said in 2008, a helicopter he was riding in was "forced down" near Osama bin Laden's lair in Afghanistan. Actually, it was just waiting out a sandstorm. He said he was "shot at" while in Iraq. The truth is that he was in the green zone when a mortar landed several hundred yards away. Biden has said he was a civil rights leader, participating in sit-ins. He claimed his house caught fire, almost killing his wife, dog, and cat and melting his Corvette. None of it happened.

Vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz has been caught in some doozies. He claimed he "carried weapons in [the Iraq] war." He didn't. He claimed to have been a "command sergeant major," but never was. He has claimed that he and his wife, Gwen, owe their two children to IVF. She later admitted that wasn't true. He claimed a DUI arrest was a misunderstanding based on a hearing loss resulting from his glorious combat days. It wasn't. He claims to have been named the Outstanding Young Nebraskan by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce for his service in the education, military, and small business communities. He wasn't.

Recall the recent uproar over George Santos, former New York Congressman and convicted felon who was expelled from Congress because much of his biography turned out to be fabricated. Santos admitted to having lied about his education and employment history, and he also lied about his criminal history and the existence of lawsuits against him. He claimed that his mother lost her life in the 9/11 attacks, only to later claim that she died in 2016.

Trump, Biden, and Harris have all been accused of being pathological liars. A recent Gallup poll showed that politicians are viewed as one of the least honest professional groups. Kamala Harris and the media lied about the Joe Biden's fitness to hold the office of President, insisting for months that he was fit and mentally competent to lead the country.

Over the past several years, Kamala Harris has claimed many things which were shown to be untrue according to Politifact. She claimed J.D. Vance endorsed Project 2025, a law from 1849 was implemented in Wisconsin to stop abortion, the polls showed she had great approval ratings, the cost of global corruption equaled 5% of the world's GDP, that she sued Exxon as California's attorney general, the majority of women are minimum wage workers, that Trump was raiding military pensions to pay for the border wall, that handing over arrested illegals to ICE was a consequence of her policies, and that during his confirmation hearing, Brett Kavanaugh said birth control methods could be considered "abortion-inducing drugs." All of this was untrue.

The September 10 debate between former president Donald Trump and Vice-President Kamala Harris was a veritable workshop on lying. Harris claimed to support border security, but she did nothing and over 10 million illegals flooded across the border on her watch. She denied supporting "defunding the police", but she repeatedly backed the radical and nonsensical movement during the destructive and deadly riots of 2020. She claimed to be in favor of the rule of law yet during the riots in Minneapolis she repeatedly encouraged donations to help bail out dangerous and violent criminals.

CNN called Trump's debate performance "staggeringly dishonest." CNN "fact-checker" stated, "Just lie after lie on subject after subject. By my preliminary count, Jake, Trump made at least 33 false claims." Trump claimed that every Democrat wanted Roe v. Wade overturned—while a more accurate assessment was that only 30% of Democrats wanted that. The other 70% didn't understand it. Trump's claim that Haitians in Ohio were eating pets was most likely a huge distortion, although there were reports of Haitians walking through the streets carrying geese that they had captured.

A study by Psychology Today reveals that politicians are more likely than the average citizen to have the personality traits associated with honesty; which is a little scary. But it does underscore that politics largely creates liars; and makes existing liars into bigger liars. According to a report by Psychology Today, "a large study that examined the propensity to lie among politicians found that those politicians who are most willing to lie tend to be more successful in getting reelected. Thus, lying may be important for survival in the world of politics. People don't lie without a reason. It is easier to tell the truth than to lie, so people only lie when they are incentivized to do so."

That means that we, the American people, are incentivizing politicians to lie. Far too many voters elect liars because they are too lazy to educate ourselves and learn the truth. Punishing liars would put an end to the epidemic of untruth. Lying would not work if the American people were not complicit with it. It takes two to foster an endless cycle of lies. Americans have a patriotic duty to punish liars. If liars were punished and pushed out of office, lying would stop. But one party isn't willing to punish its own candidate while the other lies, walks free, and winds the election. We as humans have a truth bias. We are more likely to judge statements as true, because we don't want to believe that somebody would be dishonest with us. We are also neither skilled enough nor ambitious enough to discover the truth. Digging through and parsing lies is hard work. In the end, we simply vote for our team.

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the general enterprise of lying is accompanied by censorship of guys who DO speak and write precisely, concretely, and factually.

Listening to politicians speak is often an unpleasant experience chiefly because the discerning listener will instantly recognize that if they are not lying outright, they are speaking around the truth or omitting it.

When I was a young and aspiring author, my primary model for learning how to write clear English prose was George Orwell, especially his 1946 essay, "Politics and the English Language." I believe it should be required reading for every high school student in the country. If you are your kids have never read it, it's not too late! The following are what I believe to be the most relevant passages for understanding the current lamentable state of political speech.

In our time it is broadly true that political writing is bad writing. Where it is not true, it will generally be found that the writer is some kind of rebel, expressing his private opinions, and not a 'party line'. Orthodoxy, of whatever colour, seems to demand a lifeless, imitative style. The political dialects to be found in pamphlets, leading articles, manifestos, White Papers and the speeches of Under-Secretaries do, of course, vary from party to party, but they are all alike in that one almost never finds in them a fresh, vivid, home-made turn of speech. When one watches some tired hack on the platform mechanically repeating the familiar phrases – bestial atrocities, iron heel, blood-stained tyranny, free peoples of the world, stand shoulder to shoulder – one often has a curious feeling that one is not watching a live human being but some kind of dummy: a feeling which suddenly becomes stronger at moments when the light catches the speaker's spectacles and turns them into blank discs which seem to have no eyes behind them. And this is not altogether fanciful. A speaker who uses that kind of phraseology has gone some distance toward turning himself into a machine. The appropriate noises are coming out of his larynx, but his brain is not involved as it would be if he were choosing his words for himself. If the speech he is making is one that he is accustomed to make over and over again, he may be almost unconscious of what he is saying, as one is when one utters the responses in church. And this reduced state of consciousness, if not indispensable, is at any rate favourable to political conformity.

In our time, political speech and writing are largely the defence of the indefensible. Things like the continuance of British rule in India, the Russian purges and deportations, the dropping of the atom bombs on Japan, can indeed be defended, but only by arguments which are too brutal for most people to face, and which do not square with the professed aims of political parties. Thus political language has to consist largely of euphemism, question-begging and sheer cloudy vagueness. Defenceless villages are bombarded from the air, the inhabitants driven out into the countryside, the cattle machine-gunned, the huts set on fire with incendiary bullets: this is called pacification. Millions of peasants are robbed of their farms and sent trudging along the roads with no more than they can carry: this is called transfer of population or rectification of frontiers. People are imprisoned for years without trial, or shot in the back of the neck or sent to die of scurvy in Arctic lumber camps: this is called elimination of unreliable elements. Such phraseology is needed if one wants to name things without calling up mental pictures of them. Consider for instance some comfortable English professor defending Russian totalitarianism. He cannot say outright, 'I believe in killing off your opponents when you can get good results by doing so'. Probably, therefore, he will say something like this:

While freely conceding that the Soviet régime exhibits certain features which the humanitarian may be inclined to deplore, we must, I think, agree that a certain curtailment of the right to political opposition is an unavoidable concomitant of transitional periods, and that the rigours which the Russian people have been called upon to undergo have been amply justified in the sphere of concrete achievement.

The inflated style is itself a kind of euphemism. A mass of Latin words falls upon the facts like soft snow, blurring the outlines and covering up all the details. The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. When there is a gap between one's real and one's declared aims, one turns as it were instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms, like a cuttlefish spurting out ink. In our age there is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics'. All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia. When the general atmosphere is bad, language must suffer.

"I have never understood why it is 'greed' to want to keep the money you have earned but not greed to want to take somebody else's money."

- Thomas Sowell

2024 Tax Proposals

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in 1913 when citizens began filing federal income tax returns.

The 1913 Form 1040, a three-page document with one-page instructions, is a model of simplicity and fairness. It offers only a few deductions and low rates. It is easy to navigate if you can read, add, and subtract. It provides an immediate understanding of the tax owed, ensuring that every taxpayer pays the same low rate on a sliding scale regardless of income. This straightforward, progressive approach is the key to its success.

Our first tax form, Form 1040, was issued in 1913. It offers hope in the complex world of taxes. Its simplicity, fairness, and ease of understanding are the key benefits of fundamental tax reform.

Simplicity: Four pages vs. the current tax labyrinth. The current Federal Income Tax Code (' tax code') is a burden on the citizens it's meant to serve. As printed by the Government Printing Office, it spans 2,652 pages. The Tax Foundation estimates the text of the Code to be well over 1 million words. However, to fully understand the Code, one must comprehend the regulations and IRS opinions, which total 9,000 pages and around 4 million words. The Commerce Clearinghouse compilation of these materials is 70,000 pages, including notations. It takes Americans 6.6 billion hours to complete the forms needed for filing. The taxpayer's compliance, time value, and consultants are estimated to cost taxpayers $413 billion annually. This is a heavy price for a system far from transparent or fair.

The current tax labyrinth is a mishmash of provisions without a purpose. The current tax code taxes some of the working man's income and exempts much of the income of the hedge fund manager with its carried interest provisions, and now politicians want to exempt all tip and Social Security income. What is the purpose of the tax code? Is it to collect money to run the government, or is it a mechanism for politicians to collect money from taxpayers and send it to special interests through exemptions, subsidies, and grants? If it were to fund the government, it would tax all income at low rates and make compliance easy. The 70,000 pages of Code, regs, and explanations belie clarity and reason.

Examples of the types of income annually exempt from taxation:

Employer-paid health insurance - $192 billion

Capital gains taxed at lower rates - $183 billion

Exclusion of net-imputed rental income - $123 billion

The stepped-up basis on Estate taxes - $113 billion

Defined employer contribution plans - $80 billion

Child care credits - $70 billion

Home mortgage deductions - $60 billion

Carried interest lowers tax rates for private equity and hedge fund managers by $1.4 to $18 billion annually. The Senate Finance Committee estimates the cost to the Treasury to be $6.3 billion.

By 2032, over $1 trillion in tax credits will be awarded to green energy projects, or $100 billion annually.

The deductions and credits listed above are a portion of income exempted from taxation and total over a trillion dollars annually. The taxpayers who do not fit into these categories are taxed more to offset the taxes lost by exempting certain income categories.

There are several ways to achieve tax reform. The several tax proposals to revise the tax code merely tinker with the current progressive tax structure, which has more holes than the proverbial Swiss cheese. One option is the Flat tax, which would be the same rate regardless of income. The current plans have the flat tax imposed only on wages. It would exclude all taxes on capital gains and investment income. The business community supports this tax since it imposes all income taxes on the worker while exempting all capital from taxation.

The Fair Tax is not an income tax. It would replace all existing income and payroll taxes with a single consumption tax. This tax is more regressive and hits the poor harder since more of their income is spent on purchasing necessities. It also places the collection burden on the business community.

During the 2024 campaign, one candidate proposed eliminating all significant portions of the tax code and replacing the lost revenues with a tariff on imports. The proposal was quickly dismissed as causing massive price increases and inflation. One critic calculated that to replace the $3.0 trillion in revenue raised from individual and corporate income taxes with a tariff, the average tariff would need to be 85% on all imported goods, leading to economic chaos.

A broad-based tax system, like the 1913 income tax, ensures that all levels of society contribute a reasonable amount to the government. This sense of shared responsibility fosters a fair system that benefits everyone. Returning to this model can lower tax rates for everyone, making the system more equitable and transparent.

An alternative that politicians rarely discuss is a return to the 1913 four-page tax return. It taxed all gross income from whatever source and had few deductions, i.e., necessary business expenses, interest paid on personal indebtedness, losses during the year, unpaid debts deemed worthless, and depreciation on property and business equipment. Unlike the Fair Tax and Flat Tax, it is a progressive rate. In 1913, the rates ranged from 1% for the lowest income earners to 6% for the highest earners. Moreover, since it taxes all income, all levels of society pay some taxes to support their government.

While the Treasury Department has not modeled the 1913 Form 1040 to determine the rates needed to replace the $3.0 trillion raised by the current tax system, the Tax Policy Center ("TPC") has modeled a broad-based income tax. If Congress enacted a broad-based tax reform, TPC estimates that the current bottom income tax rate would be reduced from 10% to 6.6%, the middle rate would be reduced to 16% from the current 25%, and the top rate would be reduced from 35% to 23%.

To protect low-wage earners, all income below 150% of the poverty level would be exempt from taxation. By only taxing income above 150% of the poverty level for a family of four, about $46,000, lower-income individuals would have an incentive to work. Such an exemption would have little impact on the government's tax revenue since that income level pays almost no income tax.

Adopting the 1913 income tax Form 1040 would have many side benefits. Specifically, billions of hours of tax preparation would be dramatically reduced or eliminated. The IRS would no longer need the recently appropriated $80 billion for 20,000 new agents since compliance and enforcement would be simple and easy. More importantly, such a simple Form 1040 would create trust in the government since all individuals would be subjected to the same rates for their level of income.

The most significant impact of a simple income tax form and low rates is when Congress raises taxes; every American would immediately understand the additional cost of government action.

While the final tax rates depend on the number of allowed deductions, it is possible to have a progressive tax that is easy to apply and comply with, reduces the marginal rates substantially, and produces the same amount of income for the federal government.

Tax simplification will start to restore trust in government. The present tax system reminds every taxpayer of the federal government's unfairness. Whether the unfairness is real or not, 56% of Americans believe the current tax system is "complex, incomprehensible, and unfair." Moreover, "An even larger proportion, 60 percent, felt that some corporations and wealthy people don't pay their fair share of taxes." The IRS supports this belief that wealthy people and corporations account for most unpaid taxes.

For the American public to believe its federal government is fair to citizens of all ranks, it should finance the government with a broad tax that collects a reasonable amount of money from almost every member of society. Such a broad-based system allows the federal government to rationally reform an on-its-face discriminatory tax code into a transparent process of collecting the money to run the government.

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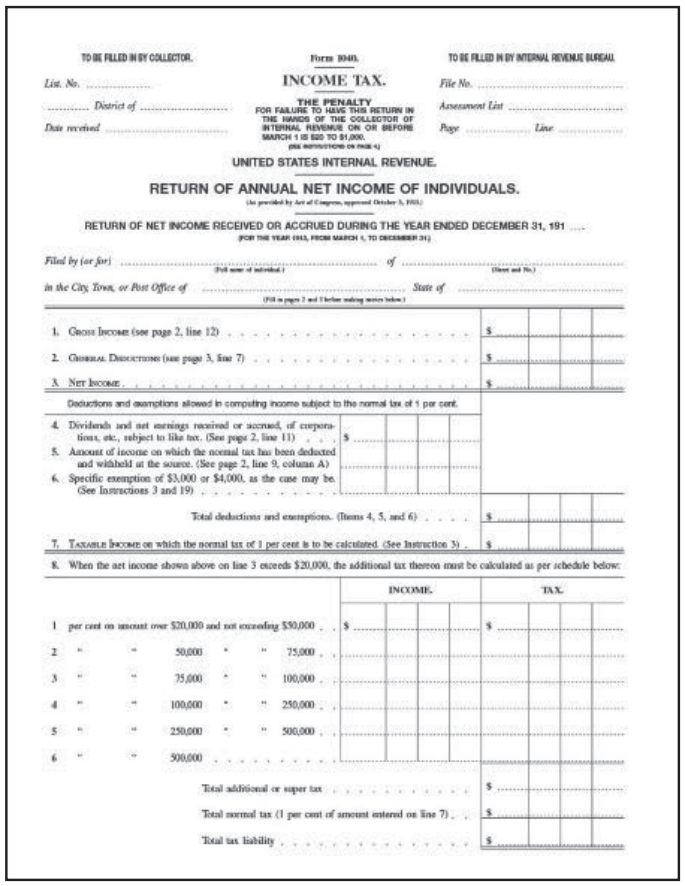

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The Compassion Cartel Getting Rich on Poverty

By Tom DeWeese

Eradicating poverty is the most popular excuse for the expansion of government power. It's a crisis! Someone must do something! How can a civilized people allow their fellow humans to go hungry?

The statistics on global poverty are staggering. According to the United Nations Millennium Project, there are currently 1.2 billion people living in poverty. Fifty thousand deaths per day occur worldwide as a result of poverty. Every year more than ten million children die of hunger and preventable diseases. More than half of the world's population lives on less than $2 per day and 800 million people go to bed hungry every night.

As a result of the constant drumbeat to "do something," there are countless efforts underway to focus attention on poverty and pull at our heartstrings to just sacrifice a little more, for the good of humanity. We are all in this together, goes the guilt trip to "take action today!" Poverty reduction targets have been set. International goals have been announced. Deadlines have been determined. Agreement that poverty must be eradicated has been reached by every national leader in the world.

What is the government's most preferred way to eliminate poverty? Redistribution of wealth. It's the force behind the UN's Agenda 2030 and its drive for social justice. In fact, redistribution schemes are the common excuse behind nearly every government poverty program as well as most private charitable programs.

Billions of dollars have been sucked from the pockets of citizens by way of taxes, always under the altruistic excuse of helping the poor. Poverty program schemes are all the same — tax money from the producers and give that money to the non-producers. Yet, as billions of dollars are taken for the "cause", poverty steadily increases. Little progress, if any, has been achieved as poverty continues to escalate. In fact, there is an ever-growing disparity between rich and poor.

The entire world is now under the control of powerful national and international forces such as the United Nations, World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Economic Forum (WEF), promising a better life for all and the annihilation of poverty if only we give them more power and control of our land, food supply, energy policy, and our money.

Combined with over 20,000 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), these forces claim that only they can solve the misery of poverty worldwide. Their solutions, which grant them more power, simply respond to the visual effects of poverty such as starvation, ignorance, and poor health.

None of their efforts address the basic reason why poverty exists in the first place. In not one of their documents calling for the eradication of poverty is there an advocacy to help the poor help themselves, such as to own private property. A study of economics reveals that the inability to own private property creates poverty. It is also a fact that confiscation of private property never helps to eradicate poverty. As a result, rather than easing the situation, the number of poor continues to grow by design.

Most of the current anti-poverty efforts focus on redistributing funds from wealthier nations to poorer ones, primarily through mandatory taxation. This system ignores the fact that tomorrow the poor need to be fed again. Taxpayers are forced to dig into their own funds again and again to help. The process is repeated daily, each time the poor recipient is only temporarily helped, as the taxpayers become poorer themselves.

Meanwhile, as massive funds are moved in and out of governments, ever-growing bureaucracies are institutionalized to run the system. Eventually, more money goes to feed the machinery of poverty than actually gets into the hands of the intended poor. Such a system deliberately sustains poverty rather than eradicating it. As a result of never-ending regulations, truly private charities, those which really do help care for the poor through voluntary donations, are put out of business. Over-taxed citizens stop donating and simply shrug, saying I'm already paying government to take care of those people.

In short, no matter how much is taxed and spent to eradicate the problem, the result is that we have more poor! In truth, the promise of eradicating poverty is a growth industry – the "Compassion Cartel." The more poverty in the world, the more powerful and rich the Cartel becomes. What possible incentive does it have to actually stop poverty?

Mass Incarceration Fiction

By Chris Kemble

Crime fiction was once popular in dime store novels. Today, it is a progressive industry with annual expenditures of $100s of millions. Decades of world-record failure have only seen it become more powerful. The Sentencing Project, Brennan Center, Vera Institute, Prison Policy Initiative, Equal Justice Initiative, and Harvard Institute to End Mass Incarceration are the same people—the anti-prison utopians—who sent crime skyward in the 1960s. These organizations sit at the top. The Sentencing Project alone has links to 76 other national and 220 state organizations. The Vera Institute alone has assets, expenditures, and revenue of $245 million. The goals are the same: to undercut traditional criminal justice, close prisons, and even claim that probation is overly punitive.

The crime tsunami that started in the 1960s is the biggest ever. Judges, law professors, and intellectuals of the day called prisons dehumanizing, vindictive, primitive, and irrational. Supreme Court Justices called for 'behavioral scientists' to rehabilitate criminals. In 'The Myth of Overpunishment', Barry Latzer writes, "From the 1930s to the late 1960s... penal reformers dominated... all states were affected by the drive for more lenient policies... probation instead of prison and parole instead of full-term sentences. In fact many of these leniencies became legal mandates, imposed by activist courts." Time Magazine Vol. 100, Issue 4, reports a Wisconsin governor task force's call to close all prisons, with a federal judge and law professor agreeing. Anti-prison crusader US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, a fixture of the Kennedy/Johnson administrations, blamed society totally; "our inhumanity," and "the sins of generations of selfish neglect." When the line is crossed, Clark lists 28 reasons why the fountainhead is not the actual criminals. Clark called prisons schools for crime, hothouses that only exacerbate problems and counterproductive. In his 1970 book 'Crime in America', Clark says jails manufacture criminals, and imperfect criminal justice is a greater danger than the outlaws. Clark stopped prison construction as all crime categories soared.

The damage was so complete that by the mid-1970s, violent crime had tripled, but incarceration numbers were lower than in 1960. Arrests, convictions, sentencing, and time served continued falling into the 1970s. (Latzer, 'The Rise and Fall of Violent Crime in America') In effect, few were going to prison. The universal saying was, 'The criminals were back on the street before the police could fill out the paperwork.' The Brennan Center's 'History of Mass Incarceration' explains the crime explosion this way: nothing happened—the 1960s are not mentioned. Same with the Vera Institute's 'Causes of Mass Incarceration', nothing about crime. To talk about incarceration without crime is illogical, but progressives do it all the time. Jimmy Carter did his part; he cut the federal prison population by 34%. With insanity at its zenith by 1980, the real-world maximum prison sentence was five years. The actual time served for murderers was five years; in state prisons, the average actual time served was two years. Criminals did short hitches and hit the streets again.

Any search engine can find lots of incarceration graphs. The Sentencing Project stamps their logo on theirs'. Many graphs are deceptively labeled with raw numbers instead of rates. All crimes are reported as rates so that population differences do not skew the results. Not their graphs. Other graphs show homicide, motor vehicle theft, and burglary against soaring imprisonment. But robbery, assault, etc. are not included, so graphs like that are deceptive, only plotting some crimes against all incarceration. Many graphs start about 1980 at the pinnacle of insanity, normalizing record crime against incarcerations still in the basement, and making that the baseline of some leftist narrative.

The Sentencing Project's mission statement defies reality. "Increasingly, punitive changes..." comes three decades after the Truth-in-Sentencing Revolution. "Increasing evidence that large-scale incarceration is not an effective means of achieving public safety" follows the triple-digit decrease in every category of crime. "Dangerous prison overcrowding... weighty fiscal burdens... to accommodate a rapidly expanding penal system" does not square up with 12 straight years of falling incarceration and a 20% decline.

The Warren Court—regarded as the nation's most liberal Supreme Court, a liberal House-Senate-administration, an anti-prison Attorney General, the Great Society, and the Long March Through the Institutions all converged in the 1960s. Understandably, progressives do not want to talk about their total control of government as crime exploded everywhere. Progressives picked up the narrative in the mid-1970s or later when all crime was up by triple digits. At that point every attempt to slow down raging crime over the next three decades is denounced by them, with amazing reverse logic, as somehow contributing to the breakdown.

Violent crime soared 450% from 1960 to 1993. The federal and state incarceration peak from 1960 to 2009 is less. If local jail numbers are included, the peak rate was even lower, at 391%. High crime drove incarceration and leftist policy failure drove the crime. It took hundreds of laws to fix all the holes deliberately punched through the paralyzed corrections system. The Truth-in-Sentencing Revolution cut all crime in half. The Mass Crime disaster since the 1960s is real. The Mass Incarceration claim is a progressive con, a platform that openly pushes racial division and dystopian folly. The progressive narrative is fiction.

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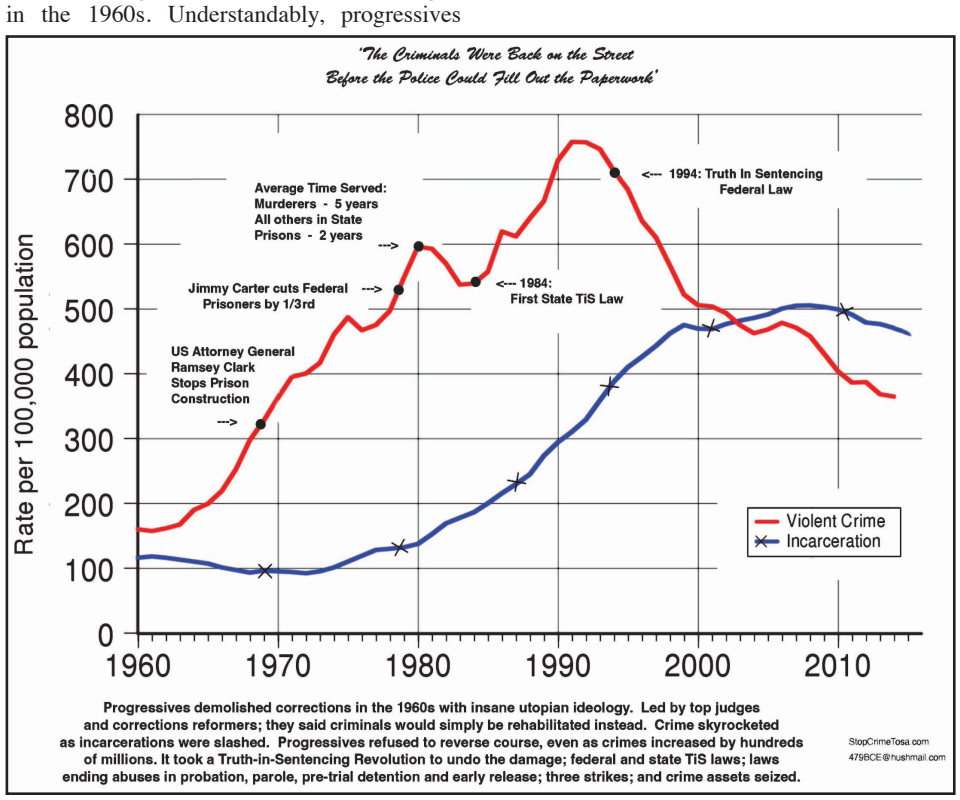

GOVERNMENT CIRCUS

VICTORY Achieved for Constitutional rights IN GREEN BAY MAYOR'S CITY HALL SNOOPING SCANDAL

"This is a landmark win for protecting our civil liberties," Sen. Jacque says

By Sen. André Jacque

DE PERE, WI… State Senator André Jacque (R-De Pere) released the following statement today in response to the settlement of the Green Bay City Hall snooping case against Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich's administration.

"This is a landmark win for protecting our civil liberties, and exactly what we demanded from the very beginning: a guarantee from Mayor Genrich that he will no longer spy on his citizens.

We have two court orders—one from a liberal state judge ordering the listening devices removed, and another from a federal court—that make clear that what the City did here violated state law and the Constitution. Those opinions will further stop would-be future violators—including the Mayor—from pulling this nonsense again.

I continue to believe it critical to fight for the rights of my constituents and to hold Mayor Genrich accountable for spying on private conversations at City Hall in violation of what the court has held is clearly established state and federal law.

Had the Mayor simply admitted he made a mistake, immediately removed the listening devices, and stopped trying to egregiously invade citizens' privacy when I first asked him in February 2023, 18 months of costly litigation would not have been necessary. Instead, his unwillingness to agree to these terms earlier and his subsequent legal maneuverings have now cost the City and its taxpayers over a half million dollars in legal fees and settlements. In fact, the cost to taxpayers would have been higher had we not chosen protection of civil liberties over a higher payout from the City: the City's attorney offered us a higher settlement amount if we would have accepted a weaker statement opening the door for Mayor Genrich to pursue unilateral action regarding citizen surveillance.

I'm pleased to have finally settled the case, which unquestionably creates historic precedent to prevent government spying from ever happening again."

While a criminal investigation of the Mayor's actions remains ongoing, the civil lawsuit lodged by the Wisconsin State Senate and Sen. Jacque in his official capacity will now be settled with a declaration by Mayor Genrich and the Green Bay City Council that they will not reinstitute the unconstitutional surveillance scheme and pay the State Senate $200,000.

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin's First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.

Suspected Venezuelan Gangster Attacked Wisconsin Juvenile, Prairie du Chien PD Says

By Jim Piwowarczyk

A suspected Venezualan gang member who is not a U.S. citizen now has an ICE detainer hold after he was accused of sexually assaulting a juvenile female in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, according to Prairie du Chien Police Chief Kyle Teynor.

The suspect, Alejandro Jose Coronel Zarate, 26 of Venezuela, is believed to be a member of "Tren de Aragua," a violent Venezuelan gang, Teynor wrote in the Sept. 6 press release. That's the same gang that sparked massive outrage and headlines after a video emerged showing gang members at an Aurora, Colorado, apartment building.

According to online court records, since 2023, Zarate has been wanted on warrants out of Dane County, where he was charged, but never showed up for court, with a slew of violent crimes.

On Thursday, September 5, 2024, at approximately 12:30 p.m., the Prairie du Chien Police Department in Wisconsin "responded to the 300 block of East Wells Street for a physical disturbance," the chief's release says.

"Upon arrival, officers received information that a male suspect had been physically and sexually violent towards an adult female. A female juvenile was also located and found to have been injured during the physical altercation that took place. As a result of the investigation, the male suspect was arrested and taken to the Crawford County Jail," it notes.

However, he does not come up in the jail's online database, so no photo was immediately available.

"The suspect was identified as, Alejandro Jose Coronel Zarate, 26 of Venezuela. He was booked into jail for Domestic Disorderly Conduct, two counts of Domestic Battery, Strangulation/Suffocation, Physical Abuse to a Child, Disorderly Conduct and two counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault. Coronel Zarate also had warrants through Dane County, WI for Strangulation/Suffocation, False Imprisonment, Battery, and Disorderly Conduct," Teynor wrote.

"Additionally, Coronel Zarate is suspected of having an affiliation with a known violent transnational criminal organization known as 'Tren de Aragua,' who are known for a variety of criminal activities, such as homicide, abduction, extortion, drug trafficking, arms/weapons trafficking, human smuggling, and human trafficking (according to the National Gang Intelligence Center & the Department of Homeland Security)," the chief wrote. "The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was notified, and a detainer has been placed on Coronel Zarate, as he is not a U.S. Citizen."

"Mr. Coronel Zarate was brought to Prairie du Chien from the Dane County area. The victims in this case knew Mr. Coronel Zarate, this was not a random event," Teynor wrote. "This incident highlights the need to be aware of the dangers that affiliates of these transnational criminal organizations pose to our communities. Violence towards others, no matter the circumstances, cannot be tolerated in our community. Our agency remains committed to holding violent actors accountable for their criminal offences."

Jim Piwowarczyk

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RPSC Endorses Kelly Clark

By Republican Party of Sheboygan County
Russ Otten, Chair

Press Release September 5, 2024

The Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Sheboygan County (RPSC) unanimously voted to endorse Kelly Clark for the 33rd District Assembly election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Kelly is running as an Independent and faces Republican Robin Vos and Democrat Alan Kupsik in November.

RPSC Vice Chair James Tesauro stated, "In a climate where the leader of the Republican Party, Donald Trump, running for president, has reached across the aisle and procured endorsements from top Democrats turned independent, such as Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Tulsi Gabbard, and in a move to show solidarity against establishment politics that have frankly hurt our nation and state, we are proud to endorse Kelly in her run to oust long-standing and too-well-established Assembly Speaker Robin Vos."

Kelly is a business owner, health expert, pro-Life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-free speech, and We The People candidate who fits the RPSC mission as well as what our Founders believed.

The RPSC Mission is: To elect Patriots and hold representatives in federal, state and local offices accountable.

Recognize the Lies

By John Ellis

In the current issue of On Wisconsin Outdoors, we report that corrupt Republican and Democrat Party leaders are working together to try and steal Wisconsin's November election from Donald Trump. To do it, they will use the 4 million ineligible voters on the WEC's statewide voter registration list. They're doing it, because Trump is a threat to the power of both parties.

We also warn our readers that the Republican and Democrat Party leaders, including many in the media, are cunning liars who will lie to us continuously between now and November 5th.

Right on cue, enter Charles Franklin and the Marquette Law School Poll released on September 11th.

Using a sample size of only 822 total voters, among which were 217 paid opinion survey participants, Franklin is setting the stage for the theft by reporting that Kamala Harris is leading Donald Trump in Wisconsin and that her supporters are more enthusiastic.

Franklin can't conclude anything from his extremely small and diluted sample, but his "findings" will be reported by the corrupt media to make the steal seem plausible.

Expect more of this kind of deception between now and the election, but don't believe a word of it.

Remember that the November election is not between Republicans and Democrats.

It's between all of us who love truth and freedom, and the lying Republican and Democrat Party leaders themselves.

John Ellis, On Wisconsin Outdoors

Trump's Warning to Election Fraudsters

CEASE & DESIST: I, together with many Attorneys and Legal Scholars, am watching the Sanctity of the 2024 Presidential Election very closely because I know, better than most, the rampant Cheating and Skullduggery that has taken place by the Democrats in the 2020 Presidential Election. It was a Disgrace to our Nation! Therefore, the 2024 Election, where Votes have just started being cast, will be under the closest professional scrutiny and, WHEN I WIN, those people that CHEATED will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Law, which will include long term prison sentences so that this Depravity of Justice does not happen again. We cannot let our Country further devolve into a Third World Nation, AND WE WON'T! Please beware that this legal exposure extends to Lawyers, Political Operatives, Donors, Illegal Voters, & Corrupt Election Officials. Those involved in unscrupulous behavior will be sought out, caught, and prosecuted at levels, unfortunately, never seen before in our Country.

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How to Find African American Conservatives

By Joe Bast

Guests attending the monthly Fox Valley Initiative event on September 9 got a high-voltage jolt in the arm from speaker Larry Thomas, Jr., the host of the "Random Things You Need to Know" podcast.

Thomas is a Black conservative, something rare in Northeast Wisconsin but increasingly common elsewhere in the United States. He spoke to the Appleton group about his journey from Chicago Democrat to outspoken Wisconsin conservative.



Thomas had a career in Chicago working for the Illinois Department of Labor and then in Democratic Party politics. Like many of his peers, he assumed the Democratic Party was a friend of minorities and that the Republican Party was composed mostly of racists. Experience soon woke him up to a very different reality.

Democrats often campaigned by claiming that Blacks and women were paid less than whites and men due to discrimination. But from his work in the Department of Labor, Thomas knew the differences were explained by differences in job qualifications and preferences. Few women want jobs that require hard work outdoors and a tolerance for risk. The Black and white difference is mostly explained by education, experience, and hours of work.

Republicans, Thomas noticed, are constantly blamed for trying to "suppress the vote" by asking for photo IDs and proof of registration. But Blacks have no difficulty getting IDs to buy alcohol or enter bars or sporting arenas or cash checks. Thomas found it "incredibly demeaning" that Democrats thought Blacks were incapable of doing as something as simple as getting a free state ID card.

So Thomas started to study the Democratic Party's actual record on race matters. He discovered the role Democrats played in promoting slavery and then Jim Crow laws in the South, how their embrace of socialism undermines Black entrepreneurship and social mobility, and how the party's elites denied the party's presidential nomination to Bernie Sanders and more recently gave it to Kamala Harris without a single vote being cast in her favor. He discovered Black conservative writers such as Thomas Sowell and Walter Williams.

Thomas decided to make the change from Democrat to Republican and moved from deep Blue Illinois to Red Wisconsin. (And yes, folks, we are a RED state and not a "purple" and hell-no not a "blue" state.) He is the host of a rowdy podcast called "Random Things You Need to Know" where he pokes fun at both Democrats ("Demon-cats," he calls them) and Republicans ("Dumb-agains," he calls us). He's lively, loud, clever, and disrespectful. All of that was on display on September 9, much to the delight of the audience.

Thomas says it is a good time to invite African Americans to join the Republican Party because the Democrats have told them "we're done with you." Blacks no longer turn out in sufficient numbers to help turn close elections. So Democrats are now importing a new voting block: Illegal immigrants.

Thomas reminds Blacks who complain about illegal immigration that they supported this policy in lockstep with the Democratic Party until recently. They surrendered any right to complain about it now. His advice: "Shut your mouth.'

Conservatives can find Black conservatives by calling out Democrats for their racist past and for the terrible consequences of their policies on the Black community. Describe how Democrats engaged in election fraud since at least 1960, when John F. Kennedy stole the election in Chicago from Richard Nixon.

Explain how they've been blaming Republicans for crimes that were actually committed by Democrats. Stress that Democrats don't believe in democracy, and they think they can lie to voters without consequences.

Larry Thomas Jr. should be an important voice in Wisconsin's political scene. Straight talking, entertaining, and energizing, he will wake up even the sleepiest patriot group. Invite him to your next patriot event, and you won't be disappointed. Watch his podcasts at https://www.youtube.com/@RRPSHOW . He can be reached at 708/539-5085. Get on the Fox Valley Initiative's email list by visiting www.foxvalleyinitiative.com.

How to Find Health Care Freedom

By Joe Bast

Have you noticed the changes that have occurred in health care in the past decade or two? Twila Brase, RN, cofounder and president of Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF), certainly has. She described them to a rapt audience on August 17 at an event hosted by Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Patriots in Green Bay.

The biggest change has been the merging of insurance and the delivery of care, a trend started with the rise of HMOs in the 1970s and rapidly accelerated by passage of Obamacare in 2010. Insurance companies have merged and grown into corporate behemoths, taking over hospitals and putting small medical practices out of business. Nearly 80% of doctors now work for hospitals instead of patients.

Nurses have increasingly replaced doctors as the person who sees patients and answers their questions. Nurses lack the training to diagnose many diseases and the authority to send a patient to a hospital emergency room.

Doctors, meanwhile, are buried in paperwork to comply with an eruption of rules, regulations, mandates, and guidelines imposed by insurers, hospital administrators, and government agencies. Checklists and detailed "standard of care" guides seek to replace the independent judgement of doctors with one-size-fits-all medicine that is easier to measure and reduce costs.

Increasingly, doctors are paid to keep costs low and to prescribe expensive new drugs. Somewhere along the way, the patient's best interest was pushed aside.

The Covid pandemic revealed how the pharmaceutical industry has taken over much of the health care industry today. The only approved therapies are new drugs and vaccines patented by Big Pharma. (Did they think we wouldn't notice that?) Doctors and others who criticized the lockdowns and promoting safe and effective drugs, like Ivermectin, were demonized and censored.

Thankfully, there is a movement afoot to restore health care freedom. The Wedge of Health Freedom is a voluntary collaborative venture between doctors in independent practices — who have no insurance or government contracts — and Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF), a non-profit organization. These doctors put patients first and are able to succeed in business while charging only a fraction of what insurance- and hospital-affiliated clinics have to charge.

For more information, including a map showing where some 700 participating practices are located, visit https://jointhewedge.com. Learn more about CCHF, go to https://www.cchfreedom.org/. And to get on Northeast Wisconsin Patriots' email list, visit www.newpatriots.org.



LISTEN CAREFULLY

By John Ellis

Wisconsin's elections are unverifiable because of the 4 million ineligible voters on the WEC's statewide voter registration list, in total.

The subsets of the 4 million include:

Dead people.

Non-citizens.

People who have moved out of state.

People who are mentally ineligible to vote.

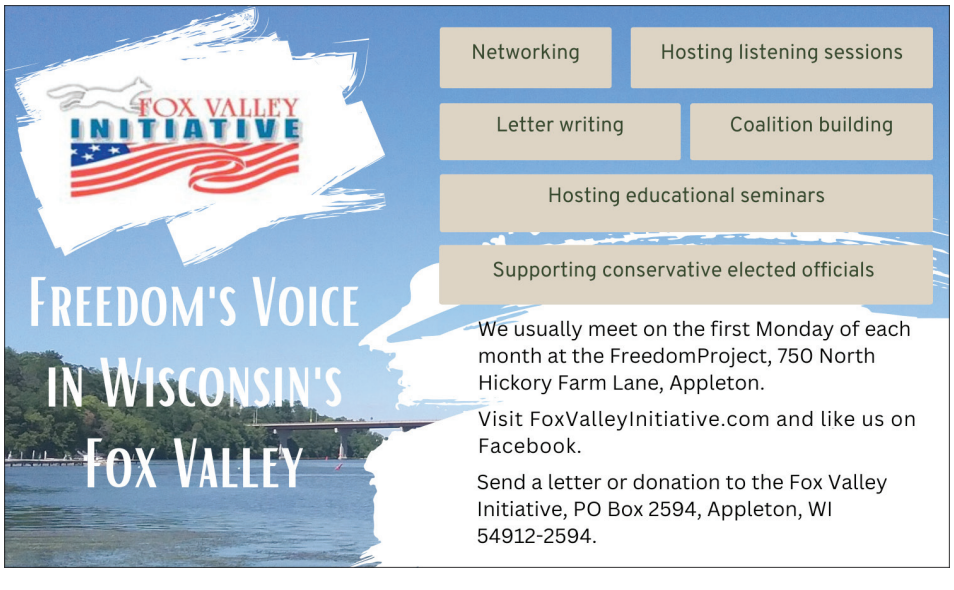
People who have committed a felony that makes them ineligible to vote.

If you hear a politician or conservative radio host talking about a subset of ineligible voters, and not the 4 million ineligible voters in total, you are being misled. They are purposely, or through ignorance, making the problem appear to be much smaller than it actually is.

Please share this with everyone you know.

John Ellis

On Wisconsin Outdoors





Short Takes

By Ken Van Doren

If you are lucky enough to find a way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it. -John Irving

The politicians were talking themselves red, white and blue in the face.
-Clare Boothe Luce

More business is lost every year through neglect than through any other cause.
-Rose Kennedy To the artist there is never anything ugly in nature.
-Auguste Rodin

Wisdom to Live By

LauraAboli

November 5th is simple:

Either you want cheap gas and groceries back...

...or you want your 6-year-old to be able to change his/her sex and have abortions without your permission.

Choose wisely.

Taking it down to the basics!

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COURAGE

"What the herd hates most is the one who thinks differently; it is not so much the opinion itself, but the audacity of wanting to think for themselves, something that they do not know how to do."
-Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

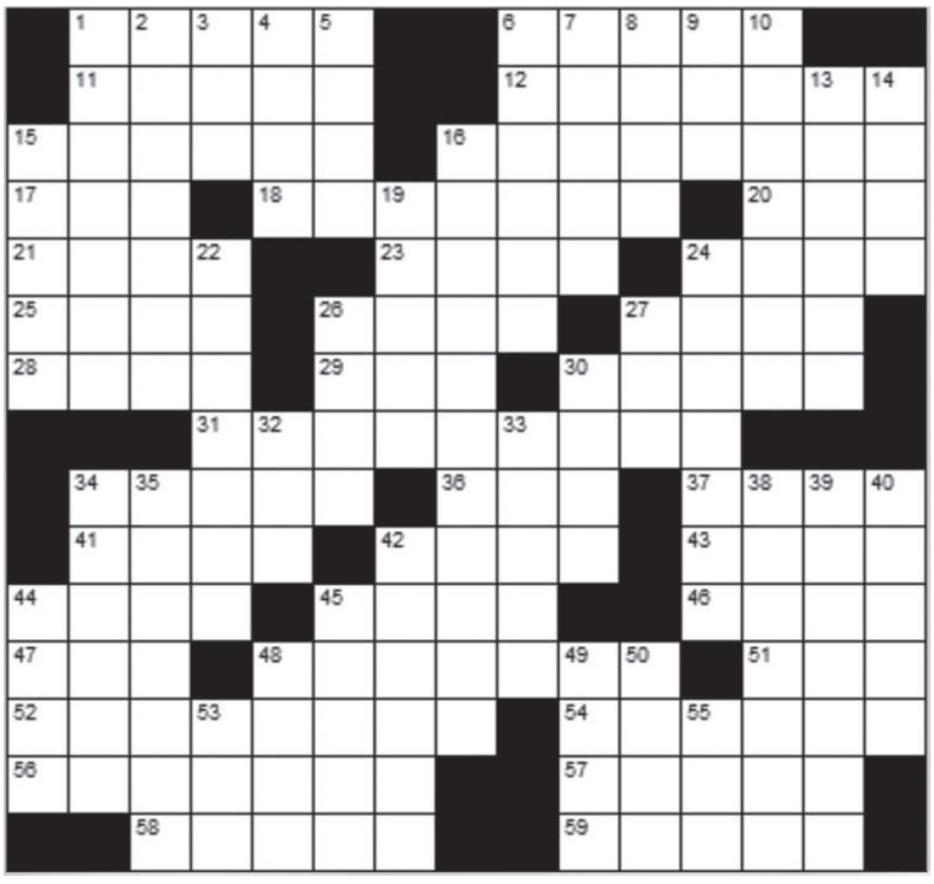


THE GAME PAGE

Crossword Puzzler

ACROSS
1. The outer layer of the Earth
6. Balls of yarn
11. Eagle's nest
12. Sailing competition
15. Hypnotic state
16. Brutality
17. Petroleum
18. Gnarled
20. Suffering
21. Hard work
23. Algonquian Indian
24. Stage
25. Aquatic plant
26. Sun
27. Dagger
28. Gave temporarily
29. Consume
30. Chinese "bear"
31. Depicting
34. Desiccated
36. Martini ingredient
37. Wagers
41. Pig sound
42. A box or chest
43. Angle of a leafstalk
44. Skin disease
45. Lack of difficulty
46. It ebbs and flows
47. Dowel
48. Associate
51. Defraud
52. Makes bigger
54. Ability
56. Germless
57. Mimicking
58. Sometimes, works with lions
59. Schoolbooks

DOWN
1. Open one-horse carriage
2. Adjust
3. A large vase
4. Ill
5. Adolescent
6. A bowl-shaped depression
7. Embankment
8. Quaint outburst
9. Move from side to side
10. Flight attendant
13. Group of three
14. Yeses
15. Whole
16. Planners
19. Group of eight
22. Public toilet
24. Simpleton
26. Transmit
27. One of the tribes of Israel
30. Half a quart
32. Startled cry
33. Ascended
34. Instructor
35. Curl
38. Demanding attention
39. News
40. Napped
42. Profession
44. Mimics
45. American symbol
48. Dainty
49. French for "State"
50. Sexual assault
53. Genus of macaws
55. 59 in Roman numerals



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Looming Clean Energy

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droplets slowly sinking to the seafloor, and other natural forces had cleansed the waters of oil.

Those other forces were hydrocarbon-degrading microbes that are always present in ocean waters worldwide – but rapidly reproduce when they sense oil in their environs. After depleting the hydrocarbon food sources, the microbes die off to normal numbers, and new organisms degrade the byproducts the initial foragers created, until those nutrients are also gone. Then their populations also plummet, in a newly clean ocean.

The disasters spurred industry to implement better blowout prevention technologies and procedures.

Irrelevant, anti-oil activists say, they also emphasize why we must banish oil and gas – and replace fossil fuels with clean, green wind, solar and battery power. Otherwise, wildlife, beaches and tourism will be threatened repeatedly by oil spills.

It's becoming increasingly obvious that these supposed alternatives won't work – especially as AI, EVs, data centers, government-mandated electric heating and cooking, and charging grid-backup batteries, double or triple electricity generation demands. Intermittent electricity cannot power modern nations. Wind and solar cannot produce thousands of essential products that require petrochemical feed stocks. These energy sources are not clean, green, renewable or sustainable. They endanger wildlife.

A recent mishap off the Nantucket, Massachusetts coast underscores yet another reason why hundreds or thousands of monstrous wind turbines cannot be permitted in America's coastal waters.

Shards, chunks and finally the rest of a turbine blade fell into the ocean. One blade ... from a 62-turbine project that's only three-fourths completed ... broken by its own weight, not by a storm.

And yet beaches had to be closed amid peak tourist season, while crews picked up pieces of fiberglass-resin-plastic-foam blades, and boats dodged big pieces floating in the water. Worse, Vineyard Wind didn't tell Nantucket officials about the problems until two days after the blade began disintegrating.

Each blade is 350 feet long and 140,000 pounds. That's more than a fully occupied Boeing 737 jetliner. Vineyard Wind involves 186 blades: 65,000 feet (12 miles) in total combined length, weighing in at a combined 26,000,000 pounds!

The Biden-Harris offshore wind plan calls for 30,000 megawatts of generating capacity by 2030. That's 2,500 gigantic 12-MW offshore turbines. That won't even meet New York State's current peak summer electricity needs, before all these extra demands kick in. Offshore wind's contribution toward meeting future demands for all Atlantic Coast states could easily require 5,000 such turbines: 15,000 blades, weighing a combined 2 billion pounds and spanning a combined 5,250,000 feet (995 miles)!

Even more disturbing, the entire Atlantic coastline is hurricane country. Every year, almost without fail. The only questions are how many hurricanes, how powerful, and where each one will hit.

NOAA records for landfalling hurricanes – those that actually hit US beaches and cities – reveal that 105 Category 1-5 hurricanes struck the Atlantic seaboard, from Florida to Maine, from 1851 through 2023. Add in those that remained at sea, where the turbines will be, and that number could double.

Of that total, 23 were Category 3-5 (111-157 or higher mph winds). Most struck Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. But 39 made landfall between North Carolina and Delaware – and 19 hit Northeastern States, including nine Category 2-3 monsters (96-129 mph winds).

Mind you – these turbines will be weakened by constant corrosive salt spray and frequently by sub-hurricane storms. When the inevitable big hurricane roars up the coast, devastation will follow.

Kamala Harris is bullish about offshore wind. For the last 3-1/2 years she's helped run an administration that's determined to convert the USA to wind, solar and battery power, expedite permits for onshore and offshore "clean energy" projects, and even waive requirements that offshore wind developers post bonds and pay for removing damaged, broken and obsolete offshore wind towers.

She supports banning plastic straws but has never asked how many plastic straws it would take to equal 15,000 offshore wind turbine blades. (Using nautical terms, an unfathomable number.) Moreover, plastic straws don't contain dangerously sharp fiberglass shards, and can't sink fishing boats that collide with enormous but hard-to-see slabs of turbine blades.

Ms. Harris, Tim Walz and other wind zealots ignore worries about hurricanes wiping out forests of offshore wind turbines as anti-wind fearmongering. History says otherwise.

The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane clobbered Florida with 200+ mph devastation, Georgia with Category 1 winds. The Great New England Hurricane of 1938 smashed into New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts with 115-120 mph force. 1944's Great Atlantic Hurricane – punished the coast from North Carolina to New Jersey and Massachusetts with Category 2 winds.

Edna hit the Northeast with Category 2 winds in 1954, Donna did it again in 1960, and Gloria clobbered the region with 96-115 mph blasts in 1985, even reaching New Hampshire and Maine! Isabel hit North Carolina and Virginia in 2003. The "minor" Category 1 hurricane of 2012, better known as Superstorm Sandy, was also devastating.

This summary includes just some that hit North and Mid-Atlantic States, and a few that slammed Florida, Georgia and South Carolina – all prime territory for forests of offshore turbines, fixed to the seafloor or insanely sitting atop enormous floating platforms off Maine and other states. They'd all flounder.

Replacing hundreds or thousands pf torn, damaged and smashed turbines and blades would take years, perhaps decades. Meanwhile, there would be no electricity in a Harris-Biden-Walz-Democrat government-mandated all-electric Eastern Seaboard. The absence of heating, air conditioning and power for homes, hospitals and everything else would displace millions and kill thousands.

Hopefully, politicians and bureaucrats could expedite new gas turbine and modular nuclear power plants. That would mean only a few years of deprivation and blackouts, instead of many years, perhaps decades.

Otherwise, floating slabs of broken turbine blades would endanger boats for months or years, until they are retrieved, hauled ashore and landfilled. Cleaning up billions of sharp shards of fiberglass – each an inch to a couple feet in length, and nearly invisible – would likely take decades, during which time they would impale and imperil beach walkers, swimmers, fish, whales, dolphins and other marine life.

I'm not a microbiologist, but I'm not aware of any microbes that devour fiberglass, resin or plastic foam.

With no bonds or requirements that Big Wind cover cleanup and turbine removal costs, electricity-bereft taxpayers and ratepayers would be left holding the bag.

Before we rush any further into this "renewable energy transformation," can we first have some realistic, commonsense analysis? Can we at least think before casting our ballots this fall?

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CFACT report exposes Maine's massive floating wind folly

By Craig Rucker

Wind turbines are inefficient, intermittent, expensive, carry a heavy environmental footprint and are not up to the task of powering the future.

Leave it to government to find a new way to make offshore wind even less efficient.

Read the new report from CFACT senior policy advisor David Wojick, Ph.D.revealing the folly of plans to station floating wind turbines off the coast of Maine.

Wojick reports that, "the offshore wind facilities will consist of great numbers of "floating turbines" operating at a scale and degree of reliability that hasn't been verified to work in the real world. Such an assumption makes the entire plan not only technologically speculative, but also enormously risky."

In addition to these turbines being a poor energy solution that will be vulnerable to hurricanes and other storms, they pose a serious potential threat to marine mammals, including the highly endangered right whale. Regulatory environmental impact studies have been dangerously incomplete.

Wojick's report concludes that, "the Environmental Assessment does include the leasehold sonar surveys prior to construction. Recent analysis has determined that such surveys are responsible for numerous whale deaths along the Atlantic Coast. It is therefore imperative the BOEM and NOAA carefully assess the potentially lethal impact of leasehold surveys on whales before any surveys are approved."

The Biden/Harris Orwellian-named "Inflation Reduction Act" will spend $891 billion, including billions for these kinds of energy boondoggles. Climate ideologues and profiteers will do anything to get their hands on these funds, including floating vulnerable, inefficient wind turbines smack in the middle of the Right Whale's migration path.

A return to energy sanity is long overdue.



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Billionaire Ballmer blurts out to Jon Stewart: Wind turbines "destroy habitats"

By Craig Rucker

Donald Trump was not the only unscripted billionaire America heard from Tuesday night.

Former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer blurted out one of the roughest facts about so-called "renewable energy."

The incredibly massive land required for wind and solar wrecks natural habitats and threatens the survival of birds, whales and other species.

That's the lesson comedian Jon Stewart accidentally shared with America as Stewart got a quick lesson on the perils of live television.

Stewart did a live post-debate episode of The Daily Show. Ballmer was his special guest and the topic was government data and Capitalism.

Imagine Stewart's surprise when Ballmer chose the devastating impact of wind turbines on birds to illustrate the challenges of balancing free market efficiency with environmental regulation.

Ballmer: Let's say my base instinct is to… I want to destroy the habitat of a set of birds by building a windmill, OK? Let's say that's the topic.

Stewart: Can I just say something very quickly? You bastard. Why– you son of a bitch!

Ballmer: OK Mister Democracy, let's take it on! The birds–

Stewart: Yes

Balmer: The Capitalist is going to try and get that windmill built.

Stewart: Sure

Ballmer: If you want it built, capitalist will get it built. If you want to protect the birds, the capitalist will stop trying to build that windmill. I talked to a guy who's actually trying to build one of the largest wind farms in the world…

Stewart: Let me give you a different example… (deftly deflects to offshore labor).

Don't you wish Stewart had followed up with, "what did the guy trying to build the giant wind farm tell you about how wind turbines harm species and how is he getting around it?"

"Wind farms can reduce bird numbers by up to half" according to Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The Daily Telegraph reported in 2009, that even worse than the obvious impact of turbines striking birds from the sky, is "the fact that birds are less likely to live near wind farms because of the noise and development."



The Royal Society saw resignations and defections when it ignored its own report and endorsed wind turbines, despite their destructive impact on birds and its study has not been properly followed up by regulators.

Billionaire Steve Ballmer inadvertently provided us a peek into what government regulators and all of us need to know about the devastating environmental impacts of wind and solar.

Will our government "watchdogs" pay attention and exercise due diligence while there is still time?

CFACT report: "The Prove it Act" threatens America's food supply

By Craig Rucker

American agriculture feeds the nation and the world. There is dangerous legislation winding its way through Congress that poses a serious threat to farmers and families alike.

Read CFACT's report from agricultural economist Dave Juday on the "Prove it Act" which aims to shoe horn radical climate policy into our agricultural supply chain.

What could go wrong?

Some key takeaways from Dave Juday's report:

The PROVE IT Act would be a major disruption to international trade affecting thousands of U.S. industries and their customers, but mostly deliver a devastating shock to the U.S. economy.

Carbon tariffs would provide the cornerstone of building a European-style agriculture and climate policy regime, with all the predictable results. Fewer acres would be in production, yields would be reduced, and farmers' cost of production would increase, with no benefits for consumers or the U.S. economy.

In short, the U.S. would cede its competitive advantage in food production and agricultural exports.

America finds itself in an era of counterproductive public policy. The UN climate agenda accelerates this negative trend.

Our food supply is far too important to entrust to the climate-left.



Telegram from Laura Aboli

By Laura Aboli

I got home very late last night after 30 hours of flights and airports. I had been dreaming of my shower and my bed all day! What incredible pleasure it was when my head finally hit my pillow!

I was overwhelmed by an incredible sense of gratitude when I opened my curtains this morning. Once more I felt, that I live, in the only place I want to be.

Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love travelling and experiencing different cultures and foods, this planet is full of incredibly beautiful places with an immense diversity of peoples and traditions that enrich our life, but knowing that I am exactly where I belong, is an extremely powerful feeling.

Come what may, I will withstand it here, sorrounded by my 'tribe'. Fighting for them and with them. Hurting for them and with them. Living for them and with them.

As the world madly moves closer and closer to the potential of a global conflict, there are many working on their plan 'B' for survival. It makes sense to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

Working towards becoming 'self-sufficient', or as close to it as possible, is the best thing you can do in times of turnoil. Those living in rural areas will always be better off, in case of conflict, than those living in big cities, so it makes sense to plan and prepare, just in case the insanity escalates.

For me I, it's not about fleeing to far and foreign lands, but about having a contingency plan right where I am. My plan is to live or die, in the land that my children saw when they first opened their eyes, which is the same land my parents will see before they close them. Come what may, I will stay where I belong.

The concept of 'belonging' is an interesting one. I have never needed 'social belonging' ie. I have never seeked the acceptance from societal groups, nor the affiliation to clubs, organisations etc. I have always been free and independent in that respect, but I very much cherish the sense of purpose and belonging that comes with family, tradition and loyalty.

At the end of the day, we only 'belong' amongst those that truly love us, those that we can count on, those we can trust whether the going gets easy or tough.

I may not have everything I wish for in my life, for some reason, God wanted me to walk this awakening journey without a man, but I have what many dream of; a family that would die for me, a family I will die for.

This is why the nuclear family has been under incessant attack by the controllers of this world, because they know that if there's one thing we will fight for, it's precisely that; our own flesh and blood.

I know many people come from broken backgrounds and traumatic childhoods, but you can always create for yourself, what perhaps you never had. It's never too late to start growing the roots of traditions, bonds and shared laughter and tears, that will create that wonderful sense of purpose and belonging that gives us humans the power and strength to overcome what may.

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Bishop Strickland: There is clearly a 'militant effort to destroy the Church'

By LifeSite News

On this week's two-part episode of The Bishop Strickland Show, Bishop Joseph Strickland discusses the importance of stepping away to pray, clinging to Christ's Eucharistic presence, Father Ripperger's election prayer, and more.

Bishop Strickland begins the first part of the episode by offering commentary on Luke 6:12-19, in which Our Lord chose the apostles. The bishop first highlighted that right at the beginning of this Gospel reading, Jesus stepped away to pray, reminding listeners that He did this often in the Gospel.

"He is often going away to pray. Certainly, Christ obviously needed to commune with His Father in spirit, in the great mystery of the Trinity. But He also always is teaching. He's giving us an example of what we need to do: step away and pray," His Excellency said. "[It's] very often that prayer is interrupted by the needs of the people; this time it appears He spent the night in prayer to God, and when day came, He called His disciples to Himself." Strickland further noted that Our Lord often went to pray before He made important statements, and we see in this Gospel passage that He named His apostles, a major moment in His public ministry.

The bishop then underscored how this passage goes on to speak of " agreat crowd of His disciples" – a distinction is thus made between the 12 apostles and other disciples. "I think we need to be very clear about that distinction in the Church today. We know that bishops are successors of the apostles, the successors of these 12 that Christ chose. Of course, sadly, Judas Iscariot, one of them is a betrayer, a note and a sobering reminder that that element of betrayal remains in the Church, that element of infidelity to Christ. But thankfully 11 of the 12 were deeply committed – not perfect, and they stumbled along the way at times with denials and confusion just like us, but these 12 are chosen to be apostles."

Looking at the latter portion of this Gospel, namely where Jesus healed the crowds of diseases and freed them from unclean spirits, His Excellency underscored that everyone in that crowd wanted to touch Him because they saw the great power that came forth from Him.

"I think it's really important to focus on the reality that humanity is the same [now] as it was then. Many resist, but many want to touch Jesus Christ. And I think we, especially in our Catholic faith, we need to be reminded that that isn't just a wish or a hope, but it's possible for us to touch Jesus Christ, His Eucharistic presence, to actually be nurtured by His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity," he said.

Strickland later noted that today, many people in the world had heard of Our Lord while He was here on earth but didn't bother to show up in the crowds – the same way people today know about Jesus and His presence in the Eucharist but go about their business as if He's not there. "Certainly, it's a matter of faith; they don't believe in His Eucharistic face, but let's remember the Gospel doesn't say, 'Those who believe saw His power.' The whole world saw His power, and we need to proclaim that."

Later in Part 1, the bishop recited Fr. Ripperger's prayer consecrating the 2024 election to the Blessed Virgin Mary and encouraged listeners to say this prayer every day in the run-up to the election. Host Terry Barber then asked Strickland about his recent statement announcing that he would be doing fewer speaking engagements and spending more time in prayer. Tying this to the Gospel reading, the bishop said he made this decision after spending time in prayer.

"Our deepest commitment is to the Lord… We all have to discern what we need to do specifically, and I've really felt very specifically called again. I haven't heard a voice, no supernatural manifestation, you could say, but just through prayer and through just reflecting myself and listening to others and their reflections, I've come to the conclusion… I just wanted to be more careful, I guess, more discerning," he said.

Strickland added that while many of the faithful need to hear the voices of their shepherds, even Our Lord stepped away for prayer numerous times, such as in this Gospel of Luke and during His great Agony in the Garden. Getting back to Fr. Ripperger's prayer, Strickland suggested praying that prayer before or after the daily Rosary and emphasized that we need to pray for our country, and especially the Holy Rosary.

"So, it is a great gift that Fr. Ripperger has offered to all of us to pray and to remember, yes, it's not just prayer. We need to act on our faith, we need to vote, we need to make choices, we need to resist temptation in all the ways we can, we need to seek holiness, but prayer needs to always accompany that."

Reminding listeners that history was changed by praying the Rosary at Lepanto. "Let's believe that same power is available to us if only we will embrace it," His Excellency said.

Bishop Strickland begins the second part of the episode by offering commentary on Luke 6:20-26, in which Our Lord tells the disciples about the Beatitudes. Strickland emphasized that this is one of the most misunderstood Gospel readings of our time.

"[M]any people will point to the Beatitudes and say, 'See, it's not morality, it's not all the things the Church teaches, it's just the Beatitudes. Just live the Beatitudes, be poor, be hungry, all of that,'" His Excellency said. However, he stressed that those people are actually missing the point, and unfortunately many clergy in the Church, especially religious communities, are also missing the point.

"One thing that's telling is that people in the Church, many religious, many leaders, but especially religious communities that have all been about evangelization and prayer and spirituality, many of the religious communities, you could say, are linking arms with social workers and forces in the world that are just about the worldly kingdom, and they would point to the Beatitudes and say, 'That is all that Jesus said, that's all that it's about, living the Beatitudes.'" Strickland clarified that the Church does teach us to embrace the Beatitudes – but to embrace them according to what Christ actually said in this Gospel.

Strickland said he believed the most telling phrase in

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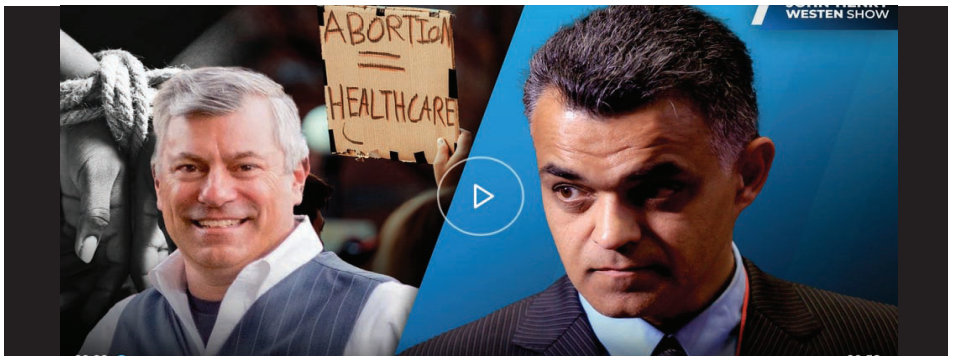
Exorcisms, the culture of death, and fighting human trafficking

By LifeSite News

Join John DiGirolamo, acclaimed Catholic author and anti-human trafficking advocate, as he discusses his latest book, It's Not About the dEvil. Discover the real-life stories behind his dramatic nonfiction work, including insights into exorcisms, the dangers of the occult, and the cultural shift towards a "Culture of Death." Learn how online predators operate and how parents can protect their children. With a deep dive into spiritual warfare and modern challenges, DiGirolamo sheds light on critical issues facing our world today.



The Spirit that Negates *Reflections on the satanic state and its war on the citizenry*

By John Leake

While Dr. McCullough remains largely focused on matters of medicine and public health, I often venture into other topics of a more overtly political nature. In response to my posts, many readers have angrily reproached me—and sometimes Dr. McCullough—for what they perceived as straying from this Substack's primary subject matter.

And yet, it seems to me that when we examine the actions of the STATE—both the federal state and that of individual states—the exact same spirit of negation is expressed in all major public policy initiatives of recent years.

Most people see that the following are closely related.

1). Lab origin of SARS-CoV-2.

2). Suppression of early treatment for COVID-19 illness.

3). COVID-19 mass vaccination program.

4). Transgender medicine.

5). Public health policies focused on optimizing Big Pharma profits.

6). America's processed food industry and obesity epidemic.

However, many may fail to see how the above issues are related to the following.

7). Constant talk of racial differences, thereby promoting resentment and disharmony.

8). Fraudulent claims of human-induced climate crisis.

9). Constant antagonism and baiting of Russia into war.

10). Censorship.

11). Out of control debt financing, debasement of the currency, inflation.

12). Glorifying sexual identities and practices outside of the traditional family.

13). Systematic destruction of the education system, replacing a grounding in reading, writing, arithmetic, history, and civics with a garish parade of garbage.

What all of the above practices have in common is that they are inimical to a strong and healthy American citizenry that can take care of itself, inform itself, make sensible decisions, and perpetuate itself.

While I tend to avoid seeking explanations in the realm of metaphysics and religion, I cannot rid myself of the perception that the STATE has become infused with a satanic spirit. Scarcely a day goes by that I don't think about the character of Mephistopheles in Goethe's Faust, who introduces himself as follows:

Ich bin der Geist der stets verneint!
Und das mit Recht; denn alles was entsteht
ist werth daß es zu Grunde geht;
Drum besser wär's daß nichts entstünde.
So ist denn alles was ihr Sünde,
Zerstörung, kurz das Böse nennt,
Mein eigentliches Element.
I am the spirit that constantly negates!

And rightfully so, for all that comes into being,
Deserves to be destroyed.
It would be better if nothing came into being.
So, everything that you call sin,
Destruction, in short, evil,
Is my actual element.

Many have translated the German verb verneinen into English as "deny," but I think this misses Goethe's intention. Note that verneinen is closely related to vernichten—to annihilate, or literally "to make into nothing." English speaking students of the Holocaust may be familiar with the ominous German word "Vernichtungslager"—literally "annihilation camp."

Note that Mephistopheles plainly introduces what he is about to Dr. Faust. He doesn't try to conceal it. It's all out in the open. The people who are now running the state do NOT share his candor, but nor do they try to conceal their designs, apart from dressing them up a little with shallow, sanctimonious rhetoric. It's a testament to how brainwashed so many Americans are that they do not see that our current administration consists of the most spectacular wolves in sheep's clothing who have ever walked the earth.

Mephistopheles is the "Spirit that Negates," but he also possesses immense earthly knowledge, and he shares much of it with Faust. Goethe was himself one of the most voraciously curious men who has ever lived, so it's remarkable that he seems to suggest that voracious curiosity is inclined to yield to the temptations offered by the devil. The idea goes all the way back to Genesis, when Eve yields to the temptation to eat fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The ancient association of curiosity with yielding to evil temptation has long struck me as mysterious.

Goethe and his character Faust were men of vast and serious intellect, which contrasts them with the overlords of our contemporary Domain of Nincompoopery. For all of contemporary man's technical ability—especially in the realm of electronics and computable numbers—he is conspicuously ignorant about the rich patrimony he (unwittingly) inherited from Western Civilization.

The Whole World Has Been Poisoned

By John Leake

Last night at dinner with Dr. McCullough, we talked about the test he is now using in his clinical practice to detect antibodies to the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. He frequently detects very high spike protein antibody levels in patients, even in those who never received a vaccine and who have not had acute symptoms of COVID-19 for over a year.

All of us have been exposed to the toxic spike protein that Ralph Baric, Shi Zhengli, et al. developed in their laboratories. The only question is how long will it take our bodies to clear it. Dr. McCullough pointed out that the spike protein is, like the pathogens that cause syphilis, and Lyme Disease, able to resist being cleared from the body. Even if it does not cause obvious clinical diseases such as myocarditis, strokes, and blood clots, it is probably still affecting all of us to some degree in terms of diminished vitality.

We often think of poisons as substances that immediately result in spectacular distress and death—things like snake venom, ricin, botulinum, and cyanide. While the spike protein induced by the COVID-19 vaccines may indeed rapidly kill some people, for most of us, it is a "subtle thief of vitality" (to paraphrase Milton's characterization of time as "a subtle thief of youth").

Milton's metaphor is useful because it appears that the spike protein is a poison that accelerates senescence, or aging. I currently know a lot of people in their seventies who were doing just fine until 2022, but experienced a sudden manifestation of diseases associated with aging—diseases such as Parkinson's, dementia, and cancer—that seemed to advance at a terrifying rate.

For most of us, the symptoms range from ringing ears and sleep disturbances to a generalize diminishment of vitality. We are more inclined to feel fatigue, lethargy, and a depression of spirits. We suffer brain fog, indecisiveness, and a depression of spirits. We don't move as quickly, and we seem to experience aches and pains associated with inflammation.

"The whole world has been poisoned," I thought as I went to bed last night. This morning, I read an essay by James Howard Kunstler that opens with the following quotation from my friend Ed Dowd.

The lies then and now are mind boggling. The people who continue to lap up the lies are beyond reach. The poison unleashed into the population will be with us a long time.

In this context, Ed was referring to the poisoning of our minds, but I know from my conversations with him that he shares my perception that our bodies have also been poisoned by the spike protein. A weakened body is always accompanied by a weakened mind.

In spite of this essay's gloom and doom, I see grounds for hope. While President Trump was duped by the Bio-Pharmaceutical Complex in 2020, he expresses signs that he now understands that. Even more promising is his recently consummated alliance with RFK, Jr. Guys like Drs. Peter McCullough, Paul Marik, and Pierre Kory are working hard to discover antidotes to spike protein toxicity. We may be on the cusp of a new era of healing.

POSTSCRIPT (a bit of levity): Thinking about being poisoned reminds me of the opening scene of Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, when Indiana drinks a martini that has been poisoned by the Shanghai gangster, Lao Che. In terms of sheer fun, it's one of the greatest scenes in all of cinema. What a dashing fellow young Harrison Ford was!



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Pfizer Launches PfizerForAll™

By John Leake

Pfizer's passionate and dogged pursuit of profits reminds me of a funny quote I once read about a New York City playboy at the end of the 19th century.

He pursued pleasure so hard that he overtook it.

Whoever wrote this— and I think it may have been Ambrose Bierce—appears to have borrowed the phase from Soren Kierkegaard, who remarked:

Most men pursue pleasure with such breathless haste that they hurry past it.

Over time it has become steadily harder to develop safe and effective molecules for treating diseases that are common enough to warrant the massive investment. As the opportunities for developing legitimate drugs have shrunk, Pfizer has chased profits through fraudulent schemes.

In 2009, the company agreed to pay $2.3 billion, the largest health care fraud settlement in the history of the Department of Justice, to resolve criminal and civil liability arising from the illegal promotion of certain pharmaceutical products.

Since then, the company has discovered that the most profitable substances are not pharmaceutical products, but vaccines for which the company bears no product liability and for which it can easily persuade the governments of the world to foot the bill.

Pfizer's latest scheme is called PfizerForAll™—which appears to be a play on the phrase "With liberty and justice for all." As the first paragraph of the company's recent press release describes the new program:

Pfizer Inc. (NYSE: PFE) today introduced PfizerForAll, a user-friendly digital platform designed to make access to healthcare and managing health and wellness more seamless for people across the U.S. The new, end-to-end experience will support the millions of Americans affected annually by common illnesses like migraine, COVID-19 or flu, and those seeking to protect themselves with adult vaccinations. By bringing together critical resources and services into a single destination, PfizerForAll helps individuals and their families cut down on the time and steps needed to take important health actions like getting care, filling prescriptions, and finding potential savings on Pfizer medicines.

And so, Pfizer appears to be moving beyond drug development to become a "healthcare provider" in its own right.

Bishop Strickland

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this Gospel passage that is lost by so many in the Church is, "Rejoice and leap for joy on that day; behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

"To me, that's what's being lost by so many in the Church, and it's not just they're forgetting it, or they're not understanding, but they're rejecting the idea that 'your reward will be great in heaven,'" Strickland said, stressing that we now have a crescendo of leaders in the Church saying the kingdom is here on earth, not in heaven. Reading some of the Beatitudes again, the bishop said, "Blessed are the poor, the hungry, blessed are you when they hate you because of the Son of man. But all of that is getting to the point that, if we are poor, don't despair because your reward will be great in heaven. And then it goes on to list the woes and basically telling the rich people and those who are filled now and those who laugh now and those who are spoken well of that if that's what you're counting on as your kingdom, then you're going to be left desolate."

His Excellency added that we should absolutely assist the poor, but we also need to recognize that the greatest poverty in the world today is the lack of faith in the supernatural, which is rife even among Catholics. "Too often those working vigorously to promote a false church, really, they say little about Jesus Christ; if anything, they don't focus on Jesus, and they don't listen to what He said. They'll take part in what He said, but if you listen to the whole message here in this passage, it's beautiful."

Later in Part 2, Barber asked Bishop Strickland about recent church burnings in France. The host noted that it seems like practically every two weeks, another major French Catholic church gets torched, and the French government doesn't seem to care at all. He added that the same is true for churches being burned and vandalized in Canada, the United States, and all across the globe.

"It's a really a militant effort to destroy the Church. I mean, there are literally people who want to burn the Catholic Church in a symbolic way. And I think these buildings being burned down are a connection to that," the bishop said, emphasizing that these events tell us that there are people who are anti-Christ, anti-Christian, and anti-religion in general who think it's their day.

On the French government's non-response to the destruction of churches, Strickland said they don't care about all the vandalism because they would love to see the Church disappear.

"It's not going to happen; Church will never disappear. But there are many forces working against it." The bishop concluded by giving listeners a message of hope: "Goodness and truth and love have overcome evil for all time. We need to align our lives with that, whatever happens around us. And, like the woes and Beatitudes we read about in the Gospel, make sure we're seeking the kingdom. And then, whatever happens, we can still seek the kingdom."

To hear more from His Excellency, tune in to this week's episode of The Bishop Strickland Show.

Peter Hotez

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combat poliomyelitis, smallpox, COVID-19, and other devasting infections, first accelerated in the mid-twentieth century. The genesis of vaccine science diplomacy also coincides with the publication of Le Phénomène Humain (The Phenomenon of Man) shortly after the death of its author, the French Jesuit priest and scientist, Dr. Teilhard de Jardin. Several tenets of Teilhard's posthumous essay, including our collective consciousness, and the "conjugated faces" of science and religion, are relevant to a modern vaccine diplomacy framework, even if Teilhard may not have specifically addressed vaccines in his writings. This could also include the potential for arriving at an "omega point" through international scientific collaboration and joint vaccine development, while simultaneously avoiding the destructive forces of anti-vaccine or anti-science activism. Collaborations between the Vatican, Catholic research universities and institutions; and leaders of the Catholic-majority nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America in an integrated framework might accelerate these activities as they apply to both pandemic threats and neglected diseases of poverty.

With this paper, Hotez implicitly touches on the difficult question of why a benevolent God would include in his Creation pathogens against which the human immune system is inadequate. For centuries, humans (including the ranking clergy of the Catholic Church) perceived illnesses such as the plague to be a possible expression of God's wrath.

Since the development of modern medical science, the church has tended to adopt the position that God equipped man with sufficient reason and understanding to overcome nature's antagonistic elements. It is in this line of thinking that Hotez sees an avenue for vaccine ambassadors to form alliances with Catholic institutions.

Hotez's model for "conjugating the faces of science and religion" is the French Jesuit priest, philosopher, geologist, and paleontologist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who proposed an elaborate and controversial synthesis of Darwinian evolutionary theory with Catholic theology.

It's not clear from Hotez's paper whether he finds Teilhard de Chardin's synthesis to be persuasive. I suspect that his objective with the paper is to appeal to Pope Francis, who has expressed positive interest in Teilhard de Chardin's ideas (as did Pope Benedict XVI).

As Hotez notes toward the end of his paper:

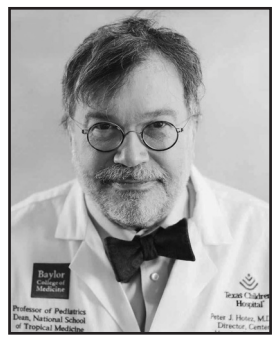
Given the special emphasis that Pope Francis has placed on helping the world's poor, together with his frequent visits to African, Asian, and Latin American countries, it would stand to reason that vaccine diplomacy could be incorporated in such outreach efforts. Pope Francis has been an enthusiastic supporter of COVID immunizations.

Francis's enthusiastic support was commemorated in a 20 Euro silver coin that was minted by the Vatican. As the Numista catalogue describes it:

The coin depicts a doctor, a nurse and a young person who is ready to receive the vaccine. The Holy Father has repeatedly stressed the importance of vaccination, recalling that healthcare is "a moral obligation", and it is important to "continue efforts to immunize even the poorest peoples.

Note that the formulation "a young person who is ready to receive the vaccine" is identical to the formulation for a communicant "who is ready to receive the host"—in Italian "pronto a ricevere l'Eucaristia." The obverse of the coin bears the name Franciscus, the year 2022 ("Anno MMXXII") and the Coat of Arms of Pope Francis.

In other words, Hotez knows he can count on Pope Francis to keep the vaccine faith. The resistance he faces are Catholic doctors in places like Kenya who are justifiably leery of white men working for the Gates Foundation who were hell-bent on suppressing early treatment of COVID-19 and equally hell-bent on injecting everyone—including pregnant women—with COVID-19 vaccines.



Harris-Walz: Joy and Freedom – or misery and tyranny?

Will their radical left administration undo damage inflicted by Biden-Harris? Or make it worse?

By Paul Dreissen

Kamala Harris desperately wants to be "unburdened by what has been" – the Biden-Harris policies she helped develop and implement. She wants voters to focus on the "joy" and "freedom" she insists would be America's future if voters elect her, Tim Walz and their Biden-Harris-Obama "advisors."

However, she was the "last person in the room" with President Biden for major decisions and is super-glued to what she says are "still my values" about energy, climate, immigration, rioters and police.

She cannot run away from the horrendous Biden-Harris record on energy and food price inflation; letting illegal immigrants, criminals, spies, terrorists, and child, sex and drug traffickers stream into our country; weaponizing federal agencies against political opponents and private citizens; and the Afghanistan departure debacle that killed thirteen US service members and left 90% of our Afghan allies behind.

As a 2019 presidential candidate she supported taxpayer-funded "gender-transitions" for illegal migrants. In 2020, Senator Harris was ranked to the left of Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. Vice President Harris proudly cast the deciding "yea" vote on the Inflation Reduction Act, the massive $4-trillion spending spree on "Green New Deal" wind, solar and battery projects. The list goes on and on.

Major accomplishments? Senator Elizabeth Warren said Harris was the first VP to visit an abortion clinic.

That's why she's dodging interviews and presenting platitudes instead of policies. All with the happy collusion of legacy and social media and ABC debate moderators. All while anonymous campaign staffers assert that she no longer plans to ban fracking, offshore drilling, gasoline cars, gas stoves, plastic straws – or free speech by anyone who might question or criticize her policies.

Perhaps her nameless staffers are correct. Harris-Walz might not ban fossil fuel production and use. They might not banmisinformation, disinformation and "malinformation" from experts and citizens who disagree with administration assertions and policies.

But Harris-Walz and its Deep State bureaucrats don't have to outright ban anything. They could just tax, regulate, delay, denounce, disincentivize, coerce, threaten and penalize our energy, freedoms and living standards into oblivion.

They could continue the Biden-Harris practice of using the FBI, IRS and Justice Department to harass, intimidate, prosecute and jail political opponents. They could continue colluding with the media and Big Tech to amplify Democrat viewpoints and marginalize opposing views.

Ms. Harris insists that her "values" and "concerns" haven't changed. But even her official website says nothing about what her policies would be. It says only that she would create an "opportunity economy," provide a pathway to the middle class, end price gouging (she called it "price gauging"), champion other progressive causes, and ensure Israel's right and ability to "defend itself" (but "it matters how" Israel does so, and she will dictate those terms), while helping the Palestinian people "realize their right to dignity, security, freedom, and self-determination."

Nowhere does her website or recent debate performance explain how she would make any of this happen.

Ms. Harris's proclamations about lowering energy costs and tackling the climate crisis are equally vacuous and specifics-free. We learn only that Harris-Walz would build on the "historic work" and "international climate leadership" launched by Biden-Harris, to "unite Americans" in tackling the global climate crisis, lower skyrocketing Biden-Harris-era energy costs, "advance environmental justice," hold polluters accountable, create millions of new jobs, and increase resilience to climate disasters.

How she would actually convert that pablum into her promised utopia remains a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside a word salad. Equally unclear is why the sitting Vice President has made little or no effort to change the Administration's disastrous energy, economic, immigration and foreign policies. There's still time for policy reversals and executive orders; Ms. Harris simply has no interest in seeking them.

What is clear is that she doesn't want to talk about what she would actually do as president – and that much of the mush on her website was copied and pasted from the Biden-for-President 2024 website. However, the posts suggest Harris-Walz would inflict more economic, domestic and global chaos.

President Trump should have driven all these points home during the debate. He failed to do so. Now his interviews, campaign ads, rally speeches, and JD Vance speeches and interviews must do so – and show how they will fix our energy, economic, immigration, and Middle East, Russia and China problems.

A closer look at the Harris climate and energy record provides valuable information for voters.

Senator Harris co-sponsored the 2019 Green New Deal legislation, which would have "fundamentally transformed" America's entire economy, in the name of fighting "dangerous climate change." During her 2020 presidential run, she advocated a total transition to electric vehicles (personal, commercial and transport) by 2035. She supports mandating electric stoves and home and water heating.

Her all-electric economy would require tripling electricity generation – while her plans to replace coal and gas power plants with massive wind and solar installations would cause reliable, affordable electricity to plummet. Soaring prices for unpredictable, weather-dependent home, hospital, business and factory electricity would be paired with repeated blackouts, chaos, and heatwave and frigid-weather deaths.

Eliminating coal and gas power plants would also mean replacing their reliable, affordable baseload and backup electricity with enormous grid-backup battery installations costing tens or hundreds of trillions of dollars – and posing constant risks of chemical-fueled infernos.

Ms. Harris remains enthralled by "climate equity" and "environmental justice" – to address the disparate impacts the "climate crisis" allegedly has on women and people of color.

She would ban plastic straws but is committed to wind and solar technologies that create millions of times more plastic and fiberglass-epoxy trash that cannot be recycled and ends up in enormous landfills.

A single 350-feet-long offshore wind turbine blade weighs 140,000 pounds. The Biden-Harris green energy plan calls for 30,000 megawatts of offshore turbines – 2,500 turbines with 7,500 blades. The US Department of Energy says generating 20% of America's electricity from wind would require 54,000 MW of offshore turbines; that's 4,500 turbines with 13,500 blades weighing a combined 1.9 billion pounds!

Has she calculated how many plastic straws (or plastic bags) the United States and world would have to banish to equal that offshore wind trash – much less the entirety of Green New Deal

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that the CNN event format nor host Dana Bash had any real intentions to explain contradictions between previous Kamala policy statements and recent gauzy campaign positions attributed to staff ahead of rapidly approaching November balloting.

Instead, the one-on-two discussion arrangement including Walz left virtually no time available for follow-up questions and responses that would expose currently failed, radically far-left domestic and international positions of a prospective Harris-Walz White House.

The closest Bash came to pinning down the vice president on anything beyond her empty campaign mantra about "helping the middle class" with "a new way forward" was on whether she still favors a ban on fracking for oil and gas. In 2019 while running in the Democratic presidential primary, Harris said, "There's no question I'm in favor of banning fracking."

Her response to Bash's query was: "No, and I made that clear on the debate stage in 2020 — that I would not ban fracking. As vice president, I did not ban fracking. As president, I will not ban fracking."

When Bash asked again if Harris changed her mind on fracking after the campaign ended in December 2019, she replied: "In 2020, I made very clear where I stand. We are in 2024, and I've not changed that position, nor will I going forward."

Nevertheless, even CNN has subsequently pointed out that Harris never explicitly stated a personal position on fracking during that debate, but said only that "Joe Biden, the head of the Democratic ticket at the time, would not ban fracking if he was elected president."

The vice president went to great lengths to play to popular views of moderate voters through vague responses while simultaneously signaling to her left-flank handlers that their socialist agendas would continue to prevail.

When asked why so many of her 2019 presidential candidate policy positions have recently changed, Kamala repeatedly responded, "My values have not changed."

After all, while she knew that an outright plan to ban fracking would play poorly in critical swing state Pennsylvania, she is notably disinclined to disavow any of the Biden-Harris administration's myriad costly, economically disastrous green mandates, regulations, and subsidies.

When Bash asked Vice President Harris if she regards Bidenomics to be successful, she swerved and skidded around the muddy question with misleading talking point braggadocio that inflation is "under 3%." Again, there was no follow-up asking why inflation rose from 1.4% when Biden-Harris took office in January 2021 to a 9.1% 40-year high by June 2022 under a 2021 Biden-Harris government spending binge.

There was also no follow-up question regarding economic cost, inflationary, and tax consequences of Kamala's recent proposal to impose housing and grocery price controls.

Harris said during a speech in the battleground state of North Carolina that her plan to "build up the middle class" will include a federal ban on price gouging by food producers and grocers, $25,000 in down payment assistance for certain first-time homebuyers, and tax incentives for builders of starter homes.

As pointed out by Wall Street Journal editors, paying for all the tax credits, subsidies, and new entitlements listed in "The Democratic Party's Project 2025" will impose higher taxes on productive capital.

Following the "successful" Bidenomics plan, if Kamala gets her way — and especially if Democrats win control of Congress — voters will get is a build-out of Biden's fiscal 2025 budget proposal that would spend nearly 25% of the entire U.S. economic output.

And the open border disaster where many millions of illegal immigrants were previously to be decriminalized? Now they are merely subject to unidentified civil violation penalties, with no follow-up questions on what this means either.

Nor was there any CNN interview follow-up on attempting to air both sides.

This served to underscore messaging about the Israel-Hamas conflict when Kamala disrespectfully snubbed attending Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's July 25 address to a joint session of Congress. She then followed up on a private meeting, publicly criticizing the Israeli prime minister's failure to provide adequate humanitarian aid to Israel's Gaza victims.

So far, the legacy media has proven content to give their coronated candidate a free campaign pass to circumvent probing issues voters truly need and deserve to know about rather than echoing empty promises and platitudes of "joy."

Little has apparently changed from the time Joe Biden was allowed to hide in his basement and avoid tough questioning during his campaign of 2020, offering saliently sobering reminders regarding how that turned out.

Meanwhile, we're urged to forget that while Kamala and Joe were joined at the hip over policy priorities and disasters over the past four years, we should nevertheless expect a better outcome this time.

Following Joe Biden's debate disaster with Donald Trump, which revealed him as an empty suit, fully expect a shadowy cartel of Democrat apparatchiks and media elites to do their darndest to keep the real Kamala hidden from view behind their teleprompted messaging and to rig the planned Sept. 10 ABC debate format to protect Kamala from similar exposure.

Don't let them get away with it.

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The Real Way to End Poverty and It's Not by Government

By Tom DeWeese

If one truly wants to help eliminate poverty, perhaps it's time to rethink the process. To begin, one should ask this question – why are some nations (and individuals) wealthy and others are so poor?

The reason the United States has led the world in wealth, standard of living, and abundance is that every resident of the United States has had the ability and the opportunity to invest and produce their own capital and build personal wealth. Why is that possible? And why has most of the rest of the world failed, and continues to fail, at such an attempt?

The answer is actually very simple. The United States created a very easy, immediate, complete system for recording and securing ownership of all private property in the nation. In truth, this system makes the County Recorder's office in every community in the United States the most powerful force of freedom in the world. In short, those records of ownership of all property provide proof of individual ownership. That proof of ownership is the root to building personal wealth, which leads of individual empowerment.

Peruvian economist Hernando DeSoto explains the root of American wealth in his book, The Mystery of Capital. DeSoto asks, "Why does Capitalism thrive only in the West, as if enclosed in a bell jar?"

"Capital," he argues, "is the force that raises the productivity of labor and creates the wealth of nations. It is the lifeblood of the capitalist system, the foundation of progress, and the one thing that the poor countries of the world cannot seem to produce for themselves."

Why not in other countries? Because the laws and practices of most countries in the world make it nearly impossible for average citizens to own and prove ownership of property. There are vast obstacles to gaining legal ownership.

For example:

• In Mexico it takes twenty years before a piece of property can be recorded.

• In Peru, it took de Soto's team of experts 289 days to legally register a new business, even after paying over $1,200 in registration fees.

• In the Philippines a prospective property owner would first have to organize an association with his neighbors to qualify for a state housing finance program. The entire process could take 168 steps, involving 53 public and private agencies, taking 13 to 25 years.

And so it goes, country after country. The impact of a $1,200 fee in a poor nation is enough to forever discourage even the attempt to register property. In many developing countries such an amount may equal an entire year's income.

In addition, it's important to note the impact free markets and private property have on the income of a nation's citizens. The per capita income for Americans is $41,400 per year. For Europeans, where more government control is exercised, the per capita income is $27,400. In the former Communist nations of Eastern Europe, now that free markets have been established, it's now $3,295; yet, just a few years ago, it was $2,047. As more freedom and greater ability to own property grows, so does the per capita income.

If ownership of property cannot be properly recorded and able to be traced directly to the owner, then it cannot create equity and cannot be used as collateral for credit. Thus, the property is not, then, of value to the owner; it becomes nothing more than an expense. This situation has created, in DeSoto's estimate, over $9.3 trillion in "dead capital," i.e. property that cannot be used by anyone to create equity and therefore wealth. Without the ability to use it for productive purposes it's useless – dead.

While it's common practice in the United States for individuals to buy property, hold it for a few years, and sell it at a substantial profit or move up to a better home, thereby creating personal wealth, such a system is basically unheard of in most nations of the world. If one doesn't have, or can't prove title to a piece of property, then no bank will make loans on that property. In nations where property cannot be easily and legally registered, the only recourse is to go to friends and relatives, get a smaller loan (thereby reducing one's ability to build a company) and still never have title to the property or to the business or its inventory. Though people may live on and pay for property for years, it is hidden in an underground economy not beneficial to the individual or the national economy because ownership cannot be proven.

"In the West, by contrast," DeSoto argues, "every parcel of land, every building, every piece of equipment, or store of inventory is represented in a property document that is the visible sign of a vast hidden process that connects all these assets to the rest of the economy." Seventy percent of all small businesses in the United States are started by equity loans on personal homes. Small, independently owned businesses employ the majority of people in the U.S.

This, then, is the hidden secret of why the West became so wealthy and much of the rest of the world has been mired in poverty. Obviously poverty can never be eradicated – and will actually increase – until government gets out of the way and everyone has equal opportunity to own and benefit from the wealth associated with private property ownership.

Today's poor in undeveloped nations certainly want the same opportunities to advance, yet many now live in societies that are in some ways 3,000 years behind the modern world. Because of its system of private property ownership, the West created a world of advanced technology, health, education, and leisure where life expectancy increased each decade. In the West, people truly pursued a life of happiness.

Eradication of poverty in the world won't come from endless aid programs designed to provide mere subsistence. Nor will it come from simply providing jobs. The answer to poverty will come only from providing to all people in the world the tools necessary to create new, independent wealth. Only then will they be able to achieve personal empowerment and live lives of individual independence.

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Explaining Conservative Economics in 40 Quotes

By John Hawkins

In a world where the Left keeps putting forth increasingly insane economic ideas like taxing unrealized capital gains and putting price controls on food, it's a good idea to talk about sound, conservative economic principles. If you want to understand how conservatives view economics, these quotes will give you a very good handle on it. Enjoy!

1) "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." — Author unknown

2) "Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state lives at the expense of everyone." — Frédéric Bastiat

3) "Don't look in other people's pockets. You have no business there. What they earn is theirs. What you earn is yours. Keep it that way. Nobody owes you anything, except to respect your privacy and leave you the hell alone." — Neal Boortz

4) "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries." — Winston Churchill

5) "I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it." — Benjamin Franklin

6) "The great danger to the consumer is the monopoly – whether private or governmental. His most effective protection is free competition at home and free trade throughout the world. The consumer is protected from being exploited by one seller by the existence of another seller from whom he can buy and who is eager to sell to him. Alternative sources of supply protect the consumer far more effectively than all the Ralph Naders of the world." — Milton Friedman

7) "Economists may not know much. But we know one thing very well: how to produce surpluses and shortages. Do you want a surplus? Have the government legislate a minimum price that is above the price that would otherwise prevail. That is what we have done at one time or another to produce surpluses of wheat, of sugar, of butter, of many other commodities. Do you want a shortage? Have the government legislate a maximum price that is below the price that would otherwise prevail." — Milton Friedman

8) "I am in favor of cutting taxes under any circumstances and for any excuse, for any reason, whenever it's possible." — Milton Friedman

9) "Consumers don't produce inflation. Producers don't produce inflation. Inflation is produced only by too much government spending and too much government creation of money, and nothing else." — Milton Friedman

10) "Nobody spends somebody else's money as carefully as he spends his own. Nobody uses somebody else's resources as carefully as he uses his own. So if you want efficiency and effectiveness, if you want knowledge to be properly utilized, you have to do it through the means of private property." — Milton Friedman

11) "A claim for equality of material position can be met only by a government with totalitarian powers." — F.A. Hayek

12) "Either immediately or ultimately every dollar of government spending must be raised through a dollar of taxation. Once we look at the matter. In this way, the supposed miracles of government spending will appear in another light." — Henry Hazlitt

13) "The larger the percentage of the national income taken by taxes the greater the deterrent to private production and employment. When the total tax burden grows beyond a bearable size, the problem of devising taxes that will not discourage and disrupt production becomes insoluble." — Henry Hazlitt

14) "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch." — Robert Heinlein

15) "The prudent capitalist will never adventure his capital… if there exists a state of uncertainty as to whether the government will repeal tomorrow what it has enacted today." — William Henry Harrison

16) "Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we should soon want bread." — Thomas Jefferson

17) "A rising tide (in the economy) lifts all boats." — John Kennedy

18) "The basic idea behind the relationship between tax rates and tax revenues is that changes in tax rates have two effects on revenues: the arithmetic effect and the economic effect. The arithmetic effect is simply that if tax rates are lowered, tax revenues (per dollar of tax base) will be lowered by the amount of the decrease in the rate. The reverse is true for an increase in tax rates. The economic effect, however, recognizes the positive impact that lower tax rates have on work, output, and employment–and thereby the tax base–by providing incentives to increase these activities. Raising tax rates has the opposite economic effect by penalizing participation in the taxed activities. The arithmetic effect always works in the opposite direction from the economic effect. Therefore, when the economic and the arithmetic effects of tax-rate changes are combined, the consequences of the change in tax rates on total tax revenues are no longer quite so obvious." — Arthur Laffer explains the concept underlying the Laffer Curve

19) "What pays under capitalism is satisfying the common man, the customer. The more people you satisfy, the better for you." — Ludwig Von Mises

20) "With regard to the idea of whether you have a right to healthcare, you have to realize

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Puzzle Answers

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what that implies. It's not an abstraction. I'm a physician. That means you have a right to come to my house and conscript me. It means you believe in slavery. It means that you're going to enslave not only me, but the janitor at my hospital, the person who cleans my office, the assistants who work in my office, the nurses." — Rand Paul

21) "When the federal government spends more each year than it collects in tax revenues, it has three choices: It can raise taxes, print money, or borrow money. While these actions may benefit politicians, all three options are bad for average Americans." — Ron Paul

22) "The most sinister of all taxes is the inflation tax and it is the most regressive. It hits the poor and the middle class. When you destroy a currency by creating money out of thin air to pay the bills, the value of the dollar goes down, and people get hit with a higher cost of living. It's the middle class that's being wiped out. It is most evil of all taxes." — Ron Paul

23) "Don't knock the rich. When did a poor person ever give you a job?" — Laurence J. Peter

24) "The best way to help your neighbor is not to live off your neighbor." — Alfonzo Rachel

25) "America's abundance was created not by public sacrifices to 'the common good,' but by the productive genius of free men who pursued their own personal interests and the making of their own private fortunes. They did not starve the people to pay for America's industrialization. They gave the people better jobs, higher wages, and cheaper goods with every new machine they invented, with every scientific discovery or technological advance– and thus the whole country was moving forward and profiting, not suffering, every step of the way." — Ayn Rand

26) "Watch money. Money is the barometer of a society's virtue. When you see that trading is done, not by consent, but by compulsion – when you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing – when you see that money is flowing to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors – when you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you – when you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice – you may know that your society is doomed." — Ayn Rand

27) "We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much." — Ronald Reagan (PS: The principle is still the same, but the size of the debt is now 35 trillion dollars.)

28) "Millions of individuals making their own decisions in the marketplace will always allocate resources better than any centralized government planning process." — Ronald Reagan

29) "Companies are not charitable enterprises: They hire workers to make profits." — Paul Samuelson

30) "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." — Adam Smith

31) "Wherever there is great property, there is great inequality." — Adam Smith

32) "Four things have almost invariably followed the imposition of controls to keep prices below the level they would reach under supply and demand in a free market: (1) increased use of the product or service whose price is controlled, (2) Reduced supply of the same product or service, (3) quality deterioration, (4) black markets." — Thomas Sowell

33) "It is amazing that people who think we cannot afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, and medication somehow think that we can afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, medication, and a government bureaucracy to administer it." — Thomas Sowell

34) "The most important single central fact about a free market is that no exchange takes place unless both parties benefit." — Thomas Sowell

35) "In a small town, an idiot breaks a shop window. He's called a vandal until someone points out that a window installer now must be paid to replace the window. The window installer then will have enough money to buy a new suit. A tailor will then be able to buy a new desk. And so on. The whole town apparently gains from the economic activity generated by the broken window. Of course, if this made sense, cities should hire people to run through town, breaking windows. But it doesn't make sense. It's a fallacy because the circulating money is seen; what is not seen is what would have been done with the money if the window were still whole. The shopkeeper, instead of paying the window installer, might have expanded his business or bought a new suit or a new desk. The town is worse off because of a broken window." — John Stossel

36) "A thousand restaurants close every month. They re-open, and that's good for America. Nobody's rescuing them. They employ people, too. If we let them go bankrupt, the factories don't go away, the creative people don't go away. They get employed more productively by others." — John Stossel

37) "I think we've been through a period where too many people have been given to understand that if they have a problem, it's the government's job to cope with it. 'I have a problem, I'll get a grant.' 'I'm homeless, the government must house me.' They're casting their problem on society. And, you know, there is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women, and there are families. And no government can do anything except through people, and people must look to themselves first. It's our duty to look after ourselves and then, also to look after our neighbour. People have got the entitlements too much in mind, without the obligations. There's no such thing as entitlement unless someone has first met an obligation." — Margaret Thatcher

38) "The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money." — Margaret Thatcher

39) "Suppose I hire you to repair my computer. The job is worth $200 to me and doing the job is worth $200 to you. The transaction will occur because we have a meeting of the mind. Now suppose there's the imposition of a 30 percent income tax on you. That means you won't receive $200 but instead $140. You might say the heck with working for me – spending the day with your family is worth more than $140. You might then offer that you'll do the job if I pay you $285. That way your after-tax earnings will be $200 – what the job was worth to you. There's a problem. The repair job was worth $200 to me, not $285. So it's my turn to say the heck with it. This simple example demonstrates that one effect of taxes is that of eliminating transactions, and hence jobs." — Walter Williams

40) "How many times have we heard 'free tuition,' 'free healthcare,' and free you-name-it? If a particular good or service is truly free, we can have as much of it as we want without the sacrifice of other goods or services. Take a 'free' library; is it really free? The answer is no. Had the library not been built, that $50 million could have purchased something else. That something else sacrificed is the cost of the library. While users of the library might pay a zero price, zero price and free are not one and the same. So when politicians talk about providing something free, ask them to identify the beneficent Santa Claus or tooth fairy." — Walter Williams

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powerful people managed to keep the extent of President Joe Biden's cognitive decline from the American people for a long time. Exposure to an unscripted Biden was tightly controlled and those who were allowed to get close to him had to know that he was not only feeble but also mentally unfit for the presidency. They were willing to keep their mouths shut until his disastrous June 27 debate with Donald Trump during which the whole world witnessed Biden unable to understand what was being said or express a coherent thought for 90 minutes. Though Biden supporters tried to sell this as just one bad debate performance, the President of the United States must be mentally sharp 24/7 and prepared to deal with major world events at all times. Even a single instance of inability to function like the one the world witnessed during the debate disqualifies Biden from serving the rest of his term as President, much less another 4 years.

A thinking person has to wonder why Biden's inner circle allowed him to debate Trump so much earlier in the election cycle than would usually occur. Did they think he would perform well and get his failing campaign back on track or did they expect the meltdown we witnessed and calculate that the early date would give them time to get a new candidate?

The Democrats created the mess they find themselves in by manipulating the political process to prevent any competition to Biden in a primary. Candidates Robert Kennedy, Dean Phillips and others were shut out and villainized. Most succumbed and Kennedy resorted to running as an Independent. A primary would have exposed Joe Biden's true condition early in the process.

Power brokers in the Democratic Party, including Pelosi, Schumer, and Obama, began immediately after the debate to plan the exit of Joe Biden from the race for President. They flew under the radar but no one questioned their leading role. Perhaps they misjudged Joe Biden's willingness to bend to party bosses. It took more than 3 weeks of unrelenting pounding to get him out. On July 21 he finally yielded to pressure and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for President. Liberals and the media were tripping over themselves to heap effusive praise on Biden for his selflessness and love of country. In truth, they had broken him.

Kamala Harris is an empty suit and a practiced liar. She had to know Biden was unfit and was willing to participate in the conspiracy of silence. She is a champion of all of the liberal policies of the Biden administration that have harmed the American people. Her record prior to the vice presidency reflects an ideology far more radical left than anything her current job would permit her to express. As President, she would be unchecked. Her assignment as the point person on the border brought no solutions to the open border created by the Biden administration and to date, she has produced nothing of value to the American people. In a recent presentation to college students she said young people are not buying houses because they fear they have no future due to climate change rather than admit unaffordability is robbing them of opportunities.

It is inconceivable that American voters will elect Kamala Harris in a free and fair election. The right to unregulated abortion, her signature issue, will never overshadow Americans' concerns about high prices, illegal immigration, safe streets, individual freedom, and national security. Cheating will be required. The Democratic machine, supported by the media who cannot contain their enthusiasm for her, is already working to rewrite her story. They will try to replace her performance record with the narrative: "The Prosecutor versus the Felon" and a "historic" opportunity to elect the first black woman as President.

On July 13, an assassin nearly murdered Donald Trump. The security failure was so massive one has to wonder if the Secret Service could possibly be this incompetent or if this was a case of willful negligence to remove Trump from the political stage after all other attempts to destroy him have failed. Neither CNN nor MSNBC covered the Congressional hearing held on July 22 to investigate the failure in its entirety, though they covered the Trump hush money trial gavel to gavel.

Crowdstrike is a security company whose website claims "protects and enables the people, processes, and technologies that drive modern enterprises." They "keep customers ahead of today's adversaries and stop breaches."

In August 2020, the Associated Press reported that the Federal government provided state and local election officials with "tools" to "help defend the nation's election systems from cyberthreats." The government deployed software from Crowdstrike to election officers to be placed on laptops and servers used for voter registration and reporting vote totals.

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The day after Trump accepted the nomination for President from the Republican Party, Crowdstrike was responsible for a worldwide computer outage that crippled airlines, banks, hospitals, police, and emergency services. Crowdstrike called it a "defect" in a software update and not a cyber-attack. Systems were interrupted for days.

The outage brought down the electronic voting systems in Arizona's two largest counties, Maricopa and Pima. They were in their early voting period for their July 30 primary.

There is tremendous good in the world and there is also unspeakable evil. Expect widespread, manufactured chaos between now and the election. It remains to be seen what form it will take but it will serve to distract from, and enable, the cheating that will certainly be part of the 2024 game plan. It may be cyber failure or cyber-attack, an infectious disease subjecting us to restrictions and altered election processes, or some as yet unimagined new disrupter. Watch for it.

Expect as the election draws near we will hear that the polls, no matter how implausible, have suddenly tightened and Harris is within striking distance. The pollsters will do their part to shape anticipation for a Harris win. Watch for it.

There is no evidence to date that our legislators are going to address the significant vulnerabilities in Wisconsin's election system, starting with the millions of ineligible voter names maintained by the Wisconsin Elections Commission on the Registered Voter lists. Continue to make the point with your legislators that the people expect them to fix it and will hold them accountable if they don't. Our best line of attack, for now, will be overwhelming voter turnout that ensures a margin of victory that cannot be wiped out by cheating.

I am a conspiracy theorist. Every critically thinking person who applies his/her own good judgment to what they see and hear should be too.

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Midwest Book Review: Devolution of Power

By William Kovacs

Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic

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Devolution of Power: Rolling Back the Federal State to Preserve the Republic offers a lesson in preserving the republic by returning power to the states from the federal government. As a method of addressing state differences and preventing a new civil war, William L. Kovas makes proposals that are central to important discussions about what divides or unites the nation.

Kovacs avoids the usual method too many authors employ of critiquing current events to focus on the heart of solutions that can preserve the democratic process and freedoms. His wide-ranging proposal of how to restructure America offers a heady blend of powerful ideas married to practical considerations of just how federal power may be rolled back and transferred to state control.

This proposal of devolving and moving power structures is no idealistic theory or easy venture, but documents a well-reasoned approach that students of civics and American politics and history would do well to debate and consider.

Chapters offer many specific historical examples of the abuse of power, policies that hide agendas to control society, and the transformation of all democratic institutions to better achieve the ultimate goals of managing, not controlling, political and social structures:

If Congress is to reclaim its role as the nation's lawmaker, it must reclaim its legislative authority over spending, emergencies, and wars. If Congress begins to reclaim these

powers, it will realize the federal government, as structured, is too big and too complex to manage all the laws, policies, and programs it has accumulated over the last century. When it does, it will seek to form a governing structure that allows the federal government to manage issues of a genuine national and international nature and transfer domestic matters to the respective states. At that time, discussion over the devolution of power to the states will begin.

Kovacs provides a reasoned assessment of political and social influences, the decaying state of modern America, and how the revised status of the federal government may return it to being an entity the people trust.

All these topics and more, supported by reasoned historical and political analysis and facts, make Devolution of Power a highly recommended, powerful survey that should take its place at the top of political science reading groups, classrooms, and individuals interested in the nature and future of America.

Libraries will want to acquire and recommend Devolution of Power as not just a study in American ideals and structure, but a proactive, positive statement of formulating a new direction for the nation, detailing exactly how to get there.

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Pavel Durov's Arrest: Intel Agency Intrigue?

By John Leake

PAVEL DUROV. The libertarian founder of Telegram leads an ascetic lifestyle, abstains from alcohol and drugs, and espouses the virtues of mental clarity and physical strength.

On August 24, 2024 Pavel Durov—founder of encrypted free speech platform Telegram—was arrested in France on criminal charges relating to an alleged lack of content moderation on Telegram and refusal to work with police, which allowed the alleged spread of criminal activity. Durov holds French citizenship and was arrested at Le Bourget Airport in Paris while on a refueling stop in his private plane. I find this an intriguing detail, as it suggests he did NOT know that French authorities were deeply unsatisfied with his purported lack of cooperation with their purported criminal investigation of Telegram users.

On the face of it, it's hard to imagine how Pavel could maintain an encrypted free speech platform while at the same time making it readily accessible the state's entreaties to access it. In none of the (characteristically superficial) reporting I've seen on Pavel's arrest in the mainstream media have I seen any mention of a French police obtaining a wiretap warrant from a French judge to access a Telegram user's account.

A recent report in Politico states that arrest warrants for Pavel and his brother Nikolai were issued on March 25. Does this mean that Pavel and his brother were NOT informed they they would be arrested if they did not honor a wiretap warrant? The Politico report touches on this question, but doesn't clarify it.

The arrest warrants were issued after the messaging platform gave "no answer" to an earlier judicial request to identify a Telegram user, according to the document, which was shared with POLITICO by a person directly involved in the case.

The document also stresses "Telegram's almost non-existent cooperation" with both French and European authorities in other cases.

Warrants for Pavel and his brother Nikolai, the platform's co-founder, were issued on March 25 over charges including "complicity in possessing, distributing, offering or making available pornographic images of minors, in an organized group." French media had previously reported the probe was opened in July.

QUESTION for any French lawyer who happens to read this post: What exactly does the phrase "judicial request"—in French demande judiciaire—mean, and how does this general concept differ from the more precise "wiretap warrant" —mandat d'écoute électronique?

Everything about Pavel's arrest raises the suspicion that the charges against him were trumped-up, probably in an intrigue initiated by French and U.S. intelligence, both of which are very keen to gain access to Telegram's encrypted communications.

Of special note is a fact also noted in a recent Politico report.

Telegram is widely used by the Russian military for battlefield communications thanks to problems with rolling out its own secure comms system. It's also the primary vehicle for pro-war military bloggers and media — as well as millions of ordinary Russians.

"They practically detained the head of communication of the Russian army," Russian military blogger channel Povernutie na Z Voine said in a Telegram statement.

It's also a salient fact that U.S. and French military units were recently asked to leave Niger by the ruling junta that came to power in 2023. French units withdrew last December. The U.S. has stated it will withdrawal its troops this month of September 2024.

The apparent reason for the rift was the junta's perception that Washington and Paris were more interested in countering Russian influence in the region instead of fighting Islamic terrorism—the stated grounds for their military presence in Niger. Moscow, on the other hand, has

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One Nation Under God

Megan From Wisconsin

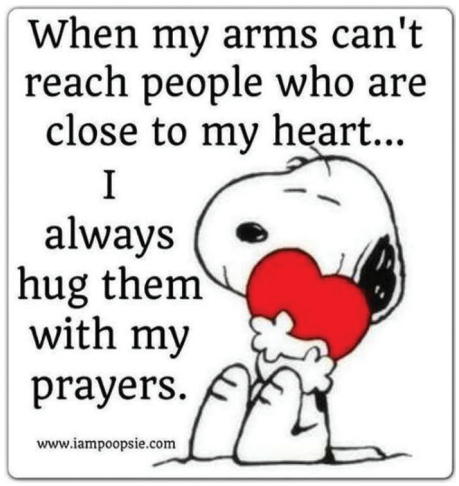
"Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear; Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding." Job 39:13-17

By Riley J. Hood

On July 4th, I heard a commercial featuring, "Megan from Wisconsin" who already had two children and was a supposed "conservative." It turns out that her third pregnancy was considered "non-viable" by some doctor so-called and she had to travel to another State to "get an abortion." Megan went on to state how horrible it would have been to carry a baby for the full term, and it might be stillborn or handicapped. Now I can't say if "Megan" is a real person or a pro-abortion fictional construct. After all, sometimes pro-aborts lie. For example, when they say a fetus is not a baby, that is medical proof that pro-aborts lie.

Contrast "Megan" with Josephine Marie O'Leary. She had already six children. No one questioned her patriotism, as she was a five-time Blue Star Mother. But as she reached middle age, she had several pregnancies that ended in still-births, or early infant deaths. That had to hurt, but she would have never thought of murdering her children to "speed up" the dying process. Josephine was my grandmother, and her youngest child was my mother, Mary Jo. My mother had problems, but murdering her children was not one of them. I'm quite certain that still-births, and handicapped babies are common occurrences in most people's family histories.

But "Megan from Wisconsin" is a murderess, who butchered her child. She is trying to justify herself by crying crocodile tears, and she wants our approval to confirm her in her unrepentant mind. "Megan" has the maternal characteristics of an ostrich or a NAZI. In Wisconsin, Pro-abortion commercials are being run regularly, and they are not merely encouraging women to vote democrat, but they are also emboldening women to murder their own children.



Blood Makes the Grass Grow

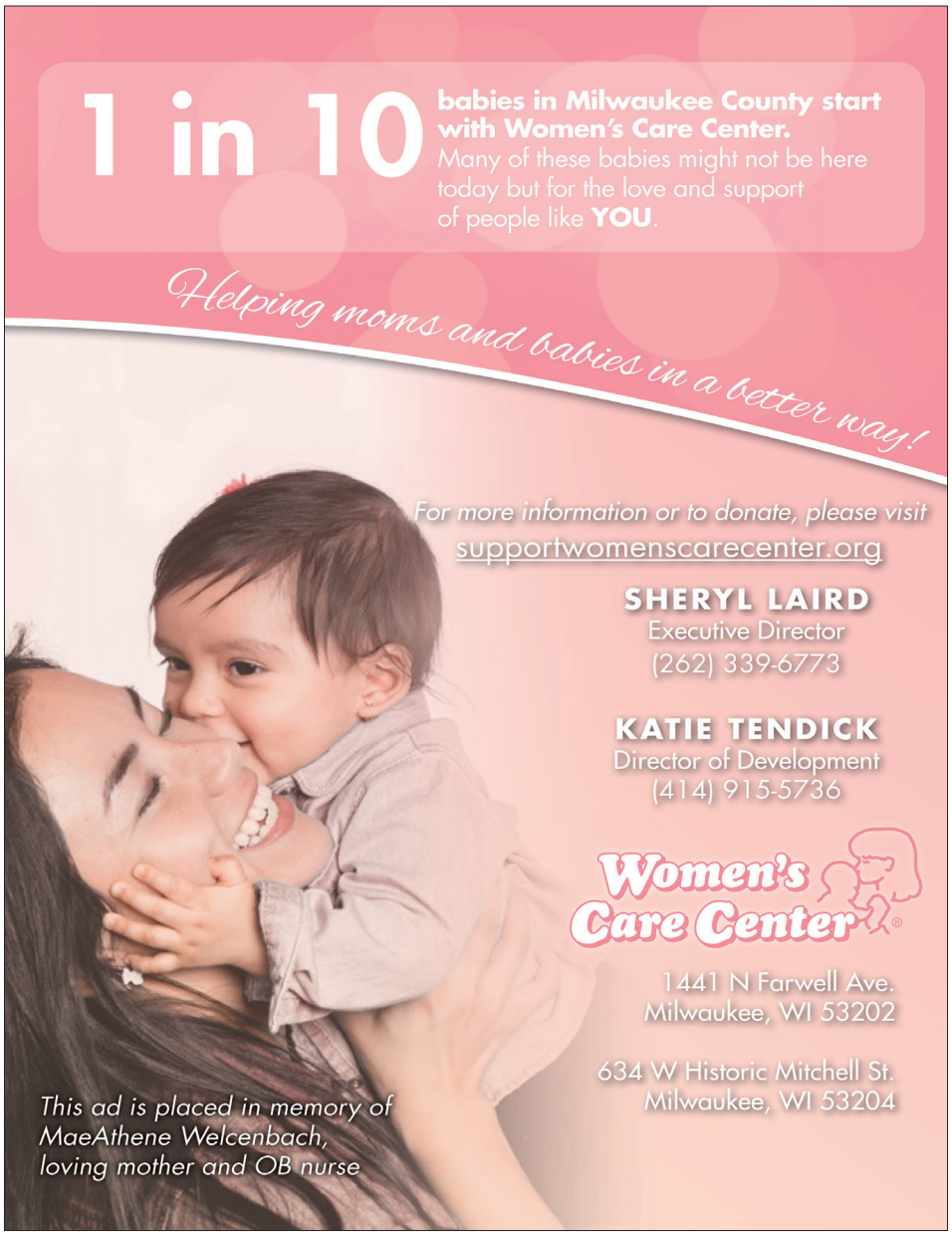
"Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils," Psalm 106:37

By Riley J. Hood

In my first year as a Marine, a Sergeant would regularly ask my platoon, "What makes the grass grow?" the response is, "Blood makes the grass grow, KILL-KILL-KILL." One can easily associate that phrase with combat training, but what about nice couples in the suburbs?

After all, these people have respectability. They wear brand name clothes. They drive fancy cars. They have fancy, brand new homes, or at the very least, newly remodeled homes. They have fancy landscaping, which isn't cheap; especially the water bill. They have racked up debt structure to pay for all their luxuries. They moved to the suburbs, where they send their only child to the best public school system they can find. Usually, the woman goes to a nice neo-evangelical church, where she is told how loving she is. That seems to be far cry from "Blood makes the grass grow, KILL-KILL-KILL" or is it?

On 7/10/24 Ben Yount from AM1130 spoke in favor of regulated abortion citing a study of WOW County women, saying 2/3 of them thought of abortion as a primary issue, and that they were "74% pro-life." But here in lies the rub, only eight percent were 100% pro-life, as in end all abortions. To look at these numbers realistically, 92% were in favor of abortion. 25% were in your face pro-aborts on a par with Kamala Harris, and 67% favored abortion with regulations, as does the GOP. The unspoken truth about the "American suburban" family, is that less mouths to feed means more money for luxuries, fancy patio doors, fancy decks, gas grills and other things that are okay, in moderation, but never at the expense of your children's lives. Sacrificing your children on the altar of materialism has long been an idolatry amongst the American male, but these days, it also prevails among American females. Ladies, if you are pregnant, you already have another child, and if you have your "pregnancy fixed" you will have murdered your child, all in the name of wealth and ease. If you vote Democrat, and vote for Harris, you encourage other women to murder their children.



Hey Kamala

"Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13

By Riley J. Hood

Hey Kamala, I heard your sound bite directed at Trump, "If you got something to say, say it to my face." There is something I would like to say to your face. I will probably never get the chance, but here it is. How many abortions have you had? How many of your own children have you had murdered?

Everyone knows about you and Willy Brown. Are you telling us that Willy never got you pregnant? And yet you have no children. So, again, Kamala, how many abortions have you had? How many of your children have you sacrificed on the altar of your career? The American people should know what you did earlier in your life, seeing as you want to be President.

No matter how much you run your mouth, and no matter how many soundbites the media broadcasts for you, your actions speak louder than words. The fact that you are almost 60 years old, with no children, and are Biden's Abortion Czar, who wants to abort every baby you can get your hands on, says you are a murderess.

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VP candidate Tim Walz is equally radical on these and other issues. He opposes fracking, supports banning gasoline vehicles, and signed a law requiring that Minnesota generate only "carbon-free" electricity by 2040. Even without including the exorbitant price of grid-backup batteries for windless-sunless periods, that law will likely cost his state nearly $350 billion."

The Harris-Walz "New Way Forward" on energy, climate and the economy has no connection to reality. It is devoid of any financial, engineering or ecological analysis. It is a disaster waiting for ill-informed voters to inaugurate next January.

Joy and Freedom? Harris-Walz is a highway to Misery and Tyranny.

The Trump-Vance campaign team, candidates for other political offices and each of us individually must do all we can to ensure America's legal (and illegal) voters learn the truth before they cast their ballots.

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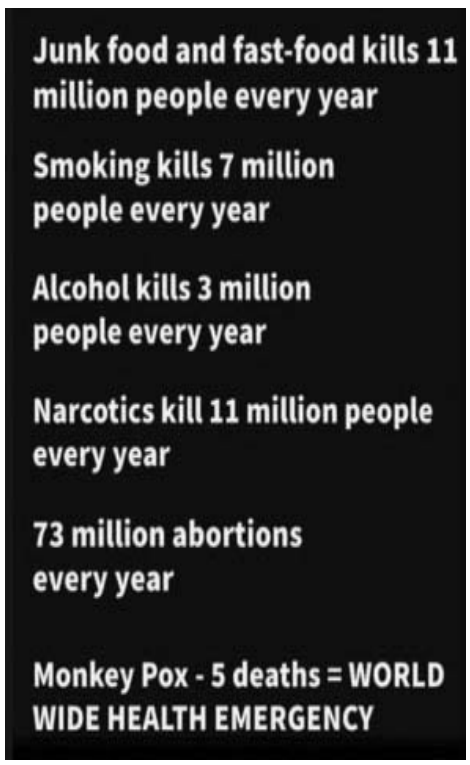

VOICE OF JERUSALEM

Trump's rhetoric vs. Harris's policies

By Caroline Glick

It's only fair to share.....

Former President Donald Trump drives liberal Jews to distraction when he says that American Jews have to be crazy to vote for his Democratic opponent. They call him an antisemite. But he keeps on saying it.

At his press conference in Palm Beach last Thursday Trump said Vice President Kamala Harris is "very, very bad to Israel," and "very bad to Jewish people," and added that any Jewish voter who casts his ballot for Harris "should have his head examined."

Two weeks ago, he told Sid Rosenberg on ABC radio, "Number 1, she doesn't like Israel. Number 2, she doesn't like Jewish people. You know it, I know it and everybody knows it and nobody wants to say it."

Jewish Harris voters, he intoned, "should have their heads examined."

Trump's rhetoric is inarguably indelicate, even crass. But substantively, is he right? Does Harris have the best interests of Israel and Jews at heart in her policies and positions at this critical juncture in Israeli and American Jewish history?

The place to begin answering this question is by asking where American Jews stand on the issues of U.S.-Israel ties and antisemitism in America.

American Jewish concerns and convictions

According to a Pew survey of American Jews from March, 89% of American Jews are supportive of Israel. A June 2024 survey of American Jews conducted by the American Jewish Committee showed that their commitment has only grown since Oct. 7.

Fifty-seven percent of American Jews feel more strongly attached to Israel since Oct. 7 than they did before the Hamas invasion and slaughter that day. Eighty-five percent believe it is important for the United States to stand with Israel. Eighty-seven percent of American Jews think that antisemitism has increased in the United States since Oct. 7, and 55% say it's increased a lot.

The eruption of antisemitism in the United States since Oct. 7 has left American Jews shaken. Seven percent of American Jews reported considering moving to another country as a result.

Overall, 64% of American Jews reported that Oct. 7 had changed their social behavior. Fifty-three percent avoided talking about the Israel-Hamas war with other people. Twelve percent ended relationships with others who expressed antisemitic views, and 27% of American Jews reported hiding their Jewish identity when meeting new people.

These data make clear that as the U.S. presidential race moves into high gear, the American Jewish community is on edge, deeply committed to and concerned about Israel and deeply concerned about the state of antisemitism in the United States.

Harris on Israel

Since Oct. 7, Harris has been the most outspoken critic of Israel in the administration. Just three weeks after the Hamas invasion, and in the midst of the worst eruptions of antisemitism in the United States in 90 years, Harris announced on X that the Biden administration would develop "the first ever U.S. National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia." She then added, falsely, "As the result of the Hamas terrorist attack in Israel and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, we have seen an uptick in anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab and Islamophobic incidents across America."

Last week Harris raised concerns about her commitment to Israel's security when she met with the heads of the most viciously anti-Israel and pro-Hamas group in the Democratic party ahead of an election rally in Michigan.

Harris spoke with the heads of the so-called "Uncommitted National Movement," the group that convinced thousands of pro-Hamas voters in Michigan to vote "uncommitted" rather than vote for Biden in the Michigan primaries. According to the Washington Free Beacon, the two leaders in the conversation with Harris were Abbas Alawieh, former chief of staff for Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.), and Layla Elabed, sister of Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.). Tlaib and Bush, of course are outspoken in their hatred for Israel and for American Jews who support Israel. After losing her Democratic primary in a landslide defeat on Aug. 6, Bush committed herself to destroying the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. In her words, "AIPAC, I'm coming to tear your kingdom down!"

Alawieh and Elabed told Harris that they want the United States to impose an arms embargo on Israel. Harris reportedly responded that she is "open" to a discussion on the issue. While Harris's aides have breathlessly insisted that she never expressed any support for an arms embargo and that she opposes an arms embargo, Harris supported the administration's decision to block shipments of several critical weapons systems to Israel.

In late March she threatened Israel with "consequences," if it defied the administration's wishes and began a ground operation in Rafah.

In mid-March, Harris stood at a historic Civil Rights movement-era site in Selma, Alabama and intimated that Israel was committing war crimes in Gaza.

Referring to humanitarian conditions in the terror enclave as a "catastrophe," Harris said, "What we're seeing every day in Gaza is devastating. We have seen reports of families eating leaves or animal feed. Women giving birth to malnourished babies with little to no medical care. Children dying from malnutrition and dehydration."

She then wagged her finger and said, "The Israeli government must do more to significantly increase the flow of aid. No excuses."

None of Harris's descriptions were accurate. By giving voice to the slanders, the vice president facilitated the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish riots that were taking place on U.S. campuses, and provided support to the International Court of Justice at the Hague and its Kafkaesque trial of Israel for genocide.

Harris's national security adviser Phil Gordon has a long history of pro-Iran and pro-Hamas positions. He is closely associated with President Joe Biden's former envoy to Iran negotiations Robert Malley. Malley was forced to resign after his security clearance was removed. He is under FBI investigation for misuse of classified materials. Malley and three of his former associates were exposed as part of an Iranian regime influence operation. Gordon is now the subject of a congressional inquiry seeking information about his ties to that influence operation.

Gordon's pro-Iran and pro-Hamas positions are shared by his colleague and fellow Harris adviser Ilan Goldenberg. Both men are expected to receive senior foreign policy positions in a Harris administration.

According to Pew, less than half of American Jews believe the president is striking the right balance in his support for the sides in the war. Given her rhetoric and actions, Harris is expected to be much less supportive of Israel than American Jewish voters believe the president should be.

Harris underlined her hostility when she refused to attend Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech before the Joint Houses of Congress on July 24. Harris's decision to give an uncoordinated and hostile press briefing without Netanyahu after their meeting deepened the impression that she will not stand with Israel if elected in November.

Harris on antisemitism in America

Although Harris's decision to boycott Netanyahu's address signaled her hostility toward Israel, it also signaled support for the pro-Hamas wing of the Democratic Party, which called on members to boycott the speech.

Had Harris presided over Netanyahu's speech, she would have been filmed either joining or refusing to join the lawmakers as they gave Netanyahu more than 50 standing ovations. Clearly, she did not want those photos. Likewise, her decision to launch a broadside against Israel after meeting with Netanyahu showed the pro-Hamas wing of her party that she stands with them, and against Israel and the American Jews they have been harassing since Oct. 7.

Her signal was picked up. Harris received the Black Muslim Leadership Council Fund's endorsement. The pro-Hamas group, which opposed Biden, cited her decision to boycott Netanyahu's speech as justification for their support.

Harris's decision to boycott Netanyahu's address wasn't an isolated event. She has repeatedly praised pro-Hamas students engaged in anti-Israel and anti-Jewish agitation on campuses. For instance, shortly before Netanyahu visited Washington, in an interview with The Nation, Harris praised the pro-Hamas students wreaking havoc on campuses saying, "They are showing exactly what the human emotion should be, as a response to Gaza. I don't mean to wholesale endorse their points. But we have to navigate it. I understand the emotion behind it."

Harris uses the fact that her husband Doug Emhoff is Jewish to prove she will be good for Jews in America if elected. But here too, the evidence indicates that the opposite is the case.

Last year, Emhoff led a White House Task Force charged with issuing a strategy for fighting antisemitism.

The strategy, which was unveiled in May 2023, set back efforts to quell anti-Jewish discrimination. The International Holocaust Scholars Association's definition of anti-Semitism, issued in 2016, defines rejecting Israel's right to exist, or anti-Zionism, as a form of contemporary anti-Semitism. The Obama administration adopted the IHRA definition shortly after it was released. The Trump administration applied it to protecting Jewish students from discrimination on campuses.

Rather than reinforce protections for Jews from anti-Zionist discrimination, Emhoff's task force's strategy weakened those protections by adding the Nexus definition—which expressly rejects the assertion that anti-Zionism is antisemitism—to the strategy, alongside the IHRA definition. If it's up to a university or government bureaucrat to decide whether or not attacking Jews because they support Israel is antisemitic discrimination, the students can be assured of further discrimination.

Emhoff also brought the pro-Hamas Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) into the task force and made the group one of the organizations responsible for implementing the strategy.

While Jewish, Emhoff's positions place him far outside the mainstream of American Jews. As Daniel Greenfield reported, Emhoff's law firm represented the PLO. And after Oct. 7, Emhoff's daughter Emma Emhoff raised money for UNRWA, the U.N. organization that was exposed as the logistical and diplomatic arm of Hamas, whose employees participated in the Oct. 7 atrocities and whose offices, schools and hospitals constitute integral parts of Hamas's terror machine.

Last week, Halie Soifer, Harris's former adviser and current CEO of the Jewish Democratic Council of America, the Democratic Party's outreach arm to Jewish voters, held an online rally for Harris to launch "Jewish Americans for Kamala Harris." But as Greenfield reported, all the rabbis from the pro-Harris Jewish group are rabidly anti-Israel. Among other things, all support the boycott, delegitimization and sanctions campaign against Israel and its supporters. In other words, the Jewish activists standing with Harris's campaign represent a small minority of Jewish voters.

For the past hundred years, Jews have favored Democrats over Republicans by averages of over 60%. This week pollster Richard Baris released a survey that found Harris's support among Jews stands at a mere 52.7%, with 45.9% favoring Trump. Trump has a narrow lead against Harris among Jewish voters in New York.

Trump's rhetoric is doubtless hard for liberal Jews to absorb. But Harris's policies and positions on Israel and on Jews are much worse.

Pavel Durov *cont. from page 21*

persuaded the junta that Russian military units are happy to focus on the task of fighting terrorists.

As one Niger official recently stated:

If the United States does not participate in the fight against terrorists, then why are they here? To track and contain the Russians? This is not their business. We respect America, we need their help. But this does not mean that we are ready listen to reproaches and accusations from incompetent people.

The last sentence of the Niger official's statement strikes me as going to the heart of the matter. The U.S. government under the Biden Administration has unlimited ambition to control the world coupled with unlimited financial resources, but is strangely bereft of competence. Probably never in the history of mankind has a parcel of incompetent nincompoops possessed so much power and ambition.

The timing of Pavel Durov's arrest raises the suspicion it is a gambit to persuade him to grant French (and U.S.) authorities access to Telegram in order to monitor Russian military communications, as well as the communications of millions of others throughout the world whom Washington regards as presenting resistance to the U.S. national security state's ambition for total global control.

THE EDGE…
Up Close and Personal with Geary Morales

Transformed Men Ministry's "Ride Across Wisconsin" (R.A.W.) Annual Fundraiser

By Geary Morales

As I bring you the highlights of my amazing Ride Across Wisconsin (R.A.W.) 2 day, 235 mile trek from La Crosse to Wisconsin Dells (Day 1 – 100 miles) to Waterloo (Trek Corp. Hdqtrs) to Milwaukee, WI (Day 2 – 135 miles), I must share with you when the journey actually began, which is more than 2 ½ years ago. www.rideacrosswisconsin.com

Vision Revealed Through Intention and Prayer



Transformed Men Ministry was created in January of 2021, through a series of God ordained and synchronized events. In December of 2020, it hosted its first men's luncheon and gathering in the Church basement of Cedar Hills in Oak Creek, WI, with the late Pastor Steven Hibbard.

Steve passed away in the first week of January of 2021. And in that very sad beginning, Transformed Men Ministry began its mission to honor Pastor Steve, by resolving to create a unique men's ministry.

Impact, Influence, and Inspire

From its very onset, Transformed Men Ministry's mission was clear, as a para-ministry, we decided to actually serve hurting men, by bringing the message of faith, hope, and love into their neighborhoods, and communities, locally and statewide.

We have successfully done this by partnering with Churches and Christian ministries by hosting monthly gatherings by bringing our ministry team to ministry partner's facilities, where we host a luncheon, praise and worship opening, guest speakers, and testimonials from men who have been

transformed from the inside out, as a result of their receiving Christ Jesus, as their LORD and Savior.

The gathering ends with an invitation to all attendees to come up to the front, to receive prayer and encouragement in their daily walk as born-again, Spirit-filled Christians. The gatherings last between 2 ½ to 3 hrs. An offering is also received at every event, in order to assist and defray some of the costs of the event.

Transformed Men Ministry also hosts a couple of weekly radio broadcasts with the Milwaukee based radio station; JOY1340AM/98.7FM, www.joy1340.com, hosted by Founder Pastor Luis Pizzaro and his wife Debbie, and Marco Ledesma and co-host Mike Arcado of Heart Cry Ministries.

In addition, we have hosted three annual two-day men conferences, where we invite special guest speakers locally, statewide, and nationally, to share their own stories and testimonials, in addition to co-hosting community rallies to share the Gospel.



Plan, Provision, and Purpose

In our quest to fund these events, we have become creative in our fund development efforts, and thus our vision to create an annual fundraising event that would invite individuals, churches, ministries, corporations, and foundations to come alongside us to keep our mission vibrant and sustainable.

We have recently launched our bi-monthly full color magazine; Transformed. The magazine will allow us to share our results with churches, church ministries, prison ministries in our quest to impact, influence, and inspire men and their families to be strong in the LORD, in the power of His might!

As a co-founder of Transformed Men Ministry, along with Pastor(s) Luis Pizarro and Robert Bell, our goal is to expand our monthly luncheon and ministry gatherings with other Churches and Christian organizations who desire to encourage, empower, and equip men to live out and walk out their faith and ability to serve the communities they reside in.



Ride-It-Forward – Ride Across Wisconsin (R.A.W.)

In embarking on my 2 day R.A.W. ride with the 9th anniversary of the Wisconsin Bike Federation annual fundraiser, we at Transformed Men Ministry utilized and piggy-backed on this August 17th & 18th, 2024 R.A.W. ride to raise funds for our 2024-2025 budget in order to secure the funds to partner with other like-minded Christian ministries, and supporting funding entities who have decided to bring our monthly gatherings to their locale. Our long-term intention and vision is to proactively partner with other ministries in order to bring our gatherings and mission to them, locally, statewide, nationally, and globally.





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Our request to you our reader and ministry partner is to determine how you'd like to contribute to our mission, financially and prayerfully. We have a myriad of funding options for one-time contributions, and/or monthly ongoing contributions.

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You can either contribute with a $100 to $250 one-time donation for me completing the 2 day R.A.W. (Ride-Across-Wisconsin) ride or become a foundation, corporate, or ministry sponsor at $250, $500, $1,000, $2,500, or $5,000.

Until then, may the LORD richly bless you in everything you put your heart, mind and hand to; spirit, soul, and body!

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The Dreambikes Story

DreamBikes is a non-profit; 501(c) 3 organization that provides hands-on, paid job training to teens. Working in conjunction with local youth organizations.

Dreambikes employs teens to work in the store, teaching them how to refurbish bicycles, use the POS software, and to deliver great customer service. Dreambikes provides lifelong skills our teen employees helping them to shift gears and find a bright future.

28,000 + Refurbished and returned over 25,000 used bikes to the community. .

350 + Provided jobs for over 350 teens, sparking transformational experiences.

"I have purchased 4 bikes there for me and my family, and I've referred 2 other families. An excellent vibe, knowledgeable people, great prices on quality bikes." - Jon Gilgenbach

"Dream bikes is not only a wonderful place to buy a refurbished bike, they are phenomenal community members. They have donated many to my homeless clients – making a huge impact on their ability to get back on their feet. Cannot recommend them enough." - Dani Koehler

LOCATIONS

Discover our shops

Dreambikes has been serving in Wisconsin since 2008.

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Madison, WI 53704
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Sat: 10am-6pm: (608) 416-5536

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