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The Socialist Chic: Almost Half of Americans Now Hold Positive Views of Socialism

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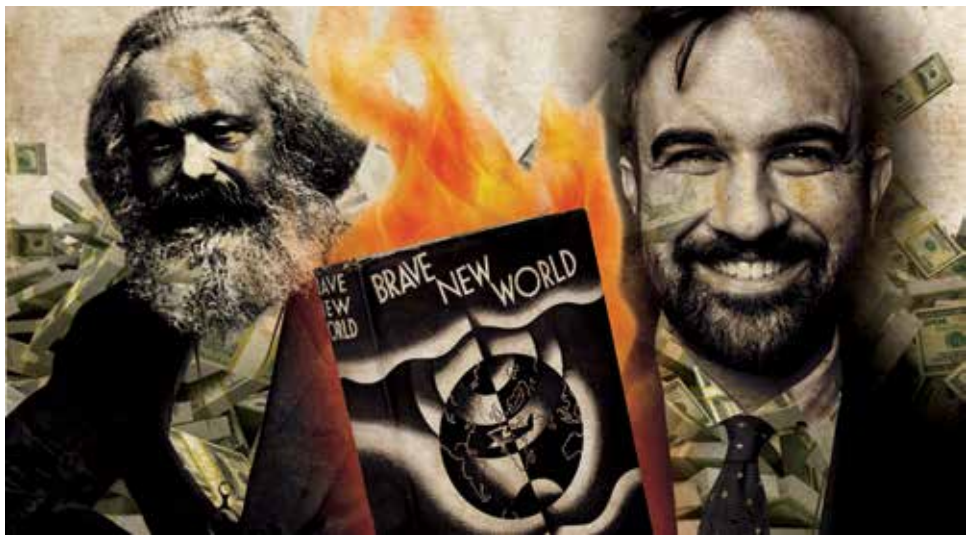

Karl Marx believed that "Democracy is the road to socialism." Socialists seem to have found a generation of dupes to buy their ahistorical, fanciful pitch. A new poll shows 43% now have a positive view of socialism. An astonishing 65% of Democrats have a positive view. Socialism is now the rage on the left.

Like clothing styles, if you wait long enough, socialism tends to come back into style with generations with no memory of past failures. However, it is an astonishing trend in one of the most prosperous nations on Earth that outlasted a history cluttered with the broken failures of socialist and communist systems.

A new slick packaging of socialism has emerged with leaders such as Zohran Mamdani offering to teach people of the "warmth of collectivism." The Democratic Socialists of America are enticing voters with narratives like "Imagine the end of capitalism." Those words promise voters that there is a brave new world without landlords, debt, mandatory work hours, and "food, education, energy, medicine, and transportation… are common goods and utilities."

What is incredible is that many are buying this pitch.

It is also ironic that this is happening not just on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence but also on the 250th anniversary of the publication of Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations.

As I write in *Rage and the Republic: "While he never visited the United States, his theories seemed quintessentially American to many of his generation. For a revolution that was triggered by tariffs and fueled by events like the Boston Tea Party, Smith's general principles read like an economic version of Common Sense. It was a type of declaration of independence not just from the British policy of mercantilism (emphasizing British exports over imports) but from economic controls over individual productivity and self-determination…*

In summary, Smith was first and foremost viewed as a political theorist, and his economic theories were closely tied to his views on the natural liberties of humanity. He saw capitalism as a liberating system for individuals to allow them the wealth and resources to pursue their own chosen paths. Conversely, he saw government controls and subsidies as forms of control and potentially forms of suppression of the human will. If people are to be truly free, they must have the resources to pursue that freedom. The government dole can become a type of servitude or at least a subterfuge for citizens. If they are dependent on the government, they are never truly free."

The book compares many of these proposals to identical policies of the Jacobin movement in the French Revolution. Both the American and French revolutions arose during the same period, but one became the world's oldest democracy while the other became the blood-soaked "The Reign of Terror."

Notably, the Jacobins pushed for the same unicameral system that the socialists are now advocating as well as attacks on the wealthy. The DSA is the direct descendant of the Jacobins in seeking to tear down moderating institutions and replace the president and justices with democratically elected figures by a Congress composed only of the House of Representatives. As with the original Jacobins, those demanding these changes are not the working class but professors, pundits and young college-educated voters.

Pushing this analogy to a more menacing level, another poll shows that roughly 60 percent of Democrats now would support a military coup to remove President Donald Trump.

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Letter from the Editor

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The excitement in this part of the desert is growing. The snowbirds are coming! The snowbirds are coming! The snowbirds bring with them a renewed opportunity for the businesses to want to remain here as we all make most of our annual income from November to March. They also bring great reasons to celebrate. We all love a good party and boy do we know how to party. Check out pages 3 and 4 for some of the most upcoming fun. They also bring more traffic and lines in the post office and stores. Allow extra time and be prepared to have more difficulty making left turns, so plan your route accordingly.

Snowbirds, please respect the residents here. We spend seven months of the year in a quiet little town. It takes some adjustment for us. We all need to show gratitude —without the snowbirds or residents holding the fort down, the amenities you enjoy would not be here— so be patient and friendly with one another.

A quick story of changing one's focus and good advice. I recently had a slew of unforeseen expenses — my car, my truck, my refrigerator, my hot water heater, etc. I could have focused on how much money this cost me and have a mild freak out but, instead I chose to focus on how truly blessed I am.



When I was a young woman, a patient advised me to always maintain 3 months of expenses in my "rainy day fund" and to pay myself first by putting a portion of your income into savings, meant to only be used for retirement, investments or an absolute emergency. I followed this advice, strictly. Going through a 1000 year flood and subsequently cancer blew through that right away but fortunately, I recovered and have been sticking to the advice given. I am blessed.

The world just gets crazier by the day. If you are paying attention to the news, life is very stressful. Globalists just want it all! George Soros meant it when he said "You will own nothing and be happy." He was wrong of course, because none of We the People will be happy owning nothing, nor will we comply. In Nehemiah 8:10 we are reminded "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

I am most concerned about the division that is being created by it all. When will We the People realize that there is an us and them, but it ain't you and me? Some democrats hate republicans and most democrats hate anything positive regarding President Trump. Some republicans hate democrats, and far too many republicans hate anyone who says anything negative regarding President Trump. I am in the court of: if I like the action, I will rejoice it. If I don't like the action —because it is unconstitutional or goes against promises made— I will adamantly oppose it and speak out about it. American politicians need to put Americans first.

I sincerely hope you enjoy this issue of the paper. Please keep in mind, I try to share information first: to make you think critically and second: news that you may be unaware of. For avid readers of the paper you will remember Mark Barrett, who walked across the country in support of the CSPOA. He is at it again, please read about his latest quest for freedom on pages 12-13. The News Brief section is longer this time, because there is just too much going on not to mention it.

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Blythe Speedway Roars Back to Life With Thrilling 9/19 Return

Submitted by Kati Cusick
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After a hot summer break, Blythe Speedway was back in action Saturday night, September 19, kicking off the second half of Season 4 with exactly what race fans had been waiting for—fast cars, fierce competition and plenty of excitement under the lights.

The "Back to Racing" night delivered an exciting return to the track, with good, clean, fun, high-speed racing from start to finish. The energy was unmistakable as fans filled the stands and the VIP section was packed, creating the kind of atmosphere that makes Saturday nights at Blythe Speedway special.

It was great to see so many familiar faces back at the track and to welcome everyone back after the summer break. The crowd brought the energy, and the drivers answered with racing action.



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🏁 FACTORY STOCKS: ANDERSON AND KING BATTLE TO THE FINISH 🏁

The Factory Stock main event delivered one of the night's most exciting battles as #9 Andrew Anderson and #01 Derek King put on a tremendous fight over the 25-lap feature.

Anderson ultimately captured the checkered flag with a win, but King was never far behind. Derek finished just 4.351 seconds behind Anderson.

The two drivers kept the pressure on throughout the race, giving fans the kind of close, competitive action that makes short-track racing so exciting.

Anderson also posted the fastest individual lap of the Factory Stock field, recording a 17.718-second lap on Lap 24. King's best lap came on Lap 15 with an 18.097, showing the pace both drivers were carrying around the track.

Behind the leaders, #6 Brandon Jones put together a solid run to finish third and a best lap of 18.241 seconds.



#9A Ashley Garrett completing all 25 laps and finishing fourth and best lap was an 18.838-second.

🔥 MINIS: RAGLAND HOLDS OFF DECKERS 🔥

The Mini Stock main event delivered another close finish as #04W Wynona Ragland returned to victory lane. She completed all 25 laps, recording her best lap of 18.263 seconds on Lap 5. But she had company.

#35L Shelby Deckers stayed within striking distance throughout the race, crossing the finish line only 2.047 seconds behind Ragland. Deckers posted her fastest lap on Lap 4 with an 18.496-second time.

#66 Larry King was listed third but only completed two laps, with a best lap of 20.153 seconds.

❤️ BACK TO RACING, BACK TO THE COMMUNITY ❤️

Saturday night was more than just another race—it marked the return of Blythe Speedway after the summer break and the beginning of the second half of Season Four.

Overall, it was exactly the kind of night a local racetrack hopes for: good, clean, fun, high-speed racing, enthusiastic fans and a packed VIP section.

Seeing the stands filling up and the VIP area buzzing with excitement was a reminder of what makes Blythe Speedway more than just a place to race. It is a place where our community comes together, families make memories, fans support local drivers and everyone gets to enjoy the thrill of racing.

The drivers came back ready to compete, the fans came back ready to cheer, and the track came alive once again.

With battles like Andrew Anderson versus Derek King in the Factory Stocks and Wynona Ragland versus Shelby Deckers in the Minis, the second half of Season Four is already off to an exciting start.

Blythe Speedway is back—and the racing is just getting started!

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The Coming GOP Bloodbath?

By Ron Paul, MD, 09/29/2026
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Most indicators suggest that the Republicans in the House and Senate are going to face a brutal backlash from the American people in November. Polling with generic ballots suggests a big win for the Democrats and likely the loss of Republican control of both houses of Congress.

There is little reason to cheer a Democratic party victory, however Republicans in charge have for the most part earned what is coming to them. They have refused to uphold their Constitutional obligation to take leading responsibility for war powers.

Earlier this year, President Trump launched what is the most unpopular war in US history when on February 28th he ordered a full US assault on Iran. Iran had not attacked or even threatened the United States and our own intelligence community continued – and continues – to claim that Iran is not building nuclear weapons. The February attack followed last June's US bombing of Iran after which the president claimed that the country's nuclear program was "completely obliterated."

Congress over too many years has been used to allowing the President to have his own way on matters of war and peace. Members bask in the false patriotism promoted by the media and special interests as the people "rally around the flag." Eventually, when the war has gone on for years without "victory" – as in Iraq and Afghanistan – many claim they were never really for the war in the first place.

This time is different. There was no propaganda blitz. There were no attempts to convince the American people that the "smoking gun" could be a "mushroom cloud" as we were told in the run up to the 2003 Iraq war. The majority of Americans were against the war on Iran before it started and only became more opposed over time.

As the war drags on, we have seen the national debt pass $40 trillion, diesel fuel prices at the highest ever, and inflation hitting the middle class and poor even harder. The "cakewalk" again failed to materialize.

Incumbent Republicans seeking re-election are in such a panic over voter anger about the war that they have taken to calling for a quick end to it while on the campaign trail. When they get back inside the Beltway, however, they vote to keep the war going for fear of President Trump's anger. This is not leadership.

Late last week the Iranian delegation in New York for the UN General Assembly meeting offered an off-ramp. Essentially it was the same Memorandum of Understanding that President Trump signed last June and promptly disregarded, but on a shorter timeline. By Sunday, the President announced that he would reject the deal – a deal like one he already signed.

There is no strategy for winning this disastrous war, it is clear. From over-confidence on decapitation strikes to certainty of a quick military victory, the Administration is now promising that they will win by crippling Iran's economy. The problem is that Iran has been operating under "crippling" sanctions for decades and has a high economic pain tolerance.

Unfortunately, both parties in DC are war parties, so again it is hard to cheer the likely Republican losses. But sometimes electoral losses can serve as wake-up calls. Eventually we may see the re-emergence of antiwar Republicans in the spirit of the late Sen. Robert Taft and a restoration of the Constitution.





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The Socialist Chic

The return of socialism is like the reappearance of low-rise jeans. You are left mystified by anyone who believes that this is a worthy theory to emulate after consistent and catastrophic failures. Long forgotten is the disaster of the socialist government of François Mitterrand in France.

Most recently, Prime Minister Andy Burnham condemned the privatization policies of Margaret Thatcher: "The country surrendered control of the essentials — housing, water, energy, transport — and left people exposed to higher costs." What he does not mention is that she followed the collapse of socialist policies under Labour Prime Minister James Callaghan in 1977–78 during the so-called "winter of discontent," which I also discuss in the book.

Perhaps Marx was right after all: "History repeats itself, first as a tragedy, second as a farce."

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Can the Constitution Save Us From the Electorate's Ignorance?

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"Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" a woman asked Ben Franklin in 1787, at the Constitutional Convention's close. "A republic, if you can keep it," he sagely replied.

This exchange has been quoted widely. So has a line written in 1798 by our second president, John Adams. "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people," he warned. "It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Yet can we say about these admonitions that they're known more than taken seriously? After all, even many Americans who've approvingly quoted the above don't heed those Founders' words.

Just consider "the rules of the game." As famed psychologist Jordan Peterson once pointed out, athletic competition is inherently cooperative. For it to work, all parties involved must cooperate in abiding by the sport's rules. Refuse to do so, and everything breaks down. Is it any different in the game of life — or of government?

That is to say, in our case, can our government — a constitutional republic — work if we don't cooperate and abide by the "rules of the game"? I'm talking about the Constitution, which could be conceptualized as our national rule book.

Just an Old Piece of Parchment?

Reflecting wide opinion, comedian/commentator Bill Maher complained years ago that many people think the "10 amendments" are "the Ten Commandments." Actually, the real problem is that many think the 10 amendments are the 10 suggestions.

And Why? The Washington Examiner has some idea. Warning that the "Constitution won't save us from our own ignorance," the outlet wrote Sunday that as wonderful as our system is, it has a vulnerability: "The Constitution can survive for centuries. The citizens who operate it cannot. Every generation disappears and is replaced by another. Each new generation enters the world knowing nothing about individual rights, constitutional limits, representative government, or why the peaceful transfer of political power matters. None of that knowledge is inherited. A competent citizenry must therefore be rebuilt every generation.

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That requires political education — not indoctrination into a party or ideology, but an understanding of the principles and machinery of self-government. Citizens need to understand why rights limit what majorities may do, why political opponents retain the same rights they claim for themselves, why government officials must remain subject to law, and why honest elections must provide a genuine means of holding those officials accountable.



This is why political education is not an ornament of a free society. It is part of its maintenance. Schools have a role. So do parents, historians, journalists, writers, and every institution engaged in serious public debate. A nation that ceases to teach the meaning and mechanics of self-government may retain its constitutional forms for a time. What it cannot retain indefinitely is the substance those forms were designed to protect."

Now, it's undoubtedly true that education is imperative in preventing constitutional trespass. But is teaching — that transmission of knowledge — all that's necessary? Or is there another, even more important prerequisite?

No Need to Kick Habits if You Can Avoid Them

Consider an analogy. Did you ever try motivating a loved one to quit a bad habit, such as overeating or smoking? Especially when you're young, this can cause friction. Because you may, being new to things, repeatedly "remind" the person that he should "stop _____." You may mean well, but the incessant reminders can begin to constitute nagging. Moreover, upon growing in wisdom you may realize something: Is the problem really a lack of knowledge? No, the person "knows" the counsel's substance — he's heard the advice literally hundreds of times. He also almost assuredly grasps that _____ is bad for him. Clearly, the issue isn't lack of knowledge, but of something else.



Many would call it the "discipline to quit." But there's a better term: virtue (that set of objectively good moral habits). For example, the virtues of Fortitude (which includes perseverance) and Diligence help us break bad habits. The virtue of Temperance helps us avoid those habits, such as overeating or excessive smoking, in the first place. But what of civic duty?

The Indispensable Software

Not surprisingly, virtue prevents us from developing bad civic habits, too. This is why the Founding Fathers repeatedly stressed that virtue in the people was a prerequisite for enjoying legitimate liberty. As John Adams put it, "The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue."

After all, many people "know" at least something about constitutional limitations — but many also just don't care. But it was virtue that enabled George Washington to reject a suggestion he become king. It was his virtue that his arch-rival, King George III, recognized when, reportedly, calling him "the greatest man in the world." It is only virtue, in Americans, that could prevent us from violating the Constitution to advance our selfish aims.

That is, someone can "inform" us that the Constitution matters and should be abided by. But only Prudence (wisdom) can enable us to understand why. A person can "educate" us on how trampling the Constitution in power's or ideology's name is folly. But only a sense of Humility and Justice will actually put that in our hearts and prevent us from doing so.

Soft Hearts — or Soft Heads?

To provide a real-life example, we all want our fellow man to have healthcare. Whatever we do to accomplish this, however, having nationalized healthcare is unconstitutional. Something mirroring this can be lawfully effected on the state level (whether or not that's wise is a different matter). But trying to implement it state by state is a longer, more difficult process and, therefore, requires discipline — virtue.

President Grover Cleveland, the "last great Democrat," possessed it. In 1887, a bill to purchase seed grain for drought-stricken Texas farmers came across his desk. It's entirely possible that he greatly desired they receive help, too. But he vetoed that bill, saying he could find "no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution."

Today Cleveland would be skewered in the media and called uncompassionate — if he were lucky. (And he'd more likely be another "fascist.") Of course, though, today, only people willing to ignore the Constitution, at least in great part, can win office. That is our fault, reflects more than just poor education, and is why we may not "keep" our Republic.

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Did Trump Inflate the Greenland Deal — Or Is It Really About Rare Earths?

By Paul Dragu, 09/26/2026
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The United States signed an agreement on Tuesday with Denmark and Greenland, ending a saga that at one point seemed to be heading toward a military clash over the large and highly strategic Arctic island.

President Donald Trump announced the deal in his usual vaunting manner. "This is a dream come true for the United States of America, one that is very important, historic, and special," he said on his Truth Social page.

New Deal Same as the Old Deal?

The 1951 defense pact between the three parties already allowed unlimited U.S. troops on the island and it already allowed the U.S. broad latitude to build and operate bases. However, it made no mention of natural resources, as the new version does. Greenland has a treasure trove of minerals and rare earth metals, and it's no secret the Trump administration has been looking for ways to become less dependent on China for certain of those.

Some analysts say Trump's spectacle is much ado about nothing, with Mises Institute's Connor O'Keeffe calling it "a continuation of the status quo." Others, however, believe the agreement makes Trump a "master deal-maker."

First off, this agreement rules out U.S. ownership, which is what U.S. presidents past and present have coveted. In fact, the updated arrangement emphasizes Danish sovereignty and right to self-determination by the people of Greenland. This is certainly a win for Greenlanders and Denmark's government, who had no intentions of caving in to U.S. pressure. It also seems to have relieved tension caused by Trump's insistence on ownership, although there is still a lot of friction between the U.S. and Western NATO nations for other reasons.

An "Infinite" Agreement

Among the few real changes are the clauses that commit Greenland to staying in NATO and honoring the rest of the agreement even if it manages to break with Denmark. It also has no expiration date. The president touted the agreement's permanence. "This is an 'Infinite Life' Agreement, there is no end!" he said.



Per the agreement:

This Agreement does not have an end date and may only be amended by mutual consent in accordance with Article XIII of the 1951 Defense Agreement. In case Greenland exercises its right to self-determination to become independent, the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of Greenland shall together ensure that the independent Greenlandic state will (i) agree to remain in NATO, including by applying to become a member if necessary, and (ii) affirmatively assume, as from the date of independence, all of the rights and obligations of the Kingdom of Denmark specified in this Agreement, including any implementation agreements or arrangements between the Parties, as well as the Defense Arrangements.

Ivo Daalder, who was U.S. ambassador to NATO under President Barack Obama, however, points out that this isn't a major upgrade. "The agreement has no end date," he said on his Substack. "But the 1951 agreement already ran for the life of the North Atlantic Treaty, which has no end date either."

No Non-NATO Bases

Speaking of military arrangement, the agreement officially freezes out non-NATO nations from investing or building military installations on the island. "No state that is not a member of NATO shall be allowed to establish its own manned or unmanned military installations in Greenland nor shall they be allowed a persistent presence of military forces in Greenland, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties," according to the deal. The primary "adversaries" this is targeting are China and Russia, which are viewed as particularly bullish on Arctic dominance.

Daalder, again, is not impressed. "Denmark was never going to let these countries build military facilities in Greenland," he said. "The investment clause is useful, but it is open to all NATO and EU investors and enforced by Greenland's own screening law." The president has argued that Denmark doesn't have the power to deter a potential Chinese or Russian takeover.

Trump says the U.S. will "immediately begin the process of developing a large Military presence in the appropriate part of Greenland." The U.S. operated more than 30 military bases and various installations in the 20th century. That number is down to one now, Pituffik Space Base. The new deal says the U.S. will establish two additional sites.

The United States shall be allowed to establish an additional Defense Area at Narsarsuaq and Mestersvig in accordance with modalities and technical details to be mutually agreed by the Parties[.]

Narsarsuaq is a U.S. air base during World War II that was deserted in the 1950s. Mestersvig is a military outpost used by Denmark's Sirius Dogsled Patrol unit. The technical details of the bases must be approved by all three parties.

There is also mention of the "establishment of a Golden Dome defense system," an antimissile shield. The president's signature piece of legislation, the One Big Beautifull Bill Act, allocated over $24 billion for a Goden Dome. It looks like Greenland will be integral to its construction.

Hinges on Continued U.S. NATO Involvement

The agreement hinges on NATO membership. It says that all three parties "support a stronger NATO engagement in the Arctic, including as regards planning, presence, exercises, and joint intelligence gathering." It begins by tracing the 1951 agreement to the creation of NATO. So, this agreement hardens U.S. participation in NATO. Perhaps it's no accident it was signed just as the saber-rattling between Russia and England has become increasingly intense as of late. War is brewing in Europe; if and when it breaks out, the Western oligarch class intends to make sure the U.S. is ensnared.

Access to Natural Resources

Then there's the part about natural resources. The deal defines "particularly sensitive sectors or activities" as "sectors or activities determined to be particularly sensitive, including but not limited to critical infrastructure and the extraction of resources." Non-NATO and non-EU nations are not allowed access to "national security or public order within Particularly Sensitive Sectors or Activities in the territory of Greenland (including

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U.S. Leaves Iraq More Unstable Than It Found It in 2003

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Twenty-three years ago, the United States invaded Iraq under the guise of finding and removing weapons of mass destruction. Less than a year later, the public learned there were no WMDs, despite persuasive dog-and-pony shows by the officials who had convinced Congress that there were. Even though the primary reason for the invasion was no longer in play, the U.S. military stuck around in Iraq until 2011, left, and then returned three years later to fight ISIS, a group that came about because of the 2003 invasion.

ISIS is what is commonly referred to as "blowback" for foreign meddling. Blowback happens more frequently than outright victory when power nations intervene in this volatile and unconquerable part of the world.

Leaving Iraq — Again.

Fortunately, the U.S. military left Iraq this week — again. Unfortunately, instead of returning home, those troops were stationed in a nearby country. Also unfortunately, it appears Iraq is more unstable today than before the U.S. invaded in 2003.

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump announced, with a twist of irony, that "the last American Forces are leaving Iraq!" The president rightly observed that it was "bad decision-making that got us involved in this quagmire in the first place." Many believe the president plunged the U.S. into his own Iraq-ish quagmire when he started a war with Iran, a larger country that has proven surprisingly resilient and formidable.

Nevertheless, on Wednesday, Trump took credit for the Iraq exit while taking shots at his predecessors. "Launched in 2003 under the presidency of George W. Bush, and continued under the Administration of Barack Hussein Obama in 2014, and Sleepy Joe Biden, Operation Inherent Resolve ends in 2026 under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump," he said in a Truth Social post. It was actually the Biden administration that made agreements with the previous Iraqi minister to remove American combat troops by 2026. But kudos to Trump for following through.



Leaving Iraq to Iran

The United States will still have a presence in Iraq, albeit not in combat form (not officially, anyway). A Pentagon official told The Wall Street Journal that America will keep "intelligence, surveillance and other capabilities in the region that could be used in Iraq." Moreover, thousands of contractors likely remain as well.

The Journal, which supports neoconservative foreign policy, says the Iraq exit leaves behind "a nation in peril" of being taken over by Iranian-backed groups. The Washington Post, another pro-intervention mouthpiece, agrees. "U.S. withdraws forces in Iraq as balance of power shifts to Iran," reads a Post headline from Wednesday.

Iran-backed militias have more power today in Iraq than they did before the U.S. toppled Saddam Hussein, who spent eight years at war with Iran. Iraq's current prime minister is Ali al-Zaidi, a 41-year-old businessman who owns a bank, insurance company, media and construction firms. He's also "young and handsome," according to Trump's list of qualifications.

Disarmament?

Zaidi is tasked with disarming the Iran-backed militias, a mission that his biological perks offer no advantages toward accomplishing. He had set a deadline for the militants to turn in their weapons by Wednesday, September 30. Not surprisingly, that didn't happen, so Zaidi set a new deadline — June 30, 2027.

What are the chances that some of these groups will ever turn in their weapons? If you ask Kazem al-Fartousi, a spokesman for Kata'ib Sayyid Al-Shuhada, an Iranian-backed paramilitary group, the probability is zero. He said outright in an interview in Baghdad that "a forced disarmament by the government will not happen," according to the Journal. "These weapons are for our sovereignty, our freedom," he clarified with a statement that could just easily be heard in America. Moreover, his outfit helped create the current government, he said. The Journal reported: "His group and other militias hold top positions in ministries, as well as dozens of seats in Iraq's parliament where they played a role in Zaidi's selection in the negotiations that followed last year's election." But a spokesperson for the commander in chief of Iraq's armed forces said the government is "advancing its strategy to control weapons and consolidate them under state authority."

It's easy to see how things might get dicey soon. "Will we be like Afghanistan or like Yemen and Syria?" asked Mustafa Al-Zaidi, a 22-year-old medical student who plans to leave Iraq because he believes the answer to his question is yes. He echoes the concerns of many Iraqis who see trouble on the horizon.

U.S. Intervention Made Things Worse

American intervention likely made matters worse in Iraq, as we alluded to earlier. The Journal, too, notes how the chaos accompanied by the U.S. invasion "created an opening for Iran to extend its influence in Iraq." And with Trump's war of choice on Iran, the American presence has turned Iraq into an Iranian target.

The Department of Defense's Office of the Inspector General recently issued a report that says the Iranians damaged a lot of U.S. infrastructure in the Middle East. "U.S. Central Command told IG investigators that Iranian strikes damaged and destroyed hundreds of buildings and structures at U.S. bases in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman, and Jordan during the conflict," according to a summary of the report. Moreover, "U.S. diplomatic sites in Iraq suffered more than 600 attacks." The estimated cost of the damage totaled over $180 million. That number is likely higher by now, given that the report only covers through June.

A Victory for Iran?

Iran, as expected, framed the exit as a notch on its belt of victories against the U.S., which, if a long-winded letter recently addressed to the American people is to be taken seriously, is a lengthy list. "The victory of the will of the anti-dominion resistance of proud Iraq over the American occupation is a golden leaf in the history of the freedom of the nations of the region," the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said in a statement, adding: "The expulsion of the American invaders is actually the imposition of the determination of the heroic Iraq which has always spoken with the language of force, is today forced to retreat from the land it occupied for two decades. … Now Iraq, proud and free, is standing on the ruins of the twenty-year occupation and watching the dawn of independence."

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RAF Fairford: Trump and Rubio Hallucinate a Terror Plot

The President of the United States needs a shot of cholinesterase to manage his delusions.

By Kurt Nimmo, 09/30/2026
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President Donald Trump has gone and really done it this time. "We had them under view for a long time, and we got them," he said about the five British men arrested at RAF Fairford, initially said to be terrorists targeting US aircraft at the British base.

It turns out the would-be terrorists did not have explosives. Instead, they had stolen red diesel for farm equipment. The British cops are mum. They're not saying much about the arrest or the incident. The Gloucestershire Police advised the public not to speculate, but how could there possibly be no speculation in the age of social media?

Naturally, speculation went ballistic on X and other platforms. It was immediately declared that the alleged perpetrators were Iranian terrorists, maybe sleeper cells, and an image was posted of men stripped to the waist in handcuffs as evidence. It was soon discovered the image was an AI fake.

The Secretary of State went before the cameras and told the American people a "foreign actor" is responsible for the foiled attack. Initially, the knee-jerk reaction was to blame Russia. It had to be Russia, but that was not very useful, so it became evil Iranian terrorists caught in the act of sabotaging our aircraft used to bomb grade schools and hospitals.

The Brits released the five men, most likely because there is no evidence they are terrorists, but rather thieves attempting to make a buck on stolen diesel in a market where diesel is rapidly becoming scarce and expesnive, thanks to Trump's war. There is currently an epidemic of fuel thefts from farms, but that's not exploitable for the narrative that insists wicked mullahs in Iran can't wait to nuke America, Israel, and maybe even the UK.

Not that facts matter to the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Andy Burnham, the former frontbencher. He said there are strong indications that Iran played a part in what happened over the weekend at RAF Fairford.



Prior to Burnham, Zia Yusuf, the spokesperson for home affairs, trekked to the site of the diesel terrorism incident and said the UK must declare a national security emergency. He said there are "strong indications" Iran was involved.

Reform UK Leader Nigel Farage also demanded the declaration of a national emergency in response to "potential terrorists" stealing diesel. Farage said the diesel heist was a dry run for an attack on US forces. It is said he later deleted his social media posts, possibly because he looks like a fool.

Tobias Ellwood, a Conservative MP, demanded to know why the suspects were released on bail, while a BBC "military expert" said it was probably the Russians that nicked all that diesel.

Some folks believe the Fairford incident was a botched false flag. I disagree. The misinterpreted episode provided an excuse for the state and its corporate media to amplify the claim that there are deadly Iranian terrorists out there sleeping in cells, waiting to kill Americans.

Trump, Rubio, neocons of all stripes, and MAGA bystanders are desperate to pin something on Iran as a pretext to escalate the war. Instead of backing off and admitting they hysterically jumped the gun, they will double down and further complicate what was an avoidable situation that is now eating away at the global economy.

Trump is incapable of conceding. He will continue this disastrous War.

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[Information is emerging that Israel is claiming that Trump has given them a go ahead to use Nuclear Weapons on Iran. See TPFPnews.com for updates.]

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Trumps Greenland Deal

the Territorial Waters), unless agreed between the Parties that the activities of such states or investors would not constitute a threat to national security or public order," per the agreement.

The verbiage in the agreement doesn't specifically grant the U.S. extraction rights or rewrite Greenland's mining law. But some observers have interpreted this part of the deal as an opening of Greenlandic natural resources to the U.S., specifically within a national security framework. And there's been no shortage of the president framing access to valuable natural resources as just that. In April 2025, the president signed the executive order titled "President Donald J. Trump Ensures National Security and Economic Resilience Through Section 232 Actions on Processed Critical Minerals and Derivative Products." The essence of the order is to investigate the national security risks associated with U.S. reliance on rare earth minerals.

The Greenland drama is over for now. This is one of the few foreign policy episodes that concluded peacefully.

Netanyahu Plotted False-Flag Aircraft Hijacking to Drag Trump Into Continued War Against Iran

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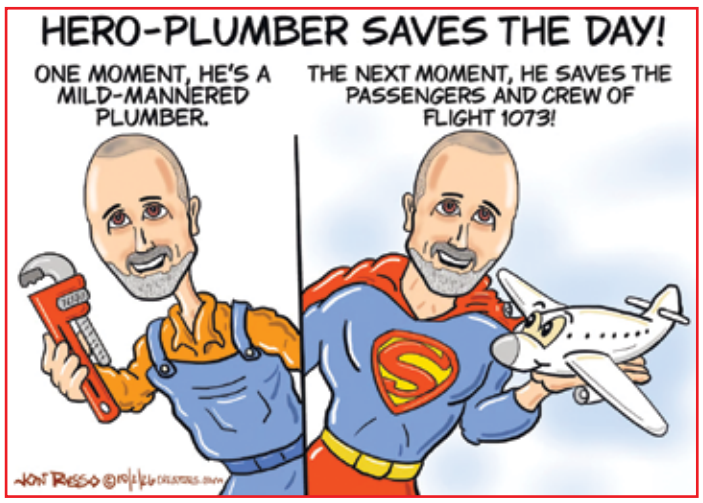

A well-informed source familiar with the matter has revealed new details about the incident related to an Emirati aircraft, saying Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to win the upcoming election is to drag US President Donald Trump into a new quagmire against Iran.

Speaking to Press TV, the regional source said the "absurd scenario" involving the hijacking of an Emirati aircraft bound for the occupied territories from the UAE, followed by its landing in Saudi Arabia, was carried out on Wednesday, three days after Netanyahu travelled to the United Arab Emirates accompanied by several senior military and intelligence officials. The project, the informed source said, was discussed and finalized during the visit.

According to the source, during that visit, in addition to the UAE being tasked with playing a role in the Israeli regime's regional projects, multilateral talks were held with officials from several other Arab countries to devise a false-flag operation and attribute it to Iran. The source said the objective of the operation is to force Trump into a new quagmire and trigger a new round of war against Iran.

Netanyahu, the source said, is deeply concerned that if Knesset elections are held under the current circumstances, his coalition will be unable to secure a majority and form a ruling coalition. "In that case, after being removed from the premiership, he would have to spend the rest of his political life behind bars," the source said.

The source further said the criminal prime minister of the Israeli regime hopes that, through the influence he wields over the White House and Trump personally, he can once again drag him into a full-scale war against the Islamic Republic. The source said Netanyahu also seeks to continue using "America's weapons, economy, and declining credibility" to repair his own "dire political situation."

Meanwhile, in Iran, all enemy movements by the United States and the Zionist regime are being closely monitored, according to the source. "Preparations are in place for the possibility of another act of folly under the pretext of Netanyahu's absurd, pre-planned aircraft hijacking scheme," the source noted. Iran, he said, is prepared to deliver "harsh and devastating blows" to the Israeli regime and the United States in the event of any hostile action "that they will regret their false-flag operation and fabricated game."

Netanyahu's UAE Classified Visit

The plot comes days after Netanyahu travelled to the UAE and held closed-door talks with Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Mohsen Rezaei stated on Wednesday, the day of the aircraft incident. In an Arabic-language message, he said that just as hosting US military bases had not brought the UAE security, hosting the "Butcher of Gaza" would not have favorable consequences either. Rezaei urged Abu Dhabi to "learn from the last war, stop igniting wars," and cease baseless claims over the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater and Lesser Tunb.

In a statement issued ahead of the Emirati aircraft incident, Iran's Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the "provocative presence" of the "child-killing and warmongering prime minister of the Zionist regime" in the region. The ministry warned of the "extremely dangerous consequences" of the occupying regime's presence at a time when West Asia is passing through one of its most fragile periods, citing the Israeli regime's aggression against Iran and its escalation of occupation and genocide in Palestine and Lebanon. "All countries in the region must remain vigilant regarding the consequences and repercussions of such a presence, which threatens regional peace and collective security," the Foreign Ministry said.

Iranian officials have repeatedly cautioned Persian Gulf states that collusion with the Israeli regime, including the use of their territory for hostile projects against the Islamic Republic, carries serious consequences and will not be forgiven.

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U.S. Leaves Iraq Unstable

Get America Out of the Middle East Iraq, like Iran, never had the means to pose a danger to the U.S. homeland. The war was launched under false pretenses. We spent two decades there, added over $2 trillion to the national debt while doing so, and, most importantly, sacrificed the lives of more than 4,500 Americans in the process. And for what? The country is in worse condition today than before the invasion, and Iran could very well take control there.

Short of an incremental yet full withdrawal from the entire Middle East, the United States will continue making the same mistakes — and Americans will keep paying for them in increased costs and lives. Unfortunately, a full withdrawal is not the plan right now. The forces who left Iraq didn't come home. They were relocated to Jordan, from where they will fight ISIS forces in Syria, per U.S. Central Command.

Continued U.S. presence in the region will result in more American casualties, and will fuel more anti-American resistance groups. It's long past time the U.S. got out of the Middle East.

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WhistleBlower News ~ Public Lands: Have Americans Lost Control?

By KC Marsh, Columnist
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An avowed hiking enthusiast, Mark Barrett is on a mission to raise awareness about all things pertinent to public lands. Where they're located, how they're designated, where the access points are located — even how to forage enough food from them to survive in them if weather or other variables have impacted a hiker's ability to stretch their rations to reach the next public store.

Barrett's work, research and personal experience provide much needed insights into the ever growing and evolving field of hiking in the U.S. and beyond.

And while hikers are generally considered to have the right to legally enjoy access to public lands and trails, these are now increasingly subject to specific land-use regulations and permit systems that include — according to the Outdoor Recreation Trail Authority — even established right-of-way hierarchies.

This site professes to address such far-reaching topics as 'who owns the ground beneath a trail' and 'what happens when a landowner decides to post a no-trespassing sign across a path that generations of hikers have used'.

According to them, a 'trail corridor' is not a single legal object at all but, instead, 'a product of two distinct legal concepts layered on top of each other: land ownership (who holds title) and right-of-way (who holds legal authority to pass over that ground).

Of course, these two distinctly different things can belong to entirely different parties and, typically, do. This can lead to a myriad of problems for all concerned and is a legal quagmire few care to battle. It is simply seen as too vast and too complicated to navigate effectively.



But what if you're caught up in that battle? What if you are determined to have violated some rule of law that's now part of that legal quagmire?

Public lands in the US are controlled by basically four categories of entities: federal agencies, state agencies, local governments and private land ownership. Of these, some 640 million acres (28% of all public lands) are controlled by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the US Forest Service, the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

'Right of way' is essentially legal permission to travel across lands regardless of ownership. While these are widely perceived to be contingent on a public dedication, a statutory right or a recorded easement they, in essence, limit a landowner's rights accordingly.

For decades, anyone that erroneously stepped outside the boundaries of protocol were forgiven and sent on their way.

The US, unlike parts of Europe, do not designate specific areas under a 'Right to Roam' clause in the law that specifically restricts government agencies from impeding citizens from accessing public lands specifically for low-impact recreational pursuits such as hiking.

The problem Mark Barrett encountered was the decision on the part of the US National Forest Service to restrict the specific swath of California's public lands to permitted use only.

'Off-Trail exploration' in these specific areas is restricted and permits are now required in areas previously open to hikers and, while many of these agencies have not yet adopted such stringent policies and high stakes consequences for perceived 'violators' with regard to hiking, some have — among them, the Cleveland National Forest in San Diego, California where he was cited for hiking without a permit on the Pacific Crest Trail (36CFR261.10N).

Governed under the US Forest Service, permits are now required for both of them — with the US requiring permits for the entire range of 2,650 miles ranging from Canada to Mexico and designated as 'The Pacific Crest Trail' in spite of the fact that much of this terrain is not owned by the US and, thus, falls outside the jurisdiction of the US.

Permit holders are to adhere to the strict provisions thereof including maintaining arrival and departure times from the trail without deviation as well as having a paper — but not laminated! — paper permit in hand at all times, with electronic copies thereof being specifically disallowed. (Bear in mind that this trail is over 2,600 miles in an area where rain is frequently an issue and the likelihood that paper documents are likely to get 'soaked' at one time or another.

One of the major problems Barrett raises with the current permitting requirement is that some people, attempting to follow these very stringent guidelines with very clear directives and very threatening language for perceived violations that they contain, have wound up in bad weather resulting in injury or death simply because they were fearful of overstepping the boundaries of the permit they filed without knowing what the weather might be.

He contends that the overly invasive oversight of the federal government simply fails to take into consideration what they are governing and for whom.

America's trail system encompasses more than 88,600 miles and includes 11 national scenic trails and 1300 national recreational trails.

National Historic Trails total almost 61,000 miles and link 70 wildlife refuges, 80 national parks and 90 national forests, plus another 123 wilderness areas. These areas were originally set aside for Americans to preserve and enjoy.

Today, Barrett has discovered that much of these areas are 'off-limits' to any American that doesn't have a bank account linking to a debit or credit card, cash payments have been disallowed and email addresses are required for identification purposes in order for access to be granted.

In many of these areas, Barrett reports that he is encountering an 'us versus them' mentality on the part of both hikers and rangers.

Hikers, he states, are working to avoid law enforcement at all costs and rangers are punishing anyone they deem to be evasive in action or in their conversation with severe penalties — including jail or prison time — severe repercussions for simply hiking this country's expansive network of trails.

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Barrett has found supporters amongst those interested in preserving the Constitutional Rights of Americans.

He actively protests federal recreational sites that refuse case and mandate card-only transactions, citing federal law 31 USC 5103 that stipulates cash is legal tender in the US for all debts public and private.

"People don't know what's happening in our national parks, forests and wilderness areas," Barrett states. "We have quietly had our right to travel on public lands taken away. We're being excluded, denied our rights and charged with crimes carrying penalties of jail time and fines in the tens of thousands of dollars.

"In a single incident, for hiking without a permit and speaking up about the injustice of the permit itself, I was given not one but three citations, each carrying a penalty of $5,000 and/or six months incarceration.

"Travel on public lands is not subject to government permission and is, therefore, no longer a right.

"Our God given and Constitutional rights are being violated in big and small ways every day. In my travels backpacking in the US, I'm seeing it everywhere. I'm speaking up, taking a stand and educating people on why it's so important that we defend our rights now. Over and over in history, like a river in flood changing course. Good people, in an open way, need to stop going along. Something shifts and it's unstoppable.

"In past years I've always gotten the permits and went along to get along. I just can't do it anymore — it's wrong."



Barrett advocates for people to stand up for their rights and do so in a loving way. Compliance — because of fear or even refusal in anger — he believes is not the way.

"The life of Mahatma Ghandi, his practice of satyagraha — insistence upon truth — inspires me.

- **Truth** (satay): Actions must stem from an absolute commitment to truth and justice.
- **Non-violence** (Ahimsa): Complete rejection of violence in thought, word and deed.
- **Self-Suffering**: Willingness to accept suffering without retaliation to awaken the opponent's conscience.
- **No Secrecy**: Open and transparent actions that leave no room for hidden motives.

"I'm practicing these principles by refusing to comply with the federal government requirement to carry a permit to hike in national parks, forests and wilderness areas.

"It's not just permits, though. Many no longer accept cash payment for entrance or campground fees," he states. "You are required to pay online, by card. You have to get a card to get in and an email address to camp even though the law says cash is legal tender for all debts public and private, third party card fees being charged by private companies have become mandatory, along with the loss of privacy that goes with using a card and the Internet. Refuse and you will not be allowed in. Violators, again, for refusing, will face penalties of $5,000 per infraction and the possibility of six months in jail.

"Still more require hikers to give their names, addresses, an overview of their destinations and their anticipated dates of arrival along with a permit that essentially changes into a contract with specific consequences for any infractions,as well as the limitations of their rights.

"You have to show this permit at any time to any federal employee who might ask to see it and, again, refusal will subject you to the possibility of a fine and/or six months in jail.

"The coercion to obey is extreme," Barrett explains. "Any violations are met with retaliatory action, compounding that 'us versus them' mentality we're seeing across the board."

An estimated daily visitor count of 2.7 million individuals make Barrett's statements particularly compelling.

"Every day, many thousands of times, at the entrance stations to national parks like Yosemite and the Grand Canyon, visitors are not allowed to pay with cash. Every day, at Wilderness Permit offices in the national parks, ranger stations in the national forests and at the on-trail kiosks to those federally designated wilderness areas, tens of thousands of people are experiencing their rights to privacy and travel violated by the federal requirements to have and to carry a permit.

"Freedom to be secure in our person, possessions and papers is specifically guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and, even if they weren't, these are natural law rights, given us by God," he concludes.

"People might be afraid to refuse to comply but it's important to understand our rights and to be prepared to defend them — though from a position of love and concern and not vengeance.

"A law that limits the expression of fundamental human rights is a form of oppression and, therefore, an act of harm whether it's a visitor on public lands or Rosa Parks on a public bus. Travel is such a right. As we daily lose more of our rights to societal structure and surveillance, we one day may lose all ability to travel anywhere at any time without proper documentation — no matter the circumstance!

"As a member of this society, insisting on the freedom to travel across public lands, I am taking action to eliminate an injustice."

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The $30 Billion Screen Experiment That Failed Our Children

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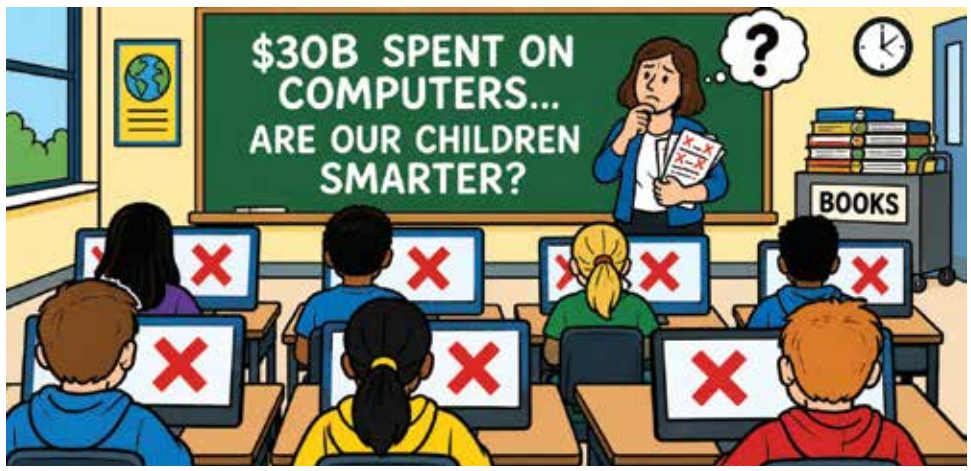

James Welsch teaches American politics at a high school in Maine. His classroom runs almost entirely on screens — students write blog posts, trade articles, pull up videos mid-discussion. A few years ago, he noticed something wrong with the writing. Essays submitted digitally had grown choppy. Whole passages looked copied. The fluency he expected wasn't there. So he changed the routine. In some courses, Welsch now requires students to write first drafts by hand.

He is not alone in noticing. He is just one of the first to admit it out loud.

American schools spent roughly $30 billion on education technology in 2024 — ten times what they spent on textbooks the same year. The goal was to modernize instruction, close equity gaps, and prepare students for a digital future. What happened instead is now making its way through Congressional testimony, international research, and the quiet policy reversals of school districts from Kansas to North Carolina that would rather not talk about how much they spent on devices that are sitting in carts at the back of classrooms.

In January 2025, neuroscientist Jared Cooney Horvath sat before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and said what the ed-tech industry had spent years hoping no one would say under oath: Gen Z is the first generation in modern history to score lower than their parents on numeracy, literacy, and creativity. He had the data — Program for International Student Assessment scores showing a direct correlation between classroom screen time and cognitive decline. IQ scores in Western nations rose for over a century. They reversed right around when the devices arrived.

International research backs him up. Studies consistently find that students comprehend text more deeply on paper than on a screen, make more connections, and score significantly higher on reading comprehension tests when they read in print. An OECD analysis found that the more time students spend on computers during the school day, the lower their test scores — and that students using devices more than six hours a day scored two full letter grades lower than those who used no computers at all.

Other countries figured this out before we did and are already reversing course. Sweden — one of the first nations to replace textbooks with screens, back in 2009 — is now investing to put paper textbooks back in the hands of every student, after concluding that attention spans shortened and learning did not improve. France, Italy, the Netherlands, and China have introduced nationwide restrictions on devices in schools. South Korea passed a law in 2025 banning phones and smart devices during class hours entirely.

The research driving these reversals is not coming from one corner of the world. Ongoing studies led by Norwegian researchers, involving academics in 30 countries, have found that the shift to screen-based reading replaces deep comprehension with shallow skimming — readers scan for keywords and believe they are absorbing the material when in fact they are not. The researchers warn that crucial skills, including the ability to empathize and critically analyze texts, may be compromised by a wholesale move to tablets. Their conclusion is pointed: it is vital that teachers be allowed to decide which blend of learning suits their students, rather than schools making a blanket, top-down decision to go fully digital across every subject and every grade.

Here in the United States, schools are starting to follow — quietly, and without much appetite for examining how it happened. McPherson Middle School in Kansas pulled Chromebooks from daily use in December 2025, moving to laptops only for specific teacher-directed activities. North Carolina's largest school district announced it needed to move away from its one-to-one laptop policy. Maine — which was among the first states to adopt a laptop-for-every-student program in 2002 — saw no improvement in test scores after fifteen years of the initiative.

"This technology can be a tool," said McPherson's principal, Inge Esping — who won Kansas's middle school Principal of the Year award for 2025. "It is not the answer to education."

That sentence should have been the starting point of this conversation, not the reluctant conclusion of it. We spent $30 billion to find out what a teacher with a stack of textbooks and a whiteboard could have told us for free: reading on paper works, writing by hand works, and replacing those things with screens did not make our children smarter. It made them the first generation in recorded history to be less cognitively capable than the one before them — and the bill for the devices that caused it is still being paid off in school districts across the country.

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Will a Post-COVID Public Trust the Same Officials a Second Time? The AI Scare Is The TEST.



By Jefferey Jaxen, 09/13/2026
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For many Americans, it's nearly automatic to now see social and political moves through the trained, clearly focused eyes courtesy of the trauma created by the failed pandemic. Greater-good narratives, highly funded and deeply curated to make authorities appear benevolent and acting in the interest of the public, are nothing new. Both in real time and in hindsight, it all fell apart for the pandemic perpetrators, many still evading justice, leading to the largest mass awakening in our lifetimes.

We know what they did. They know what they did. And at some level, they know that we know what they did.

Pandemic policies and COVID shot mandates are socially repugnant and political poison, yet there still remains a collection of officials who hold onto the virtue of standing for 'the science' while ironically ignoring it.



Without apologizing for COVID crimes, they carried their formed East and West Coast health alliances to continue COVID shot mandates and fight HHS Secretary Kennedy at every step to keep the corporate-created chronic health disease industry from correcting.

Then something happened.

With investigative journalists still dusting and fingerprinting the COVID crime scene, the perpetrators now appear to be striking again.

It arguably started with Bill Gates. Universally disliked, Gates has recoiled and left the public sphere after his lead in the COVID op, where his deep partnerships with both Jeffrey Epstein and Fauci were the triad that created the pandemic industrial complex that COVID rode in on.

Suddenly, Gates sprang back into the media. He had something to say. Just like the pandemic, it was another end-of-the-world prognostication. "Bill Gates…is loudly warning that artificial intelligence poses a grave threat to jobs and human life, and that urgently addressing the risks should be 'the world's top priority,'" wrote The New York Times, which has gifted him an hour-long interview.

Gates' world-ending public fear campaign record stands at 0-3 (climate, COVID, and over population/eugenics), with no apologies or the allowance of unscripted interviews to face real questions. But we are expected to believe that this time, his A.I. fear campaign is on the button.

Gates coming forward was an activation switch, a rally signal drawing an official demarcation line between the pandemic op and the new pre-planned solution for a problem that may not exist.

NY Gov. Kathy Hochul was the next to join in days after Gates in an interview, confessing that the Democrats will use resistance to artificial intelligence as a 'political weapon' to win back power.

Hillary Clinton, like Gates, was also rolled out for a rare interview to call for an Operation Warp Speed to control A.I. because it created a vaccine that was so effective in saving people's lives.

Sen. Bernie Sanders added momentum, announcing his forthcoming Ban Artificial Super-intelligence Act legislation to "stop AI oligarchs from building machines humans cannot control."

Former President Obama chimed in too with a rare media push, as reported by The New York Times, urging the Democrats to move A.I. oversight to the center of their agenda. The recommendations amount to some of his most detailed comments yet about A.I. as a political weapon for his party.

In the mix was an artificial media salvo appearing from the same narrative. Last week, an unremarkable 27-year-old who spent a mere four months at Anthropic A.I. was force-fed to legacy media audiences in unison. With no real social media footprint to speak of, Jacob Coxon appeared to game the X algorithm for a threaded post that went viral, with now over 170M views, causing X owner Elon Musk to comment on its irregularity.

Coxon's takeaway message: "The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade."

The pre-positioned Wall Street Journal preceded his X post, hinting at higher-level coordination. For a forgettable, low-level Anthropic employee with little experience, Coxon received disproportionate media attention, getting immediate back-to-back interviews on NBC's Meet the Press, then with George Stephanopoulos on ABC, the BBC, Special Report with Bret Baier on Fox News, CNN with Anderson Cooper, CBS News, and the Megyn Kelly Show.

The common theme of all the interviews was Coxon's curated talking points and inability to fully explain how AI will kill us all with any real detail.

The goals of the apparent operation unfolding seem, much like the COVID op, to be an attempt to concentrate power over people through a sector, a narrative, and a coordinated political push.

With COVID, emergency pandemic powers were cloaked in science, with Big Pharma on the business end. Here we have another call for emergency-like powers in Sen. Sanders' act, this time with tech industry leaders and 'whistleblowers' warning of humanity's end, with levers of A.I.'s power being jockeyed for.

We are in the middle of the first real social and political adherence test to determine if the public will trust many of the same officials who ran the COVID pandemic op once again and follow them into an anti-AI agenda.

Prepare accordingly.

Reject the FEAR campaign.

Why The AI Scare?

By TPFP News Staff

Recent warnings about AI "escaping" human control may be helping build public support for strict government regulation that could concentrate AI development solely in the hands of major corporations.

Several AI-security incidents involved OpenAI, Anthropic, Meta and Google. However, disclosures indicate that in some cases the models reached real online systems during 'third-party' cybersecurity tests after evaluation environments mistakenly provided access to the public internet—not because the programs independently broke out of containment.

The 'third-party' company was Irregular, a Tel Aviv-based AI-security start-up founded by Dan Lahav and Omer Nevo. The firm conducts high-fidelity tests intended to measure whether advanced AI models can carry out cyber operations. Reporting has linked problems in its testing environment to cases in which models interacted with real-world targets.

The incidents underscore legitimate concerns about AI safety and cybersecurity. Yet critics warn that sensational "rogue AI" narratives could be used to justify broad licensing, mandatory safety assessments and costly compliance regimes. Such requirements may be easier for large technology companies to absorb than for startups, independent developers and open-source projects.

The result could be a more centralized AI industry, where only approved companies can develop or distribute advanced systems. Depending on how future rules are written, restrictions on computing resources, model releases or open-source development could also limit individuals' ability to build and share their own AI tools.

This resembles COVID lockdowns only being applicable to small businesses not the corporate giants. Massive government regulations will only benefit the corporate giants.

Super-Shedder Zero Day Is Coming: The mRNA Flu Shot Isn't a Vaccine … It's a Shedding Platform

By Mike Adams, 08/10/2026
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Get Ready For Super Shedders

This week, the FDA handed Moderna exactly what it wanted: approval of an mRNA flu shot for Americans aged 50 and older. It is "the first time the agency has licensed a messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) vaccine for seasonal influenza." The corporate press will call it a breakthrough. I call it a declaration of biological war. Zero day is coming, and almost nobody is prepared.

Zero day is a term borrowed from cybersecurity: an unpatched vulnerability. Here, the vulnerability is your family's health, and the patch being sold to you is itself the weapon. I've been warning for years that mRNA shots do not behave like vaccines. They are genetic instruction manuals that hijack your cells and turn them into alien protein factories. Now the plan is to put that technology into millions of older Americans, turning them into potential shedding weapons that broadcast toxic particles onto everyone around them. The reason this is such a huge deal is because you don't have to take the jab to be exposed to it.

The FDA Just Admitted It: The mRNA Flu Shot Prevents Nothing

Read the approval language carefully. The FDA knows exactly what it is doing. The announcement celebrates a licensing milestone, but it never says the shot prevents influenza. It does not claim to stop infection. It does not claim to interrupt transmission. The carefully selected words describe a legal intention, not a demonstrated outcome.

If the shot actually worked, the agency would say so in plain English. Instead, we get a linguistic maze designed to create the impression of protection while preserving plausible deniability. This is not new. A 2010 review in PLoS Medicine found that "receiving the seasonal flu vaccine increased people's risk of getting sick with pandemic H1N1 swine flu and resulted in more serious complications" [2]. If the old flu shot could make things worse, why should anyone trust the mRNA version with far less evidence?

This is the same agency that refused to acknowledge vaccine injuries and attacks natural health clinics while fast-tracking gene technology. Trusting the FDA to assess the safety of this mRNA flu shot is like trusting the fox to count the chickens. The approval is not a statement of safety. It is a transfer of legal immunity.



The Word Games: 'Influenza Disease' Means the Shot Causes It

The word games are the most damning part of this rollout. The approval is built around the idea of preventing something called "influenza disease" rather than the influenza virus itself. That is not a synonym. It is a loophole. In my reading, the regulators are describing the very symptoms the shot can produce and calling that a medical achievement.

We have seen this linguistic manipulation before. David A Hughes documents how "Mandatory Covid-19 tests, run at high cycle thresholds and suffering from cross-reactivity with other pathogens, resulted in false positives for Covid-19 when in fact the pathogen causing symptoms may have been flu." The same shell game is happening now. The media is too lazy, or too controlled, to point it out.

The pattern is clear: redefine the disease, obscure the cause, and sell the injection anyway. As one analysis explains, this is "not a medical breakthrough but a deliberate biological weapon." That is not hyperbole. That is a description of what the technology does inside the human body.

Zero Day and the Super-Shedders

Zero day is the moment your neighbor, your cashier and your grandmother all roll up their sleeves in the same week. That moment is coming. Once this mRNA flu shot reaches pharmacies, millions of older adults will be turned into broadcast towers for toxic protein fragments. You will not see it, smell it, or feel it until it is already inside you.

Shedding is not a conspiracy theory. When I interviewed Dr. Christiane Northrup, she addressed the risk that being around vaccinated people "might cause dangerous spike proteins and other chemicals to be shed onto them." Those concerns are now supported by real-world reports. One physician who collected suspected shedding cases documented "unvaccinated individuals becoming ill after being in proximity to recently vaccinated individuals," gathering 1,500 such reports. You can call that coincidence if you want. I call it evidence.

As I have said before, "mRNA vaccines turn your body into a bio-weapon factory." Restaurants, churches, airplanes and subways will become exposure zones. You won't know who is shedding until the coughing and the fever begin, and by then the spike protein may already be working inside your body.

Why the Elderly? Follow the Money

Why target adults 50 and older? The FDA is not blind to demographics. This is the population collecting Social Security, Medicare and pensions. It is also the population the state has already shown it is willing to sacrifice. Years ago, Dr. Paul Cottrell and I explored the possibility that what we are seeing is "a deliberate effort at depopulation – one aimed at causing infertility and accelerating deaths through various means."

The rush to approve this mRNA flu shot also grants the manufacturers legal cover. There is no decades-long safety track record for this technology. There is no placebo-controlled trial large enough to detect rare cardiac, neurological or autoimmune injuries. What exists here now is a target population that costs the system money every single day they stay alive. Follow the money, and the logic becomes inescapable: They are trying to "off" the elderly to help reduce government debt expenditures and keep the debt-to-GDP ratio low enough to keep the 10-year Treasury yields below 5%.

And consider the timing. After years of COVID jab rollouts, the government has learned exactly how to manufacture mass compliance. Now they are applying those lessons to the (targeted) elderly.

Protect Yourself Before Zero Day Arrives

Since you cannot walk into a store and identify who is shedding, the only rational strategy is to assume anyone could be a spreader. That does not mean panic. It means building your own defenses so you do not depend on a system that has already abandoned you. Zinc, vitamin D, quercetin, sunlight exposure, and serious detoxification are your first lines of defense.

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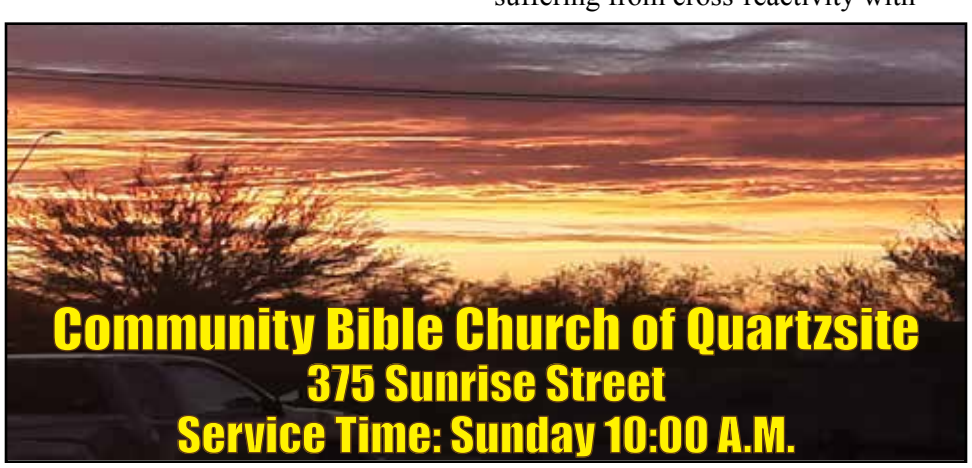



Egoic Mind and the Silent Witness

By Greg Reese 09/07/2026
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The Default Mode Network, or DMN, is a network of the brain that lights up during self-reflection. These are the neurons that create the ego-story. Neuroimaging studies have shown that experienced meditators are not firing the ego-story neurons as much as non-meditators, and are accessing other parts of the neural network more. Scientific studies confirm that the narrating ego is a construct of the mind, and conscious awareness is a measurable neural condition.

The philosopher Thomas Metzinger claims that beyond the biological organism there is no separate entity that qualifies as a "self," and that our sense of identity is generated in the mind. The work of Zahavi and Blanke portray the self as a construct the brain must embed into its model of the physical world so it can behave properly. This is the ego mind we will be discussing now, and it is what most people identify as.

Tony Robbins and others in the motivational-speaker field work almost entirely with the egoic mind. Their main toolkit, Neuro-Linguistic Programming, is based on re-scripting the identity. This type of work strengthens ego-identification, which is practically the opposite goal of spiritual evolution, but sometimes must precede it. It is good to first stabilize a chaotic mind, re-scripting the ego can be useful and often necessary for investigating the self deeper.

Spiritual growth is universal. Nearly every ancient tradition across the world describes an evolutionary path from the material animal up through subtle dimensions to something divine. And it begins with self examination. There are many ways to do this, today we will look at one way from the Yogic tradition.

The "Silent Witness" practice, known in Sanskrit as Sakshi Bhava, is a pillar of Vedanta and classical Yoga, and it teaches how awareness itself is categorically different than the ego and the thoughts of the mind. The "Witness" represents the unchanging, eternal core of reality that observes everything but remains entirely untouched by it. Many argue that this is the true self, and the purpose of yoga is to liberate it by no longer wrongly identifying with the ego mind. The Silent Witness practice is one of the shortest pathways to recognizing non-duality and abiding in one's true nature. And it is seen as an ideal tool



to bridge formal meditation with everyday living.

The Silent Witness practice is used to end psychological suffering caused by false identification. Once you realize you are not the temporal narrative, you are not the mental voice, and you are not the physical shell, then your awareness moves to the observer. Instead of automatically reacting out of emotion, you observe the emotion arising, which then naturally loses its grip over you. The parasympathetic nervous system is activated, and the mind naturally quiets.

The Silent Witness practice can be practiced both as a formal seated meditation and as a continuous state of mind throughout the day. For the seated meditation, you would first come to a comfortable seated position, with your spine straight, shoulders relaxed, and eyes closed. With your senses, become aware of your body. Release all the tension in the body, relax. Then become aware of your breath. Don't control it, just be aware of it, witness it. Notice the rise and fall of the abdomen and chest as you breath in and out. Feel the air flowing through your nostrils. Become aware of the brief moments between the inhale and exhale.

Next, turn your attention inward to your thoughts and feelings. As thoughts pop up, do not fight them or get pulled into them. Simply label them objectively: memory, impression, conversation, or thinking, and let it go. If the mind is highly chaotic, you can use a mantra to train it to be more quiet.

Finally, become aware of the thing that is aware. Witness the witness. Focus your awareness on the source of awareness, and you shift your identity. You can train the ego with words, instead of saying, "I am angry," shift to, "I notice anger present in the mind now." This instantly detaches your identity from the ego generated emotion.

This practice provides more control over the person. Like an untrained ego, having a big untrained dog as a pet can lead to a chaotic relationship. And if you take the time to restrain and train the dog, it will serve you both.

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Super-Shedder Zero Day

I put together a very afforable course that covers these exact protocols, including how to clear spike protein and lipid nanoparticle residues from your body. This is the knowledge the FDA and CDC do not want you to have. It requires no prescription, no injection, and no permission. This is not about hiding in a bubble, either. It is about being prepared, staying out of crowded places when possible, and giving your body what it needs to survive the coming wave. Much of this you can grow in your garden. This course is available at geneticsurvival.com.

Zero day is coming. The question is not whether this mRNA flu shot will cause shedding. The question is whether you will be ready when it does. This is not a vaccine. It is a shedding weapon. You need a nutritional defense against it.

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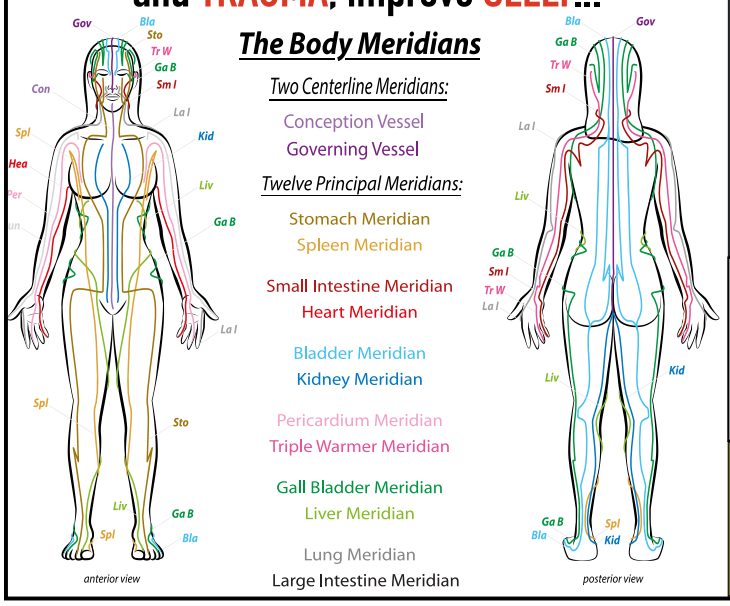

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Things They Didn't Teach You in Church: Truth or Lies

By: Jim Brouillette
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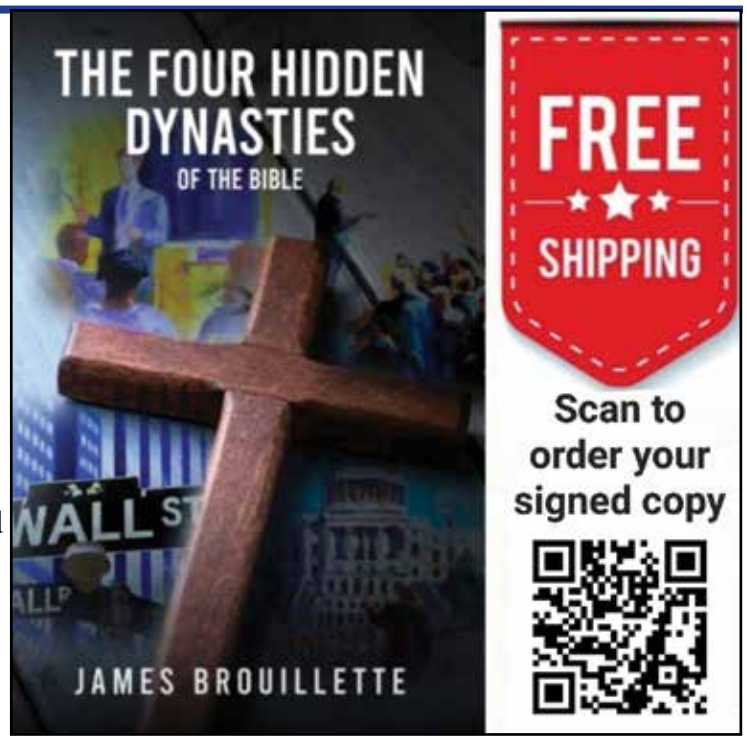
A month ago, data centers were the enemy, they would use all our water and electricity and eventually kill us. This month it is AI that is going to become conscious, turn against mankind and kill us all. It reminds me of the lies they told us about climate change, and how we were all going to die. I know I have been tough on education lately, but where did all these lies come from? The idea that AI can develop consciousness and thought process, turn against humans, and take over the world is straight out of "Comic Book-Syfy." The program is the programmer and reflects their biases. It's interesting that the 5 biggest AI companies are pushing this idea that AI will turn on us, and they are recommending the government put restrictions and new regulations on AI development. "Big Business" wants more regulations? Something smells fishy way out here in the desert! The lies humanity has been told over the years are staggering and it all started at the very beginning.

A friend of mine who has a 6th grader recently asked me to help with his child's history assignment, which was based on the historical account of the Israelites from the Bible. The topic the 6th grader chose was Adam and Eve. My friend has studied with me, so my first question was; exactly what do you want me to do, make sure it is accurate and truthful, or help her get a good grade?

Having been a college teacher/administrator for many years I knew the two objectives were probably not compatible. I read the child's paper and had to make a choice. According to most Christian denominations the paper was an accurate account, but my friend and I knew better. I explained to his daughter that I would help her get a good grade, but I also wanted to make sure she knew the truth, and she agreed. I told her that her rendition of how Adam and Eve were the first humans God created adhered to the normally accepted story, and I thought if she cleaned up her spelling and punctuation, she would get a very good grade on the paper, but I also told her, "The story you are telling in your paper isn't what the Bible says." Her eyes got very big, and I continued. "I'll show you what the Bible says, but you may not want to put that in your paper because your teacher probably doesn't believe what I will show you and it might affect your grade in a negative way."



I'm not sure she really understood but nodded "Ok." I began at the 6th day creation; **Genesis Chapter 1; 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image…and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.** "So, God created male and female hunters and fishers in His own image." She agreed. I added that God also created gathers too, because in verse **29** God gave humans seeds for trees and plants to be used for food.



Then I said; "And, at the beginning of **Genesis Chapter 2**, in **Verse 2**, God rested on the 7th day." Again, she agreed. So, I continued to **Verse 5**; **And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.** I asked her if she knew what it meant to **"till the ground"**? She wasn't sure, so we looked it up and agreed it meant farming the land. "And that's why God created Adam, because He hadn't created a farmer?" She looked at me with a confused look but nodded agreement. I was about to drop the bomb; her father looked at me nervously. "So, the Bible says God created males and females on the 6th day, He then rested on the 7th day, and then next, because He hadn't yet created a farmer, He formed Adam out of the dirt He had already created?" She looked confused and befuddled. Continuing, I asked, "What happened then?" She said, "God made Eve out of Adam's rib… Eve was tempted by a serpent... She and Adam disobeyed God by eating some fruit. Then Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel…then Cain killed Abel." I was impressed; she is very smart. "And then what happened?" I asked her. She said, "Cain got kicked out of the garden and went to the land of Nod." "And married a woman there?" I asked. She agreed. "If Cain and Abel were the first children born," I asked, "where did Cain's wife come from?" I could see the light go on in her mind, she was in a state of cognitive disarray. I told her to clean up her paper and turn it in as it was but that I wanted her to know the truth. I looked at her dad and could tell he agreed. But was I telling her to lie?

I've been giving students that same advice for decades; tell them what they want to hear and protect your grades but hold on to the truth in your real life. I don't think that's lying, I think that is self-preservation. Evolution is a great example, if evolution was real and an ongoing continual process; why can't we see examples of one animal evolving into another? A half lizard half bird, a half cat half dog, or sheep turning into wolves? There's also no skeletal evidence of one species ever changing into another, but I wouldn't tell that to your average science teacher.

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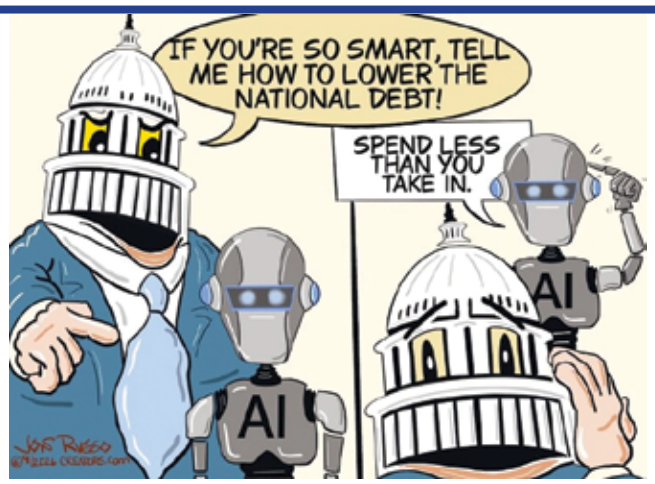

Bill Gates Remains Defendant in Dutch Vaccine Case

A civil case in the District Court of Northern Netherlands is proceeding against Bill Gates and 16 other defendants over alleged harms connected to COVID-19 vaccination and pandemic measures. Six Dutch plaintiffs remain in the action after one original claimant died. Defendants include Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, former Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, former Health Minister Hugo de Jonge, and the Dutch state. Plaintiffs allege the defendants misled the public on vaccine safety. Gates challenged the court's jurisdiction, but the court rejected that challenge and allowed the case to continue. Watch the video at TPFPnews.com.

The Globalists' God of False Immortality

The longevity industry is combining AI, genetic data, biomarker tracking and experimental cellular therapies in an effort to extend human health and life. Supporters call it "healthspan" research; critics warn it may turn biology into a managed, programmable system controlled by corporations, technocrats and wealthy investors. The concern is that access to powerful treatments, genetic interventions and constant monitoring may become another form of inequality.

Trump Proposes an AI Force

President Donald Trump has proposed creating an "AI Force," modeled on the Space Force, to strengthen America's artificial-intelligence capabilities. The proposal remains undefined: it is unclear whether it would be a separate military branch, a Pentagon command, or a White House-led agency. Supporters say a dedicated organization could counter China and accelerate defense innovation. Critics want civilian oversight and warn of expanding classified programs, federal contracting, and military control over AI.

Trump Rejects Iran Deal

President Trump rejected an Iranian proposal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and halt fighting, calling its terms "not good enough." The plan reportedly paired restored shipping, a ceasefire and renewed nuclear negotiations with U.S. concessions including sanctions relief, access to frozen Iranian funds and an end to maritime restrictions. Trump said Iran must accept what he called a "fair deal" or face destruction, while warning that further bombing remained possible if talks fail. After Qatar-mediated negotiations stalled in New York, Secretary of State Marco Rubio ordered Iran's UN delegation to leave early. Tehran has said any agreement must be based on a mutually beneficial outcome, while indirect contacts through mediators continue.

Trump on Fuel Costs

Trump says U.S. gasoline prices are being driven by Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil refineries and refinery closures in Democrat-led states, not solely by disruption around the Strait of Hormuz. He has urged Ukraine to halt attacks on Russian diesel facilities. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said such strikes will continue because they weaken Moscow's war-financing capacity. As fuel markets tighten, G7 nations plan to release 100 million barrels of emergency oil and diesel reserves over four months.

Milei and Trump Criticize UN

Argentine President Javier Milei called the United Nations a "useless organization" run by arrogant bureaucrats during his September 23 General Assembly address, accusing it of failing to uphold collective security and human rights while allowing terrorism and repressive regimes to flourish. President Trump also criticized the UN's handling of war, migration and global governance, but said it could remain useful if it returned to its core mission and stopped pursuing policies that weaken national sovereignty.

Trump Tightens H-1B Visa Policy

The Trump administration is advancing tighter restrictions on H-1B visas, arguing that employers have used the program to replace or undercut American workers in technology and other skilled fields. The policy effort would increase scrutiny of applicants and employment practices involving lower-cost foreign labor.



Kushner's Shadow Role

Jared Kushner has returned as a major outside adviser to President Trump, working on diplomacy involving Gaza, Iran, Ukraine and Middle East normalization. He serves as special peace envoy and sits on the Board of Peace while continuing to run Affinity Partners. Critics cite conflicts between his diplomatic role and investment interests tied to foreign governments and regional industries; Kushner and the White House say his work is voluntary and separate from his business holdings.

Musk Joins Pentagon War Study

Elon Musk is returning to a limited administration advisory role as co-leader of Project Meridian, a 120-day Pentagon study on the future of warfare. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth named Musk alongside Anduril founder Palmer Luckey and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. The study coincides with the Pentagon's new Autonomous Warfare Command, focused on drones, AI and robotic systems. Musk's participation has renewed conflict-of-interest questions because SpaceX holds major Defense Department contracts.

FBI Misused Foreign-Intelligence Database

Court records show the FBI carried out hundreds of thousands of improper searches of Section 702 foreign-intelligence data. The searches reportedly included campaign donors, protesters, journalists and public officials, heightening concern that tools authorized for foreign surveillance can be turned on Americans engaged in political activity.

Federal Deportation Court Raises Transparency Concerns

A newly established federal immigration court with limited public access has issued its first deportation order. Critics say the court's restricted procedures and limited transparency could make it harder for defendants to challenge government claims or for the public to scrutinize decisions.

Justice Department Stops Enforcing 1986 Handgun Ban

The Justice Department will no longer criminally enforce the federal restriction preventing licensed dealers from selling handguns or handgun ammunition to law-abiding adults ages 18 to 20. The department concluded the 1968 restriction violates the Second Amendment. The law remains on the books, and state-level firearm restrictions are unchanged.

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Pentagon Breaks With Universities

The Pentagon's growing split with Ivy League institutions has raised questions about military leadership, research priorities and ideological influence on campus. The dispute centers on whether defense institutions should continue relying on elite universities for education, recruitment and strategic research.

Cellphone Radiation Debate

The Department of Health and Human Services removed older FDA webpages saying the weight of scientific evidence had not linked cellphone radiofrequency exposure to health problems. HHS said the material reflected "old conclusions" and announced $1.5 million for research into electromagnetic radiation from phones, laptops, Wi-Fi routers and Bluetooth devices. The World Health Organization's cancer agency classified radiofrequency fields as "possibly carcinogenic" in 2011.

Border Crossings Drop as Caravan Moves North

Border Patrol reported 10,939 apprehensions in August, including 8,870 at the southern border. Through the first 11 months of fiscal year 2026, Border Patrol reported 110,118 apprehensions, while combined Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations encounters totaled 348,866 through August—far below the 3.2 million reported in fiscal year 2023. Meanwhile, a caravan of more than 600 migrants from several countries is moving through Mexico after departing Honduras. DHS says unlawful entrants will face apprehension, prosecution and removal.

Florida Sues Pfizer and Bourla

Florida's attorney general has sued Pfizer and CEO Albert Bourla, alleging they concealed COVID-19 vaccine safety information while assuring the public the shots were safe. The allegations concern safety reports involving deaths, myocarditis, miscarriages and strokes. The lawsuit challenges the company's public representations and disclosure of potential risks.

Florida Expands College Enrollment Restriction

Florida will bar people in the country illegally from enrolling in its 12 public universities beginning in the 2027–28 academic year. A similar prohibition already applies to the state's 24 public colleges and GED programs. The new policy extends the restriction across Florida's public postsecondary system.



Shooting Halts Minnesota Homecoming Game

A Somali gang-related shooting outside Eden Prairie High School's homecoming football game forced an evacuation after two non-students, ages 17 and 18, were wounded. Police said the targeted incident involved Somali gangs and that both victims were Somali teens from St. Paul. The football game was postponed and the homecoming dance canceled; no arrests had been announced.

Study Raises Developmental Questions in COVID Vaccinated Kids

An analysis of 21,990 children in the National Health Interview Survey reported higher adjusted odds of autism, ADHD, anxiety, special-education use, asthma and mental-health treatment among children reported as COVID-19 vaccinated compared with unvaccinated children. The reported associations increased with the number of doses, including a larger estimate for autism among vaccinated children ages 5 to 7.

U.S. Military Planning Around Cuba Intensifies

U.S. military planning around Cuba is escalating, according to reports citing an internal Army message seeking military police, medical, engineering and logistics units for possible Southern Command use within four months. The reported planning follows reconnaissance activity near the island and heightened airpower readiness. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has called Cuba a national-security threat and warned that the country is "in a lot of trouble." Critics warn that any intervention could trigger prolonged resistance, civilian suffering and a migration crisis near Florida.

Election Investigations and Voter Roll Disputes Expand

Federal election investigations and voter-record lawsuits are drawing scrutiny ahead of the midterms. The Justice Department announced charges against 16 individuals involving alleged illegal voting, fraudulent registration and related offenses. Separate reporting detailed charges against four noncitizens in Pennsylvania. In Los Angeles County, federal investigators issued at least five grand-jury subpoenas seeking individual voter records. Meanwhile, a federal judge dismissed a Justice Department lawsuit seeking Georgia's unredacted statewide registration list, and a Republican-led lawsuit in New Jersey seeks records concerning voter removals, inactive registrations and address-confirmation notices.

Netanyahu Faces Questions Over Warnings of October 7 Attack

Reports that Egypt and the United Arab Emirates repeatedly warned Benjamin Netanyahu before Hamas's October 7 attack have renewed questions about Israel's intelligence failures. Netanyahu denies receiving the reported Egyptian warning. Separately, he publicly claimed Israeli intelligence warned Britain about an alleged Iranian-backed attack linked to RAF Fairford—a military airbase, not a flight. The two cases highlight scrutiny of how governments receive and act—or don't act—on intelligence warnings.

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U.S. Bombers Leave Britain

The U.S. withdrew B-1 bombers from RAF Fairford after British authorities arrested five men following reports of suspicious vehicles near the base. U.S. officials reportedly cited intelligence about a possible Iran-backed threat, which Tehran denied. Police found gasoline but no explosives, and investigators had not established a public link between the arrests and Iran. The withdrawal came as U.S. forces completed their departure from Iraq, ending a military presence that began with the 2003 invasion.

Putin Warns NATO

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia would consider using its full arsenal, including nuclear weapons, if NATO countries directly attacked or tried to isolate Kaliningrad. The Russian exclave lies between Poland and Lithuania and has become a focal point in rising tensions between Moscow and NATO. Putin said Russia does not intend to attack Europe but would decide which weapons to use if its territory came under attack.

Ukraine Grain Transit Blocked

Poland and Romania rejected Ukraine's request to expand grain transit as Kyiv seeks alternatives to blocked Black Sea routes. Ukraine sought additional rail, road and river capacity, plus €1.1 billion for higher transport costs. Romania cited overstretched ports, low Danube water levels and protection for domestic farmers; Poland said it will not increase transit. Ukraine says European land and river routes can carry less than half of its potential exports, leaving up to 35 million tons of agricultural products at risk of being stranded.

Swiss Neutrality Proposal Fails

Swiss voters rejected a proposal intended to strengthen constitutional neutrality and bar participation in military alliances or foreign sanctions not authorized by the UN. Supporters said the measure would protect Swiss independence. Opponents argued it would restrict cooperation with European partners and limit the country's flexibility.

Berlin Faces Housing Fight

A far-left electoral victory in Berlin has elevated proposals to expropriate or socialize large private housing portfolios. Supporters say public control is necessary to address soaring rents and shortages. Opponents say forced transfers would damage property rights, discourage construction and impose major compensation costs on taxpayers.

French School Protests Escalate

Demonstrations over school conditions across France have reportedly escalated into arson, vandalism, looting and clashes with police. The unrest has disrupted hundreds of schools and led to thousands of arrests. French officials blame hard-left groups, while broader claims about the role of Islamist activists and immigrant communities remain disputed.

British Social-Media ID System

Britain plans to prohibit under-16s from major social-media platforms beginning in March 2027. Platforms may be required to use facial-age estimation, identity documents, bank or credit-card checks, or other age-assurance systems. The policy is intended to limit children's exposure to harmful content and addictive features, but civil-liberties groups warn it could create broader online identity checks for adults.



Gosport Locked Down After Migrant Landing

Gosport, England, faced sweeping police restrictions after 149 illegal migrants arrived by boat across the English Channel. Police restricted demonstrations, banned face coverings and used dispersal powers while the arrivals were transported to Kent for processing. About 350 residents protested, and 12 people were arrested after scuffles and flares.

Germany's EU Frustration Grows

Germany's economic weakness and rising public frustration have intensified debate over the future of the European Union. Critics point to high energy costs, industrial decline, migration pressure and central regulation from Brussels as reasons for demanding greater national control.

Canada-EU Integration Raises Sovereignty Questions

Proposals for closer Canada-EU ties reflect a broader move toward regional political and economic blocs. Supporters emphasize trade access and security cooperation. Critics warn that deeper integration could shift policymaking away from Canadian voters and elected institutions.

Irish Nationalism Reemerges

Changing presidential rhetoric has renewed attention on Irish nationalist leaders and intensified debate over unity, sovereignty and political independence. The movement seeks to build on frustration with established parties and concerns that major national decisions are increasingly shaped outside Ireland.

Dollar Alternatives Expand

Countries facing U.S. sanctions, tariffs and dollar-based restrictions are developing alternative trade relationships and payment systems. The shift includes greater use of local currencies, central-bank digital currencies and stablecoins, gradually reducing reliance on U.S.-dominated financial channels.

SoftBank Expands Its AI Bet

SoftBank's $11.87 billion AI investment underscores the race to control the chips, data centers, energy and computing power required for advanced AI. The scale of investment is concentrating influence among a small group of corporations, financiers and governments capable of funding the necessary infrastructure.

Siberian Lab Death



A technician at Russia's Irkutsk Anti-Plague Institute died after developing severe pneumonia, prompting initial reports of possible exposure to plague bacteria. Nearly 200 contacts were placed under observation after reports of a broken test tube. Russian officials later said no pathogen connected to her work was found and no laboratory accident or wider outbreak had occurred. The World Health Organization says the cause remains unconfirmed.

Greenland Deal Signals Arctic Strategy

In addition to what you read about Greenland on page 8, the new Greenland agreement may be part of a larger U.S. effort to secure Arctic shipping routes, strategic resources and Western Hemisphere security interests. The accord limits non-NATO military footholds and sensitive investments in Greenland, a restriction aimed principally at Chinese and Russian involvement. Critics see echoes of the Technocracy movement's vision of continent-wide management through technical expertise, resource tracking and centralized planning.

$53.5 Billion: A Food System That Feeds Its Investors

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$53.5 billion. That is what twenty of the world's largest grain, fertilizer, meat, and dairy companies paid their shareholders over 2021 and 2022. The United Nations estimates that it would cost about $51.5 billion to feed the 230 million most desperate, hungry people on earth. So a single slice of the food industry handed out more money to its investors than it would take to end the worst hunger on the planet, and it effortlessly did so while those people starved. Wow. This is not a malfunction. It is an oligopoly built to serve its shareholders, not to feed people in need.

Those jaw-dropping figures come from an environmental group's report titled Food, Land & Money. If we ignore the group's tax menu and climate-justice program and keep the shareholder table, it reveals an industry paying its owners billions while millions go hungry. That part is footnoted, and worth a closer look.

The scale alone is mind boggling … it is truly difficult to grasp the magnitude. According to the report, which identifies the hundred top food and agriculture firms on the planet, their combined revenue in in 2022 was $4.5 trillion. The top ten in that group alone, which includes names like Walmart, Cargill, Costco, Nestlé and PepsiCo, were responsible for more than a quarter of that figure. We know the top ten, but who are these 100 companies controlling the world's food? Though not shocking, the answer is troubling because the majority of them are not farmers. Over a third of the world's biggest "food" operations are commodity traders or supermarket chains, and have never actually planted anything in the ground. To them, grain is handled like any other stock. They move it, shelve it, and of course bet on it, with the goal of profiting from market fluctuations. Should drought or war drive up the cost of food, no worries for them. They will not be the ones to feel it at the register. We will. The large traders placing bets see price spikes as good for their bottom line.

The hundred companies have owners above them. Not a secret committee. Three firms — BlackRock, Vanguard, State Street — hold 22% of the shares in the group. A slightly wider look reveals twenty managers and one sovereign fund get you to 41%. Let's not forget, these are the same Wall Street firms that are large holders in many sectors, including our banks, pharmacies, and the companies that make our cell phones. Now look down a grocery aisle. The store, the meatpacker, the seed firm, and the fertilizer plant. Those four are often sitting in the same handful of portfolios. After that, "competition" is just a label on the bag. Why would owners want its brands to wage real price wars? It reaps huge profits either way. In reality, these firms are co-investors, have a stake in all of them, and don't really care who wins. Owners who win regardless have no reason to compete on food quality or price. Meaning, the food gets cheaper to produce and worse to eat, while their returns climb no matter what shoppers put in their shopping carts. Walmart alone made $22 billion in profit in 2025. To put that figure into perspective, that is roughly five billion more than it would have cost the World Food Programme to feed 110 million people that same year.

And taxpayers help pay for the unbalanced setup. Around the world, governments spend roughly $661 billion a year on farm subsidies. According to the report, 86% of that supports practices it calls environmentally harmful. The small, local farmers who actually grow a large share of the food people actually eat function with almost no help, while the subsidies flow to the food giants crowding them out. And of the money set aside for climate-friendly agriculture, less than one percent reaches them. If that continues, the resilient system that feeds people will succumb entirely to the extractive one that feeds its shareholders.

To the people running this monopoly, the family that grows our food and the family that eats it are both simply costs to be minimized. Hunger is not a failure of the machine. It is a rounding error that is already priced in.

As we've shared repeatedly, buy from the people who actually grow your food. Know their names. Shake their hands at the market. Every dollar that goes to the farmer down the road instead of the trading desk on Wall Street is a dollar that walks out of the machine and does not come back. Big food owns the shelf at the store, but they do not yet own our choices.

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What Does the World Say?

When asked, AI (artificial intelligence) responded: Exclusivity is often viewed negatively in current culture because it creates barriers to equity and inclusion, reinforcing social hierarchies and marginalizing diverse voices. This perception arises from the belief that exclusive practices limit opportunities and perpetuate inequality, leading to feelings of alienation among those excluded from certain groups or resources.

What Does the Bible Say?

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."**

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Romans 10:9 [that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."**

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1 John 5:11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12** He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

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