

Just for Your Consideration

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. — 1 Corinthians 16:13

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The hypocrisy of Earth Day

'It's no accident green activists are called watermelons'

By Patrice Lewis



We are approaching Earth Day, the international celebration in which progressive politicians and celebrities exempt themselves from the green legislation they helped create, a celebration of the astounding ability of people to ignore laws of economics, physics and common sense in an effort to pretend their carbon footprint is impossibly dainty.



Many participants are invited to expend fossil fuels and widen their environmental impact by traveling to attend rallies or other demonstrations to demonstrate their massive greenness. Closer to home, enthusiasts can proclaim their commitment to Gaia by coloring their websites or painting their storefronts green. They'll sell posters and T-shirts and take donations for everything from planting trees to brainwashing children. Retailers will try to convince customers on the greenness of every product on their shelves, regardless of origin or purpose.

All this hysteria underscores what is possibly my biggest pet peeve for any "cause" – hypocrisy. Why is it those who push the hardest to save the planet do the least to change their personal behavior? No other cause consumes the save-the-planet elites more than fossil fuel consumption, and they literally fly their private jets all over the planet to lecture you about not flying or driving. This kind of behavior just makes me gnash my teeth.

In a piece called "Climate Cultists Will Do Anything To Save The Planet, Except Stay Home," Daniel Turner writes, "Last November, 80,000 people gathered at the anti-fossil fuel U.N. Climate Conference 'COP28' in Dubai. The 28th of such conferences, which grows in size and scope each year, lasted more than two weeks. That's airfare, hotels, cars, wining, and dining, all for a reduced footprint. Two weeks' worth of meetings and not a single panel to admit the hypocrisy of the anti-fossil fuel crowd as they use the very fuels they bemoan. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of global climate conferences, and you can guarantee the anti-fossil fuel elite will attend as many as possible. If you make a career trying to ban fossil fuels, you're never more than a couple of weeks away from the next elitist party."

Remember when John Kerry famously said he needs "money money money money money money money" to stop climate change? (In case you doubted his goals.)

And who can forget Bill Gates saying it's OK for him to use private jets because he's the solution to climate change?

One person pointed out the obvious: "The 'elite' don't believe the snake oil they are peddling and only give a damn about themselves and increasing their wealth and power over the hoi polloi."

It's not that green hypocrisy is anything new; it's just that on Earth Day, it's so glaringly obvious. It's no accident green activists are called watermelons: Green on the outside, red on the inside. Earth Day has become a "cynical, bloated, empty-gesture, 24-hour orgy of self-righteous smugness," in one person's memorable words.

Green living and the green agenda are two entirely different things. Green living is sensible, frugal and an admirable personal choice (it's how we choose to live). The green *agenda* is something else entirely. It is merely socialism prettily wrapped up in 100% recycled wrapping paper, with a communist bow on top and backed up by governmental force.

Open that green package, though, and the gory red insides spill out: the blood of hundreds of millions people who have died from collectivist régimes in the last century. It's no accident the first Earth Day was chosen to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Vladimir Lenin's birth. (Incidentally, Lenin was the tyrant to whom the term "useful idiots" has been attributed.)

To this bloody history, we can now add the agenda of the World Economic Forum, which wants us to never fly, drive, or eat meat while exempting themselves from similar restrictions, and simultaneously planning our early demise to remove our useless selves from their elite sphere. Ah, isn't collectivism grand?

This, then, is what Earth Day has come to mean. It's become – and likely always has been – little more than a propaganda tool designed to enslave the peasants while shifting yet more power and wealth to an elite few.

Now of course, not all Earth Day activities are bad, though it's worth pointing out that any beneficial activities are performed by the very peasants the WEF is so eager to eradicate. Such activities usually include clean-ups of beaches, streams, rivers, vacant lots, or other open spaces; reducing the use of disposable products and switching to washable/renewable; reducing consumer purchases and buying second-hand whenever possible; and other worthwhile steps. For what it's worth, these are NOT activities you'll find John Kerry, Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio, Bill Gates, or other climate-change luminaries engaged in.

Still, those of us who LIVE green instead of PREACH green seldom get credit. In a poignant and painfully honest essay, environmentalist Jamie Beck Alexander admitted her politically conservative, Trump-voting, blue-collar, climate-change-pooh-poohing, nature-loving father who lives in a small town has a far lower carbon footprint than she does. "I've racked up over a million miles of flying

during my work in the [environmental] aid industry, and wore it like a badge of honor," she admits

Alexander adds, "Somewhere along the line, people like me decided that lifestyles like those of my parents, rooted in small towns and content to stay there, were inferior and unsophisticated. We did this with little respect for the connection to the natural world around them that they may have, and without acknowledging the low-carbon footprint of their local ways of life. ... I, like many other environmentalists, selectively decide that what 'they' do (drive SUVs, buy conventional produce, etc.) is way worse than what 'we' do (exorbitant flying and moving about the world). ... Most in the environmental movement are typically unaware of this hypocrisy. Environmentalism has evolved to make little room for people such as my father."

What it comes down to is this: Ultimately, environmentalists are not actually interested in saving the environment. They're only interested in control. They hate people like us *not* because we're not green, but because we're not socialist. We object to advancing socialism under the umbrella of "environmentalism" because we know it will do nothing but wreck our nation. We know the environmentalist movement is not a plan to save the earth, but to destroy capitalism and turn America communist.

It's about power, not footprint. For this, progressives hate our guts. And

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Greenies are properly called "watermelons." Green on the outside and RED on the inside!!! They are worse than hypocrites; they are dangerous and hateful tyrants!

"The Democratic Party of our time as run by the bats crazy women, fearful of sex and its consequence (babies), paradoxically subject to biological promptings and unable to find suitable mates among the men they've turned into eunuchs of one sort or another; resentful of the dull managerial jobs that have replaced the anathematized 'jobs' of motherhood; filled with rage and revenge fantasies which, because of their boundary problems, have now extended to willing the destruction of our country. It's an uninviting view of what's happened to us, but there it is, like so much meat on the table."***



~ James Howard Kunstler

Gun Store Owner Defends Approval of Biden Background Check Rule

By Herschel Smith



From David Codrea (*Ammoland*):

“Thomas Engle is the owner of Hunter’s Warehouse in Bellefonte, and he says he supports the change, saying it puts everyone ‘on equal footing,’” the report explains. “At gun shows, he says people could buy and sell without licenses and insurances. He says background checks do not equal registration.”



“Well, a lot of people say it’s an infringement of their rights and stuff, but the problem is, the public wants to feel safe,” Engle elaborated in the accompanying video.

You know, I don’t think this guy has the gift of gab at all. Even if he felt that way, it’s smartest not to say it out loud around gun owners who know better.

On another topic, I would avoid someone like that. Avoid being around them, avoid buying from them, and in fact not even befriend them. He seems rather impulsive, imprecise and dangerous if you ask me.

Finally, the degree to which Form 4473 doesn’t equal registration is debatable. Up until now, with person-to-person sales, this may actually have been true. But with

the most recent rule changes, I would disagree with his assertion.

It reminds me of where they really want to go with all of this, quoting from the Kos kids (who are no doubt as much fans of the ATF as the FFL David cited above).

The only way we can truly be safe and prevent further gun violence is to ban civilian ownership of all guns. That means everything. No pistols, no revolvers, no semiautomatic or automatic rifles. No bolt action. No breaking actions or falling blocks. Nothing. This is the only thing that we can possibly do to keep our children safe from both mass murder and common street violence.

Unfortunately, right now we can’t. The political will is there, but the institutions are not. Honestly, this is a good thing. If we passed a law tomorrow banning all firearms, we would have massive noncompliance. What we need to do is establish the regulatory and informational institutions first. This is how we do it. The very first thing we need is national registry. We need to know where the guns are, and who has them.

Ban civilian gun ownership. Go ahead. Welcome to ThunderDome, kid.

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: I respect and admire FFLs who endure all the government’s harassment to sell firearms – BUT do not trust FFLs who want to require background checks for private sales, just because they think it might help their bottom line. They have NO PRINCIPLES. They are an enemy to your God-given rights!

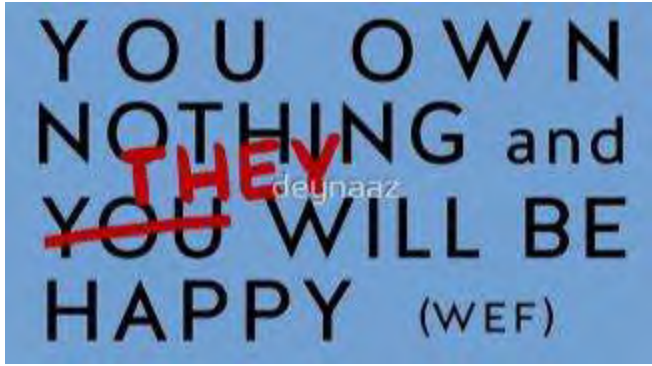
“Sadly, the increase in infant mortality likely has to do with pregnant women being advised to get the COVID shot during pregnancy. . . . When it comes to the mRNA jabs — whether intentionally or through ignorance — the media have misled the people, resulting in needless death and suffering.”

~ Dr. Joseph Mercola



New American Dream: “You’ll Own Nothing and Be Happy”

International Man interviews Doug Casey



International Man: According to a recent study by *Investopedia*, the classic middle-class American Dream now costs over \$3.4 million.

That’s the estimated lifetime cost of marriage, two children, cars, homes, healthcare, education, and retirement. It’s now entirely out of reach for many Americans.



What do you make of this? How did this happen?

Doug Casey: The fact is, despite the fact that his standard of living has been slipping over the past 50 years, the average American today lives much better and longer than a king during pre-industrial times. There were never any guarantees that Americans would live in the lap of luxury for their entire lives.

We got to this high standard of living for two reasons. One, people tended to produce more than they consumed and saved the difference. And two, technology has been improving at almost the rate of Moore’s law for the last 200 years.

However, there’s no guarantee that either of these fonts of progress will continue, especially since savings are being wiped out by the destruction of the dollar. A lack of savings means there won’t be a capital pool to finance further advances in technology.

But there are other serious things at work, termites eating away at the foundations of civilization. It’s become customary for Americans to think that it’s okay for some people to live their entire lives without producing at all and to live at the expense of others. A lot of the country is on welfare. And many more are buried in consumer debt, which means they’re either living off the capital others have saved in the past, or they’re mortgaging their own futures.

On top of that, since about 1980, the main export of the US hasn’t been Boeings or soybeans; it’s been dollars.

Foreigners have accepted those paper dollars in exchange for real wealth. They’re really just another form of debt. At some point—soon—they’ll repatriate them in exchange for titles to land and companies.

Capital is also being destroyed by the constant wars that the US fights against trivial countries on the other side of the world.

The fact is that our institutions, from corporations to academia to government, have become corrupt, ineffectual, and bloated. The Second Law of Thermodynamics tells us that, in the physical world, things inevitably degenerate over time. That’s also true in the world of human action. In general, as any institution gets old, it winds down. That’s true of the US, and it’s apparent to everyone—at least anyone outside of the Washington Beltway.

International Man: As the American middle class continues to shrink, it seems the “New American Dream” is to merely get by and make ends meet.

People will have to rent instead of own. They may not be able to afford kids, pets, ribeye steaks, or retirement. They’ll have to take on a lot more debt.

The “New American Dream” looks more like the WEF’s “you’ll own nothing and be happy.”

What’s your take?

Doug Casey: It’s rather shocking that in a traditionally middle-class society like the US, that the “one percenters”—typically those wired to the State and major corporations—now own about one-third of the total wealth.

What’s even more shocking is that the bottom half of society only owns 2% of the country’s wealth. That kind of an imbalance makes for instability. No wonder it’s said that the average guy can’t lay his hands on even \$500 cash if there’s an emergency. No wonder a criminal like Klaus Schwab can promote his “You’ll own nothing and be happy” meme and not be hung from a lamp pole—a lot of people now feel they’d be better off in that kind of world.

Increasingly, the wealth of the country is owned by corporations and their top management. It used to be said that “What’s good for General Motors is good for America.” I used to believe that because General Motors actually created cars, and that was good. But we’ve devolved. GM and other major corporations have become defacto arms of the State. Taxes, staggering regulations, subsidies, and bailouts have destroyed free-market capitalism.

The capitalist system in the US is long gone. We've devolved into classical Mussolini-style fascism, which is to say, State corporatism, where corporations and the State work hand-in-glove.

It's euphemistically called a public-private "partnership." The people in government and the people in top corporate levels scratch each other's backs and reinforce each other's positions. They feed each other power and money. This makes for a highly politicized society, where connections, not production, are what count.

For instance, in the last election, \$14 billion was spent on campaign spending to get the *hoi polloi* to vote for one party or another. But only a fifth of that money came from small donors—the rest from the wealthy and corporations. Of course, the rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer as our highly politicized society degenerates.

International Man: Many people look back on how they viewed the future and how it was portrayed in movies. Many thought we would have flying cars by now, among other futuristic luxuries.

Instead, we have a declining standard of living, and people look back on the good old days.

Where do you think this trend is headed?

Doug Casey: We're heading in the wrong direction at an accelerating rate because there's been a breakdown of moral fiber in society. People, in general, no longer understand what's right and what's wrong—or what's good and what's evil. They're taking less responsibility for their individual lives and what happens around them.

We've gone from a high-trust society, where you didn't need to lock your car or your front door, to a low-trust society, where everybody is constantly observed, and security is of critical importance.

At the same time, the country has generally gone from having low time preferences and being future-oriented to high time preferences; "I want it all, and I want it now." They're not as future-oriented as they once were.

Going back to the question of moral fiber breakdown, the economic observer Thorstein Veblen coined the phrase "conspicuous consumption." People wanted to show off expensive cars and clothes to advertise to other people that they were more successful. But now, because of all the debt in society, anyone can have a nice car. And nobody even cares about nice clothes anymore; everybody wears the equivalent of T-shirts and jeans.

The trend setters have moved from owning and displaying frivolous goods to displaying frivolous ideas—like Wokeism. Everybody is adopting those ideas, to show that

they're hip, in-the-know, and part of the cognoscenti. In the past, adopting the conspicuous consumption lifestyles of their betters would only make them poor. Adopting these degenerate ideas makes them stupid and immoral—which is much worse.

International Man: What advice do you have for struggling middle-class people who are about to be kicked down to the lower class?

Doug Casey: First and most important, don't go to college unless you need a STEM degree—Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math.

Going to college today does nothing but misallocate four critically important years of your life, permanently indebt you, and corrupt your mind with the idiotic ideas that Marxist professors and administrations cram down students' throats. Educate yourself. Read constantly.

Next, work to become self-employed, not to "get a job." You don't want to rely on a job that somebody else gives you. And save your money—but don't save in fiat dollars. Save in gold. When you have sufficient savings, learn to speculate and invest.

International Man: As you've noted, The Greater Depression is a period in which there will be a significant decline in the general standard of living.

Is there any way to make lemonade out of these lemons?

Doug Casey: We're well into what I've long called The Greater Depression. But I'd point out that most of the real wealth in the world will still exist—it's just going to be owned by different people.

The opportunity will exist for nimble entrepreneurs and speculators to do well, even as most people's standard of living drops. But the big question is: For how long will the societal trend that we're now on continue going down?

When Rome collapsed over a period of several hundred years, living well and peaceably got harder and harder as Europe entered the Dark Ages. Even if you had a lot of money, it really didn't do you that much good. That's why it's important to preserve what's left of the idea of America.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Why is amerika in the financial fix that it's in? And why does no one seem to care? – YET!!! It ain't a pretty picture – and it's going to get a whole lot uglier!!!

Down with Big Brother: Warrantless Surveillance Makes a Mockery of the Constitution

By John & Nisha Whitehead

"Whether he wrote DOWN WITH BIG BROTHER, or whether he refrained from writing it, made no difference ... The Thought Police would get him just the same ... the arrests invariably happened at night ... In the vast majority of cases there was no trial, no report of the arrest. People simply disappeared, always during the night. Your name was removed from the registers, every record of everything you had ever done was wiped out, your one-time existence was denied and then forgotten. You were abolished, annihilated: vaporized was the usual word."

— George Orwell, 1984

The government long ago sold us out to the highest bidder.

The highest bidder, by the way, has always been the Deep State.

What's playing out now with the highly politicized tug-of-war over whether Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act gets reauthorized by Congress doesn't just sell us out, it makes us slaves of the Deep State.



Read the fine print: it's a doozy.

Just as the USA Patriot was perverted from its stated intent to fight terrorism abroad and was instead used to covertly crack down on the American people (allowing government agencies to secretly track Americans' financial activities, monitor their communications, and carry out wide-ranging surveillance on them), Section 702 has been used as an end-run around the Constitution to allow the government to collect the actual content of your conversations (phone calls, text messages, video chats, emails and other electronic communication) without a warrant.

Now intelligence officials are pushing to dramatically expand the government's spying powers, effectively giving the government unbridled authority to force millions of Americans to spy on its behalf.

Basically, the Deep State wants to turn the American people into extensions of Big Brother.

As Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) explains:

"If you have access to any communications, the government can force you to help it spy. That means anyone with access to a server, a wire, a cable box, a Wi-Fi router, a phone, or a computer. So think for a

moment about the millions of Americans who work in buildings and offices in which communications are stored or pass through.

After all, every office building in America has data cables running through it. The people are not just the engineers who install, maintain, and repair our communications infrastructure; there are countless others who could be forced to help the government spy, including those who clean offices and guard buildings. If this provision is enacted, the government can deputize any of these people against their will, and force them in effect to become what amounts to an agent for Big Brother—for example, by forcing an employee to insert a USB thumb drive into a server at an office they clean or guard at night.

This could all happen without any oversight whatsoever: The FISA Court won't know about it, Congress won't know about it. Americans who are handed these directives will be forbidden from talking about it. Unless they can afford high-priced lawyers with security clearances who know their way around the FISA Court, they will have no recourse at all."

This is how an effort to reform Section 702 has quickly steamrolled into an expansion of the government's surveillance powers.

We should have seen this coming.

After all, the Police State doesn't relinquish power easily, the Surveillance State doesn't look favorably on anything that might weaken its control, and Big Brother doesn't like to be restricted.

What most Americans don't get is that even without Section 702 in play, the government will still target the populace for warrantless, suspicionless mass surveillance, because that's how the police state maintains its stranglehold on power.

These maneuvers are just the tip of the iceberg.

For all intents and purposes, we now have a fourth branch of government.

This fourth branch came into being without any electoral mandate or constitutional referendum, and yet it possesses superpowers, above and beyond those of any other government agency save the military.

It is all-knowing, all-seeing and all-powerful.

It operates beyond the reach of the president, Congress and the courts, and it marches in lockstep with the corporate elite who really call the shots in Washington, DC.

The government's "technotyranny" surveillance apparatus has become so entrenched and entangled with its police state apparatus that it's hard to know anymore where law enforcement ends and surveillance begins. They have become one and the same entity.

The police state has passed the baton to the surveillance state.

On any given day, the average American is now monitored, surveilled, spied on and tracked in more than 20 different ways by both government and corporate eyes and ears.

Every second of every day, the American people are being spied on by the U.S. government's vast network of digital Peeping Toms, electronic eavesdroppers and robotic snoops.

Beware of what you say, what you read, what you write, where you go, and with whom you communicate, because it will all be recorded, stored and used against you eventually, at a time and place of the government's choosing.

Privacy, as we have known it, is dead.

Whether you're walking through a store, driving your car, checking email, or talking to friends and family on the phone, you can be sure that some government agency is listening in and tracking you. This doesn't even begin to touch on the complicity of the corporate sector, which buys and sells us from cradle to grave, until we have no more data left to mine. These corporate trackers monitor your purchases, web browsing, Facebook posts and other activities taking place in the cyber sphere and share the data with the government.

Just about every branch of the government—from the Postal Service to the Treasury Department and every agency in between—now has its own surveillance sector, authorized to collect data and spy on the American people. Then there are the fusion and counterterrorism centers that gather all of the data from the smaller government spies—the police, public health officials, transportation, etc.—and make it accessible for all those in power.

These government snoops are constantly combing through and harvesting vast quantities of our communications, then storing it in massive databases for years. Once this information—collected illegally and without any probable cause—is ingested into NSA servers, other government agencies can often search through the databases to make

criminal cases against Americans that have nothing to do with terrorism or anything national security-related.

Empowered by advances in surveillance technology and emboldened by rapidly expanding public-private partnerships between law enforcement, the Intelligence Community, and the private sector, police have become particularly adept at sidestepping the Fourth Amendment.

Talk about a system rife for abuse.

Now, the government wants us to believe that we have nothing to fear from its mass spying program because they're only looking to get the "bad" guys who are overseas.

Don't believe it.

The government's definition of a "bad" guy is extraordinarily broad, and it results in the warrantless surveillance of innocent, law-abiding Americans on a staggering scale.

Indeed, the government has become the biggest lawbreaker of all.

It's telling that even after it was revealed that the FBI, one of the most power-hungry and corrupt agencies within the police state's vast complex of power-hungry and corrupt agencies, misused a massive government surveillance database more than 300,000 times in order to target American citizens, we're still debating whether they should be allowed to continue to sidestep the Fourth Amendment.

This is how the government operates, after all: our objections are routinely overruled and our rights trampled underfoot.

It works the same every time.

First, the government seeks out extraordinary powers acquired in the wake of some national crisis—in this case, warrantless surveillance powers intended to help the government spy on foreign targets suspected of engaging in terrorism—and then they use those powers against the American people.

According to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, the FBI repeatedly misused Section 702 in order to spy on the communications of two vastly disparate groups of Americans: those involved in the George Floyd protests and those who may have taken part in the Jan. 6, 2021, protests at the Capitol.

This abuse of its so-called national security powers is par for the course for the government.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, intelligence agencies conduct roughly 200,000 of these warrantless

“backdoor” searches for Americans’ private communications *each year*.

No one is spared.

Many of the targets of these searches have done nothing wrong.

Government agents have spied on the communications of protesters, members of Congress, crime victims, journalists, and political donors, among many others.

The government has claimed that its spying on Americans is simply “incidental,” as though it were an accident, but it fully intends to collect this information.

As journalist Jake Johnson warns, under an expanded Section 702, U.S. intelligence agencies “could, without a warrant, compel gyms, grocery stores, barber shops, and other businesses to hand over communications data.”

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, “The Securities and Exchange Commission is deploying a massive government database—the Consolidated Audit Trail, or CAT—that monitors in real time the identity, transactions and investment portfolio of everyone who invests in the stock market.”

Journalist Leo Hohmann reports that the government is also handing out \$20 million in grants to police, mental health networks, universities, churches and school districts to enlist their help in identifying Americans who might be political dissidents or potential “extremists.”

Ask the government why it’s carrying out this far-reaching surveillance on American citizens, and you’ll get the same Orwellian answer the government has been trotting in response to every so-called crisis to justify its assaults on our civil liberties: to keep America safe.

What this is really all about, however, is control.

What we are dealing with is a government so power-hungry, paranoid and afraid of losing its stranglehold on

power that it is conspiring to wage war on anyone who dares to challenge its authority.

When the FBI is asking banks and other financial institutions to carry out dragnet searches of customer transactions—warrantlessly and without probable cause—for “extremism” indicators broadly based on where you shop, what you read, and how you travel, we’re all in trouble.

You don’t have to do anything illegal.

For that matter, you don’t even have to challenge the government’s authority.

Frankly, you don’t even have to care about politics or know anything about your rights.

All you really need to do in order to be tagged as a suspicious character, flagged for surveillance, and eventually placed on a government watch list is live in the United States.

As long as the government is allowed to weaponize its 360 degree surveillance technologies to flag you as a threat to national security, whether or not you’ve done anything wrong, it’s just a matter of time before you find yourself wrongly accused, investigated and confronted by police based on a data-driven algorithm or risk assessment culled together by a computer program run by artificial intelligence.

As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, it won’t be long before Big Brother’s Thought Police are locking us up to “protect us” from ourselves.

At that point, we will disappear.

Pastor Wilson’s Comment: You have no friends in D.C. They will all sell you out. They have no intention to serve, they only want to control and exploit! These people make Big Brother seems like little sister!

“The incessant increase in prices is proof-positive that something is amiss with monetary management. The interest in gold merely reflects that more people are catching on.”

~ Doug French



Did Ursula von der Leyen & Albert Bourla Mix Business with Pleasure?

By John Leake



Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla with Ursula von der Leyen

In February 2021, EU Commission president Ursula von der Leyen exchanged dozens of secret text messages with Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, in which they apparently discussed the details of the EU Commission eventually purchasing 1.8 billion doses of Pfizer-BioNtech's ineffective and dangerous gene therapy shot in order to inflict it on the people of Europe. The terms of their deal—including what the EU Commission paid for the doses—have never been disclosed to the public that was cajoled and bullied into receiving them.



While the *New York Times* has never done any reporting on the vaccine's ineffectiveness and poor safety profile, the newspaper nevertheless considered the enormous, secret transaction to be of sufficient public interest to warrant suing the EU Commission to release the text messages. The case is pending in a European court, and it appears the court's judgement will likely be delayed until after the EU elections in June (von der Leyen is seeking a second term).

The EU Commission claims that "Ursula von der Leyen is no longer in possession of the text messages." *Politico* filed an Access to Documents request, to which the Commission replied:

No text messages were registered in the Commission's document registration system. Given that the messages "would have been registered if they contained important information which is not short-lived," that means the text messages, if they ever existed, must have not been very important. And if they're not important, then they wouldn't have had to be registered in the first place.

This implies that the approximately 100 texts exchanged between Bourla and von der Leyen contained no important information. This raises the question: **What were the**

man and woman telling each other in their text exchanges? Did they mix business with pleasure?

Bourla has publicly stated that of the many public officials with whom he has spoken about purchasing his junk, he found it especially easy to speak with Ursula von der Leyen, who is also a medical doctor (gynecologist). As was reported in the *New York Times*:

Mr. Bourla said he and Ms. von der Leyen had "developed a deep trust, because we got into deep discussions." He said: "She knew details about the variants, she knew details about everything. So that made the discussion, way more engaged."

If a personal bond of sympathy and affection developed between them, it raises the possibility of a conflict of interest.

It seems to me the entire shady and shabby affair exemplifies the fact that **the EU Commission has become a feeding trough for special interests while regarding the citizens of Europe with contempt.**

In order to delve deeper into this affair, I recently conducted an interview with the French attorney, Diane Protat. She is representing the Belgian lobbyist Frédéric Baldan, who has filed a criminal complaint in Belgium against von der Leyen, which includes charges of corruption and destruction of documents.

Ms. Protat also represents the French organization, BonSens, which is working hard for truth and justice against the criminal pandemic response in France.

Working together with U.S. attorney, William Snyder, she is pursuing legal action in United States federal court under **Section 1782 of title 28 of the United States Code** to obtain the text messages.

Section 1782 authorizes US federal district courts (ie, a federal trial courts) to order a person or entity that 'resides' within the court's jurisdiction 'to give his testimony or statement or to produce a document or other thing for use in a proceeding in a foreign or international tribunal.' Because Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla resides in New York, this law definitely applies to his communications with the EU Commission president.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Our "betters" in government and the corporate world see no reason to answer to mere vassals such as we.

Stunner in 4th place among America's leading causes of death

Heart disease, cancer, COVID and ...

By Bob Unruh

A new report has revealed a real stunner in fourth place among America's leading causes of death: The abortions from Planned Parenthood.

The leading player in the nation's lucrative abortion industry said in its annual 2022-23 report that the corporation ended the lives of nearly 393,000 during a single year.

And SBA Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser quickly pointed out the unwelcome significance of that figure.

"Planned Parenthood's business is abortion, abortion and more abortion. Their annual report shocks the conscience, showing that they ended nearly 393,000 American lives in a single year. This puts abortions performed by Planned Parenthood in the top four leading causes of death in the United States, after heart disease, cancer and COVID-19," she explained.

"Once again, pregnant women who walk into Planned Parenthood are sold an abortion 97% of the time, rather than helped to keep their child or make an adoption plan. Meanwhile they saw 80,000 fewer patients, provided 60,000 fewer pap tests and breast exams, and even gave out less contraception."

Then she noted how ordinary Americans are forced by Democrats in Washington to subsidize the abortion industry.

"As a reward, Democrats in Washington and in the states sent them almost \$700 million from the taxpayers – one third of their revenue – to end the fiscal year with \$2.5 billion in net assets. Vice President Kamala Harris even made a campaign stop at a Planned Parenthood abortion center. In turn, their political arm spends more than any other abortion-related group to lobby the federal government against commonsense policies like protecting babies born alive after failed abortions," she said.

Abortion actually is one of two major agenda points that Biden adopted on assuming the Oval Office, and he's promoted the industry at every available opportunity. His other campaign goal is transgenderism for children.

Dannenfelser continued, "Planned Parenthood dropped this bombshell report while many Americans are still recovering from tax day. Any family that hasn't been living under a rock has noticed that basic necessities get more expensive by the day. We know that 60% of women



who've had abortions would rather have kept their babies if they just had more emotional or financial support."

The Democrats' response to that problem, however, has been to "demonize and strip funding from pregnancy resource centers that serve women and their children. Bidenomics has turned into abortionomics. Just like their hero Margaret Sanger, their 'solution' to the struggle of families to keep their heads above water is to kill their children and let the abortion industry rake in record profits," she said.

Planned Parenthood, in fact, is working hard to grow its industry, a scholar from the Charlotte Lozier Institute explained.

Michael New, Ph.D., noted Planned Parenthood's annual reports "consistently provide solid evidence that Planned Parenthood continues to prioritize abortion."

He said, "Overall, this new report shows that Planned Parenthood performed 392,715 abortions in 2022. This is a record number of abortions for the organization and represents approximately 40 percent of the abortions performed in the United States. The report also indicates that Planned Parenthood continues to cut back on several health services. Between 2022 and 2023, preventive-care visits fell by 31.0 percent, pap tests fell by 13.5 percent, cancer screenings fell by 1.4 percent, and adoption referrals fell by 4.5 percent. Interestingly, for every adoption referral in 2023, Planned Parenthood performed over 228 abortions."

The report confirms Planned Parenthood's results as being "consistent with Planned Parenthood's long-term trend of performing more abortions and providing fewer health services," he said.

"In fact, in the past ten years, the number of abortions performed by Planned Parenthood has increased by 20 percent. Meanwhile, cancer screenings fell by more than 58 percent, and prenatal services declined by more than 67 percent."

The organization, in preparation for the coming election, has documented online the anti-life agenda of the Biden administration.

For example, it has tried to force doctors and nurses to participate in abortion, and has tried to suppress the rights of those who object to the wanton destruction of the unborn.

Biden's worked on this by eliminating the HHS office for Civil Rights, by trying to push through Congress an "equality" plan that demands that abortion at any time is a "right," and pushing for the legitimization of the Equal Rights Amendment, which died decades ago for lack of support.

Explains the report, "The profit-seeking abortion industry wants to erase medical safety standards on the abortion pill Mifeprex – and promote dangerous chemical abortions that put women at risk of heavy bleeding, severe infection, and sometimes death."

Biden even has promoted a piece of legislation known by critics as the "Abortion on Demand Until Birth Act," which would give abortion business operators "carte blanche to carry out abortions throughout pregnancy for any reason."

Biden also has worked to block popular legislation that would stop abortion on demand after five months, refused to protect babies who survive abortion attempts, canceled safety rules protecting Americans from dangerous chemical abortions, refused to recognize an existing federal law banning partial-birth abortions, and more.

Biden also has named the most pro-abortion cabinet ever, with his HHS chief, Xavier Becerra, exhibiting just this

week for Congress his refusal to say an abortion of a healthy baby the day before a due date should be wrong.

Further, Biden's administration has been aggressive it trying to make changes that would require all Americans to fund the abortion industry's lavish lifestyle.

He even nominated to the Supreme Court Ketanji Jackson, who "maligned pro-life sidewalk counselors ... in ugly and false ways."

Biden's DOJ, further, has ignored a long list of vandalisms against pro-life pregnancy centers while jailing those who try to counsel women against abortion outside industry locations.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: How does anyone figure that amerika even deserves to survive???

Republican Speaker of the House Flushes US Constitution down the Toilet

By Paul Craig Roberts

As I predicted on April 11, the police state got the Republicans to reconsider and to pass their warrantless spying and home entry. The Republican Speaker of the House Mike Johnson cast the deciding vote that nixed the warrant requirement.



This tells us all we need to know about Republicans. They are part of the problem.

Super-Patriots will say "we have to do this to protect ourselves from terrorists." They don't understand that without the Constitution we have no protection.

Edward Snowden reports that the situation is even more serious than I thought. A section of the FISA Act is being enlarged to require every company and person that provides any internet-related service to assist NSA surveillance.

NSA "Just Days Away From Taking Over The Internet" Warns Ed Snowden (Zero Hedge): "This bill represents one of the most dramatic and terrifying expansions of government surveillance authority in history."

Paul Craig Roberts, a former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury and former associate editor of the Wall Street Journal, has been reporting shocking cases of prosecutorial abuse for two decades. A new edition of his book, The Tyranny of Good Intentions, co-authored with Lawrence Stratton, a documented account of how americans lost the protection of law, has been released by Random House.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: You should have already known this – BUT REPUBLICANS are just as dangerous as Democrats!! Sometime more so!!

Apologies for government response to COVID not good enough, witnesses say

'We should never forget what they did to us'

By Jarrett Stepman



Joe Biden delivers remarks on the FDA giving full approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

America can't move on from what happened during the mass government response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That was the message Tuesday at a House Judiciary Committee subcommittee hearing titled "Liberty, Tyranny, and Accountability: COVID-19 and the Constitution."



Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, said the government response to the pandemic triggered "some of the most aggressive usurpations of freedom [that] modern Americans have experienced."

The Texas Republican, who chairs the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, recounted a long list of repercussions from the official reaction to the pandemic, including trillions of dollars spent, lost jobs and businesses, lost confidence in public health officials, and general damage to society.

An "apology" from the institutions that failed American society isn't good enough and won't change the irreparable harm done to the country, Roy said.

"Our rights are not to be negotiated. No matter how much they try to change the subject or rewrite history, we should never forget what they did to us," he said. "We must not be the victim of another government science experiment ever again."



Harmeet Dhillon, a constitutional lawyer who is the founder and CEO of the Center for American Liberty, explained to lawmakers how guardrails provided by the U.S. Constitution were broken in the name of safety during the pandemic, which originated in China.

She said the greatest threat to American civil rights in her lifetime arose from the "use of the so-called COVID emergency to eviscerate America's most cherished, constitutionally protected freedoms."

Under the guise of a public health emergency, government officials used unlimited executive fiats to "rule and curtail every aspect of our lives," Dhillon said.

She said these actions were not narrowly tailored or based on credible science.

"The government closed our schools, locked down our houses of worship, destroyed our small businesses, criminalized our free speech, banned travel, kept us from our loved ones at their most desperate hours, even shut down the beaches in Orange County and the skateparks," Dhillon said, referring to the California jurisdiction.

She said elected officials of both parties engaged in an unprecedented curtailment of liberty in America. Congress now must examine what happened during the pandemic and ensure that history doesn't repeat itself, Dhillon added.



Beanie Geoghegan, co-founder of the organization Freedom in Education and visiting fellow at the Independent Women's Forum, explained how school

lockdowns derailed the education of countless young Americans, including her son's.

Geoghegan explained how K-12 students suffered learning loss and other social maladies due to the extended lockdowns foisted on schools.

"Public schools sent functionally illiterate and innumerate young people out into the workforce or world of higher education, woefully unprepared to thrive or flourish," she said in a written statement. "Too many young people today, especially young men, do not feel prepared to take on adult responsibilities or the challenges of college life."

Geoghegan also said that the way to move forward is not to reward institutions that failed students, but to give parents other options for educating their children.

"The solution to this problem was and is to allow families, not the government, to choose the best learning environment for their children," she said in the written testimony. "The families who had that choice during COVID-19 are mostly free from this fallout because their schools stayed open or reopened much more quickly than public schools."

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: You can never trust ANY of them EVER!!! – AND understand, they will NEVER really police themselves!!! You need to understand that Trump is just as culpable as Biden!!!

N.C. Teen Says 'Illegal Alien' in Class; Gets Suspended

More College Campuses Limiting Free Speech

By Jeremy Frankel



A North Carolina high school student was suspended after using the term "illegal alien" while in a class discussion.

The 16-year-old student was suspended by Central Davidson High School in Lexington, North Carolina, after asking a question that included the term "illegal alien" while doing a vocabulary assignment for English class, The Carolina Journal reported.

According to the student's mother, the student was assigned vocabulary words, which included the word "alien," and the teenager asked the teacher, "Like space aliens or illegal aliens without green cards?"

Another student was offended and allegedly threatened to fight the student, which caused the teacher to call the assistant principal, resulting in the teenager's words being deemed offensive to Hispanic classmates.

"I didn't make a statement directed towards anyone; I asked a question. I wasn't speaking of Hispanics because everyone from other countries needs green cards, and the term 'illegal alien' is an actual term that I hear on the news and can find in the dictionary," the student said.

"Because of his question, our son was disciplined and given THREE days OUT of school suspension for 'racism.' He is devastated and concerned that the racism label on his school record will harm his future goal of receiving a track scholarship. We are concerned that he will fall behind in his classes due to being absent for three consecutive days" the student's mother, Leah McGhee, wrote in an email to local officials.

The assistant principal has refused to remove the suspension from the student's record, but the family is reportedly working with an attorney to make sure it does not harm his future.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Government schools are nothing more than propaganda factories. GET YOUR KIDS OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!

Village Council in Illinois Votes to Remove Only Republican Library Board Member Because “His Ideas are Unsafe”

By Margaret Flavin



Bill Nienburg, former Downers Grove Library Board member

On Tuesday night in Downers Grove, a quaint Chicago suburb, the Village Council 4-3 voted to remove the only Republican, logistics executive Bill Nienburg, from its six-member, appointed village library board.

Nienburg publicly opposed repeated initiatives intended to make the library more “progressive.”

As reported by Dupage Policy Journal, in 2022, Nienburg was the only board member who did not support a “drag queen bingo” event for children at the library featuring a male cross-dressing stripper.

The board’s plan to spend approximately \$160,000 on an “anti-racism” and also to replace the Pledge of Allegiance with a “land statement,” which would declare that the town was formed on land “stolen by white Christian men from the Indians,” were also criticized by Nienburg.

In another blow to the radicals, Nienburg refused to put his “pronouns” on the library board’s “about” page.

Democrat Leslie Sadowski voted in favor of a resolution to remove Nienburg.

Dupage Policy Journal reports:

Sadowski told a crowd of more than 100, mostly attending in support of Nienburg, that she felt he should be removed because his ideas are “unsafe.”

“This has nothing to do with political affiliation, and everything to do with dangerous extremism,” Sadowski said.

She said that she offered Nienburg “coaching” on how to get along with his liberal Democrat library board members, but that he refused.

Although Mr. Nienburg did not attend the meeting which ousted him, he sent a letter to Dupage Policy Journal:

The politically active Downers Grove Public Library administration and library board moved on February 28, 2024 to censure nonconforming library board member Bill Nienburg for sharing nonconfidential information with a Downers Grove taxpayer regarding a window painting policy at the library.

In a 5-0 vote the board moved to censure Mr. Nienburg and entered a request to the Downers Grove Village Council for his removal from the board. These actions all occurred when Mr. Nienburg was out of town and unable to attend this meeting and thereby denying him an opportunity to defend himself.

Bill Nienburg began his tenure with the Downers Grove Public Library Board in November 2022.

In this role as a library board member Mr. Nienburg exercised his fiduciary duty to the Downers Grove taxpayer by asking tough questions to and holding the library administration to account.

Last year he asked why a Native Land Statement is read before each meeting, but no Pledge of Allegiance. Suddenly the Pledge is now recited before each meeting.

During budget review Mr. Nienburg asked specific questions regarding increases to certain budget items, as well as how the budget can be proposed with no exact numbers.

And he questioned why the library staff, on its own accord, modified the native land statement with an anti-Christian update associating Christian Churches with native genocide.

In the broader context, this is the same activist library administration and board majority who (1) spent \$86,000.00 on the divisive RGW Consultant equity report which cast Downers Grove as a racist community, (2) pushed a Drag Queen Bingo event targeted at children,

and (3) developed and recites a native land statement that serves as a virtue signal with no real substance regarding native injustice.

Mr. Nienburg's censure was not enough to satisfy the board majority.

During the February 28, 2024 Library Board Meeting, board members made disrespectful and mean-spirited remarks that likely violated board policy and by laws regarding respect and civil tone at board meetings. One board member, Carissa Dougherty openly violated Mr. Nienburg's privacy by discussing his library card during the meeting and was a likely violation of the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act 75 ILCS 70/1.

On March 5, 2024, the Downers Grove Village Council voted 4-3 to investigate the removal of Mr. Nienburg from the Downers Grove Public Library Board. Again, no substantive policy violation was identified beyond alleged good governance. However, speakers during public comment made direct points regarding policy and law violations by the library administration and board members regarding the open discussion of Mr. Nienburg's library card.

At the March 20, 2024, Downers Grove Public Library Board meeting speaker Noel Manley asserted that board member Carissa Dougherty may have violated the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act during her attack on board member Nienburg. Ms. Dougherty, during board comments, asserted she checked this matter with an attorney and that this was not protected information.

Note that in a FOIA dated April 1, 2024 an email dated March 13, 2024 was produced from the firm Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins arguing that "card holder status isn't exempt information under the Library Confidentiality Act..." To test this assertion, in the same FOIA a request for a list of all active library card holders over the age of 18 was made. And the FOIA officer released a 510-page list of 28,031 names Downers Grove Public Library card holders.

Similar requests for active library card holder lists were made to the Westmont Public Library, the Oak Brook Public Library, the Hinsdale Public Library, and the Indian Prairie Public Library District. All denied this requested citing the same language in the Illinois Library Records Confidentiality Act (see attachments).

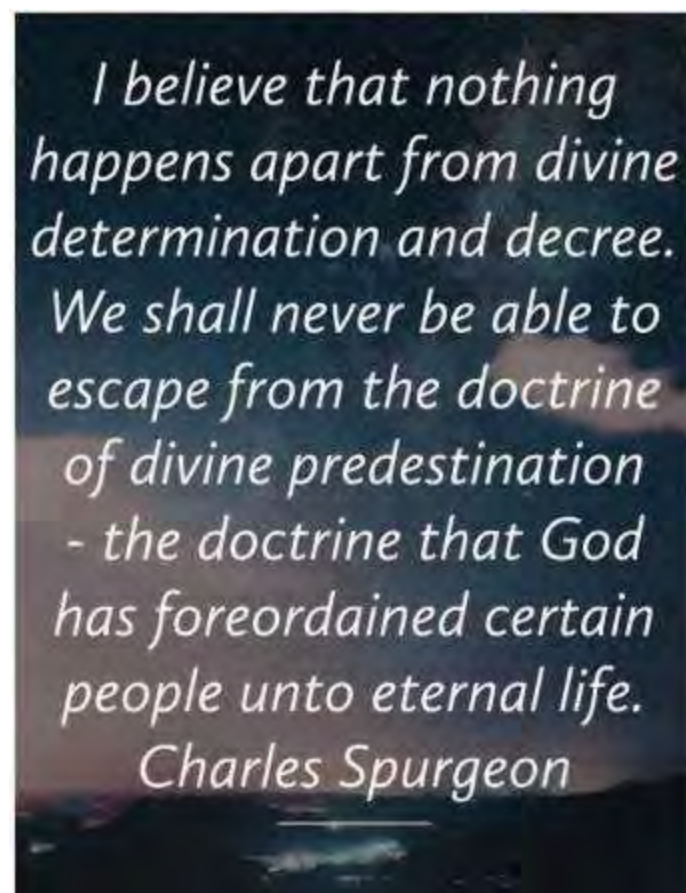
To compound the inconsistent application of library policy, at the April 9, 2024 Downers Grove Village Council meeting a former library employee spoke at public comment regarding her employment at the library. Specifically, she presented the council with her experience of sexual and criminal harassment from library patrons

and the lack of response from the library administration. In fact, when she addressed this matter with the Downers Grove Police, she was placed on an employee improvement plan for failing to follow library protocol. Note that she cited the library employee handbook's regarding harassment and sexual harassment. A policy that was not enforced. So feeling humiliated and abandoned in by the library administration, this violated woman resigned.

The consistent element of the Downers Grove Public Library's administration and board majority is to deny due process to any board member or employee who fails to conform to their will.

In the case of Bill Nienburg and the former library employee, if you step outside your lane, you will be punished with selective and unspecific policy enforcement. However, if you violate the law, you get a pass.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: It becomes more evident every day that amerika CANNOT be fixed!!! Decent folks must separate themselves from this abomination! They will not tolerate us. We SHOULD NOT tolerate them!!!!



Harvard Crimson Claims It's 'Unclear' If Men Have an Athletic Advantage over Women

By Warner Todd Huston



The leftists at the *Harvard Crimson* have spoken out against transgender athlete bans and claimed that the evidence to support the case that men have a physical advantage over women is “less conclusive.”



However, in the process of making the assertion, the article ignored all evidence to the contrary to support their own claim that transgender athlete participation is wholly benign.

In the college paper's April 16 editorial, entitled *There Are Many Obstacles Facing Women's Sports. Trans Athletes Aren't One*, *The Crimson* Editorial Board asserts that the “science” is “less conclusive” that “transgender women hold a biological edge over their cisgender opponents.”

The science-free citation of using the political term “cisgender” aside, the editorial board goes on to insist that “science” proves that men who take female hormones to “transition” lose their male strength.

“According to the National Institute of Health, testosterone levels of transgender women after 12 months of hormone therapy resemble those of their cisgender counterparts, while their muscle strength either decreases or remains unchanged after a year of treatment,” the board wrote.

The board then sallies forth as if that was all the evidence anyone has ever presented to show that “transgender women” are on an equal playing field with women. The editorial goes on to ignore any other study that might tend

to show that the male body — testosterone level aside — has an inherent advantage over the female body in size, reach, lung capacity, and other metrics. It ignores these studies as if they never existed, dismissing them all with a curt “studies measuring athletic aptitude among trans individuals contradict each other, and many are limited by their small sample sizes and lack of comparative groups.”



But testosterone alone is far from the only difference between men and women where it affects sports, and many studies have found this out.

Emma N. Hilton and Tommy R. Lundberg, for instance, published a study in *Sports Medicine* that found, “current evidence shows the biological advantage, most notably in terms of muscle mass and strength, conferred by male puberty and thus enjoyed by most transgender women is only minimally reduced when testosterone is suppressed as per current sporting guidelines for transgender athletes.”

The authors of that study go on to say that transgender “women” have between a 10 and 50 percent advantage over women in sports, regardless of testosterone levels.

A similar study by Timothy A Roberts, Joshua Smalley, and Dale Ahrendt, published by the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, found that men who transition to women maintain some of their physical advantages over women despite all the medical tomfoolery of their “transition.”

Yet another study finds that muscle strength, size, and composition are still stronger in transgender women for at least a year after gender-affirming treatment.

The *Crimson* wholly ignored all this as it presented its “science” in an editorial that the article insisted “represents the majority view of *The Crimson* Editorial Board.”

The editorial goes on to dismiss the whole issue of the destruction of women’s sports at the hands of transgender women by insisting that there are too few trans athletes to even worry about.

The editorial board bloviates on, saying, “The strikingly minuscule number of total trans athletes, let alone trans women competing in collegiate athletics: Out of the more than 500,000 athletes that compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, an estimated 40 are trans. That’s less than 0.008 percent.”

But this is a case where percentages don’t matter when judging if something is harmful. Suppose one man is stronger than a majority of women in any particular sport. In that case, his inclusion in women’s sports is a danger to every female competitor, even though he is only one man. The fact that he might represent .01 or less of the total participants is meaningless to the ultimate threat he poses to women’s sports and their records of achievement.

Already, quite despite that they were each in the minority of participants, some 300 men have taken titles and championships away from women since transgenderism exploded into women’s sports.

Despite ignoring all this, *The Crimson* editorial goes on to blast the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for its recent move to ban transgender athletes.

After making all these assertions, *The Crimson* then claims the “science” proves its point and scolds the NAIA, barking, “Given the paltry numbers of trans athletes, without science strongly supporting the conclusion that transgender athletes hold an advantage, the NAIA’s hard-line approach to an essentially edge-case issue is reductive and discriminatory.”



“By shutting out trans athletes altogether, the NAIA has also fallen conspicuously out-of-step with organizations at

the highest echelons of competitive sports, including the International Olympic Committee, which centers evidence-based reasoning and non-discrimination in its establishment of sport-by-sport policies,” the editorial claims.

The piece concludes by exclaiming, “The NCAA must not follow the NAIA’s ill-supported decision, and, in the interim, Harvard must vocally oppose this ban and support the rights of its trans athletes.”

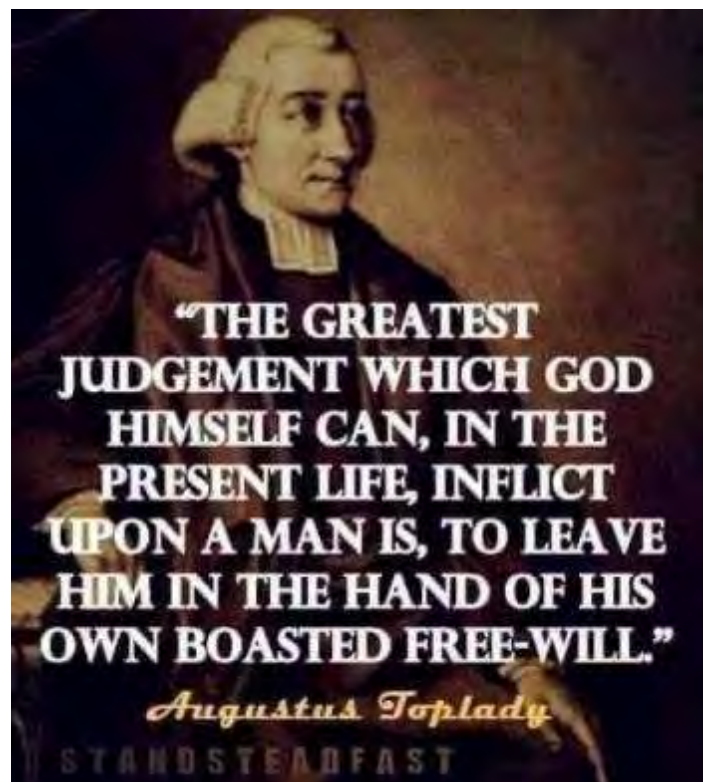
Sadly, *The Crimson* relied more on assertions and cherry-picking the “science” to prove its point. Of course, there is nothing here that will help settle the debate over the commonsense solution of simply banning those with male bodies from competing as females, no matter how many drugs they pumped themselves full of or how many cosmetic alterations they’ve made to their bodies.

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: These people are deliberately obtuse! They refuse to acknowledge self-evident truth. There is no dealing with them. We shouldn’t even try! BUT, BUT, BUT . . . “science”!!

1 Timothy 6:20

. . . keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.



Ask not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for EVs

Government will likely lessen support for 'dirty' electric vehicles

By H. Sterling Burnett



Electric vehicles (EVs) have been all the rage among politicians since at least President Obama's first term in office, but they've never really caught on among the unwashed masses.



Average folks with jobs, shopping to do, errands to run and kids to transport actually want their cars to deliver them to their destinations in a timely manner while toting everything and everyone they might want to carry or tow, without blowing up while parked or burning down their residences in the process.

In truth, EVs had been tried and rejected before, largely due to the same problems they still have: range anxiety and cost issues.

The first electric vehicle, a locomotive, was tested in 1837, nearly 60 years before the first vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine (ICE) entered service. Electric locomotives couldn't compete with steam engines fueled by coal. The first rechargeable batteries were created in 1859, but EVs still couldn't compete. Electric cars pre-existed the first gasoline and diesel-powered private vehicles, all without government support, subsidies, or tax credits, by the way, but they couldn't compete. They still can't. Yet now, in a vain quest to manage the climate, the government is putting its thumb on the scale to mandate or incentivize them with various types of support and regulations.

Electric vehicles are generally much more expensive than their relatively comparable ICE counterparts, which explains why most EVs are sold to people in the top two income brackets, making the tax credits and other government support no more than welfare for the well-to-do and politically connected crony-capitalists.

But, even with support, the chickens seem to be coming home to roost. The top-selling EV maker's stock, Tesla, is in freefall, and its declining dividends reflect that. EV rival Rivian is laying off workers as its stock has fallen dramatically on losses topping \$1.5 billion. Another early EV entrant, Fisker, which has already gone through one bankruptcy, now may be lurching toward its second, as its value has fallen to the penny-stock level. As EV inventories mount, Ford and GM, both of which announced billions in losses on their EVs, have reduced production lines and cut sales and production outlooks.

Also, after spending billions of dollars on various EV efforts, Apple has canceled all of its EV projects. It leads one to ask, if one of the most profitable, well-funded corporations in the world can't make an effective EV and make it go mainstream, who can?

Increasingly, even the mainstream media are being forced to acknowledge the numerous drawbacks of EVs – vehicles they have so breathlessly and brazenly promoted as a critical step to preventing climate catastrophe. The child and slave labor EV technologies are built upon is becoming harder and harder to ignore, as is the environmental destruction caused by the mining of the minerals necessary for EVs to function.

A simple Google word search of "electric vehicles" and "fires" or "electric bus" and "fires," will turn up dozens, if not hundreds or stories, detailing how EV cars, scooters and, increasingly, buses are spontaneously combusting, destroying property and killing people in the process. Some insurers are ceasing to offer insurance on EV products or to those who store or transport them.

If electric vehicles had been pushed by automakers in the 1960s and 1970s, consumer advocate Ralph Nader would have had a fit and declared them "unsafe at no speed." For safety reasons, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, or other agencies, would have almost certainly forced EV makers to remove them from the market – as opposed to promoting them as they are doing now.

In addition, because EVs are so much heavier than ICE vehicles, they actually emit more pollutants and inflict much more damage to infrastructure than gasoline-powered vehicles.

From pollution during mining and manufacturing, to pollution during operation, to pollution related to charging (depending upon the source of electricity), the evidence suggests that EVs are dirtier than the ICE vehicles they are

supposed to be replacing on the grounds that they are better for the environment.

You can't make these things up. Well, you could, but who would believe you?

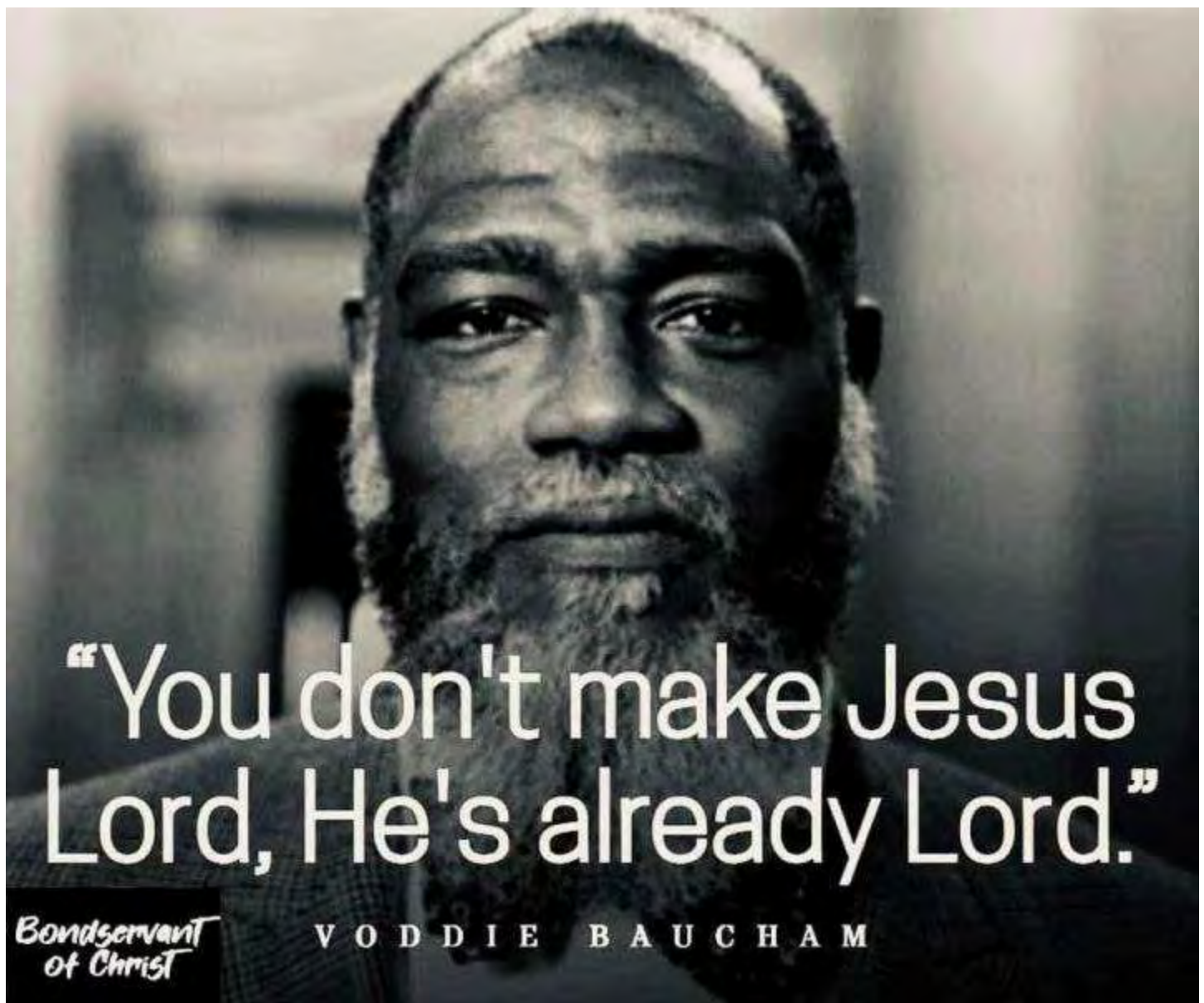
The U.S. government never should have intervened in the market to promote EVs. There is no evidence we face a climate crisis outside of elites' dogmatic rantings and the outputs of flawed computer models, and even less evidence that if there were a crisis, EVs would prevent it, rather than making the problem worse.

The question is not if the bell should toll calling an end to the government's promotion of EVs, but how soon will it

happen. With any luck, if not before, the coming election could prove to be a turning point

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: EVs make no sense. They never have. I suppose that explains why the government seems to love them so much!



Growing movement hopes to disenfranchise small-state voters

Decries National Popular Vote Interstate Compact that disempowers Electoral College

By Laura Hollis



The structure of the American government was designed by the founders to prevent raw majoritarianism: the three branches of government and their checks and balances, the allocation of power between the state and federal governments, constitutional limits on the federal government's power, the differing composition of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and the Electoral College.



Leftists are doing everything they can to eliminate these safeguards and create a system where a bare majority will control every level of political power. The Electoral College is a particular target of their vitriol and machinations.

The U.S. Constitution provides that the president of the United States is elected not by a popular vote of the people but by the states. Each state has electors, the number of which is equal to the number of representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives (which is determined by the state's population, established every 10 years in the census). After a presidential election, each state's electors cast their votes for the candidate who has won a majority of the state's votes. (All but two states have a "winner-take-all" electoral vote system; Maine and Nebraska allocate electors roughly proportionately.) In theory, members of the Electoral College have the power to cast their votes for whichever candidate they choose. (And there have been loud calls for them to do so, in 2016 and again in 2020.) In practice, however, they have abided by the decision of the voters in their state.

The objection to the Electoral College arises largely from the fact that the victor in a presidential election can win despite losing the "popular vote," as has happened five times in U.S. history, including the 2000 and 2016

elections. This is pitched as some kind of grave injustice. But the Electoral College was designed precisely to protect and preserve the votes and voices of smaller, rural, less populated states.

Opponents of the Electoral College also claim it was put in place to protect slavery. But a quick review of history disproves that. The Constitution was adopted in 1789. In 1790, at the time of the first census, the states in ascending order of population were Southwest Territory, Delaware, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Georgia, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, South Carolina, New York, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Of the 17 then-existing states, slave states were four of the top six *most* populous. Virginia alone held almost 20% of the country's entire population. By contrast, the bottom nine least populated states – including New York – were free states.

In other words, at the time it was created, the Electoral College protected the voting rights of less populated *free* states vis-a-vis the votes of the larger states where slavery was practiced.

Eliminating the Electoral College altogether would require a constitutional amendment, a process requiring either a convention of the states or passage by a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress followed by ratification by three-quarters of all state legislatures (38 out of 50 at present).

However, those trying to change the method of electing the president have found another way: the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which was launched in 2006. States join the NPVIC by passing legislation by which they agree to allocate their Electoral College votes to the presidential candidate who receives the largest percentage of the *popular vote* – even if that is not the one a majority of the state's own voters have chosen.

This week, Maine became the 17th state to pass legislation joining the NPVIC. (The District of Columbia has also passed legislation joining.) At this writing, the compact has 209 of the 270 votes needed to trigger its application in a presidential election.

The legislatures that have passed NPVIC legislation have effectively disenfranchised their own citizens, who should be irate that their votes will be cast aside because of what has transpired in other states.

There are additional reasons to oppose the NPVIC.

President Joe Biden signed an executive order in 2021 ordering the U.S. Census Bureau to count all U.S. residents – including illegal immigrants – as part of the census. Since that time, at least 10 million people have crossed the border illegally – more than the populations of 40 states. Huge numbers of these have landed in California, New York and Illinois, bloating their population figures for both congressional representation and Electoral College purposes. California, Illinois and New York (all of which have joined the NPVIC) have 101 Electoral College votes just between the three of them. They are also in the top 10 states with the highest number of illegal immigrants.

This explains Democrats' push to make all illegal immigrants citizens and give them voting rights. That, coupled with the NPVIC, would give the most populous states de facto control over presidential elections. A handful of states should not be able to decide the election of the president of all 50, particularly when they have padded their population via illegal immigration. Claims that the Electoral College "undermines democracy" are either ignorant or deliberately misleading. The United

States is not a "democracy"; it is a constitutional republic. And it is not merely a country; it is also a federation of 50 semi-sovereign states, each of which has citizens.

NPVIC advocates, along with those who want to abolish the Electoral College outright and change the composition of the U.S. Senate, are pushing us toward a situation where a majority of states will nevertheless be home to a permanent, politically disenfranchised minority.

That is not a prescription for "fairness" or "unity." It is a path to balkanization, calls for secession – or worse.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: The "tyranny of the majority" is a real thing. Democracy truly is the "god that failed." We don't need more of it. We need to eliminate it! Abolishing the Electoral College will take a very bad situation and make it far worse. Truth is, amerika is beyond fixing!



Voir Dire, Jury Nullification, Dred Scott & Donald Trump

By L. Reichard White

One of the strongest protections against run-away government was crafted into the *Constitution* of the *American Republic* by founder *James Madison*. It was trial by a jury of twelve of your **randomly chosen** peers.

The strength of this protection is seriously underrated. Since conviction requires unanimous agreement by the jury, any one of the twelve jurors can block any prosecution by simply voting “*not guilty*.” They can do this based not only on the asserted guilt or innocence of the defendant, but on the validity and acceptability of the law itself.

This is called “*Jury Nullification*” and was widely understood, accepted, and regularly used until around the time of the *Dred Scott Decision*.

IF randomly chosen, a jury of twelve peers protects any minority with more than 8% of the population because odds are that one of those **randomly chosen** jurors will be a member of that minority.

Further, *Jury Nullification* serves to block legislatures and especially the enforcement apparatus from engaging in questionable legal adventures, knowing that the 12th nullifying juror is waiting out in the hall. This helped keep the whole system straight and nipped bad, stupid, and unpopular legislation (and prosecutorial shenanigans) in the bud. No sense in spending all that time and money on something a jury will likely cancel.

For a twisted example, in *Special Prosecutor Robert K. Hur*’s white-wash of *Joe Biden*’s massive illegal Afghanistan records retention, he declined to prosecute because, he concluded,

“...at trial, Mr. Biden would likely present himself to a jury, as he did during our interview of him, as a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory. Based on our direct interactions with and observations of him, he is someone for whom many jurors will want to identify reasonable doubt.”

Especially in cases of bad, stupid, and unpopular legislation — and/or prosecutorial shenanigans — defense lawyers would argue dismissal of charges based on those aspects of the case rather than on guilt or innocence.

The *Dred Scott Decision*? Southern slave owners were frustrated because as a result of *Jury Nullification*, most **randomly chosen** northern juries would have at least one “*not guilty*” vote, thus refusing to return an escaped slave, even if the owner proved beyond the shadow of a doubt he “owned” the slave in question.

To satisfy the slave owners, northern courts developed “*Voire Dire*” which doesn’t exist in *British Common Law* which was the model our own *James Madison* used to craft *Trial by Jury*. “*Voire Dire*” amounts to official jury tampering because during that process, the judge will now always ask the jury pool something like, “*Would you have a problem voting ‘guilty’ if you were convinced that Jill Defendant was guilty of the crime charged? If so, raise your hand.*”

All potential jurors who raise their hands are summarily dismissed from jury duty. Thus juries are no longer **randomly chosen** and are instead, inherently biased in favor of *The System*. This has pretty much snuffed-out *Jury Nullification*.

With *Voire Dire*, the system could now empanel a jury which would return *Dred Scott* to his “owner,” and in fact, a jury which can now convict anyone of anything. Being bald or failing to genuflect correctly for example — or failing to wear your *Star of David*.

You might of course, fail to raise your hand. And you are not obliged to pay any attention to the judge’s jury instructions. You might not want to tell the other jurors, however, because the system has a deathly fear of *Jury Nullification*.

And then, further poisoning the credibility of the justice system, there’s so-called *law-fare* (war-fare using the “justice” system and courts) that’s finally been caught in the headlights, especially with the mostly ludicrous and hollow quasi-legal 2023 A.D. and 2024 prosecutorial shenanigans and attacks on *Donald Trump* and his supporters.

Winning, not justice, has long been the goal of the modern justice apparatus. Unfortunately, that’s now come out of the closet big-time with the unsavory and incredible statutes dredged-up in the stampede to stop Trump at all costs.

With approximately 40,000 new laws on the books every year, *law-fare*, with Russian Dictator *Joseph Stalin*’s quip — “*Show me the man and I’ll show you the crime*” as the guideline — is now a slam-dunk.

They won’t be able to stuff that genie back in the closet.

It seems with Trump, the “Justice” machine has gotten a bit more subtle with its *Voire Dire*. According to dismissed juror Kara McGee,

“One [of the questions] is: Do you have opinions about the ability for a former sitting president to be

tried in a court of law? Which I think the way people answered that showed how they felt about case,” she said. “The other one was: Do you have any opinions about legal limits for campaign finance donation amounts? Which I believe was another one that was kinda meant to gauge feelings about the particular case,” she added.

- “Excused Juror Reveals Selection Process For Trump’s ‘Hush-Money’ Trial: ‘All Have Prior Opinions’” (ZeroHedge)

If *Jury Nullification* hadn’t been snuffed by the invention of *Voir Dire* to return escaped slaves to their “owners” —

and defense lawyers were able to argue the legitimacy of the law and the case as well as the facts of the case — would Trump even be in court? What do you think?

Does this give you any ideas for when you’re called for jury duty?

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: There is no justice in the amerikan “justice system.” Not for anyone.

WILX/Gray News

School district implements lesson plan for elementary students about pronouns

DeWitt Public Schools is introducing a new lesson plan exploring pronouns through discussion and literature.

By DeAnna Giles and Emily Van de Riet

A public school district in Michigan is planning on teaching elementary students about pronouns in an effort to help all students feel understood and included.

The new lesson plan in DeWitt Public Schools will explore pronouns through discussion and literature.

A statement from district superintendent Dr. Shanna Spickard reads:

“This lesson is to emphasize the importance of inclusivity, which is a core value of the district. The mini-lesson is not designed to challenge or alter family beliefs, instead, it aims to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment.”

However, the lesson plan is sparking debate across the community with opposing views from parents.

Brandi Strahan, a parent whose kids attend DeWitt Elementary Schools, said she believes elementary school is too young for a discussion about pronouns.

“They don’t need to learn, you know, about anything that’s personal or sexualized or, you know, gender-specific, at five years old,” Strahan said. “Those are my babies, and that’s my right and my husband’s right.”

She continued, “They don’t know who they are yet. They’re still growing. They don’t know anything other than love.”

On the other hand, a former DeWitt parent said she likes the idea of the new lesson plan, saying it would have helped her child in the past.

The parent, identified only as Janna, said her son may have been better understood by his peers growing up if there had been school lessons about pronouns and gender identity.

“When my kid was young, I thought [gender nonconformity] was just a phase,” Janna said. “I thought everybody was doing it, and I thought it was the new hip thing until my kid tried taking his life because he wasn’t understood and wasn’t accepted.”

Janna said ultimately, she hopes the lesson would help every child feel accepted.

“Even if people don’t understand it, it’s all about inclusion and, you know, making every kid feel safe and welcome in any district,” she said.

In the letter sent to parents by the DeWitt School District, the lesson will start in the coming weeks. Parents have until Thursday to opt their kids out of the lesson or to request a more in-depth look at the lesson plan.

Pastor Wilson’s Comment: The ONLY solution is to get you kids out of the government’s schools!!!



Detransitioner wants punitive damages from pushers of transgenderism

'Must pay for egregious, intentional disregard for medical ethics'

By Bob Unruh



Chloe Cole, a detransitioner who is in court in a case against the doctors who pushed her and her parents into a radical chemical regime and mutilating surgery when she was young, now is charging that there is evidence of malice, oppression and fraud by the doctors who "treated" her.



Chloe Cole

And she wants a court judgment of punitive damages against them.

The transgender ideology has exploded in popularity amid the term-long promotions by Joe Biden, who has made it one of his legacy goals.

But along with that has come a higher awareness of the lies being told to gender dysphoric children, the promises made them and the industry that surrounds their lifelong treatments.

"Medical professionals who peddle falsehoods and conceal research in order to mutilate young girls must pay for their egregious, intentional disregard for medical ethics," explained Harmeet Dhillon, CEO and founder of the Center for American Liberty. "The pursuit of punitive

damages is the pursuit of sufficient accountability for malpractice and true justice for Chloe. This critical measure is an important step towards ensuring no more children will be forced down the path of dangerous surgeries and drugs by the activist medical establishment."

The request for punitive damages was announced by the Dhillon Law Group, LeMandri & Jonna LLP and the Center for American Liberty.

They have submitted a motion seeking leave to add a claim for punitive damages in Cole's complaint that names as defendants Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and the individual doctors "who fraudulently coerced her into a medical gender transition when she was 13-17 years old."

She is charging they "deliberately and maliciously misled" her and her parents to coerce her into "gender-affirming" ideology.

"While medical professionals around the world wake up to the atrocities committed against children, the 'doctors' that destroyed my childhood continue to lean into their sick experiments," Cole charged. "It is clear these butchers will not stop until they pay for what they have done. This is the next step in holding them accountable."

The announcement said the evidence of malice, oppression and fraud is based on her "treatment" but also on analysis from experts such as Robin Dea, M.D., former chair of the Chiefs of Psychiatry and Regional Director of Mental Health Services at Kaiser.

"Chloe's case mirrors a disturbing trend among troubled teenage girls, highlighting the urgent need to halt this harmful practice," said Charles LiMandri, partner at LiMandri & Jonna. "Imposing punitive damages is crucial to dissuading gender ideologues, like the Kaiser defendants, from continuing their cruel experimentation on children. Chloe's motion for punitive damages, backed by expert testimony and supported by California law, is a vital step in seeking justice and deterring such reprehensible conduct."

Cole suffered from "multiple mental health co-morbidities" as a young girl.

"When she was 12 years old, she expressed a perceived psychological issue 'gender dysphoria.' Under defendants' advice and supervision, between 13-17 years-old, Chole underwent harmful transgender interventions, specifically, puberty blockers, off-label cross-sex hormone injections, and a double mastectomy to transition to a male identity."

But she and her parents never were told of "less invasive psychiatric treatment" or any other approach "that attempted to treat the underlying psychological conditions" producing her mental state at the time.

Further, the physicians pushing her into transitioning "made no attempt to convey and impress upon Chloe the gravity of the life-long and devastating decision that she was making. They falsely represented to Chloe that her symptoms would never resolve unless she transitioned and that she was at a high risk of suicide."

WND previously reported on Cole's case that Instagram had restricted her statements, claiming she was encouraging violence by relating the facts of her own treatment.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: My confidence in american medicine -- across the board -- has greatly declined over the years. It is now at whatever you call that region that below ZERO. As Dr. Paul Merik warns: "My advice to you: don't get sick, don't go to the hospital, because they're going to kill you. . . . The medical system will kill you." We must hold them accountable!

Newsmax

W. Va. Girls Refuse to Compete Against Trans Athlete

By Jim Morley



Several girls staged a "step out" protest and refused to compete Thursday in Bridgeport, West Virginia, at a middle school girl's track and field event due to the participation of a transgender athlete.



The protest at Bridgeport Middle School came just days after a federal appeals court ruled in favor of a transgender teenager who sued West Virginia over the state's law barring biological boys from competing in girls' sports. A video posted on X shows five girls watching the athlete in question participating in the shot put competition.

Several members of the Lincoln Middle School track and field team "stepped in" when their name was called and then "stepped out" without throwing the shot to protest the event.

Women's sports advocate Riley Gaines posted her support of the girls saying, "It's a sad day when 13-14yr old girls have to be the adults in the room, but I couldn't be more inspired by and proud of these girls. Enough is enough. Tide is turning."

On Tuesday, the Fourth Circuit Court ruled 2-1 in favor of Becky Pepper-Jackson, 13, who was represented by Joshua Block, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"This is a tremendous victory for our client, transgender West Virginians, and the freedom of all youth to play as who they are," Block said in a statement. "It also continues a string of federal courts ruling against bans on the participation of transgender athletes and in favor of their equal participation as the gender they know themselves to be. This case is fundamentally about the equality of transgender youth in our schools and our communities and we're thankful the Fourth Circuit agreed."

According to one of the girls who protested, the transgender athlete won the shot put event during the Championships, Outkick reported.

James Morley is a writer and executive producer.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: How can we justify treating young ladies in such a manner?

Dumb is the new smart: The rise of the Idiocracy

In today's academia, stupidity appears to be a requirement

By Ed Thompson



Smartism is the absurd idea that smart is bad. The bias against intelligence is exemplified by vacuous celebrities spouting on serious subjects and social media influencers on Instagram and YouTube who get rich by vomiting out useless drivel. One would think that dumb as the new smart reached rock bottom with TikTok. But then there's "The View."



Social discourse has always included silly fads. Remember Cabbage Patch dolls, Pet Rocks and the entire 1980s? But when the lack of intelligence reaches the top of our institutions and government it is time to sit up and take notice.

You thought only the best and brightest reach the top? Think again. The current academic climate nearly mandates stupidity to get anywhere. A couple scholars decided to test that theory by writing an academic paper about the most ridiculous social theory they could invent. They included trendy woke words and phrases, even though it was all nonsense. Naturally, it got peer reviewed, approved and published. They repeated the experiment 20 times, inventing outlandish ideas. Seven got approved before they went public.

The drive toward Idiocracy rolled on with the recent announcement that the serial plagiarist and shamed former president of Harvard, who couldn't bring herself to condemn genocide, would retain her lucrative teaching position and now teach a class on research and ethics at Harvard. Apparently, genocidal plagiarists are welcome at Harvard.

Entrance tests for college may become a thing of the white-privileged past. Apparently, passing tests is all part of the white supremacy plot, whatever that is. Never mind that the non-white Asian demographic crushed the SATs

so well that top schools deliberately skewed acceptance away from them to achieve what they laughingly call fairness.

The latest doomed social engineering for lower education includes canceling Algebra for being somehow oppressive. The whole transgender push in grade schools is bereft of any grounded science. The surgeries are barbaric. The medical establishment endorsement speaks only to the low-IQ bar in that field.

With DEI and blatant white hatred masquerading as tolerance, we have veered so far from competence and achievement as a sensible goal that we might as well hold blind lotteries to choose everything.

Everywhere you look you can see the rise of Idiocracy. For years we heard Anthony Fauci talk in circles about COVID-19 while telling us he is science. Little of what he said turned out to be true. Remember "safe and effective"?

Science was once a world of rigorous and unbiased research, a place where heated debate was normal, and where any idea had to stand up to an onslaught of intelligent challenges before finally being accepted. Now sloppy and slanted research, character assassination and censorship rule the day. Take climate change. Consensus science, right? Sure, if you fire, invalidate and censor all the scientists who disagree, you do get "consensus."

Intelligence experts railed about Russia and Trump working for Putin right up until the inconvenient facts proved them to be liars and fools. Now our schools are pumping out low-reasoning useful idiots to fill the government ranks.

The media followed suit, winning Pulitzer prizes for Russia stories they got completely wrong. MSM talking heads parrot regime talking points in unison like mindless robots, idiocy from millionaires pretending to be journalists and the so-called experts they interview. There once was a time when getting the story wrong had consequences. And lying ended careers. Now you get promotions and a pay raise. In that environment could you expect anything but Idiocracy?

Now we revere AI digital brains, supposedly smarter than us all, that are so wokified they cannot show a Founding Father without making him a person of color in a mind-numbing homage to DEI. But I suppose, if we keep dumbing down the citizens, AI will be the smartest thing in the room.

The latest DEI move is to eliminate the LSAT for law school altogether. These tests help ensure that at least some intelligence is necessary to become lawyers and judges. But tests are so judgmental. Experts assure us that with AI to do all the heavy legal thinking, third grade skills are all that are required of lawyers. Why think? That's for Luddites. And because judges are expected to be social justice warriors that rule according to current woke principles, that will not be problem. Everything they need will be available on TikTok and WhatsApp.

As to current judges, well, don't ask one to define a woman. The newest Supreme Court justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, thought she needed a biology degree to speak on such lofty intellectual matters. Other candidates for judgeships flamed out when they couldn't answer the simplest constitutional questions, but some got approved anyway. Apparently, being well-versed in social justice and anti-racist DEI rhetoric makes one plenty qualified to reinterpret our laws.

When the World Economic Forum's "you will own nothing and be happy" goal was revealed, something was left out. It should have been, "you will own nothing, be stupid, and be happy."

I appreciate real experts. I know quite a few genuinely smart people who know their field. But when experts are no brighter than the kids who keep trying to jam a square peg into a round hole, it's time to face facts. They are not experts. When an expert tells you it is complicated and

you wouldn't understand, run. As a genius once said, if you can't explain your idea to a child, then it is you who don't understand it.

With smart people becoming persona non grata we can look forward to more leaders like stumbling, mumbling Joe Biden and grade school genius Kamala Harris manning our highest government positions. And don't forget the health expert trans admiral, Rachel Levine.

I wonder what foreign leaders think when they see and hear what we offer on the world stage. Do they shake their heads? Laugh behind our backs? Maybe. But, then again, maybe not. Perhaps too many of them are already members of the Idiocracy.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Insanity, or at least stupidity, now appears to be an asset! – A requirement for advancement!

“Clever people ignore politics. You should get out of the house, stop worrying too much about the lunatics running the asylum, and instead admire nature. That’s what I’m doing.”

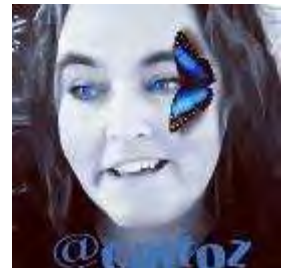
~ Joakim Book, Mises Institute



“A senior US Air Force leader and whistleblower has informed Congress that the US is refusing to pull its military forces from Niger despite being told to do so by the new Nigerien government, and that refusing to withdraw troops from a nation where they aren’t wanted is putting them at risk. Which means we’ve got yet another illegal US military occupation on our hands.”

~ Caitlin Johnstone

(with whom I *sometimes* agree ~ Pastor Wilson)



Trump Looks to Pull LGBT Voters Away From Biden

Big Tech's role in elections

By Jeffrey Rodack



Former President Donald Trump is looking to take LGBT voters away from President Joe Biden before the general election, the Washington Examiner reported.

Former first lady Melania Trump on Saturday is set to host a fundraiser with the Log Cabin Republicans, which says it's "the nation's largest Republican organization dedicated to representing LGBT conservatives and allies."

"For more than 40 years, we have promoted the fight for equality through our state and local chapters, our full-time office in Washington, D.C., and our federal and state political action committees," the group says on its website.

Ric Grenell, former ambassador to Germany, also will appear at the fundraiser. Grenell is the first openly gay person to serve in a Cabinet-level position, according to the Examiner.

The Examiner noted that LGBT voters made up about 7% of the the electorate in the 2020 general election. The Examiner said 93% of the demographic voted that year.

The demographic now comprises 8% of the adult population, while more than 20% of people in Generation Z identify as LGBT.

About 14% of gay votes went to Trump in 2020, more than double in 2016, the Examiner reported.



Charles Moran, president of the Long Cabin group, said he believes Trump can significantly increase LGBT voters this year. Moran cited Trump's appointment of Grenell, Trump's 2019 commitments to end the HIV epidemic, and a global push to end the criminalization of homosexuality.

"The mainstream media and even the gay media doesn't report on this now because there's this narrative that exists that Donald Trump is anti-gay," Moran said.

He added that Trump was the first president to support gay marriage before being sworn into office.

"Let's not forget to look at who Donald Trump is as an individual. This is a man who has a long history — philanthropically, businesswise, and politically — supporting LGBT inclusion," Moran said. "He talks publicly about how he went to Studio 54 back in the day, and how he had a lot of gay friends in New York social circles, and in the '80s, he had a lot of friends that died because of HIV/AIDS."

A poll of 600 LGBT voters found that 54% said they will vote or are leaning in favor of Biden; 28% said they "definitely" plan or are leaning toward voting for Trump.

"LGBTQ+ voters are a force to be reckoned with. They were critical to our victory in 2020, and they will be critical to winning again this November," Biden campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez said in a statement.

"Donald Trump and his extremist allies are running to gut LGBTQ+ rights and erase history as their top priorities. LGBTQ+ Americans deserve leaders who will fight for every American's freedom and dignity. That's what President Biden and Vice President Harris have done throughout their time in office, and what they will do if reelected, including pressing Congress to pass the Equality Act."

Jeffrey Rodack, who has nearly a half century in news as a senior editor and city editor for national and local publications, has covered politics for Newsmax for nearly seven years.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: The reprobate, liberal, New York yankee, Donald J. Trump thinks that you ignorant "evangelicals" have no other option than voting for him -- so he panders to perverts!!! HOW ABOUT MAINTAINING YOUR INTEGRITY AND NOT VOTING AT ALL??????

Biden funded both sides of growing Israel-Iran faceoff

'Disastrous foreign policy'

By Jake Smith



The Biden administration has been a major benefactor for Israel and Iran, two countries that have launched direct attacks against each other in recent weeks.

Israel launched a series of strikes against targets near central Iran Friday morning local time, in retaliation for Iran's missile and drone attack against Israel days prior, which was largely unsuccessful. Israel has received billions in military aid from the Biden administration both before and after Oct. 7 — the day Hamas invaded the country and killed nearly 1,200 people — but Iran has also financially and militarily benefitted from the Biden administration's policies prior to its direct conflict with Israel.

Israel has received over 100 military aid packages from the U.S. since Oct. 7, though only two crossed a value threshold that required public notification, which totaled roughly \$250 million. This includes artillery shells, rockets, bombs and precision munitions; the Biden administration is asking for an additional \$14.3 billion in aid for Israel from Congress as part of a larger supplemental request for aid to Ukraine and the Indo-Pacific.

Military aid to Israel may be in jeopardy, however, as the Biden administration has warned that its policies will change if Israel does not change its strategy against Hamas in Gaza.

"It looks increasingly like Biden won't be funding both sides if some Democrats looking to cut off military support to Israel get their way," Mark Dubowitz, CEO of the Foundation of Defense for Democracies, told the Daily Caller News Foundation. "Iran has financially benefitted from the Biden administration through a \$6 billion ransom payment, \$10 billion sanctions waiver and tens of billions



in oil revenues because of the absence of sanctions enforcement."

As the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, Iran is heavily sanctioned by the U.S. and international community, specifically in its lucrative oil and energy sectors. The Biden administration hasn't formally rolled back sanctions against Iran's oil exports, but has chosen not to enforce them as strictly as the former Trump administration; as of September 2023, Biden's Homeland Security Investigations had not seized an Iranian oil shipment in over a year, despite such actions being the agency's chief responsibility.

The Biden administration has also directly unlocked funds for Iran. In a deal brokered in September 2023, the Biden administration unfroze \$6 billion in Iranian assets in exchange for five American prisoners who were being held in Iran.

Though the Biden administration maintained that the \$6 billion it unfroze for the five American prisoners could only be used for "humanitarian purposes," such as food or medicine, experts previously told the DCF that it did not matter because money is fungible; Iran could free up \$6 billion in unrestricted funds it already had in its reserves.

"Of course the money is fungible, and the administration hasn't given any discernible reason why it isn't," Michael Bars, former White House senior communications advisor and National Security Council official, told the DCF.

Tehran said that regardless of the Biden administration's terms, it would use the money "wherever" it wanted. "This money belongs to the Iranian people, the Iranian government, so the Islamic Republic of Iran will decide what to do with this money," Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said during a September interview with NBC.

"Biden's disastrous foreign policy has emboldened the Iranian regime by easing President Trump's 'maximum pressure' sanctions that left Iran broke," Bars told the DCF. "Iran's unprecedented attack on Israel was catalyzed after months of Biden-Blinken hand-wringing and threats of slowing or pausing arms transfers to Israel, which have clearly impeded the U.S. ally's ability to counterstrike Hamas when and how it would prefer."

Iran's oil exports have hit the highest level seen in six years, exporting nearly 1.8 million barrels of oil a day and raking in an estimated \$35 billion for Tehran in 2023, according to the Financial Times and FDD. Iran has

drawn in over \$100 billion in oil exports since President Joe Biden took office in 2021.

Under the former Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign, Iran only exported nearly 400,000 barrels of oil per day.

"The question for the Biden administration is whether they have any incentive to utilize the sanctions architecture that the Trump administration used to take down Iran exports," Helima Croft, global head of commodity strategy at RBC Capital Markets, told FT.

The Biden administration has also allowed Tehran continued access to \$10 billion in previously frozen Iranian electricity revenues from Iraq, most recently renewing the access in March. Though the policy was first instituted in 2018, the Biden administration allowed the funds to be transferred to a bank in Oman to be dispensed to Iran.

"This is not the same waiver for Iraqi electricity imports that has been issued since 2018," Richard Goldberg, senior advisor at FDD, said in a statement on Wednesday. "This is an Iran sanctions relief waiver that allows Tehran to access money and use it for budget support, including debt payments and import subsidies. That was not allowed prior to last summer."

On a military front, Iran was able to resume its ballistic missile and drone testing programs ten days following the Oct. 7 attack after the Biden administration allowed United Nations sanctions against the programs to expire. Tehran was also allowed to start transferring weapons to other nations, including Russia, which has profited from Iranian drones in its ongoing war against Ukraine.

In light of Iran's recent actions in the Middle East and direct attacks against Israel, the Biden administration is preparing new rounds of sanctions against Iran's missile and drone programs and its oil exports.

When asked repeatedly what Biden's message is toward Iran if the country is considering attacking Israeli or U.S. forces, Biden often answers with one word: "Don't." Biden pressured Israel not to respond ahead of the strikes against Iran on Thursday, even as the threat from Tehran and its neighboring terror proxies pose a constant and evolving threat. It is still unclear how Iran will respond to Israel's strikes.

"Tehran is pleased that Biden's 'Don't,' a warning ignored by Iran, is now being directed against Israel," Dubowitz told the DCNF. "Those Western countries insisting that Israel's air defenses are sufficient to rebuff Iranian ambitions forget that while the Israelis share our liberal democratic order, they do so in a tough and merciless neighborhood."

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Well, Biden is certainly worthy of blame, but this has pretty much been american foreign policy for at least a century. It's good for business – the arms business! Funding BOTH sides of a conflict doubles your money and doubles your fun – sorta' like the old Doublemint gum commercials!



NYC high school soccer game canceled after group of about 30 migrants refuse to leave the field — even after cops showed up

By Deirdre Bardolf

A high school soccer game at a public field in East Harlem was canceled after a group of migrants refused to leave the pitch so the kids could play.

“I directly asked them to leave and some of them kind of took it into consideration, but then four or five of them said, ‘You know what, f—k it, we don’t have to leave, we can do whatever we want,’” said Erik Johansson, the coach of the Manhattan Kickers 17-year-old boys travel team.

About 40 boys from both teams showed up on Sunday, April 14 at Thomas Jefferson Park for the 5 p.m. match.

The Kickers were set to face off against FA Euro New York.



But a group of about 30 men who appeared to be African migrants and spoke little English, wouldn’t leave — even when the cops showed up.

To resolve the conflict, the cops asked to see a copy of the club team’s city permit.

“When you show up with two teams in uniform, a ref and two coaches, usually nobody is asking to see your permit,” said Johansson.

By the time Johansson’s assistant was able to forward a copy of the Kickers’ permit, the game had been delayed 30 minutes and the teams didn’t feel safe.

“Even when the game is over, you don’t know if they’re waiting for you, so even if the cops kicked them out, it may not be over. So we just all agreed, this is too dangerous,” Johansson said.



A soccer match between two club teams was canceled last week when a group of supposed migrants refused to leave the field.



Weekends at Thomas Jefferson Park are busy with permitted teams and other groups competing for field time.

In his home country of Sweden — which saw a massive influx of migrants in recent years — the clashes on the pitch were all too common.

“I have seen this before, I know how bad it can get,” he said.

Parents told him they were rattled by the incident, and don’t want to play at the field anymore. Johansson said they don’t plan to return.



Travel teams in the city struggle to find available field space, according to parents and coaches.



Randall's Island, which sits on the other side of the Harlem River opposite Thomas Jefferson Park, was converted into shelter space for 2,000 migrants last year at the expense of the popular youth soccer fields.

At other fields, like in East River Park, they don't have these issues — but field space in the city is limited and they take what they can get.

"It's so frustrating that the guys who refused to follow the rules won," Maud Maron, a SoHo mom whose son plays on the team, told The Post.

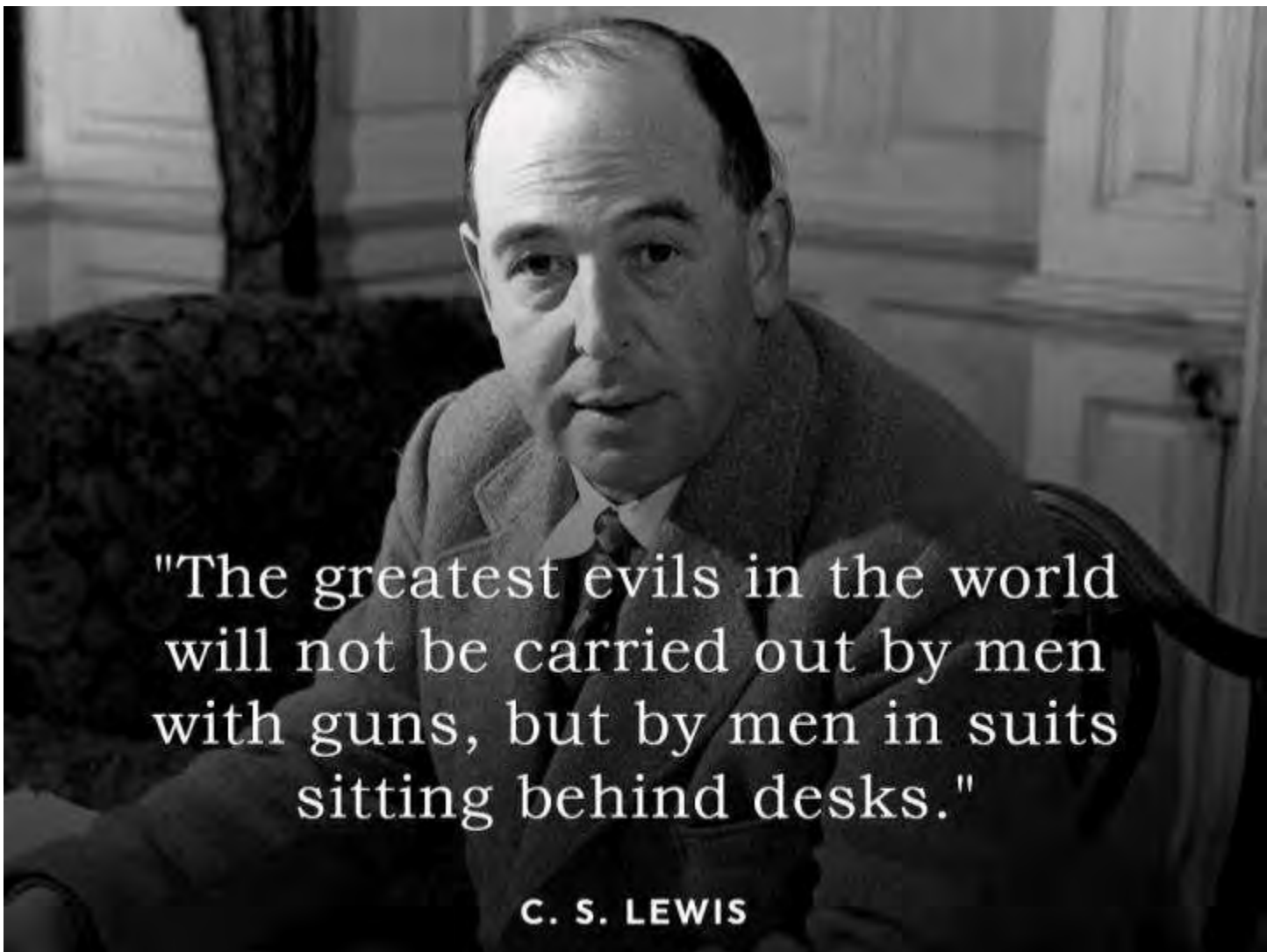
"That's the message the kids got."

She said it is a sign of the Big Apple becoming "lawless."

The East Harlem field is packed with teams competing with adults for weekend time on the turf, parkgoers said.

Randall's Island, which sits on the other side of the Harlem River, was converted into shelter space for 2,000 migrants last year at the expense of the popular youth soccer fields.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: So we've pretty much surrender america to the illegal immigrants (invaders). Is this what the country was built for??



"The greatest evils in the world
will not be carried out by men
with guns, but by men in suits
sitting behind desks."

C. S. LEWIS

FBI: Fauci Funded 'Alarming' COVID Research in Wuhan

The erosion of the American dream

By Nick Koutsobinas



Tony "The Rat" Fauci

A new COVID-19 revelation has come about via a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request released Friday.

In the FOIA, internal FBI communications show the Bureau was tipped off in April 2020 that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Fauci, had funded coronavirus gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The "alarming" nature of the FOIA draws on a paragraph in the NIAID grant's "description," which, in its original form, appears to be erased from the internet. Nonetheless, the paragraph in the FOIA mentions how a "novel" coronavirus would be engineered "to infect human cells" while leaving no trace of its lab origins — thereby misleading future researchers — in the case of a future outbreak — that the novel virus had sprung out of nature.

Judicial Watch released the five FOIA pages of internal FBI communications on Friday.

"These smoking gun documents showed the FBI quickly understood that Fauci's agency funded the gain-of-function research that could disguise the resulting coronavirus as 'natural,'" Tom Fitton, Judicial Watch President, said, according to the New York Post.



"These new documents further demonstrate the need for a comprehensive criminal investigation into Fauci's gain-of-function scandal."

On April 23, 2020, the FBI email exchange took place under the subject line "Follow up call." A person, whose name has been redacted, shared information and analysis with several officials from the FBI Newark Field Office regarding the \$661,980 grant awarded by the NIAID to EcoHealth Alliance for bat coronavirus research at the Wuhan lab.

"The reason I am writing," the unnamed individual wrote to the FBI, "is that the experimental strategy proposed in Aim 3 ('infectious clone technology'), if performed using commercial or in-house gene synthesis to prepare the infectious clones, *** would leave no signatures of purposeful human manipulation***."

"Hey are you going to be in office tomorrow?" one agent wrote in a forward of the email. "We just interviewed our person from [redacted] and he provided us with some alarming new info. Give me call if you can."

"This interesting," an unnamed agent wrote to Newark Field Office Special Agent in Charge Gregory Ehrie. "I'm following up with the squad tomorrow morning."

"Details when you can," Ehrie replied.

Emails obtained by Judicial Watch show FBI inquired into the grant for bat coronavirus at the Wuhan lab in May of 2020.

Last year, the FBI concluded that the most likely cause of the COVID-19 pandemic was an accidental lab leak.

"The FBI has, for quite some time now, assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan," FBI Director Christopher Wray stated on March 2023.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: These monsters, including Fauci – especially Fauci – are still moving about freely amongst us!

Pompeo calls for EPA to be dissolved over 'unconstitutional' overreach

Biden's war on gasoline-powered vehicles hurting American families

By Bob Unruh



Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, now senior counsel for global affairs with the American Center for Law and Justice, is calling for the Environmental Protection Agency to be dissolved.



It's because it has been "weaponized" by extremists and its newest agenda is simply to destroy the gas-powered vehicle in ways that would injure American families.

In fact, the EPA, under direction from Biden, has been imposing rules and requirements that, if followed, eventually will make owning a gas-powered vehicle prohibitively expensive.

All the while the Biden administration is demanding that taxpayers subsidize the construction and sales of electric vehicles, which have range and weather limitations that gas cars do not. And are many times more expensive.

Pompeo explained Biden has been using the office of the president "to pursue political projects at the expense of American families. His administration has foisted a radical green agenda and divisive 'DEI' programs on the American people, resulting in high inflation and government waste at every level."

Now, he explained, Biden is adopting an even more drastic agenda: "Banning gas-powered vehicles."

"Just as Barack Obama did, Biden has weaponized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to advance his political agenda at the expense of average American families. The EPA's new rules, issued just a few weeks ago, demand that car manufacturers severely cut the emissions produced by their vehicles. The EPA claims these companies can meet the new benchmark if 44% of

all new cars, SUVs, and pickup trucks are fully electric by 2030, with that percentage meant to increase through 2032. This is effectively a ban on gas-powered vehicles: As high demand for fewer and fewer new gasoline vehicles drives up prices, the foundation of American transportation – especially for families outside major cities – will become unaffordable or unavailable within the next decade. This is staggering, unconstitutional government overreach."



He pointed out electrics were only 7% of new car sales last year, mostly bought by "high earners." Fully half of the nation's battery-run cars are in California, where they continue to be a status symbol.

In real America, he said, "Farmers in particular rely on tractors, harvesters, and sprayers that require the high power and endurance of diesel engines, while the 2022 Ag Census recorded that 1.47 million farms across America owned 3.16 million semi-trucks or pickups.

"Electric vehicles could potentially be of great benefit to farmers and small businesses someday, just as gas-powered vehicles are now – but today isn't that day. That's why our federal government should allow the natural power of the free market to produce electric vehicles that can genuinely compete with gas vehicles," he charged.

And it's really more than about electric cars, he said.

"Biden's rule is really just another attack on freedom. Privately owned, gas-powered cars are central to the American way of life and will be for the foreseeable future. They provide reliable transportation that gets parents to work and kids to school at a price that is within the means of most Americans. They give families the freedom to travel together on vacations when flights are unaffordable – which they increasingly are."

Will electrics help in the future? Sure, he said.

But "the American people should have the choice to decide when, where, and how they adopt new technologies. As a free people, we – not the government – should get to decide."

Finally, he warned, Biden's "market manipulation" on the issue is set up to profit the Chinese Communist Party.

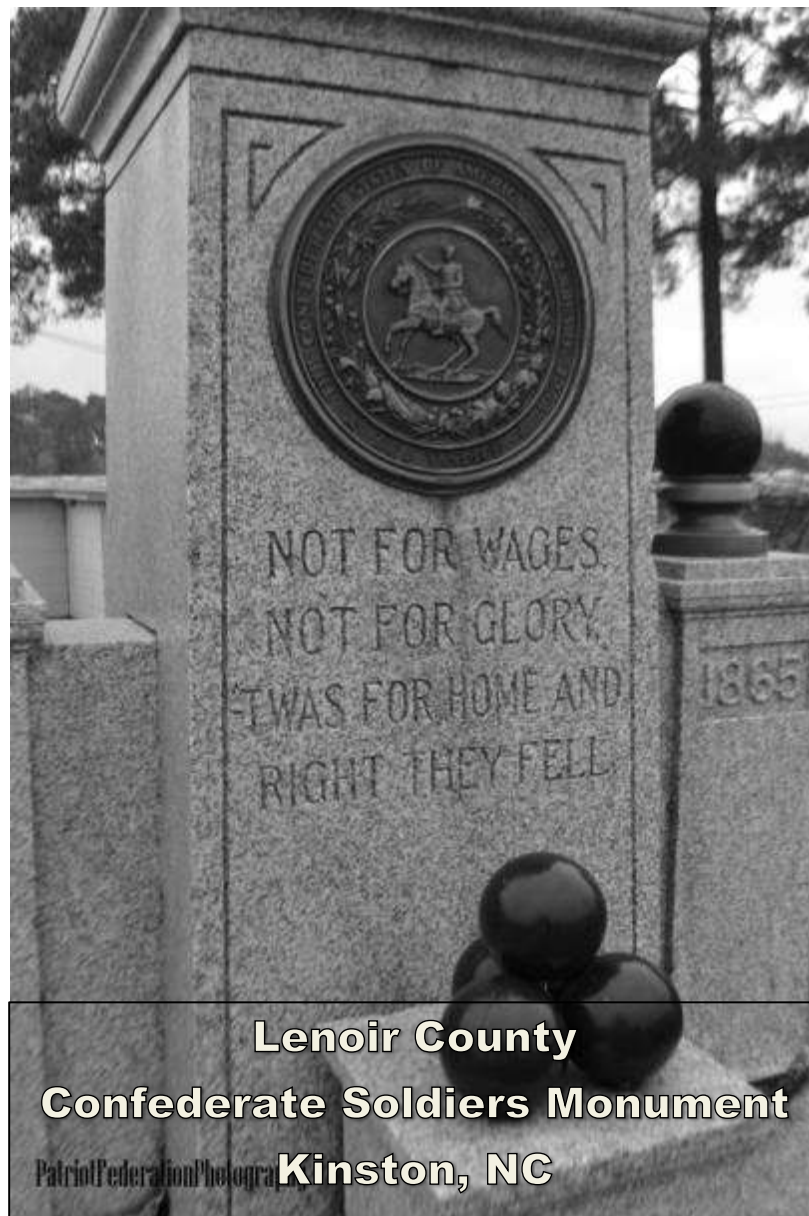
"The CCP controls nearly every stage of the electric-vehicle supply chain," he pointed out. "The Biden administration is aware of this issue, yet its solution has been characteristically ham-fisted: canceling tax credits for all cars with supply-chain connections to China – tax credits that were meant to help solve the affordability problem for American families."

He said, however, that the EPA now cannot be salvaged.

"This agency will always be weaponized by leftist extremists who are out to limit the freedoms of ordinary Americans, and we should act accordingly. The EPA should be dissolved."

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Of course the EPA should be dismantled, but don't hold your breath. And don't think for a second that a man like Pompeo is sincere in his criticism. It's all just political theater for them! It means nothing!



**Lenoir County
Confederate Soldiers Monument
Kinston, NC**

72 Types of Americans Are Considered “Potential Terrorists” in Official Government Documents

You can be considered a “potential terrorist” just because of your religious or political beliefs

By Milan Adams



Are you a conservative, a libertarian, a Christian or a gun owner? Are you opposed to abortion, globalism, Communism, illegal immigration, the United Nations or the New World Order? Do you believe in conspiracy theories, do you believe that we are living in the “end times”?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, you are a “potential terrorist” according to official U.S. government documents.

At one time, the term “terrorist” was used very narrowly. The official definition of terrorism is “The use, or threat, of force with the intention of achieving a political goal.” That makes it pretty clear what sort of people are covered, and for decades it worked well. The government applied the label “terrorist” to people like Osama bin Laden and other Islamic jihadists. But the Obama administration removed all references to Islam from terror training materials, and instead the term “terrorist” was applied to large groups of American citizens.

And if you are a “terrorist”, that means that you have **no rights** and the government can treat you just like it treats the terrorists that were being held at Guantanamo Bay. So if you belong to a group of people that is now being referred to as “potential terrorists”, please don’t take it as a joke. The first step to persecuting any group of people is to demonize them. And right now large groups of peaceful, law-abiding citizens are being ruthlessly demonized.

Below is a list of 72 types of Americans that are considered to be “extremists” and “potential terrorists” in official U.S. government documents.

1. “Those that talk about “individual liberties”

2. “Those that advocate for states’ rights

3. “Those that want “to make the world a better place”

4. “The colonists who sought to free themselves from British rule”

5. “Those that are interested in “defeating the Communists”

6. “Those that believe “that the interests of one’s own nation are separate from the interests of other nations or the common interest of all nations”

7. “Anyone that holds a “political ideology that considers the state to be unnecessary, harmful, or undesirable”

8. “Anyone that possesses an “intolerance toward other religions”

9. “Those that “take action to fight against the exploitation of the environment and/or animals”

10. “Anti-Gay”

11. “Anti-Immigrant”

12. “Anti-Muslim”

13. “The Patriot Movement”

14. “Opposition to equal rights for gays and lesbians”

15. Members of the Family Research Council

16. Members of the American Family Association

17. Those that believe that Mexico, Canada and the United States “are secretly planning to merge into a European Union-like entity that will be known as the ‘North American Union”

18. Members of the American Border Patrol/American Patrol

19. Members of the Federation for American Immigration Reform

20. Members of the Tennessee Freedom Coalition

21. Members of the Christian Action Network

22. Anyone that is “opposed to the New World Order”

23. Anyone that is engaged in “conspiracy theorizing”

24. Anyone that is opposed to Agenda 21

25. Anyone that is concerned about FEMA camps

26. Anyone that “fears impending gun control or weapons confiscations”
27. The militia movement
28. The sovereign citizen movement
29. Those that “don’t think they should have to pay taxes”
30. Anyone that “complains about bias”
31. Anyone that “believes in government conspiracies to the point of paranoia”
32. Anyone that “is frustrated with mainstream ideologies”
33. Anyone that “visits extremist websites/blogs”
34. Anyone that “establishes website/blog to display extremist views”
35. Anyone that “attends rallies for extremist causes”
36. Anyone that “exhibits extreme religious intolerance”
37. Anyone that “is personally connected with a grievance”
38. Anyone that “suddenly acquires weapons”
39. Anyone that “organizes protests inspired by extremist ideology”
40. “Militia or unorganized militia”
41. “General right-wing extremist”
42. Citizens that have “bumper stickers” that are patriotic or anti-U.N.
43. Those that refer to an “Army of God”
44. Those that are “fiercely nationalistic (as opposed to universal and international in orientation)”
45. Those that are “anti-global”
46. Those that are “suspicious of centralized federal authority”
47. Those that are “reverent of individual liberty”
48. Those that “believe in conspiracy theories”
49. Those that have “a belief that one’s personal and/or national ‘way of life’ is under attack”
50. Those that possess “a belief in the need to be prepared for an attack either by participating in paramilitary preparations and training or survivalism”
51. Those that would “impose strict religious tenets or laws on society (fundamentalists)”
52. Those that would “insert religion into the political sphere”
53. Anyone that would “seek to politicize religion”
54. Those that have “supported political movements for autonomy”
55. Anyone that is “anti-abortion”
56. Anyone that is “anti-Catholic”
57. Anyone that is “anti-nuclear”
58. “Rightwing extremists”
59. “Returning veterans”
60. Those concerned about “illegal immigration”
61. Those that “believe in the right to bear arms”
62. Anyone that is engaged in “ammunition stockpiling”
63. Anyone that exhibits “fear of Communist regimes”
64. “Anti-abortion activists”
65. Those that are against illegal immigration
66. Those that talk about “the New World Order” in a “derogatory” manner
67. Those that have a negative view of the United Nations
68. Those that are opposed “to the collection of federal income taxes”
69. Those that supported former presidential candidates Ron Paul, Chuck Baldwin and Bob Barr
70. Those that display the Gadsden Flag (“Don’t Tread On Me”)
71. Those that believe in “end times” prophecies
72. Evangelical Christians

The groups of people in the list above are considered “problems” that need to be dealt with. In some of the documents referenced above, members of the military are specifically warned not to have anything to do with such groups.

We are moving into a very dangerous time in American history. You can now be considered a “potential terrorist” just because of your religious or political beliefs. Free speech is becoming a thing of the past, and we are rapidly becoming an Orwellian society that is the exact opposite of what our founding fathers intended.

Pastor Wilson’s Comment: You may not even know it, but you are almost certainly considered to be terrorist by the amerikan government!

Mandatory queer indoctrination at school causes huge uproar

'Difficult for parents to opt their children out of the politically charged, nonsensical course'

By Bob Unruh



Schools across America many times are run by managers who come with baggage from the extreme-left ideologies of higher academia.

Their plans often include spreading those ideals to students – whether or not they or their parents want such indoctrination.

But one such plan, in a school in Minnesota, has been taken down a notch, according to a new report from Mat Staver, chief of Liberty Counsel.

The dispute developed in Osseo, Minnesota, where officials scheduled a "gay pride" indoctrination class for all students, prepared scripts from which teachers were to read word-for-word, under a scenario that required teachers to take part regardless of their religious beliefs and rights, and more.

"And the district went out of their way to make it nearly impossible for parents to review the material or to opt their children out of the indoctrination," the report said.

The push for the far-left agenda came from "four radical school board members," Liberty Counsel reported.

"Teachers were not allowed to 'opt out' of teaching the 'LGBTQIA+ History and Culture' lesson, and the district deliberately made it difficult for parents to review the lesson materials in advance, or opt their children out of the politically charged, nonsensical course."



Parents, in fact, had to apply for permission to see the materials, had to appear in person at the school, and had to document their identity, the report said.

The actual curriculum conflicted with science and used pop culture to push students to adopt fake pronouns and more.

"The lesson then encouraged students to question their own sexuality, asking the children if they are 'confused' about, 'curious about,' and 'questioning' their sexuality, fitting within at least one of the 'Q' categories in its lengthy acronym: 'LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Questioning, Intersex, & Asexual),' " the report said.

Students were to be told failure to "embrace" the ideology risked having their assignments labeled "incorrect."

But then Liberty Counsel notified the school district of its need to allow students, parents and teachers to exercise their right to opt out of such ideologies.

The district caved, and, "as a result of our work, more than 1,000 students were allowed to opt out of the indoctrination classes at just one school. At another school, over 400 students opted out. In fact, so many parents opted their children out of the lesson that schools had to open their cafeterias and auditoriums to accommodate the teachers and students who refused indoctrination," Liberty Counsel's report said.

"In addition, at least 500 other children did not attend school at all on the day of the instruction."

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Please tell me that you DON'T have your children in the government's schools (indoctrination centers).

DeSantis says Satanists can't be part of school chaplain program; Satanic Temple responds

By Michael Gryboski



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

The co-founder of The Satanic Temple has challenged Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis to a debate on religious freedom in America after the governor said this week that Satanists can't be part of a recently approved chaplains program for public schools.



DeSantis signed House Bill 931 into law on Thursday, allowing school districts and charter schools to "adopt a policy to authorize volunteer school chaplains to provide support, services, and programs to students as assigned by the district school board or charter school governing board." The law takes effect on July 1.

In comments made Thursday, DeSantis said the new measure would not open the door for members of the Satanic Temple to be public school chaplains.

"Some have said that if you do a school chaplain program that, somehow, you're going to have satanists running around in all our schools. We're not playing those games in Florida," said the governor, as quoted by The Florida Phoenix.

"That is not a religion. That is not qualified to be able to participate in this. So, we're going to be using common sense when it comes to this. You don't have to worry about it."

DeSantis clarified that the chaplain program will not be imposed upon public school students, saying it is "totally voluntary for a parent or a student to participate."

Lucien Greaves, co-founder of The Satanic Temple, which oversees After School Satan Clubs and planned to take advantage of the law, argued in a series of social media posts summarizing his comments to media that DeSantis'

words "hold no authority" because the U.S. Constitution "guarantees equal treatment under the law." The group has threatened to sue if its members were prohibited from participating in the chaplain program.

Greaves stressed DeSantis "invited Satanic chaplains into public schools, whether he likes it or not" because he is "not at liberty to amend the Constitution by fiat." He also noted that The Satanic Temple is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt religious organization.

"If a public school district or charter school is foolish enough to believe him, they're in for a hell of a battle," Greaves added. "If and when that happens, @GovRonDeSantis is not going to have their backs."

Greaves announced Friday that after a phone call with DeSantis' office, The Satanic Temple's Executive Director of Operations Rachel Chambliss was instructed to send a formal proposal for a debate between DeSantis and Greaves.

"We believe that a public debate would provide an excellent platform to thoroughly discuss the principles of religious freedom in America," a draft of the letter reads.

Even some Republicans question if DeSantis can prohibit members of the Satanic Temple from becoming school chaplains.

"I think that as soon as we get in the middle of defining what is religion and what is not, and whether or not someone can be available and be on a list, we start to run (into) constitutional problems," the bill's sponsor, Sen. Erin Grall, a Republican, said before HB 931 passed, as reported by The Tallahassee Democrat.

Standards for any local policy must include schools informing all parents about the program, requiring "written parental consent before a student participates in or receives supports, services, and programs provided by a volunteer school chaplain," a list of chaplains being made widely available and a background screening of any potential chaplain.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Regardless of how is all shakes out you need to get your children OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHOOLS!!!!

The Bad Faith Olympics

By James Howard Kunstler

"This is the weirdest era in human history. By far. Nothing else even comes close. Billionaires trying to kill everyone. Civil society unable to form a coherent thought. Institutions lie in smoldering ruins. Poisons handed out like candy. We are Neanderthals with iPhones."
— Dr. Toby Rogers

Did it warm your heart to see all those blue and yellow Ukrainian flags waved by our elected officials in Congress Saturday night with the passage of the \$60-plus-billion aid bill to the Palookaville of Europe? You realize, don't you, that the tiny fraction of that hypothetical "money" — from our country's empty treasury — that ever reaches Ukraine will rebound on the instant into Mr. Zelensky's Cayman Islands bank account. The rest of the dough enters the recursive shell-game between US weapons-makers and the very hometown folks in Congress waving those blue and yellow flags, who will receive great greasy gobs of fresh "campaign donations" from the grateful bomb and missile producers. No wonder they're cheering.



What the \$60-plus-billion won't do is provide any fresh arms and equipment to Ukraine's sad-sack army soon enough to prevent Russia from bringing this cruel, stupid, and unnecessary war, which we started, to a close. Yes, we started it, not Russia, in 2014 with our Intel blob overthrowing elected President Viktor Yanukovich in the so-called "Maidan Revolution of Dignity" (what Wikipedia calls it). And for what reason? To jam Ukraine into NATO as a prelude to "weakening" Russia sufficient to bust it up and gain control over Russian oil, ores, and grain.

Yes, that was actually the neocon's game, equal parts megalomania and hubris, a fiasco as strategically ill-fated as Hitler's push to gain control of Russia's oil fields via Stalingrad in 1942-3. With failure and humiliation looming in Ukraine, the blob's objective for now, in theory, is the vain hope of prolonging the hostilities just long enough to get its hologram president, "Joe Biden" re-elected, so that said blob can continue its amoebic digestion of what's left uneaten by it in our sore-beset republic. You've got to wonder, of course, what this blob thinks will remain to rule over when it's done gobbling up everything and jailing everyone from sea to shining sea who objects.

You tell me what conceivable way Ukraine can prevail in this proxy war now without just tripping off the civilization-ending nuke exchange? America does not

have enough tactical missiles and artillery shells at hand to send over there. What we did have is gone. NATO never had much to begin with. Ukraine has run out of available cannon-fodder to conscript from its dwindling population. Despite Mr. Macron's recent bluster, NATO can't raise a credible army, or even agree on which country would send what. Nobody is riding to the rescue. Instead, Russia is fortifying its home-grown armaments industry and its military while systematically turning off the electricity all over Ukraine by blowing up the power stations. Very soon, Ukraine will be reduced to medieval living conditions — no lights, no phones, no Internet, no shopping, no ability to conduct modern warfare. End. . . of. . . story.

This is apt to play out much faster than America's blob-controlled news media will be able to lie about. I'd guess it can be functionally over before mid-summer. The result will be yet another humiliation on the "Joe Biden" scorecard. When it's over, you can be sure the Russians will abstain from an end-zone dance so as not to provoke America's genius-losers into some final petty grand act of requital. Russia will just soberly declare what is self-evident: that for centuries Ukraine has been in its sphere-of-influence, as Mexico is in ours, and that they have reestablished the natural order of things in that corner of the world.

After that, America and the rest of Western Civ can get on with the collapse of their financial system and very likely a period of profound political and economic chaos in which governments fall, nations change boundaries and shapes, and their populations suffer dramatically from an imploded standard of living. That process may actually play out somewhat slower than the end of the Ukraine war over the coming years. It will look like a combined game of musical chairs and hot potato, with the opportunities to get a seat steadily fading, and the losers left holding things they can't handle.

In the meantime, our country — remember it, the USA, when it had its once-enviable mojo working? — is busy being insane and finding sixty ways to Sunday to commit suicide. How do you suppose the Democratic Party will actually pretend to put up "Joe Biden" for re-election when the Ukraine failure is completed? Answer: they can't. This dumbshow of the old gaffer hiding at his beach house and avoiding direct engagement with reality is also drawing to a close. Instead of calling "a lid" on "JB's" activities, some humid morning in the swamp his handlers will call in "a medical alert" instead, and that will be the last we see of that dreadful apparition.

It's also looking more and more as though the Republican Party faces its own civil war, especially after Speaker Mike Johnson's perplexing flipperoski on the Ukraine aid vote. You recall, just weeks ago he said no dice to such a deal without a stop to the invasion coming across our Mexican border. Then, the intel blob boys lured him into a SCIF (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility) where they showed him . . . something. . . ! Everyone's dying to know what. A secret signed agreement making Ukraine our 51st State? Photographs of Mike engaged in unwholesome recreations with Gawd knows who or what? Or did they just have a little talk with him about how stuff is supposed to work? Whatever it was has made Mike Johnson untenable in his position. And he has explained nothing. He's got to go.

At the other end of all that stands — or, rather, sits at a defense table — Donald Trump, the seemingly inevitable leader of a party seeking to cough him up like a hairball

stuck in its craw. And yet, every week that passes, the various lawfare traps set up to snare him look more amateurish and gauche — while the Golden Golem of Greatness somehow manages to power through all that adversity. A big faction of the party he leads is in on that nefarious game. The wild card is the increasingly inflamed mood of the American people, in whose name the game is supposedly being played. With absolutely everyone lying to them about everything, it's turned into some kind of bad faith olympics.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: amerika is circling the drain!

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

Stonewall Jackson was outraged. His entire body shook in anger as he looked around him at what had been done to the city of Fredericksburg. He saw the pianos and the works of art and the crystal chandeliers smashed and ruined on the streets. He saw elegant furniture that had been wantonly vandalized and the remains of elegant, leather-bound books that had been burned for kindling. But it was the churches — the *churches* — that infuriated him most. Houses of God were pocked with bullet holes and charred by cannon shot. This was a crime against God — a despicable blasphemy — and it very nearly made him weep.



Dr. McGuire, who was seldom far from Jackson's side, shook his head in revulsion. "What can we do about this kind of barbaric behavior?"

Jackson's voice trembled. "Kill 'em," he said. "Kill 'em all."

Give Me Liberty or Give Me Debt

By Jeff Thomas

Some people are more observant than others. Some are more capable of thinking outside the box than others. Whether this is by nature or nurture is a moot point.



When we are children, we tend to look upon the world in all its wonder. We are amazed at what exists and we absorb it like a sponge. Then, when we are in our teens, we begin our second wave of discovery. We begin to pay more attention to the things that we find confusing; we become absorbed in issues like world hunger, warfare and political strife. These situations seem senseless and we repeatedly ask, “Why should these things be?”

Typically, in our twenties, we have not yet found any solid answers and our mood turns from interest to anger. We tend to gravitate toward liberal philosophy, as liberal philosophy tells us what we would most like to hear; that these terrible things should not exist and that we should take every step available to us to end the injustices of the world – at whatever cost to ourselves and others.

Most of us continue in this approach for several years, but in our thirties we begin to recognize that, no matter how many steps are taken in this effort, the problems seem to be self-renewing and, at that point, a split occurs in philosophical outlook. Many people cease to grow at this point, as they do not want to live in a world where it is necessary to accept that suffering of one type or another is perennial. They may become increasingly stubborn in this view and, from this point on in life, tend to dig in their heels increasingly and fail to continue to grow in their understanding of the world.

However, there are others who decide that, no matter how unpleasant reality is, we will continue our pursuit of it. For those of us who do follow this (admittedly less pleasant) path, the true nature of life begins to unfold. Somewhere in our forties, it dawns on us that our thinking is no longer liberal. We may well find that our former liberal friends may treat us like traitors to the cause and we may even become pariahs to them. (Churchill said, “If you are not a liberal when you are twenty, you have no heart. If you are not a conservative when you are forty, you have no brain.” A lot of truth in that.)

Somewhere in our fifties, if we have remained diligent in our study of mankind, it all begins to gel and we begin to have a real grasp of the interrelationship of business, politics, the haves and have-nots, the whole ball of wax. We begin to recognize that there will always be those who

are inspired leaders, but that there will also be those who are uninspired usurpers. There will always be those who are eager to be producers and, likewise, there will always be those who would prefer merely to consume.

From this point on in our lives, we increasingly recognize that this state of affairs is perennial, that human nature will assure that the same verve that existed to create the Roman Empire exists today, just as the same waste and decadence that destroyed it also exists today.

When I was in High School, I read George Orwell’s *Animal Farm*. I remember how impressed I was that he had set his novel in a farmyard and that his characters were farm animals. Orwell had consciously simplified an otherwise confusing world by boiling it down to the smallest format he could think of. In that book, when the animals gained their freedom from the “oppression” of the farmer, they were filled with high-mindedness. In order to forever remind them of what they stood for, they painted on the barn, “All animals are created equal.”

The greatest revelation of the book, for me, was when the pigs, who had become the government, altered the sign under cover of darkness to say, “All animals are created equal, but some are more equal than others.” I remember thinking, “This is where the rot sets in. I must never forget this. For the rest of my life, I will need to be watching for this change in leadership approach.”

Unfortunately, it is a fact that the majority of people truly do not want to be bothered with this effort of continual reassessment of the governmental situation. In every country, in every era, the majority genuinely prefer leaders who make big promises, regardless of whether the promises will ever be delivered upon. Every country in every era has its “chicken in every pot” slogan to hang on to.

In the late eighteenth century, America became heated up over the “oppression” of King George (whose taxation, incidentally, was far lower than today’s taxes) and, eventually, openly rebelled. It has often been said by historians that, if there was a specific moment at which the move to become the United States truly began, it was when Patrick Henry stated in the House of Burgesses, “Give me Liberty or give me death.”

As we all know, the American people gained their independence and, after a fair bit of stumbling, set forth on a course of prosperity, based upon excellent natural resources and an excellent work ethic. In the middle of the nineteenth century, a war was fought, not over slavery, but

over who would control the economy of the future – the northern industrialists or the southern plantation owners. The north won and the latter half of the nineteenth century saw the greatest expansion the world had ever seen. In this period, America settled the entire continent and dramatically sped up the pace of the industrial revolution. This was done without income tax or a Federal Reserve, confirming that these factors are not necessary for progress and prosperity.

Then in 1913, the pigs rewrote the sign on the barn.

A decade later, American bankers (with the support of the government) put into motion the largest scam ever to be perpetrated upon Americans. It was an unqualified success, with an unfortunate byproduct being the Great Depression. In 1999, the American bankers (again with the support of the government) put into place an almost identical scam, which has proven to be an even bigger success and (I believe) will ultimately result in an even more devastating depression.

In 1999, The Democratic US president, with the support of the Republican US Congress, repealed the Glass Steagall Act, which would allow the scam of the 1920's to be repeated, only on a grander scale. The "pigs", in effect, rewrote Patrick Henry's inspiring statement. From 1999 on, the slogan has, effectively, been, "Give me liberty or give me debt," and the governments, both democratic and republican, have encouraged and provided the latter.

On any given day, we can turn on our televisions and watch the news programs, which continually feature Republican political advisors and Democratic political advisors argue with each other over whether all the damage that has been done was done by the other side. Neither side gives an inch to the other. Americans watch this game of ping pong endlessly play out with no conclusion, yet, at election time, they must make a choice.

Most Americans today treat the two political parties the way they would treat sports teams. Just as no self-respecting sports fan would own both a Yankees and a Red Sox hat, so every American supports one political team or the other, and along the way, that support becomes so all-encompassing that there is no room for doubt. Blind conviction becomes the norm.

In 1787, Alexander Tyler, an Englishman, commented on the new US experiment as a democracy. He said, "A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will

finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship." His prediction has proven astonishingly accurate, with the last step yet to be played out.

The debt that crippled Rome two thousand years ago, and that crippled every major power since that time, is now crippling the US. Today, all Americans are aware of the problem, and almost all are hoping that, somehow, the problem will go away. It will not. In every country, in every era, it is not in the interests of the "pigs" to fix the problem. It is in their interest to allow the situation to play itself out until it ultimately crashes. Tyler was extraordinarily astute. He understood that all great powers have a shelf life. They also have a process by which they are created, then thrive, then become corrupted, then decline, then fall into ruin. This process is as perennial as the grass.

The pundits will continue to rail with righteous indignation on television. The two political sports teams will continue to kick and gouge each other, but the outcome of the game is already cast in stone.

So, is this the end of the world as we know it? Yes and no. It is not the end of the world, just the end of the world as we know it. Whenever the leading power in the world falls, others are already in the wings, rising. And so it is today. Americans who are alive today have never known a situation in which their country was not the top dog in the world, and so it is hard to imagine a different world. For those who are not American and who do not reside in the US, it is easier to see a truer picture. With the collapse of the US (and Europe), there is still a very big world out there, waiting in the wings. Some second- and third-world countries are, admittedly, doing badly. However, others are getting by nicely. And still others are thriving.

Yes, there is a bright future ahead, but, sadly, not in America; at least not for many years. Those who were described in the first paragraph of this article as being more observant are already looking away from America into the future. For the first time since the eighteenth century, those who are pursuing the bright future are walking away from America, not toward it.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: We need to stop being content with mere words from the mouths of politicians! They all want you to root for their team, but NONE of them care about you at all!!! At this point, amerika CANNOT be salvaged!

Trump Sold-Out His Base to Shovel \$95 Billion to Ukraine and Israel

By Mike Whitney

*America last. America last. That's all this is.
America last, every single day.*

~ Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene

The man who is most responsible for the \$95 billion giveaway to Ukraine and Israel, is the same guy who pretends to oppose America's "wasteful" foreign wars. Donald Trump. It was Trump who consulted with Speaker Mike Johnson about the contents of the Ukraine aid package, just as it was Trump who concocted the idea of issuing loans instead of dispersing the standard welfare handout. It was also Trump who said:

"I stand with the Speaker, (Mike Johnson)" after which he added that Johnson is doing "a very good job."

A "good job"??

So, secretly collaborating with the Democrat leadership to push through a bill that **"reauthorizes FISA to spy on the American people without a warrant, (bans Tik Tok) fully funds Joe Biden's DOJ** that has indicted President Trump 91 times, and giving Biden's political gestapo **a brand new FBI building bigger than the Pentagon," while not providing a dime to protect the southern border** from the swarms of people entering the country illegally, is doing a "good job"?

The question we should all be asking ourselves is why has Trump decided to participate in this scam? He keeps saying that if he was president, he'd end the war in Ukraine in a day. If he's sincere about that, then why did he collaborate on a bill that will drag the war out for another year or two? This is from a Twitter post by political analyst Michael Tracey:

Mission Accomplished. It is done: Donald Trump and the House GOP just completed one of the most epic swindles in political history, with Trump personally effectuating the largest-ever dispersement of Ukraine funding through his emissary, "MAGA Mike Johnson" (as Trump lovingly calls him) The \$61 billion passed this afternoon is likely enough to underwrite the brutal, pointless trench warfare for at least another year or two. This after the same old endless media screeching that Trump and MAGA Republicans were being brainwashed by Putin and would never fund Ukraine. That fundamental hoax continues — only this time Trump was in on it... Michael Tracey, Twitter

And the response from Luca Cabrilo:

Michael you're 100% spot on. **Trump could have at any point killed this monstrous bill if he wanted to, but he didn't. He even let MAGA Mike go on TV and say that he and Trump are "100% agreed" on the Ukraine funding Trump screwed his base on this one,** no other way about it.

Michael Tracey again: He didn't just "not kill it," **he personally facilitated its passage**

Here's more background from Tracey:

The bill, designed after consultations between Mike Johnson and Trump, mysteriously **gives the President the ability to forgive the purported "loan" to Ukraine — immediately after the November election...**

And if that's not brazen enough for you, here's the catch: The funds eligible for "loan forgiveness" are the direct budgetary infusions to Ukraine — meaning the money that pays for the salaries of Ukrainian government workers and so forth — NOT the military "aid," which comprises the vast majority of the package. So, **only \$8 billion of the \$61 billion allocated to Ukraine is even *eligible* for "loan forgiveness" under the terms of this gargantuan bill. And even that was a fake "loan" to begin with — it never had to be paid back at all! So there's your final Trump/Johnson bamboozle**, as the House GOP prepares to usher through the ***largest ever*** infusion of US tax dollars to Ukraine, by far, since the beginning of the war. All with Trump's blessing, as Johnson has made abundantly clear. To underscore his close collaboration with Trump, Johnson has spent the past several days making the rounds on various conservative media, touting the inclusion of Trump's "loan concept" in the bill. Michael Tracey

It's all a big shell game and Trump is playing along with it to improve his political prospects. How else would you explain his performance in this dismal charade?

Trump obviously knows that his return to the White House will require significant compromise with the national security hawks and Zionists who run the government. So, we shouldn't be too surprised that he's trying to curry favor with them now. But for the people who thought Trump was a straightshooter; this has got to be a real eye-opener. They thought he could be trusted, but now it's obvious that he's just another Beltway phony trying to ingratiate himself with the Washington power-

elite in order to shoehorn his sorry a** back into the Oval Office. Here's more from Tracey:

Sorry to be a "Broken Record," but the "Elephant in the Room" here is genuinely Donald J. Trump.**Trump even warned Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene directly not to oust Johnson, during their joint press conference at Mar-a-Lago last Friday, April 12 — just before Johnson unveiled his war funding strategy, for which he proudly declares having secured Trump's endorsement.** The bill even contains Trump's repeated demand to structure the Ukraine funding as a so-called "loan"! **Johnson proclaims that he and Trump are "One hundred percent united" on all of this** (direct quote) ...

Trump has used his vast political capital as three-time Republican Presidential Nominee to play his part assuring that the American political system mobilizes in perfect harmony **to unleash \$100 billion in endless-war funding.** Michael Tracey

If Trump is willing to play such a duplicitous role in securing the funding for the MIC's perpetual wars, then why in-heavens-name would any red-blooded conservative vote for him?

One of the few people who has acted honorably in this fiasco, is Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene, who is clearly **one of the few members of Congress that genuinely gives-a-damn about the American people.** Greene delivered an epic rant on the floor of the House yesterday following the vote on the Ukrainian aid package. Naturally, her heartfelt presentation appeared nowhere in the sellout media, so I transcribed most of what she said below. It's worth the time:

.... The United States taxpayer has already sent \$113 billion to Ukraine, and much of that money is unaccounted for. This is an example of a sick business model the US government wants to continue..... **The Congress votes for money for foreign wars that the American people do not support..... The American people do not support a business model based on blood and murder and war in foreign countries while the government does nothing to secure our border.**

The American people are over \$34 trillion in debt and the debt is rising by \$40 billion every night while we all sleep. But nothing is done to secure our border or reduce our debt. Inflation continues to rise every day and **Americans can hardly afford to pay their grocery bills, they can hardly afford to put gas in their cars, and they can hardly afford the rent.** And, now, average mortgage payments are over \$3000 when they were just \$1700 three years

ago. **Young Americans don't think they will ever be able to buy a home and yet today, this congress thinks the most important thing they should do is to send another \$61 billion to the war in Ukraine that the American people —by 70%— do not support!**

... But, today, the most important thing this body thinks we should do, is not reduce spending, or drive down inflation, or secure our own border that is invaded every single day by people from over 160 different countries... **We have over 1.8 million 'got-aways' and we don't know who these people are... and yet we have people in this very congress 'talking tough' saying, "We have to defeat Russia. Oh, we have to protect Ukraine"** and yet , all of you are unwilling to protect the American citizens that pay your salary, pay to keep the lights on, and pay to keep the federal government running. And for what?

For nothing! Ukraine isn't even a member of NATO But all you hear in Washington DC is **"Oh, we have to keep spending America's hard-earned tax dollars to continue to murder Ukrainians to wipe out a whole generation of young men so there are (thousands of) widows, and fatherless orphans, and not enough men to work in their industries. Oh, but you really support Ukraine. (sarcasm) What kind of support is that? It's repulsive!**

Shame on the American government! Shame on the American government! If we want to support our military, then support our military. We should be building up our weapons and ammunition, not sending it over to foreign countries to kill foreign people.

And if this body was what it pretends to be, every single one of us would be demanding peace in Ukraine; peace for these people, so that no more of them have to die. But you never hear anybody demanding peace. No, no, no. Peace is the last thing Washington wants because it doesn't fit the business model. This is a business model they say builds the American economy and protects American jobs. **What a disgusting business model. We should have a business model that builds-up our American companies and American jobs to serve American interests, and our military and our government should care about protecting the national security of the United States of America** and the Americans who pay their hard-earned tax dollars to fund all this.

America last. America last. That's all this is. America last, every single day.

~ Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: If you're still counting on Trump to right the ship of state – I'm sorry, BUT you are an idiot!!!!!! Have you been paying attention at all??? How brainwashed – and brain dead -- can a person be???????

Final Nail in America's Coffin?

By Ron Paul, MD

When future historians go searching for the final nail in the US coffin, they may well settle on the date April 20, 2024.

On that day Congress passed legislation to fund two and a half wars, hand what's left of our privacy over to the CIA and NSA, and give the US president the power to shut down whatever part of the Internet he disagrees with.

The nearly \$100 billion grossly misnamed "National Security Supplemental" guarantees that Ukrainians will continue to die in that country's unwinnable war with Russia, that Palestinian civilians will continue to be slaughtered in Gaza with US weapons, and that the neocons will continue to push us toward a war with China.

It was a total victory for the war party.

The huge spending bill is all about politics for Biden, yet so many Republicans simply went along with it. The last thing the people running Biden's White House want to see as a close election approaches are ads blaming Biden for "losing Ukraine."

The US and its allies have already sent over \$300 billion to Ukraine and the country is still losing its war with Russia. Nobody believes another \$60 billion will pull a victory from the jaws of defeat. But this additional money is meant to keep up appearances until November at the expense of Americans who are forced to pay for it and Ukrainians who are forced to die for it.

Speaker Johnson could not have passed these monstrosities without the full support of House Democrats, as the majority of Republicans voted against more money for Ukraine. So in the worst example of "bipartisanship," Johnson reached across the aisle, stiffed the Republican majority that elected him Speaker, and pushed through a massive gift to the warfare/(corporate) welfare state.

After the House voted to send another \$60 billion to notoriously corrupt Ukraine, Members waved Ukrainian



flags on the House Floor and chanted "Ukraine, Ukraine." While I find it distasteful and disgusting, in some way it seemed fitting. After all, they may as well chant the name of a foreign country because they certainly don't care about this country!

Along with sending \$100 billion that we don't have to fund more overseas war, Speaker Johnson threw in another version of the Tik Tok ban, which gives Joe Biden and future presidents the power to shut down websites at will by simply declaring them to be "foreign adversary controlled."

Not to be outdone, the US Senate on that same day passed the extension of Section 702 of the FISA Act, which not only allowed the government to continue spying on us without a warrant, but also contained new language massively expanding how they can spy on us.

Many conservative voters are asking what the point of Republican control of the House is if the agenda is determined by Democrats. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is even reported to have bragged to his colleagues about how easily Speaker Johnson gave Democrats everything they wanted and asked for nothing in return.

What is the silver lining in all this bad news? Most Republicans in the House voted against continuing the Ukraine war. That's a good start. Our ideas are growing, not only across the country but even in the DC swamp. Take courage and don't give up! Work for peace!

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: amerika is in its death spiral. This thing cannot be fixed. Politics and politicians are not the answers!

Military could hit troops with court-martials for refusing preferred pronouns

'I have people staring at me and basically asking, Are You Real?'

By Micaela Burrow



The military could seek to formally punish service members for refusing to use another service member's preferred pronouns under existing policy, according to military experts.



A 2020 Equal Opportunity law opened the door for commanders to subject someone who refuses to affirm a transgender servicemember's so-called gender identity to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for charges related to harassment, Capt. Thomas Wheatley, an assistant professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, told the Daily Caller News Foundation. Such a move would likely infringe on a servicemember's constitutional rights to uphold their conscience, but it might not prevent leaders from employing more subtle ways of disciplining service members.

Military experts told the DCNF Congress should step in before it's too late.

The military "is right to want to protect the rights and welfare of its transgender service members. But it owes the same protection to those who share a different perspective on the issue, especially when that perspective is a deep-seated expression of personal conscience," Wheatley told the DCNF.

None of the military's rules explicitly prohibit so-called "misgendering," when someone uses pronouns to describe a transgender person which do not correspond to the person's new gender identity, Wheatley explained. However, existing guidance implies that using pronouns rejected by another person violates Military Equal

Opportunity (MEO) regulations against sex-based harassment and discrimination.

The UCMJ enforces those regulations.

Service members could conceivably be court-martialed for "refusing to use another person's self-identified pronouns, even when their refusal stems from principled religious conviction," Wheatley told the DCNF. "This law applies to service members at all times and in all locations, even when they're off duty and in the privacy of their off-post residence."

UCMJ also prohibits "conduct unbecoming of an officer" and activity that could be seen to discredit the military institution — the same article the military uses to prosecute child pornographers and other acts of sexual deviance, he explained.

"Is it now 'unbecoming' and incompatible with service as a commissioned officer to openly hold sincere religious convictions surrounding the act of creation and the nature of human sex?" Wheatley asked.

Wheatley said his interest in the issue was sparked four years ago, when the Army updated its MEO policy stating "violations of MEO and Harassment Prevention and Response policies may result in disciplinary action under the UCMJ."

The possibility of levying a criminal trial on a servicemember for perceived harassment if that person "misgendered" another service member troubled Wheatley, he said. The Supreme Court had just ruled on *Bostock v. Clayton County* in favor of the gay and transgender plaintiffs alleging their employers fired them on the basis of their self-described sexual orientation, or gender identity. Conservative justices warned the case could have far-reaching consequences for organizations operating based on religious belief and free exercise of religion in the workplace.

"I knew, given the cultural gap between the civilian world and the military, the issue would be overlooked as it concerned service members. So, I got to work," he told the DCNF.

In a peer reviewed article recently published in the *Texas Review of Law and Politics*, Wheatley argued that, despite the existing EO policy, Articles 133 and 134 of the UCMJ are not strong enough to prosecute troops for spurning another's preferred pronouns.

Under a legal doctrine that “obligates military courts to avoid interpreting the UCMJ in a way that brings it into conflict with the Constitution if possible, that would normally be the end of the analysis,” he wrote. But, the national security imperatives inbuilt with military service often justify curtailing a servicemember’s constitutional rights — for example, the UCMJ’s Article 134 “indecent language.”

Wheatley countered in the article that the military’s special mission can inform judicial analysis but does not require a separate standard.

“A court that applies a standard lower than strict scrutiny would be placing not just a thumb on the scale in the government’s favor, but an anvil — one which virtually guarantees victory for the government in every case where a service member asserts his or her First Amendment rights,” he wrote. It would be “tough” for the military to prove it had a strong enough mission-related argument to mandate gender-pronoun usage.

Arguments that might be considered, such as preserving harmony within military units and safeguarding transgender troops’ emotional and psychological well-being, are certainly important, he wrote. But the former relies too heavily on the vicissitudes of individual interpretation to survive judicial review, while the latter does not take into account the health of the servicemember seeking to live out their religious convictions.

“Preserving unit cohesion and safeguarding the mental and emotional health of transgender service members, though compelling government interests, do not justify the sweeping prior restraints on speech,” made possible in the Army policy, Wheatley wrote.

Previous case law shows that even in military contexts, the standard for what may be prohibited compelled speech is strong, he found.

Looking at previous cases of public employment law governing speech, where free speech has been more frequently challenged than in military-specific case law, he likewise found no strong case for mandating pronoun use.

“The use of one pronoun over another reflects the speaker’s private views on human sex and gender” and isn’t conditioned on the person’s employment, Wheatley argued.

The Pentagon referred the DCNF to the services, which did not respond to requests for comment by deadline.



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“I have people staring at me and basically asking, ‘Are You Real?’”



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Wheatley’s research highlights ongoing concerns about the military’s respect for matters of conscience.

Pentagon leaders have pushed diversity and inclusion as an indispensable component of warfighting effectiveness. Opponents say the focus focus on race, gender and sexual identity has distracted the military from more important issues and unfairly privileged minorities. DEI priorities have now overtaken matters of conscience in multiple domains.

In lawsuits over the slow-rolling of religious waivers to the COVID-19 vaccine, for example, victims argued the services issued blanket denials rather than considering each request individually, as they are legally required to do.

Defense Department documents, including the 2022 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Plan, discuss the freedom to “speak candidly” about issues as a “readiness imperative,” ensuring troops feel included as part of a whole.

“The military policy and legal infrastructure clearly exist to wage war on Americans with deeply-held traditional beliefs about man and woman,” William Thibau, director of the Claremont Institute’s American Military Project, told the DCNF. Wheatley’s article “should be a red flag to policy makers and elected officials to end this tyranny of liberalism before it is formally levied against American Soldiers preferring to live in reality.”

Experts were not aware of any incidents where a branch of the armed services had attempted to use the UCMJ to punish a servicemember for refusing preferred pronouns.

Commanders do have a wide berth to discipline servicemembers in ways that do not involve a criminal trial but can still have serious implications for a servicemember's career, possibly including separation from the military under less than honorable circumstances, Wheatley said. Such measures resolve more quickly, have a lower burden of proof than "are almost always shielded from public scrutiny."

Instead of leaving it to chance, Congress could force the military to establish a servicemember's "unqualified" right to use pronouns consistent with their religious convictions, a one-pager provided by Claremont suggested. The experts advocated stronger measures too, including decriminalizing unspecified MEO violations and to narrow its scope so that it only applies to activities a servicemember performs while on normal duty hours or contributing to an official military mission.

Congress should develop a public record of incidents in the military where religious freedom is seen to come under threat, the document stated.

Claremont suggested the military conduct regular training on the importance of religious freedom throughout the armed forces and study ways to strengthen protections on service members' religious expression.

Wheatley also said service chiefs could consider demands for a service member to speak in violation of his or her religious convictions as harassment.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: No Christian, No Southerner should serve the evil empire in its military. Why would you even want to??? They hate your guts, you know! – And this all demands the question, why is there even such a thing as a "transgender servicemember"??? REALLY!!!

**The rule for choosing the
place for public worship
today is "every man did that
which is right in their own
eyes"**

"Good order results spontaneously when things are let alone."

~ Chuang Tzu



Is the Right to Assembly Endangered?

By Judge Andrew P. Napolitano



Last week, the Supreme Court effectively abolished the right to assembly in three Southern states. By refusing to hear an appeal of a speaker accused of being liable for what a protester did in an audience the speaker addressed, the court exposed all protest organizers and speakers to potentially ruinous financial penalties for what unknown persons have done.



Here is the backstory.

The right to taunt the tyrant — whether the tyrant be a king or a president or local police — is among the natural rights of expression integral to all persons.

Your rights to think as you wish, to say what you think, to read what you choose, to publish what you say, and to do this alone or in concert with others — without a government permission slip or fear of government reprisal — are natural human rights possessed by all persons above the age of reason.

Expressing oneself in concert with others is also a constitutional right, as the First Amendment expressly prohibits Congress from making any law infringing upon it. From and after the ratification of the 14th Amendment, the congressional prohibition applies to all branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial — and to all levels of government — local, state and federal.

The companion right is the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances. What once were written petitions have today become mass demonstrations, at which folks articulate their antipathy to government or

cultural trends, expecting extensive media coverage and hoping that their views will resonate with the public at large and bring about the change they seek or at least a general awareness of the grievances that vex them.

This right is as old as America. It began in pubs in the 1770s in Boston, New York, Princeton, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Charleston, where revolutionaries met to complain about oppression by the British.

These meetings produced county, regional and statewide gatherings that adopted early local versions of the Declaration of Independence, which itself was adopted unanimously by the Continental Congress in July 1776.

The right to assemble in public and complain about the government is so well-rooted in American history that it is hard to imagine our secession from Britain coming about without it.

The colonists accepted it as normal and natural and when they gathered to shake their fists in the tyrant's face — metaphorically of course, as George III was 3,000 miles away — they did so without fear of retribution.

Until now.

Now, if you organize, foment or even speak at a gathering in Louisiana, Mississippi or Texas, and some unknown person in the audience — at a time unknown, in a manner unknown and even unseen — harms another unnamed person nearby, the injured party can sue you.

This actually happened in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where DeRay McKesson organized a rally in 2016 outside a police station to protest what he claimed were excessive uses of force by the police. Someone at the rally — not McKesson — threw a rock that hit and seriously injured a nearby police officer.

The officer, whose lawyers have declined to identify, sued McKesson, even though they acknowledge that he didn't throw the rock, didn't advocate attacking the police and uttered no words suggesting imminent lawlessness.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit — which covers Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas — permitted the suit to move forward. McKesson asked the Supreme Court to intervene, and it declined to do so last week.

We have two fundamental legal issues intertwined here. The first is freedom of expression, and the second is vicarious liability.

Do expressive rights evaporate merely because someone in the audience became violent? Until last week, the universal answer to that was: No.

Indeed, the courts have many times rejected the so-called heckler's veto whereby a person adverse to the speaker causes a disruption that results in personal injury or property damage and the harmed parties sue the speaker. In those cases, the courts have held consistently that unless the speaker's words command and produce immediate lawless behavior, the speaker is not liable for the heckler's violence.

Vicarious liability — holding A liable for the crimes or misbehavior of B — often comes up in the First Amendment context.

The modern jurisprudence has uniformly held that the right to free assembly is so integral to democracy, so well-rooted in our history, so necessary for effective free expression that it actually tolerates the violence that sometimes accompanies it. Were this not so, then hecklers would have their veto and there would be no such thing as free assembly.

In Chicago in 1946, a Roman Catholic priest, Father Arthur Terminiello, gave an incendiary speech attacking President Harry Truman. The speech drew nearly as many hecklers as it did appreciators.

The hecklers stormed the stage and trashed the lecture venue. The Chicago police arrested Terminiello, not the hecklers. He was convicted of disorderly conduct and the Illinois courts upheld his conviction.

The Supreme Court reversed the conviction for the reasons that have now become a well-accepted aspect of our jurisprudence: All innocuous speech is absolutely protected; and all speech is innocuous when there is time for more speech to challenge it.

The McKesson decision is ridiculous. When the Giants last beat the Patriots in the Super Bowl, two drunks had a fight in the stadium. Can they sue Tom Brady? Of course not.

In McKesson's case, he neither advocated nor caused violence. Yet the court — abandoning the Terminiello principles — will allow an unnamed victim to sue him for what an unknown and unseen assailant did.

This is a major blow to the freedom of expression. The court gave no reasons for its bizarre decision. One can hope that a jury will do the right thing; or the court, if it has this case again, will return to first principles.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Free speech and the freedom to assemble, though supposedly guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution is DEAD in amerika!! This goes to show how worthless mere words on parchment are!

States are, by design, predatory and parasitical. They exist for the purpose of accruing power and pelf. Libertarian visions of domesticating the state are fantasies.

~ George F. Smith



"We all know our existing uni-party government is corrupt, evil and hates us. Whether we call it the Deep State, corrupt oligarchy, or corporate fascist totalitarians, it is clear they are our enemy. They are continuing to implement their Great Reset/Great Taking scheme, and will only be stopped through violent means."

~ Jim Quinn



“The Second Amendment Doesn’t Exist In This Courtroom”

By Herschel Smith

From Red State:

‘Do not bring the Second Amendment into this courtroom. It doesn’t exist here. So you can’t argue Second Amendment. This is New York.’

Here she is.



She has a “rich cultural heritage.”

Judge Darkeh is a child of an immigrant father and a first-generation American mother. Her father, George Komla Darkeh, was born and raised in Ghana, West Africa. “He came to New York in the 1960s to attend Columbia University and to work at the United Nations,” she said. Her mother, Shirley Elise (nee Lowe) Darkeh was born in Brooklyn after her family immigrated from St. Vincent and Barbados. Judge Darkeh’s parents met a party in NYC, at the home of a UN diplomat. Two years later they married, started a family and moved to Long Island.

“I was born in the United States — Brooklyn, New York, in fact — and I am proud to be an American, but I have always understood that America is a rich and vibrant place because of all of the people, from different places, who settled here and who expressed who they are and where they came from in their everyday lives.

But with no respect for God-given rights to self defense or the liberties of a free man. That sort of cultural heritage.

Now, reddit/Firearms gives us good reason to try her for treason:

Scheuer v. Rhodes, 416 U.S. 232, 94 S. Ct. 1683, 1687 (1974) Note: By law, a judge is a state officer. The judge then acts not as a judge, but as a private individual (in his person). When a judge acts as a trespasser of the law, when a judge does not follow the law, the Judge loses subject-matter jurisdiction and the judges’ orders are not voidable, but VOID, and of no legal force or effect. The U.S. Supreme Court stated that “when a state officer acts under a state law in a manner violative of the Federal Constitution, he comes into conflict with the superior authority of that Constitution, and he is in that case stripped of his official or representative character and is subjected in his person to the consequences of his individual conduct. The State has no power to impart to him any immunity from responsibility to the supreme authority of the United States.”

Cooper v. Aaron, 358 U.S. 1, 78 S.Ct. 1401 (1958). “No state legislator or executive or judicial officer can war against the Constitution without violating his undertaking to support it.” The constitutional theory is that we the people are the sovereigns, the state and federal officials only our agents.”

Cooper v. Aaron, 358 U.S. 1, 78 S. Ct. 1401 (1958) Note: Any judge who does not comply with his oath to the Constitution of the United States wars against that Constitution and engages in acts in violation of the supreme law of the land. The judge is engaged in acts of treason. The U.S. Supreme Court has stated that “no state legislator or executive or judicial officer can war against the Constitution without violating his undertaking to support it”. See also In Re Sawyer, 124 U.S. 200 (188); U.S. v. Will, 449 U.S. 200, 216, 101 S. Ct. 471, 66 L. Ed. 2d 392, 406 (1980); Cohens v. Virginia, 19 U.S. (6 Wheat) 264, 404, 5 L. Ed 257 (1821).

28 is U.S. Code § 454. Practice of law by justices and judges

Any justice or judge appointed under the authority of the United States who engages in the practice of law is guilty of a high misdemeanor.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 908.)

The USDC are legislative courts typically proceeding in legislativemode. See American Insurance v. 356 Bales of Cotton, 1 Pet. 511, 7 L.Ed.

242 (1828) (C.J. Marshall’s seminal ruling); *Balzac v. Porto Rico*, 258 U.S. 298, 312 (1922) (the USDC IS NOT a true United States court established under Article III!); and 28 U.S.C. §§ 88, 91, 132, 152, 171, 251, 458, 461, 1367.

Legislative courts are not required to exercise the Article III guarantees required of constitutional courts. See *Keller v. Potomac Electric Power Co.*, 261 U.S. 428 (1923); *Federal Trade Commission v. Klesner*, 274 U.S. 145 (1927); *Swift & Co. v. United States*, 276 U.S. 311 (1928); *Ex parte Bakelite Corporation*, 279 U.S. 438 (1929); *Federal Radio Commission v. General Electric Co.*, 281 U.S. 464 (1930); *Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Co. v. United States*, 285 U.S. 382 (1932); *O’Donoghue v. United States*, 289 U.S. 516 (1933); *Glidden Co. v. Zdanok*, 370 U.S. 530 (1962); *Northern Pipeline Co. v. Marathon Pipe Line Co.*, 458 U.S. 50 (1982).

But all of that relies on good men doing righteousness, and that isn’t going to happen in New York. If the SCOTUS had any guts, they would have dealt with this sort of denial of the 2A long, long ago, and would be dealing with it currently with the AWBs in Illinois and Maryland. But they have no guts. They have run scared of this issue for a very long time.

Funny, that. Sotomayor has no problem telling the lower courts off when she wants to. It seems that everyone else on the supreme court is a coward.

It would be good if the SCOTUS had a way of censuring lower courts and judges, and perhaps they do. But they would have to actually exercise that prerogative, and it takes more than cowards to do that.

Finally, this touches fingers with the whole issue of immigrants and immigration, and how they don’t bring the same value system to America. They bring the value system from the country they left. This is especially dangerous when it’s a judge. It will just take more time to work its way through the process with immigrants who vote.

See the point?

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: amerika has done this to itself – welcoming aliens from alien cultures – allow them to remain – elevating them to positions of power – amerika is finished!!!!

“Protectionists continue to cling to the idea that raising taxes is good for the economy so long as the tax is called a ‘tariff.’”

~ Ryan McMaken



“The minute the dollar goes, American power goes with it. . . . Most of the world can hardly wait for it to happen.”

~ Paul Craig Roberts



Biden wants American tax dollars to train hundreds of trans activists overseas

Claims it will ultimately benefit the United States

By Robert Schmad



The U.S. Embassy in India

The Biden administration wants to train at least 200 activists to advocate for transgender rights in India as part of a program ostensibly designed to advance America's "national interests," according to a federal grant posting.

President Joe Biden's State Department plans to "train at least 200 LGBTQI+ community leaders ... with preference given to trans and intersex community leaders" by "deliver[ing] specialized legal education and support" which will, in turn, empower "them to advocate for their rights and access the services they need," according to a grant announcement published on April 8. The department is offering the grant under its Public Diplomacy Programs, which exist to "support the achievement of U.S. foreign policy goals and objectives, advance national interests, and enhance national security."

The grant opportunity argues that "improved health, education, economic strength, justice and equality" for transgender people in India will ultimately benefit the United States.

The proposed program, titled "Empowering LGBTQI+ Community Leadership Across India," focuses on transgender and intersex Indians because, according to the State Department, they face both "more severe discrimination and social stigma compared to other groups within the LGBTQI+ spectrum" as well as "unique



challenges" when it comes to "accessing education, healthcare, employment and legal recourse against discrimination."

To accomplish its goals, the program will utilize a "train the trainer" approach, using the 200 people it trains directly to reach a further 2,000 activists within one year. The State Department hopes to set off a "ripple effect" across India through this strategy.



The major Indian cities of Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi are all targets under the State Department's program.

The department is offering between \$120,000 and \$150,000 for a third party to run the program, which it says will start on August 20.

Funding LGBT initiatives abroad, ostensibly to promote America's interests, has been a defining factor of the State Department under Biden. Under the Biden administration, the State Department has bankrolled "queer" Muslim writers in India, funded theatrical productions to teach Africans about LBGT rights, backed a ballroom dancing program to "uplift" Peruvian transgender youth and paid a university to churn out "LGBTQI+ allies."

The State Department did not immediately respond to the Daily Caller News Foundation's request for comment.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: The "progressives" are not content with turning america into a depraved hellhole, they are determined to spread this depravity around the globe.

Capitalism versus racism

Flays socialists who care about black or white, not green

By John Stossel



Capitalism and racism go together? I hear it all the time.

"Racism is intricately linked to capitalism," says famous Marxist Angela Davis. "It's a mistake to assume that we can combat racism by leaving capitalism in place."



"Anti-racist" activist Ibram X. Kendi says, "In order to truly be anti-racist, you also have to truly be anti-capitalist."

This is just silly.

In my new video, Swedish historian Johan Norberg explains how free markets *discourage* racism.

Capitalists make a profit by serving their customers. The more customers they please, the more money they might make. It hurts the bottom line to exclude any groups.

"Look around the world," says Norberg. "The least racist societies with the fewest expressions of racist attitudes are the most capitalist countries."

Norberg's new book, "The Capitalist Manifesto," highlights a Journal of Institutional Economics study that found a correlation between economic freedom and "tolerance of ethnic groups."

"Capitalism," he says, "is the first economic system where you only get rich by opening up opportunities for others. It pays to be colorblind. It pays to be open to willing customers and workers who could enrich your company no matter what religion or race. ... It doesn't mean that every person will be colorblind. There will always be idiots. But in capitalism, it's costly to be an idiot."

He reminds us that in the Jim Crow South, *businesses* fought racism, because the rules denied them customers.

"It's often forgotten that owners of buses, railways, streetcars in the American South didn't really segregate systematically until the late 19th century," says Norberg. "It was probably not because they were less racist than others in the South, but they were capitalists. They wanted money, they wanted clients, and they didn't want to engage in some sort of costly and brutal policing business in segregating buses."

Even when segregation was mandated, some streetcar companies refused to comply. For several years after Jim Crow laws passed, Black customers sat wherever they wanted.

Norberg adds, "Those owners of public transport, they fought those discriminatory laws because they imposed a terrible cost. ... They tried to bypass them secretly and fight them in courts. They were often fined. Some were threatened with imprisonment."

The streetcar company in Mobile, Alabama, only obeyed Jim Crow laws after their conductors began to get arrested and fined.

Those business owners may have been racist – I can't know – but they fought segregation.

"We got Jim Crow laws," says Norberg, "Because free markets weren't willing to discriminate."

Capitalists cared about green – not black or white.

Free markets all over the world coordinate and cooperate. Many don't know of each other's existence, and if they did meet, they might not get along. But they work together in search of profit.

It's odd that socialists now call capitalism racist, when the opposite is more often true.

The Soviet Union invited African students to study science in major cities. But "Soviet citizens often treated the Africans in their midst with disdain and hostility," New Lines Magazine describes. Russian children's books portrayed Blacks in animalistic ways. Name-calling was common.

Today, China and Cuba claim to have "zero-tolerance" for racism, but during the Covid pandemic, authorities forcibly tested Blacks and ordered strict isolation. Landlords evicted African tenants. Businesses often refused to serve them.

In Cuba, Castro insisted he would eliminate racism. But "Racism persists," reports France 24, saying it's "banned

by law," but "alive on the streets. ... In local jargon, a white woman with a black boyfriend is ... 'holding back the race.'" Cuba's government is still instituting programs to "combat racism."

It's capitalism that makes people *less* racist.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Government dictates ALWAYS make matters worse. Just leave people alone to interact in freedom!! Things will sort themselves out.

Deceptive new tech has people voicing words they never said

'What could possibly go wrong with that?'

By Bob Unruh



Now it appears that artificial intelligence can make anyone say anything. Literally anyone and literally anything. And the proof is in the Mona Lisa ... RAPPING?

All that's required is a still image of a face, a recording of words, singing, anything, and the new software.



Microsoft's product exhibits the possibilities.

A report at CNN detailed one of the recent "advances" in computer tech, with Microsoft's codes able to "take a still image of a face and an audio clip of someone speaking and automatically create a realistic looking video of that person speaking."

That software is called VASA-1 and the report calls the results "a bit jarring."

"Microsoft said the technology could be used for education or 'improving accessibility for individuals with communication challenges,' or potentially to create virtual companions for humans. But it's also easy to see how the tool could be abused and used to impersonate real people," CNN documented.

"Wow. Creating videos realistically depicting people saying words they never said? What could possibly go wrong with that?" commented author and WND Managing Editor David Kupelian. "Today's ruling elites, from the Deep State to Big Tech, are so dependent on lies and deception – while censoring and attacking unwelcome

truth as 'disinformation,' 'misinformation' and 'malinformation' – it's easy to imagine that before long they'll be using technology like this to enhance their daily practice of portraying the innocent as guilty and the guilty as innocent."

CNN noted that experts now worry the tech could "disrupt" existing industries of film and advertising, and elevate the level of "misinformation" to which consumers are subjected.

The report said Microsoft isn't going to release the software ... yet.

"The move is similar to how Microsoft partner OpenAI is handling concerns around its AI-generated video tool, Sora: OpenAI teased Sora in February, but has so far only made it available to some professional users and cybersecurity professors for testing purposes," the report said.

Online, Microsoft researchers claimed they are "opposed" to anything that creates "misleading" content.

However, they've designed to code to take into account face and head movements, lip motion, expression, eye gaze, blinking and much more.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: I don't like AI. I attempt to keep myself separated from it. I find "mature" people who use AI to make themselves appear as twenty-somethings to be extremely shallow and vain. I am becoming more and more distrustful of anything that I read or see. – I mean, who or what produced it?? Ultimately AI may mean the end of meaningful and honest communication and the end of civilization, as we know it. – You know, "I'll have my AI get with your AI." – Just some rambling thoughts. – Yeah, I know, I'm a Luddite! – It's only going to get worse!!! – "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Why “Democracy” Has Failed—And How to Fix It

By Terry Hulse

Democracy in America has failed. In spite of the lack of any reference to “democracy” in both the American Constitution and its Declaration of Independence, the United States has institutionalized the democratic principle to become its world exemplar, which according to some intellectuals is henceforth to be the sole pattern for all governments on earth.

Francis Fukuyama, a neoconservative until his ideas were actually adopted by the George W. Bush administration, infamously proclaimed in 1993:

[L]iberal democracy may constitute the “end point of mankind’s ideological evolution” and the “final form of government,” and as such constitute[s] “the end of history.”[i]

The “Disease”

The Founders’ omission of reference to “democracy” was deliberate, and their mistrust of it clear and prescient. The founding idea of the American Experiment is that our several states have united to form a republic of strictly limited federal powers, not a democracy. Without understanding this kernel idea, that the founders repudiated democracy and consciously labored to restrain it, there simply no possibility of understanding the meaning of America. The most concise statement of this idea comes from Madison’s Federalist 10:

Hence it is that democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and in general have been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.... A republic, by which I mean a government in which a scheme of representation takes place, opens a different prospect and promises the cure for which we are seeking.[ii]

Madison’s fears have been realized. Only in schoolbooks sanctioned by the current democratic regime is democracy depicted as an imperfect but scrappy, happy tumult where everyone gets his “piece of the pie,” if not in the current give-and-take of “consensus” political bargaining, then in the next round of informed and free elections. In repudiation of Locke’s justification of government as the defender of “life, liberty and estate,”[iii] – meaning of course “life, liberty and property” – democratic government has become the predator of property.



A Rectification of Names[iv]

Has the true culprit been named? Granted, America has seen the accelerating replacement of lower time preferences with higher time preferences, and private property with “public” property at least since 1918. But does democracy account for that development? Does “democracy” properly name this reality? According to Aristotle, in the *Politics*, book IV, section 9, it does not:

[T]he appointment of magistrates by lot is thought to be democratical [sic], and the election of them oligarchical.[v]

In this passage he respectively describes the Athenian selection of government officials by random lot as “democracy,” and the Spartan selection of officials by popular election as “oligarchy.” In other words, America is not properly a democracy because it does not select its officials by random lot, that is, by sortition. Is it possible then that true, sortitioned democracy is not only blameless for the decline, but can in fact provide Madison’s “remedy for the diseases most incident to republican [democratic] government”?[vi] Might it do so either as a replacement for his own ingenious “cure,” federalism, or as its rehabilitation, restoring that sole principle known so far to successfully limit the scope of democracy while preserving self-rule in a mass society?

The Possible “Cures”

Before turning to sortitioned democracy as a cure, let us advance more carefully from the first truth that we have established: That America has always chosen its leaders by the elective, oligarchical principle, and not by sortition, the democratic principle. It may well be that other alternatives exist for encouraging low time preferences and for reversing the replacement of private property with “public” property. Let us consider several of these alternative policy actions.

Homestead

The decade of the 1970s witnessed the formation of the Libertarian Party and a number of inventive homesteading experiments inspired by libertarian principles, by the writings of Ayn Rand, and by the lack of virgin homesteading venues free of state interference. Werner K. Stiefel, the CEO of the large Stiefel Laboratories, invested his own money to pursue Operation Atlantis,[vii] a floating island in the Caribbean, with an elaborate libertarian “master lease” as a kind of constitution binding its members. The island was destroyed by a hurricane in 1972, and Stiefel’s advancing age forced him to abandon

several other plans that he had provided as alternatives. Michael Oliver also tried to create a libertarian-inspired island named the Republic of Minerva in the South Pacific.[viii] It was abandoned when its members were menaced by warriors of the Kingdom of Tonga in 1972. His second attempt on the island of Abaco in the Bahamas devolved into a Bahaman political party in 1973; and his third attempt on the island of Vanuatu in the South Pacific was destroyed by mercenaries of that nation in 1980. A clever attempt to essentially vote oneself a homestead was launched with Jason Sorens' Free State Project in July 2001. His thought was that by having a critical mass of like-minded libertarians in a small state – 20,000 libertarians in the state of New Hampshire – the community would form a voting block to enact libertarian principles statewide. By February 3, 2016, that number of people had signed the statement of intent to migrate to New Hampshire. However, a judgment on its success must lie in the future: That number is about equal to the number that migrates to the state for other reasons, and of the pledged number, only 10% have actually migrated.[ix]

Empower insurance agencies

A considerable literature exists for advancing the role of private insurance agencies into the protection monopoly currently enjoyed by the state. Some of these possibilities have been imagined by Bruno Leoni, *Freedom and the Law* (D. Van Nostrand Co., 1961); Murray Rothbard, *For a New Liberty* (Macmillan, 1973); David Friedman, *The Machinery of Freedom* (Harper and Row, 1973); and Hans-Hermann Hoppe and Brad Edmonds, *The Myth of National Defense* (Ludwig von Mises Institute, 2003). The difficulty lies in finding a practical way to expand that role in the current democratic landscape of heavy regulation of insurance agencies by states jealous of their monopoly of the protection racket. Hoppe acknowledges that the ultimate power to implement this expanded power of insurance agencies is the threat of secession.[x]

Institutionalize a concurrent majority

According to John C. Calhoun, legitimate constitutional government does not rest upon “the few, or the many.”[xi] In view of the impossibility of political unanimity, every majority would be “the government of a part, over a part – the major over the minor portion.” Legitimate constitutional government should rest upon two pillars: The “positive” power of “the numerical, or absolute majority” and the “negative” power of states having “veto, interposition, nullification, check, or balance of power.” The absence of any state veto would corroborate the “concurrent majority” – “the united sense of all,” and would more closely approach national unanimity. The ultimate power to enforce the principle rests upon secession.

Secede

Quite naturally for a nation founded on secession from Great Britain, the United States has had a great secessionist tradition, beginning not in the South, but in New England. We catalog a few, in order of the number of possible consequent states. Two states: The Hartford Secessionists,[xii] the Essex Junto,[xiii] the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison,[xiv] the Confederate States of America; twelve states: George F. Kennan,[xv] at least fifty states: Kirkpatrick Sale,[xvi] thousands of states: Thomas Jefferson,[xvii] millions of states: Ludwig von Mises.[xviii]

The breakup of monolithic empires into more manageable seceded states would certainly be a benefit, however achieved. Yet without a revision in the way each state's leaders are chosen, every seceded state is damned by the following consideration: All would still be voting as oligarchic elective states still infected by Madison's and Hoppe's ills of democracy.

Revise voting methods

Oligarchic electoral choice using America's current plurality-rule method, as used by most democratic nations, delivers the least prospect of fair representative candidates, according to most scholars of the subject. According to Duverger's law, the method is especially unfair in its encouragement of a two-party political system[xix] – a system of factions despised by virtually all of the Framers of the American Constitution. But after considering most alternative methods, the fact remains that Nobel Laureate Kenneth Arrow's Impossibility Theorem demonstrates that all ordinal methods are defective in that they can allow a least-favored candidate to win.[xx] A suggestion to revise the primary system by Thomas Gangale is hardly a comprehensive remedy.[xxi]

Limit voting to property holders

Certainly a significant factor in accelerating increasingly higher time preferences and the metastasis of “public” property has been the growing dispensation of the voting franchise upon those with no “skin in the game” – upon those with little property, who are more than willing to vote themselves the property of others.

Now since any bald suggestion of limiting the franchise to property holders is doomed from the start, some variation retaining a broad franchise while restricting the theft value of voting fares better. For example, anyone who chose to receive welfare payments could simultaneously lose the franchise for, say, five years following the receipt of the last government check. Or, the removal of force – that is, theft – from taxation for welfare could be achieved by distributing welfare payments only from a fund created by strictly voluntary contributions. The voluntary welfare

fund would grow only if property were not plundered, and its success would provide a model for extending the principle of voluntary taxation to other parts of the government budget.

Such indirect implementations of the principle are obviously necessary. For currently, a strict and immediate weaning of the “public” property recipients from the voting rolls would mean that the entire electorate would be disenfranchised.

The Varieties of Sortition

The victories by Miltiades over the Persian Darius at Marathon in 490 BCE, and by Themistocles over Xerxes at Salamis in 480 BCE ushered in the age of Pericles, three-quarters of a century of Athenian ascendancy throughout the Aegean, and its period of greatest flourishing. At about this same time, no later than 477 BCE, the Athenians institutionalized democracy based on klerostocracy (from κληρος, or lot) or sortition, that is, the random selection of government personnel by lot.[xxii] The practice was designed to defeat what the American Framers would come to designate as “factions,” or the agglomeration of interests united in using the fiction of “society” to enrich themselves. This usage was likely a secular repurposing of the religious practice used to determine the will of the gods:

[Since] Fustel de Coulanges [was] the first to point out that, as the lot was religious in its origin, it must have been in some form or other a custom of very great antiquity.[xxiii]

Therefore, it seems likely that 477 BCE designated not the introduction of sortition, but the date of the invention of a remarkable piece of engineering to apply that practice to the selection of government personnel: The kleroterion (κληρωτήριο). The kleroterion was an upright slab of stone about the height and width of a man, pierced with deep slots something larger than modern USB ports. They were arranged in up to about 50 rows, with five or eleven slots in each row. On the day when juries or state officers were needed, citizens would show up. Each would collect a modest fee for his civic duty, and insert his pinakion (πινάκιον), a bronze strip about the size of a large thumb drive, into a slot. The pinakion was an ID unique to each citizen. The rows were filled so as to number considerably more than the number needed to be selected. A tube was strapped to the side of the stone, into which were dropped brass balls painted black and white. The number of white balls equaled the number to be selected; the rest were black, with the total number of balls equal to the number of pinakion-filled rows. A crank at the bottom let out just one ball at a time. If it was black, the first row of pinakia was dismissed; if white, that row was chosen to form an

eleven-man jury when using an eleven-row kleroterion, or five officers when using a five-row kleroterion.[xxiv]

The Athenians were so convinced of the value of sortitioned democracy that they adopted it for every public office but one:

[T]he whole administration of the state was in the hands of men appointed by lot: the serious work of the law courts, of the execution of the laws, of police, of public finance, in short of every department (with the exception of actual commands in the army) was done by officials so chosen.[xxv]

Nor were they deluded in their confidence in this system: Athens declined not by any failure of sortition, but by its ultimate defeat in the Peloponnesian Wars (431–404 BC).

Modern writers and political scientists have flirted with the principle of sortition, for a variety of reasons. A humorous advocacy was put forth by H.L. Mencken in 1949:

I propose that the men who make our laws be chosen by chance and against their will, instead of by fraud and against the will of all the rest of us, as now.[xxvi]

The more serious political scientists fall into two general groups: Those who accept “sortive bodies” in some consultative capacity, and those who accept them to achieve a greater equality in representing the public at large.

Purely consultative sortition

Robert A. Dahl thinks that “sortive bodies,”[xxvii] sometimes called “minipopuli,”[xxviii] may perform some kind of advisory role in forming groups to talk about issues of the day. But since these groups have no power, it’s hard to see their value at all, even as substitutes for opinion polling. Indeed they appear more as a theoretical exercise than anything, since clearly Dahl has no real qualms with democracy in its current form: He scoffs at Madison’s fear of “majority tyranny” and denigrates the term “faction” as uselessly vague.[xxix] James S. Fishkin is of the same ilk, and equally muddled. In one work he accepts “sortive bodies” as legislative advisors or stand-ins for opinion polls,[xxx] but then elsewhere renders them useless because in his view they lack “technical expertise” in lawmaking.[xxxi] Likewise, John Gastil and Erik Olin Wright shudder so much at the prospect of uninformed “sortive bodies” falling prey to “legislative capture” by some staff of law-writing technocrats that they propose “advocacy coalitions” to keep them informed.[xxxii]

Halfway implementations, whether they restrict sortition to purely consultative bodies, or only gradually endow it with legislative powers, or allow it in only one of the two

houses of Congress, are cures worse than the disease. They leave in place the debilitating oligarchic elective system and add sortition for no clear reason – a system that ignores the Athenian success in applying sortition across every public institution except the military.

Nevertheless, the one issue that gives pause to advocates of purely consultative sortition must be addressed: The presumed loss of “institutional memory” in a constantly rotating policy-making body of amateurs.

In the sense of the term “institutional memory” as a continuity of values, the oligarchic system can always be suspected of politically motivated change. From support of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, to its abandonment in the Equality Act in 2015, from its members’ universal perception of abortion as a category of murder to a category of human rights, it has made these and other revolutionary breaks, not as a reflection of a changing electorate, but in response to politically aggressive minorities. Raising this point is not to argue the ethical merits of the change; it is to illustrate that any change in long-held values, no matter how whimsical or revolutionary, is, for oligarchical election, politically suspect as vote pandering, while for democratic sortition is always the expression of the collective will of its randomly chosen members.

The sense of the term “institutional memory” as professional legislative standards is a fiction. The current oligarchically elected Congress is already subservient not only to a staff of law-writing technocrats, but to lobbyists, partisan “think tanks” and opinion polls, administrative agencies, and media pressure. The legislator holding office by oligarchic election currently spends almost half his time fund raising,[xxxiii] leaving the “professional” work of cobbling up the law to staffers; in the remaining half he acquires “knowledge” for evaluating proposed bills not from time-consuming reading or deliberation, but from paid lobbyists whose political contributions promise to keep him in office; his long-term “vision thing”[xxxiv] is acquired from “think tanks” funded almost exclusively by usually wealthy donors with a definite political ax to grind or acquired from the latest opinion poll; the rambling, indecipherable bills – which they demand must first be passed “so that you can find out what’s in it”[xxxv] – allow for the often secret insertion of favors for constituents – and a critical tool for staying in office is “constituent services”; bills are written vaguely in the expectation that administrative agencies will “fill in the details,” a practice which not only reduces court challenges (following the principle of Chevron or Auer deference[xxxvi]), but which disperses responsibility for any damage the laws may inflict; and “debates” in the sense of a lively exchange of facts and ideas no longer exist – instead, members line up to deliver televised

soundbites, often to nearly empty chambers. *There* is the elected lawmakers’ vaunted “expertise.”

In contrast, a sortitioned legislature would take leading ideas not from politically sponsored “think tanks” run by tendentious intellectuals, not from opinion polls, and not from those who market “information” for a foregone political aim, but from disinterested scholars and experts. In the absence of political parties, the market would incentivize the emergence and preponderance of organizations that provide concisely written legislative detail for objective policies.

In short, there is no current “institutional memory” either in abiding shared values or in law-writing conventions; only parliamentary form remains – a matter safely confided to powerless functionaries. In both senses of the term “institutional memory,” the current oligarchic elected legislators exacerbate and perpetuate the ills of democracy.

Egalitarian sortition

A second large group of political scientists writing about sortition are those who, dismayed that over 95% of the elective oligarchy of legislators are white males – and about half of them lawyers[xxxvii] – seek equality in the form of proportional representation for women, for minorities currently based on race, and for unspecified protean “disadvantaged” factions. Hugo Bonin,[xxxviii] Ernest Callenbach, and Michael Phillips[xxxix] are typical of this group. All of them embrace “diversity” while being curiously blind to the fact that diversity is the opposite of equality. They seek equality for the various factions that are assembled not for their diversity, but for their adherence to a prevailing ideology. What were the unequally represented factions of a century ago? They were the factions of class: Worker, bourgeois, and landlord. Clearly the factions are assembled according to political considerations, and not according to measurable benefits for the society as a whole. For how will those who are half black and half Latino be represented? Would they not be doubly represented? How many legislators will represent the Frisian immigrants? And how many will represent the left-handed Frisians with a limp?

All such schemes that embrace sortition from egalitarian motives fail because they are based on arbitrary groupings formed by the fashionable watchwords of the day.

Thoroughgoing sortition

There is a wisdom in crowds.[xl] Indeed, the free market itself rests upon the superior *en masse* knowledge of

individual buyers and sellers, and libertarian speculation in every field is nothing without the concept of rational spontaneous order of the many.[xli] It is a pleasant irony that the ideas most likely to secure individual freedom and prosperity – ideas confident of Thomas Jefferson’s “natural aristocracy” – have nothing to do with a supercilious disdain for the “great unwashed.”

In 2014, Google launched Project Aristotle,[xlii] led by researcher Julia Rozovsky, tasked to develop the perfect team. For over a year Rozovsky studied over a hundred groups assembled according to various standards, looking for the ideal “group norms,” or “team culture.” The greatest contrast was between Team A, a star group of exceptionally smart and efficient professionals, and Team B, a group of capable but essentially random workers. She found that Team B was more willing to “take risks” and overall performed better. These advantages were expressed in a “collective I.Q.” greater than the sum of its parts because it encouraged the “psychological safety” of each member contributing to the group.

The high time preferences and expansion of “public” property at the expense of private property result from a special case of the “tragedy of the commons”[xliii] – the situation in which one common resource is shared among multiple independent and rational individuals each seeking to maximize his own gain. Each democratic legislator maximizes his own gain at the expense of the “public” property commons only indirectly as a member of a political faction. Obviously there are cases where a legislator will take a bribe or commit a crime without reference to his political affiliation. But these are peccadillos in comparison to the systematic theft legitimized under the conjury of “the state,” advanced under the banner of a political faction. The former are ordinary crimes; the latter is the basis of the ills of oligarchically elected states – mislabeled “liberal democracies.” The effect of adopting sortive democracy as described below will be to remove this prospect of institutionalized theft by a political faction by destroying political parties altogether.

Ours is an age of envious egalitarianism. The temptation to pose as a victim of some inequality, no matter how spurious the claim and no matter how connatural the difference from other people, is sanctioned by the prevailing culture. Sortition does not confer legislative power upon anyone on the basis of any reasoned claim of “desert”; it dispenses altogether with the endless wrangling both over the “equally fair” or “ideal” candidate and his representative “rightness,” and over his “equally fair” or “reasoned” disposal of private property made public; it is in that respect “arational.”[xliv] Sortive democracy precludes leveling egalitarianism; it guarantees true diversity through its random selection of candidates.

The great obstacle to the guarantee of randomness is the formation of the initial pool from which all subsequent lots are drawn. As described below, the federal amendment is indifferent to claims of “inequality” in the initial pool, leaving the resolution of such endless and futile discussion to the states, who are their own arbiters of voting qualifications according to the Constitution. Whether Utah insists that its candidates convert to Mormonism or New York insists that theirs hold a degree in accounting is a matter of indifference to the positive sortive effect of the Amendment.

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: An excellent article, though a bit long and complicated. I think it’s worth the time to read it and contemplate. It explains how amerika got in the terrible fix that it’s in, and offers some very interesting and reasonable correctives. My advice? DON’T HOLD YOUR BREATH!!!

Speaker Mike Johnson Continues the GOP's War Against Freedom

By Ryan McMaken

Thomas Woods has reminded us more than once that “no matter who you vote for, you get John McCain.” It’s not strictly and always true, of course, but the evidence is clear that it’s often true. The latest example is the GOP’s speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana) who has turned out more or less exactly like us skeptics have predicted.



Johnson is a friend to the war party, a do-nothing on issues important to the rank and file (like immigration), and a true enemy of the people on issues like warrantless spying.

In recent weeks, Johnson has increasingly doubled down on supporting Washington’s foreign policy blob, and insists on spending at least a hundred billions dollars—dollars the Treasury doesn’t have and the Fed will have to print—on propping up the Ukraine regime. This regime, which Johnson tells us is essential in the battle for “democracy”—whatever *that* means—has abolished elections, ended the freedom of speech, and even destroyed the basic freedom of exercising one’s religion.

But none of that matters because someone at the FBI told Johnson he must keep spending taxpayer dollars on Ukraine while courting World War III. Johnson—ignoring his constituents as most members of Congress do—has assured the agents of the garrison state that he will help them. Perhaps Johnson’s biggest crime is his ongoing support for a new and vast expansion of the American police state. Johnson now supports securing greater prerogatives for America’s spy agencies who seek to spy on American citizens without warrants indefinitely.

This is obviously contrary to basic human rights (i.e., property rights), but Johnson certainly doesn’t care. After all, he told us that there are bad guys out there in the world, and that means the Bill of Rights goes right out the window.

The current drive to expand spy agencies’ power is no minor affair, and at the joint Mises Institute-Ron Paul Institute event in Houston last weekend, Daniel McAdams suggested that the GOP’s current effort to expand spy powers is even worse than the Patriot Act.

Yet, for anyone who has been around the game very long, he won’t be surprised to note that among the greatest champions of expanding unconstitutional state police

powers right now is the GOP leadership. This, of course, is how it was in the early days of the Afghanistan and the Iraq wars. Dick Cheney, George W. Bush, and their acolytes were on TV daily assuring us that Americans who insist on privacy and human rights are “with the terrorists.”

In other words, this is what Republicans do. But, no matter how these GOP officials shred property rights, the rank and file keep voting for people like Mike Johnson because the GOP is careful to whip up their core voters into a frenzy over drag-queen story hours and university speech codes. These are issues for local governments, of course, not Congress, but the end result is the GOP keeps getting what it wants at the federal level: endless money for war, and the continued destruction of privacy and private property.

The fact that the average GOP activist still hasn’t caught on to the grift can be seen in the fact that they still refer to people like Johnson as “rinos.” That is, “Republicans in name only.” Anyone who uses the term is advertising that he or she still hasn’t figured out that Republicans like Johnson, McConnell, McCarthy, and the usual beltway type are, in fact, *quintessential* Republicans. They not Republicans “in name only.” They’re *typical* Republicans. They’re *archetypal* Republicans. Dissidents like Thomas Massey and Ron Paul are the true “Republicans in name only.” One might include Donald Trump in this category as well. These latter types are the ones who are out of step with the usual GOP agenda. The typical Republicans favor endless federal spending, unquestioning support for the Deep State, and indifference toward the problems of ordinary Americans.

To see evidence of this we need look no further than the fact that with each passing year of various Republican majorities in Congress, the regime’s victories over freedom and decency keep adding up, and virtually never are any of the state’s powers ever repealed. That’s exactly how the GOP leadership likes it.

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Pastor Wilson’s Comment: As I’ve said time and again: YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS IN DC!!!! – Certainly NOT Donald J. Trump!!!

Failures of the Justice System and a Viable Solution

International Man interviews Doug Casey

International Man: What is the role of a justice system in a society, and what should the State have to do with it?

Doug Casey: In my view, what really holds a society together isn't the laws enacted by legislatures or dictators, but peer pressure, social opprobrium, and moral approbation. In general, society is pretty self-regulating. It's why people pay their bills at restaurants even though there's not a cop at the door. Criminals are the exception, not the rule—although, it must be said, they naturally gravitate towards the government.



When somebody commits a crime, there's a trial to determine what harm has been done, who should be compensated, and so forth. Courts determine these things. But I would argue that the state is not a necessary part of any of this. Society, like markets, tends to be self-ordering.

With a minimal "night watchman" sort of state like that described by Ayn Rand, the proper role of government is simply to defend you from force and fraud. This implies an army to defend you from force external to your society, a police force to defend you from force within your society, and a court system to allow the adjudication of disputes without resorting to force.

I could live in a society like that—it would be a vast improvement over what we have now. A proper court system, with either arbitrators or judges and juries system, would be part of it. But I'd go on to argue that juries and courts should be privatized.

International Man: What would a privatized justice system look like? Would it have juries?

Doug Casey: There might be either arbitrators, or juries, or both. The jury should be composed of independent thinkers who aren't easily swayed by rhetoric or pressured by groupthink. Today, however, they're just random people who aren't clever enough to avoid jury duty.

In theory, juries can counter the tremendous power of judges. Judges today are either elected or appointed. If elected, they have to campaign like any other politician and are subject to the same perverse incentives any other politician is. If they are appointed, it can be even worse. Appointees are often just collecting political favors. While they're allegedly more independent, in many ways, they're even less accountable.

In theory, a jury is a good counterbalance to the power of the judge. You need some way to weigh the facts and decide who's in the right. But the way juries work in the US today is far from optimal. It used to be that a jury could easily overturn any law. The process was called jury nullification, and it was an effective way for the common people to keep legislators under control. Today, however, it's really a dead letter.

Today's juries amount to a form of involuntary servitude. You get your notice for jury duty, and you either have to serve, whether you want to or not or come up with excuses the state will deign to accept.

Most productive people feel that they have more urgent priorities in their lives than helping decide court cases that can go on for months. So the type of people who end up serving on juries these days generally have nothing better to do or for whom the trivial fee they pay is good money. Hardly the kind of person who should decide weighty matters, perhaps even life and death.

In addition, many trials center on highly technical concepts, and forms of evidence, that people rounded up from the highways and byways are simply unqualified to interpret.

Worse, there's the jury selection process called *voir dire*. The notion is to give the attorneys of both sides the opportunity to remove a few individuals from the jury who might be biased against their case, thus ensuring a more unbiased jury.

But in practice, it's an interrogation process by which lawyers try to ensure they get a jury that will believe whatever they tell them. This usually means that anyone exhibiting the least bit of independent thinking or is prone to value justice over law enforcement will get removed and never serve on a jury.

The result is that the quality of juries today is several standard deviations below what it should be. Any intelligent person has opinions, and in this day of the Internet, almost any person's opinions are easy to find out. No matter which way your opinions line up, one side or the other isn't going to like them in any case, so you won't make it past *voir dire*. Both the prosecution and defense like to see malleable jurors with easily influenced minds. As a result, the typical juror has no opinions other than those on the weather, sports, and *American Idol*. People who think in concepts are weeded out as troublemakers.

This process makes a shambles of the concept of a "jury of your peers." The type of people they rope into jury duty wouldn't likely be the peers of anyone now reading this. If

I were facing a trial, I'd much rather be tried by twelve people randomly selected out of a phone book than by the type of people who get selected for jury duty.

If we're to have juries, they ought to be truly juries of our peers—people who can understand you and the facts pertaining to your case. But we're far from an ideal system. It's worse than arbitrary; given that most of those employed by the justice system work for the state, and that it's the state vs. an individual in so many cases, there's a huge inherent bias on top of the whole problem with today's stacked juries.

International Man: What is an ideal justice system in your perspective?

Doug Casey: It would be a more equitable system if judges and jurors were professionals who had to compete with each other on the basis of their proven records of intelligence, fairness, speed, and low cost. The victim and the accused would mutually agree on the judge and jury or arbitrators.

Separating justice and state would help eliminate the state's ability to prosecute phony, made-up crimes, especially crimes with no victims. There needs to be an actual victim to press charges if the state can't be party to a case. That alone would eliminate the wasted resources and trashed lives resulting from the US's various wars against victimless crimes. No one could be criminally prosecuted for having unorthodox sexual preferences, using unpopular drugs, drinking on Sunday, or smoking in a private establishment. Or for evading taxes. It might surprise Americans to know that tax evasion is a civil, not a criminal, matter in most countries.

Most legal actions focus on matters of tort and breach of contract. It's important to keep the laws simple and few, so ignorance of the law is impossible. Ideally, just two great laws:

1. Do all that you say you're going to do.
2. Don't aggress against other people or their property.

The point is that justice has to do with righting actual wrongs that have been done to people, not enforcing laws and exacting arbitrary punishments. Today justice means enforcing the will of politicians and bureaucrats. A proper system of justice would focus on making the victim whole, not arbitrarily punishing the aggressor.

With privatized justice, someone would accuse another, both sides would choose an arbitrator (professional or otherwise), and those two arbitrators would agree on a third to make sure there were no tied votes. They would look at all the facts—not just the arbitrary subset of facts allowed by legal precedent and state machinations. That

decision would not be about punishing anyone but about making the harmed party whole again.

The key concepts are justice and restitution, not punishment. Punishment, if you actually think about it, rarely serves any useful purpose; it just gives vent to base and reactive emotions. It may set a "good example" to deter future miscreants, but it definitely sets a bad example for society as a whole by institutionalizing and justifying cruelty.

International Man: Is there any hope for the current justice system?

Doug Casey: The whole system is highly politicized, which is only natural for something run by the state. Unfortunately, as the country increasingly looks to government as a solution—your only choice being to choose between so-called "right" and "left" politics. That's going to make the current legal system even more dysfunctional in every way I can think of.

International Man: What are the implications of this for investors and businesses?

Doug Casey: I see people being convicted under ridiculous applications of the securities laws, tax laws, and more. The only area where things are becoming more rational and freer is the area of drug laws. It's becoming clear to even the dimmest legislators and jurists that they're as stupid and destructive as were those against alcohol during Prohibition.

In fact, almost all the administrative laws of the myriad of three- and four-letter agencies—ATF, FTC, EPA, SEC, FDA, etc., etc.—create bogus and even nonsensical "crimes." Even if you aren't convicted, if you're targeted, it can cost you hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in legal fees, plus time, lost business, and damaged reputation. The system has become rapacious and Kafkaesque. And as the state grabs more and more power with each passing crisis, the risk of attention from state operatives increases, even for innocent and honest people. The trend is accelerating in a negative direction. If history is any guide, things will get worse until we reach a genuine crisis. That's bad news for anyone with any wealth, especially if they have unpopular political views.

That has very serious implications. Not just for people in business and investors, but society itself. This is one reason I'm so bearish on the prospects of the current world order; not only are there decades-long distortions in the economy that have to be liquidated, but the whole legal system is rotten to the core. It needs to be scrapped—someone needs to push the reset button and restore justice as its guiding principle—and that, too, is a distortion that can't be corrected easily or painlessly.

Unfortunately, it seems as if it's the very worst people who have their fingers on "The Great Reset" button.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Like everything else in amerika, the "justice" system is broken beyond repair!

'Vile!' Biden enrages Catholics with sign of the cross at abortion rally

'You cannot invoke GOD and promote Death!'

By Bob Unruh

Joe Biden, whose support for another term in the White House has been dropping across a wide range of constituencies, has "enraged" one large voting bloc, Catholics, by making the sign of the cross at a rally in which he was promoting abortion.



This. Is. VILE!

President Biden makes the Sign of the Cross at an abortion rally in Florida!

You cannot be Catholic and support abortion!

You cannot invoke GOD and promote Death!



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We Floridians know who this Marxist witch with Biden is!

Catholic Vote condemned his politicization of faith with, "This. Is. VILE!"

Then it continued, "You cannot be Catholic and support abortion! You cannot invoke GOD and promote Death!"

A report at the Washington Examiner explained how Biden "enraged Catholic Church regulars" with his promotion of abortion.

It happened at a rally where an abortion promoter was complaining about Florida's six-week limit for abortions.

Catholic Vote President Brian Burch said, in a statement, "Biden's decision to make the Sign of the Cross in support of abortion extremism is a despicable charade that attempts to co-opt a sacred practice in support of his new abortion religion. His gesture openly mocks the Christian belief in the sanctity of life.

"There is no divine support for destroying the lives of innocent children, and he should know better. Biden's gesture suggests he is either terribly naive, or senile, or callously indifferent to the foundational beliefs of millions of Christians in America."

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Between Biden and their "progressive" Pope, what are Catholics to do?? Perhaps God will be pleased to actually WAKE some of them up!!

Purple Haired Harpies and the Decline of the Historic South

By Boyd D. Cathey

I found the following article (cited below) of interest, so I am passing it on. It symbolizes for me, in iconic fashion, another major reason that the millennia-old inherited society around us is collapsing, to be replaced by a monstrous, dystopian Gulag, a counter-reality where our tried-and-true verities are unceremoniously dumped onto the ash heap of history.



Just the other day I caught a portion of a public access broadcast of a Raleigh (NC) City Council meeting. Several dozen protesters were present and proceeded to testify...that is, rant and rave and threaten the council members if they did not, that very moment, pass a resolution condemning Israeli occupation of Gaza.

Now, let it be said, that I tend to be sympathetic to those who urgently seek negotiations and a withdrawal of the IDF, which, no doubt is wrecking Gaza beyond recognition and causing immense human suffering. While I condemn the vicious Hamas attack on Israel, the only way—the only solution, so it seems to me—is for rational members of the parties involved to sit down and negotiate an internationally-guaranteed two-state solution. This would necessarily entail full Palestinian sovereignty in Gaza and on the West Bank (with the requisite departure of zealous Zionist “settlers” who have seized the better land there from Arab inhabitants).

But back to the protesters at the Raleigh City Council: Almost all of them were identifiably women (?), and they were some of the ugliest, foulest looking creatures I’ve ever seen—anywhere: Purple stringy hair, 300 lb. female monsters, bulging out in all the wrong places, downright nasty, their noses festooned with ringlets, their mouths spilling out threats and imprecations and demands. If anyone—any rational person, that is—were sympathetic to their position, just their presence there would have probably quashed that sentiment and discouraged a sympathetic response.

Yet, the council members—like most mind-in-the-cloud liberals—appeared staid and polite, intently listening, as the loathsome harpies seized the microphone during the comment session.

That set me to thinking: How did those women become such foul harridans? Certainly, they weren’t that way as toddlers or young girls. And my thoughts centered on two causes which I believe have gotten us to where we are today here in central North Carolina: First, our perverted educational system, abetted by the collapse of the nuclear

family and the church, and, second, a massive immigration to the Tar Heel State since Governor Luther Hodges back in the late 1950s had the idea of establishing what became known as the Research Triangle Park centered around the three major universities in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. This, in turn, began a six-decade process of attracting highly-paid technocrats, who brought with them their neoteric beliefs on everything from politics and morality to child rearing.... But very little of the Southern “rootedness” and “social bond” communitarianism (to use the late Richard Weaver’s term) that had characterized my neighbors when I was growing up.

Many of those women at the Raleigh City Council went through our educational system, and most likely had parents who forked over thousands of shekels to make certain their daughters got a “good education.” And, no doubt, that is a major part of the problem. For several decades we have permitted—in many cases, enabled—the total miseducation (I should call it as it is—indoctrination and cerebral infection) of our children by a corrupt public education system (which the GOP feeds almost as badly as the Dems). That miseducation is coming back to haunt us with a vengeance, culturally, politically, and religiously.

Mind you, the Raleigh City Council is now made up of an assortment of leftists and other n’er-do’wells of progressivism. The influx of population in recent decades, mostly techies from California and from “up North” attracted by our growing Carolina electronic industry, low taxes and hospitable business environment, has turned this area from a cordial, mannerly, old fashioned Southern region, into a foul copy of Silicon Valley. I now hate to venture into our state’s capital city—it is not the town I remember as a boy.

Automobile traffic is ruthless and becoming impossible. Genuine courtesy, whether on the steadily-expanding and changing road grid, or in dealing with a new and aggressive commercial class, has all but disappeared. Chatting briefly with a cashier while standing in a check-out line gets you nasty looks, if not nasty comments “to hurry up” or “move on” from impatient shoppers.

Surrounding the city and chewing up thousands of acres of once serene farmland, new multi-storied apartments rise in fields that I recall used to cultivate tobacco and soybeans. It’s becoming almost impossible for small landowners and farmers to hold on to their property given real estate sharks circling round, paying inflated prices for their homesteads. How incongruous to be driving out my way, passing beautiful countryside, only to be struck suddenly

by ugly high-rise apartments which now are replacing it. As Howard W. Smith (d. 1976), the late conservative Democrat who once represented formerly-conservative northern Virginia in Congress, commented, observing the new faceless, impersonal apartments erected in his district: “And to think, that people actually live in those ant-hills!”

As my late friend and mentor, Dr. Russell Kirk, once said: “It is hard to love the strip mall where the honeysuckle used to grow.”

Thirty-five years ago Raleigh elected a very conservative mayor, a protégé of the late Senator Jesse Helms. That would never happen today. Since then Raleigh and the county of Wake, in which I live, have seen a sea change—in demographics, in voting habits, in the destruction of old neighborhoods, in the once largely unspoiled environment, and in the kind of population—the people—who inhabit the area.

Whereas I grew up in a community which celebrated our traditions and revered the nuclear family, valued the role of the church, where divorce was a rarity, where abortion was practically unknown, and where public education was considered an extension of parental guidance (not some secret lab for “woke” teachers to push six year old boys to have sex mutilation operations, without the knowledge of their parents), that sense of community has largely disappeared.

Again, my thoughts returned to those foul witches with purple hair....They were an appropriate symbol, a primary illustration, of what the best laid plans of our unweary and grasping political and business leaders had produced...secular and barren modernism run rampant, in search of the almighty dollar, and if traditions or heritage or old fashioned courtesy and belief should stand in the way, then let them be damned.

So, when I stumbled across the following article by an “out” and “proud” lesbian, boasting that now some 30% of

Gen Z women identify as LBGTQ....well, given the choices we have made, or have allowed to be made on our behalf over the past half century, is it really surprising?

Our national decline can be traced to a number of factors, including the infiltration and perversion of our educational and entertainment systems, massive immigration (and not just from overseas), the nefarious results of the “civil rights” bills of the 1960s, and, yes, the long-range effects of the 19th Amendment. Humanly speaking it may be impossible at this point to reverse it. Yet, we must continue to try. And may God help us!

Almost 30% of Gen Z Women Identify as LGBTQ+, According to New Survey (MSN)

[If you're really interested, you can find this article cited by Mr. Cathey yourself. I wouldn't bother.]

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Boyd Cathey considers what the South has become. I doubt that there is any recovery. Still, we must see to ourselves and our own children and grandchildren.

“Donald Trump is not remotely a conservative. . . . He fluked into the Oval Office in November 2016 and proceeded to wantonly abandon Republican economic doctrine and badly tarnish the brand. But rather than showing him the door, the floundering remnants of the Republican Party have rallied to the banner of one of the most bombastic, egomaniacal, unfit mountebanks ever to appear on the American political scene.”

~ David Stockman, Former GOP Congressman
and OMB director for Ronald Reagan



Courts set precedent for mass **FORCED VACCINATION** of all children

By Cassie B.



A Court of Appeals in North Carolina has set a precedent for the forced vaccination of all children with a controversial ruling involving a 14-year-old boy who was given a COVID-19 vaccine without his consent or that of his parents.

The court ruled unanimously that the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) preempted a state law that could have protected the minor, Tanner Smith.

The problem began when Smith, who is a student at Western Guilford High School in Greensboro, was informed that he had been exposed to COVID-19 at school. In a letter to his parents, the school district said that he could not return to football practice until he had been given clearance by a public health professional unless he got tested for the virus. The letter added that a local school would be holding a free clinic offering COVID-19 tests and that consent for the tests would be required.

The next day, Smith went with his stepfather to the clinic to take advantage of the free testing because he was eager to resume football practice. However, it turned out that the school was also holding a free vaccination clinic alongside the testing. With his stepfather waiting in the car, Smith filled out a form that he assumed was related to the testing he was instructed to undergo. A clinic worker reportedly attempted to contact his mother, who was not available, but they did not try to reach his stepfather.

Although Smith insisted to the workers at the clinic that he was there to receive a test and not the vaccine and made it clear he did not want to be vaccinated, a clinic worker reportedly said “give it to him anyway.” He ended up

receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine over his protests and without obtaining parental consent.

Smith and his mother, Emily Happel, sued their school district, along with the vaccine clinic, for violating Tanner's bodily autonomy, his mother's constitutional liberty and parental rights, both parties' federal constitutional rights and battery. When a trial court dismissed this complaint on the grounds that the PREP Act shielded the defendants, they appealed the decision.

Unfortunately, the appeals court has affirmed the original decision by the trial court and said that even though North Carolina state law does require healthcare providers to get written consent from parents or legal guardians before giving minors vaccines with emergency use authorization that have not been fully approved by the FDA, the court maintains that the PREP Act preempts this state law, although it acknowledged that Tanner suffered due to the “egregious conduct” of being given the shot against his wishes.

The PREP Act can be used to allow forced vaccination

The PREP Act took effect in 2005, and it provides immunity from liability and lawsuits to parties carrying out “countermeasures” recommended by the Secretary of Health and Human Services that are used in a declared public health emergency. It also covers manufacturers and distributors of countermeasures such as vaccines.

In other words, it doesn't matter at all that Smith did not want the vaccine and his parents did not consent to it; the PREP Act's broad protections mean that they can do whatever they want. As the court noted, “Wisely or not, the plain language of the PREP Act includes claims of battery and violations of state constitutional rights within the scope of its immunity, and it therefore shields Defendants from liability for Plaintiffs' claims.”

This sets a dangerous precedent and means that no one will be held accountable for forcibly giving children vaccines under the guise of a health emergency.

Pastor Wilson's Comment: Forcing a 14 year-old to receive a Covid vaccination **WITHOUT** his consent or that of his parents is proof of a tyrannical government. How is this not an indication that the time has come to resort to arms?

While the 2nd Amendment Sets Rules, Blue States Play Games

By Michael Dorstewitz



Despite the clear language of the Second Amendment and the Supreme Court's interpretations of it, state and local lawmakers continue defying these rights, and denying their citizens of the ability to lawfully keep and bear arms.



This practice keeps national gun rights organizations like the Second Amendment Foundation and the Firearms Policy Coalition busy filing federal lawsuits on behalf of aggrieved law-abiding gun owners.

But state and local governments defying black-letter law is nothing new, according to Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow Amy Swearer, who specializes in Second Amendment law.

"This isn't some bold new strategy by gun control activists. It's the exact same strategy they had after *Heller* and *McDonald* — water the opinions down, misapply them, or just straight up ignore them to get the desired result, and then dare the Supreme Court to do something about it," she told Newsmax.

D.C. vs. Heller held that the District of Columbia couldn't restrict residents from acquiring and keeping modern handguns that are "in common use at the time" in their home.

McDonald vs. Chicago prohibited states from infringing upon those same rights.

"Unfortunately, this is a strategy that has worked to great effect in the 15-plus years since *Heller*," Swearer continued.

"These lawmakers realized that many lower court judges (including clear majorities of some federal circuit courts) simply weren't interested in following the letter or spirit of the Supreme Court's Second Amendment precedent."

The most recent example may also be the most outrageous.

A New York City judge told defense counsel during his opening statement that the Second Amendment "doesn't exist here. So you can't argue Second Amendment. This is New York."

The case involved a 52-year-old Brooklyn software engineer who took up gunsmithing as a hobby during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

He lawfully purchased unfinished gun frames and receivers, then machined and assembled them in his home workshop. When he was arrested in 2022 he had 5-6 AR-style rifles and 7-8 handguns, according to his lawyer.

But Swearer observed that an activist lower court isn't the only problem.

"Worse, it became clear that the Supreme Court itself wasn't really interested in taking up any additional cases to meaningfully vindicate and enforce its rulings, much less to add any flesh to the barebones framework it created," she explained.

"In other words, these lawmakers were playing the statistical odds that they could get the laws they wanted upheld by lower courts who were willing to render *Heller* and *McDonald* toothless, and that the Supreme Court would stand by while it happened."

Heller was decided in 2008; *McDonald* two years later.

The high court heard no significant Second Amendment cases for more than a decade after *Heller*, although aggrieved gun owners filed petitions each year.

It reached the point where in 2020 conservative Justice Clarence Thomas had had enough.

That year the court declined to hear 10 Second Amendment cases, prompting Thomas to file a scathing 19-page dissent, most of which was joined by Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

The other justices got the message.

The following year they agreed to hear *New York Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, and the following year they published a landmark decision in that case.

Another problem is that "the states with lawmakers most willing to thumb their nose at the Second Amendment are also generally located in federal circuits that were absolutely willing to go along with it," Swearer explained.

"Meanwhile, circuit splits rarely developed because the federal circuits which are most likely to uphold the letter and spirit of Heller and McDonald had jurisdiction over states that were the least likely to impose the types of laws needed to get us to a circuit split."

Circuit splits — where two separate federal circuit courts of appeal rule differently on identical issues — are the types of cases the Supreme Court is most likely to hear.

Swearer observed that "This is, for all intents and purposes, what's happening after Bruen."

Alan Gottlieb, founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation, agreed that this has been an ongoing problem, but was nonetheless optimistic.

"The gun prohibition lobby and the politicians who support them want to gut our Second Amendment rights.

To do so they need to keep passing new laws and ignore the rulings from [the Supreme Court]," he told Newsmax.

"I have no doubt that we will soon get a few more rulings from the high court that smacks them down and reinforces our right to keep and bear arms."

On Monday a jury found the Brooklyn amateur gunsmith guilty of 14 criminal counts.

If his lawyer could have explained his client's Second Amend rights to the jury — that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" — maybe he wouldn't be sitting in a jail cell awaiting sentencing.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: How can we continue to live with such people?? We have not common ground. The rule of law means NOTHING to them. It's way past time to SEPARATE!!!!!!



**YOUR GENDER WAS
ASSIGNED BY GOD.**

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Divide and Conquer: The Government's Propaganda of Fear and Fake News

By John & Nisha Whitehead

"It is the function of mass agitation to exploit all the grievances, hopes, aspirations, prejudices, fears, and ideals of all the special groups that make up our society, social, religious, economic, racial, political. Stir them up. Set one against the other. Divide and conquer. That's the way to soften up a democracy."

— J. Edgar Hoover, *Masters of Deceit*

"Nothing is real," observed John Lennon, and that's especially true of politics.

Much like the fabricated universe in Peter Weir's 1998 film *The Truman Show*, in which a man's life is the basis for an elaborately staged television show aimed at selling products and procuring ratings, the political scene in the United States has devolved over the years into a carefully calibrated exercise in how to manipulate, polarize, propagandize and control a population.



Take the media circus that is the Donald Trump hush money trial, which panders to the public's voracious appetite for titillating, soap opera drama, keeping the citizenry distracted, diverted and divided.

This is the magic of the reality TV programming that passes for politics today.

Everything becomes entertainment fodder.

As long as we are distracted, entertained, occasionally outraged, always polarized but largely uninvolved and content to remain in the viewer's seat, we'll never manage to present a unified front against tyranny (or government corruption and ineptitude) in any form.

Studies suggest that the more reality TV people watch—and I would posit that it's all reality TV, entertainment news included—the more difficult it becomes to distinguish between what is real and what is carefully crafted farce.

"We the people" are watching a lot of TV.

On average, Americans spend five hours a day watching television. By the time we reach age 65, we're watching more than 50 hours of television a week, and that number increases as we get older. And reality TV programming consistently captures the largest percentage of TV watchers every season by an almost 2-1 ratio.

This doesn't bode well for a citizenry able to sift through masterfully-produced propaganda in order to think critically about the issues of the day.

Yet look behind the spectacles, the reality TV theatrics, the sleight-of-hand distractions and diversions, and the stomach-churning, nail-biting drama that is politics today, and you will find there is a method to the madness.

We have become guinea pigs in a ruthlessly calculated, carefully orchestrated, chillingly cold-blooded experiment in how to control a population and advance a political agenda without much opposition from the citizenry.

This is how you persuade a populace to voluntarily march in lockstep with a police state and police themselves (and each other): by ratcheting up the fear-factor, meted out one carefully calibrated crisis at a time, and teaching them to distrust any who diverge from the norm through elaborate propaganda campaigns.

Unsurprisingly, one of the biggest propagandists today is the U.S. government.

Add the government's inclination to monitor online activity and police so-called "disinformation," and you have the makings of a restructuring of reality straight out of Orwell's *1984*, where the Ministry of Truth polices speech and ensures that facts conform to whatever version of reality the government propagandists embrace.

This "policing of the mind" is exactly the danger author Jim Keith warned about when he predicted that "information and communication sources are gradually being linked together into a single computerized network, providing an opportunity for unheralded control of what will be broadcast, what will be said, and ultimately what will be thought."

You may not hear much about the government's role in producing, planting and peddling propaganda-driven fake news—often with the help of the corporate news media—because the powers-that-be don't want us skeptical of the government's message or its corporate accomplices in the mainstream media.

However, when you have social media giants colluding with the government in order to censor so-called disinformation, all the while the mainstream news media, which is supposed to act as a bulwark against government propaganda, has instead become the mouthpiece of the world's largest corporation (the U.S. government), the Deep State has grown dangerously out-of-control.

This has been in the works for a long time.

Veteran journalist Carl Bernstein, in his expansive 1977 *Rolling Stone* piece "The CIA and the Media," reported on Operation Mockingbird, a CIA campaign started in the

1950s to plant intelligence reports among reporters at more than 25 major newspapers and wire agencies, who would then regurgitate them for a public oblivious to the fact that they were being fed government propaganda.

In some instances, as Bernstein showed, members of the media also served as extensions of the surveillance state, with reporters actually carrying out assignments for the CIA. Executives with CBS, the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine also worked closely with the CIA to vet the news.

If it was happening then, you can bet it's still happening today, only this collusion has been reclassified, renamed and hidden behind layers of government secrecy, obfuscation and spin.

In its article, "How the American government is trying to control what you think," the *Washington Post* points out "Government agencies historically have made a habit of crossing the blurry line between informing the public and propagandizing."

This is mind-control in its most sinister form.

The end goal of these mind-control campaigns—packaged in the guise of the greater good—is to see how far the American people will allow the government to go in re-shaping the country in the image of a totalitarian police state.

The government's fear-mongering is a key element in its mind-control programming.

It's a simple enough formula. National crises, global pandemics, reported terrorist attacks, and sporadic shootings leave us in a constant state of fear. The emotional panic that accompanies fear actually shuts down the prefrontal cortex or the rational thinking part of our brains. In other words, when we are consumed by fear, we stop thinking.

A populace that stops thinking for themselves is a populace that is easily led, easily manipulated and easily controlled whether through propaganda, brainwashing, mind control, or just plain fear-mongering.

Fear not only increases the power of government, but it also divides the people into factions, persuades them to see each other as the enemy and keeps them screaming at each other so that they drown out all other sounds. In this way, they will never reach consensus about anything and will be too distracted to notice the police state closing in on them until the final crushing curtain falls.

This Machiavellian scheme has so ensnared the nation that few Americans even realize they are being brainwashed—manipulated—into adopting an "us" against "them" mindset. All the while, those in power—bought and paid

for by lobbyists and corporations—move their costly agendas forward.

This unseen mechanism of society that manipulates us through fear into compliance is what American theorist Edward L. Bernays referred to as "an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country."

It was almost 100 years ago when Bernays wrote his seminal work *Propaganda*:

"We are governed, our minds are molded, our tastes formed, our ideas suggested, largely by men we have never heard of... In almost every act of our daily lives, whether in the sphere of politics or business, in our social conduct or our ethical thinking, we are dominated by the relatively small number of persons...who understand the mental processes and social patterns of the masses. It is they who pull the wires which control the public mind."

To this invisible government of rulers who operate behind the scenes—the architects of the Deep State—we are mere puppets on a string, to be brainwashed, manipulated and controlled.

All of the distracting, disheartening, disorienting news you are bombarded with daily is being driven by propaganda churned out by one corporate machine (the corporate-controlled government) and fed to the American people by way of yet another corporate machine (the corporate-controlled media).

"For the first time in human history, there is a concerted strategy to manipulate global perception. And the mass media are operating as its compliant assistants, failing both to resist it and to expose it," writes investigative journalist Nick Davies.

So where does that leave us?

Americans should beware of letting others—whether they be television news hosts, political commentators or media corporations—do their thinking for them.

A populace that cannot think for themselves is a populace with its backs to the walls: mute in the face of elected officials who refuse to represent us, helpless in the face of police brutality, powerless in the face of militarized tactics and technology that treat us like enemy combatants on a battlefield, and naked in the face of government surveillance that sees and hears all.

As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, it's time to change the channel, tune out the reality TV show, and push back against the real menace of the police state.

If not, if we continue to sit back and lose ourselves in political programming, we will remain a captive audience to a farce that grows more absurd by the minute.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: Our would-be masters intend to program us all. DON'T ALLOW THEM TO DO IT!!! As is usually the case, John Whitehead paints a very bleak picture – and as is usually the case the actual situation is EVEN WORSE!!!



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Cities' "Doom Loops" Are Even Worse Than You Imagined

By Charles Hugh Smith

This is why those who understand these dynamics are getting out, even though the city was their home.

A correspondent who prefers to remain anonymous sent me this account of the "doom loop" that is playing out in many American cities. The correspondent makes the case that the Doom Loop is not limited to specific cities, but is a universal dynamic in all US cities due to the core causes of the Doom Loop: financialization and the multi-decade decay of cities' core industrial-economic purpose / mission.



I have edited the text slightly, with the correspondent's approval.

The context of the *Doom Loop* is the process and politics of this decay are the second-order results of central bank easy money (free fiat). That led to financialization becoming the city's core function and the subsequent loss of the city's previous mission. The people living in cities just haven't gotten the message yet.

As such, there is no reversing the process until the centralization of capital itself is reversed.

The typical media articles on metropolitan "doom loops" make it seem like not every city is headed down the path. Now that financialization does not require a physical presence, every city above a certain size will share the same experience. There will be local variations which impact the trend, such as a potential utility as a large pool of voters (i.e. a vote farm), but the decline is part and parcel of financial 'virtualization.'

It is inevitable.

Even hosting one of the twelve central reserve banks won't save you.

The process when a city loses its purpose but persists due to inertia follows this basic pattern:

1. Corporate consolidation costs the city its financial base as Fortune 100 corporations are sold to conglomerates closer to the centers of finance.

This is one more second-order effect of easy money: global corporations can easily finance the acquisition of multi-billion dollar companies.

2. In the past, cities received huge government subsidies for re-development, but none for ongoing maintenance.

All the redevelopment projects looked great at first, but with little funding for maintenance, they've gone downhill and many are now dangerous.

Today, the only redevelopment is done by the billionaire class who make most of their money from (surprise) finance. Once the billionaire loses interest, it's gone, too.

I would rather find myself in a developing-world city than an American downtown, at least there would be people around. Many American downtowns are literally apocalyptic.

3. Major league sports are increasingly an exercise in force protection. It's like going inside a forward firebase in Iraq. People still get shot in the stands from guns fired outside the bubble. Unsurprisingly, some major league teams are exploring space outside the cities despite their stadiums being only 20 years old.

4. When federal agencies build new facilities, they're essentially fortresses with direct entrance/egress from the highway. They add little to nothing to the surrounding economy.

5. Real estate, sales and personal property taxes in cities are typically the highest within the state. As tax revenues decline, cities' political leaders increase business taxes and start floating ideas such as taxing non-profit organizations: a financial death spiral indeed. Should taxes increase, organizations and companies have said they will leave.

6. In the industrial economy, the core purposes of cities were derived from advantageous locations and key transportation assets (first water, then rail, then roads, and later aviation). In the information age, those benefits are diminished or gone. As a result of their transportation advantages, cities became manufacturing and warehousing hubs. Those too are diminished or gone.

7. Cities have lost their core economic purpose and are choking on their high legacy costs. The proposed substitute purposes--entertainment and bourgeois lifestyles--are not true substitutes. Fine dining and secure condos with delivery do not replace actual economic functions.

8. Making matters worse, the upper-middle class doesn't want affordable housing in their enclaves, as it lowers property values. So the workers needed to keep the city functioning can no longer afford to live there. *Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY)* movements to promote affordable housing are not enough.

9. **Much of the politics the media focuses on are a consequence of decline, not a cause,** and the net result of all the in-fighting is some version of stasis: all sorts of solutions are proposed, but since none address the core sources of decline or the cities' high legacy costs, they boil down to rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic.

This is why those who understand these dynamics are getting out, even though the city was their home.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: GET OUT OF THE CITIES while you can! As much as possible separate yourself from what is falsely called: "civilization." It is anything but.

The end of the dollar's world reserve currency status would mean the US government could no longer run an empire abroad and an authoritarian welfare state at home. The question is not will the American empire end but when and how. It should end deliberately, with Congress starting the process of restoring limited constitutional government by ending all foreign aid and bringing our troops home.

~ Lew Rockwell



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-- Numbers 6:24-26