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The Climate Fraud

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Over the years, we have seen many dire predictions of snowless winters. So far, the predictions have been 100% wrong.

Top five snow free and ice free predictions:

- 1.) Scientists predicted in 2000 that kids would grow up without snow. It was 14 years ago now when UK climate scientists argued that global warming would make snowfall "a very rare and exciting event."
- **2.)** It's been 10 years since scientists predicted the "end of skiing" in Scotland. An article from the UK's *Guardian* in 2004 quoted scientists and environmentalists predicting the demise of Scotland's winter sports industry, including more remarks from Dr. David Viner, who had already predicted the end of snow in Britain.
- 3.) The Arctic would be "ice-free" by now. "Some of the models suggest that there is a 75 percent chance that the entire north polar ice cap, during some of the summer months, could be completely ice-free within the next five to seven years," Gore said in 2008. But in 2013, Arctic sea ice coverage was up 50 percent from 2012 levels.
- **4.)** Environmentalists predicted the end of spring snowfall. In March 2013, the Union of Concerned Scientists predicted that warmer springs would mean declines in snow cover.
- **5.)** The end of skiing. Ski towns across the country were worried about their prospects when temperatures temporarily rose up into 50s and 60s in early February. Scientists were fanning the flames by predicting that winter towns could see more hardships ahead due to global warming.

For decades, we have seen predictions that ice would soon be gone, and coastal cities would be flooded. ABC ran a report to scare the public in 2008. Manhattan would be under water by 2015 because the ice in the Arctic would be melted. The report was 100% wrong.

Appearing on Good Morning America in 2008, Bob Woodruff hyped Earth 2100, a special that pushed apocalyptic predictions of the then-futuristic 2015.

The segment included supposedly prophetic videos, such as a teenager declaring, "It's June 8th, 2015. One carton of milk is \$12.99." (On the actual June 8, 2015, a gallon of milk cost, on average, \$3.39.) Another clip featured this prediction for the current year: "Gas reached over \$9 a gallon." (In reality, gas costs an average of \$2.75.)

On June 12, 2008, correspondent Bob Woodruff revealed that the program "puts participants in the future and asks them to report back about what it is like to live in this future world. The first stop is the year 2015."

As one expert warns that in 2015 the sea level will rise quickly, a visual shows New York City being engulfed by water.

Not deterred by their previous fictional dire predictions, ABC ran a series of reports in November about the existential threat of climate change. These reports were done in conjunction with the gabfest in Glasgow, where hundreds of private jets were flown in to show how much people cared about their carbon footprint.

In early December, reports came out warning that mountains in the western United States may be snowless in 35 to 60 years. None of these predictions is based on scientific data, but the media just keep repeating them as if they were.

It must be disappointing to the climate change fear-mongers when the climate doesn't cooperate with their dire predictions.

In Sierra Nevada this year, they are seeing record snowfalls. Over 200 inches by December 28. The report from CNN says that is not enough. There are predictions of less severe storms later this winter. I bet the predictors did not make accurate predictions for December, so why are the future forecasts to be believed?

The most humorous sentence in this article is "If we don't get another inch, we're still below what we would expect for the entire winter, which means that we can contribute to the drought rather than resolving it."

Is there much likelihood that the snow would completely stop for the rest of the winter?

As of Tuesday, more than 202 inches of snow—nearly 17 feet (5.2 meters)—had fallen so far this month at the University of California, Berkeley's Central Sierra Snow Laboratory, at Donner Pass east of Sacramento.

Scientists at the lab said this month is now the snowiest December on record for the location and the third snowiest month overall. The top month was January 2017 when 238 inches (6 meters) fell, and it's not likely enough snow will fall in the next three days to challenge that record. Records here go back to 1970.

While this event has been amazing so far, we are really concerned about the upcoming months not having as many storms," Schwartz told CNN. "If we don't get another inch, we're still below what we would expect for the entire winter, which means that we can contribute to the drought rather than resolving it."

Aaron Rodgers shows that he is brighter than most journalists, politicians, bureaucrats, and entertainers. He said that if you are told you can't question science, it is pure propaganda. That is the case whether he is talking about the climate or anything coming out of Fauci's mouth.

Here are some scientific facts:

The climate has always changed cyclically and naturally.

We have always had and always will have contagious viruses.

We have never had a vaccine that protects against the common cold, which is what omicron is like.

Each year, the people in the United State suffer around one billion common colds. I don't recall people standing in lines in the cold to get tests for those. I believe they have gone to buy cold medicine.

In the course of a year, individuals in the United States suffer 1 billion colds, according to some estimates. Adults average about two to four colds a year, although the range varies widely. Women, especially those aged 20 to 30 years, have more colds than men.

I hope the people get over the fear that is spread each day by journalists in collusion with tyrannical politicians and bureaucrats who seek to greatly reduce our freedoms and destroy our economy. Common sense seems to be in short supply.

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The Israeli Fraud by Steve Apfel

Christendom is in dire straits. Historian Tom Holland predicts the unthinkable—a Middle East without any Christian communities. Fr. Francesco Patton, a Catholic leader, *Custos* of the Holy Land and guardian of Christian holy places in Israel, seemed to be predicting the same thing in his article in a recent UK *Daily Telegraph* article, where he writes "Our presence is precarious and our future at risk." He adds that the lives of Christians have been made "unbearable by radical local groups with extremist ideologies."

Jerusalem clerics and patriarchs piled on their own concern about radical groups trying to purge the region of Christianity. When the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, perhaps the leading Protestant figure of all, vented more spleen about Christianity's survival in the Middle East with a third article inside a week, we're bound to conclude that something big must be going down.

As head of the Anglican Church, Welby joined the Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum, to write a shared *Sunday Times* article stamping their imprimatur on a crunch time for Christianity because Christians "had become the target of frequent and sustained attacks. . . ."

Ha! Jihadists uprooting two millennia of Christianity or so you'd think from reading the news. Think again. The targets of all the angst and outrage were Jews. The damn 'Zios' are doing the uprooting.

Now that *is* odd. The other day a news item landed in my mailbox: "Israel's Christian community is growing, 84% satisfied with life here."

In it, I read that "Israel's Christian community grew by 1.4 percent in 2020 and numbers some 182,000. . . ." Of that number "76.7% of Christians in Israel are Arab." And importantly, "84% of them [are] saying they were satisfied with life in the country. . . ." Arab Christians tend to cluster in Nazareth, Haifa, and Jerusalem; non-Arab Christians are mainly found in greater Tel Aviv.

If that is not good enough, the study found that Arab Christian women are among the most educated in Israel. It also reports that a lower proportion of Christians rely on unemployment benefits compared to other Israelis.

There could hardly be a more ridiculous image to beat that of clerics wringing their hands over nothing. Christians in Israel are doing famously, thank you.

Meanwhile, Gaza and Ramallah are real death traps. Few know that because. ..well, when *did* the mainstream media run a story on the torments of Gaza's few surviving Christian souls or on Bethlehem's long-time Christian majority, which has shrunk to a minority under threat? By order of Hamas, Christmas decor and crucifixes in Gaza are banned. The owner of Gaza's only

Christian bookstore, Rami Ayyad, was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered.

What's the matter with men of the cloth? Broken compass? Apparently voicing outrage over Christians thriving under Jewish rule while papering over martyred Christians under Muslim rule, will get these Christians to heaven. Curse Israel and Grace will come to you. Love your Muslim persecutors and hate your Jewish protectors.

Those words are not ornamental or rhetorical. They are the collective sayings of Archbishop Welby, hectoring Israel while downplaying the beheadings and crucifixions by jihadists as non-lethal "sectarian violence." His flock gets the message: love your murderers and hate your friends. And Welby definitely views Israel as the enemy:

I have no illusions about this. Historically the right response of Christians to persecution and attack is—it's the hardest thing we can ever say to people. But Jesus tells us to love our enemies. It's the hardest thing when you're being violently attacked. It's an indescribable challenge but God gives grace so often for us to love our enemies.

Hold onto the idea of Welby as the consoler for Christians drowning in blood while we revert to people of another faith. When did a Jew last kill a person for being Christian? Has one Christian been converted to Judaism under pain of death? Yet churchmen aim their missiles where?

The Rev. David Kim, head of the World Evangelical Alliance, has also taken aim at the "impossible people." Back in 2012, his paper at a Bethlehem conference was not about ISIS. Instead, "How to Deal with the Impossible People—A Biblical Perspective" was delivered against the backdrop of a banner depicting a church, a cross, and a high wall built by Israel to stop Jewish blood from being spilled by the gallon. Kim's paper was about how to deal with Jews. Apparently, no one on the platform whispered in Kim's ear that under the "impossible people" Christianity has prospered mightily.

So, what is going on?

In my expanded essay on a chapter that Professor Ephraim Karsh commissioned for "War by other means" in *Israel Affairs*, I attribute this anomaly to a conjunction of a 4th-century doctrine and three 21st century doctrines. Although, actually, the latter three are more blind faith than anything—which does not mean that they're treated less reverently than the Gospels. One is Human Rights, the second is Woke "Multiculturalism" or "Inclusivity," and the third—a twisted belief you couldn't invent if you tried—rebirths Jesus to make him a Palestinian.

At least we must respect the 4th-century doctrine of St Augustus who postulates that for their murder of Jesus, the Jews were exiled by God to live in sorrow and servitude and to be witness to Christianity as the true religion.

With their hostility to Israel, the likes of the World Council of Churches, the Presbyterians of America, World Vision, the Orthodox Churches, and the iconic late Desmond Tutu, have St. Augustine in mind. Get the hell out of Palestine! When you rejected Jesus we replaced you; we are now the Chosen People. Return to your divinely-ordained fate as witness wanderers.

Secular anti-Zionists nurse a theology not so far from Augustinian. For them, too, the Jews are meant to be powerless wanderers. Hence Israel's rise from Holocaust ashes troubles the secularists. Their problem, however, isn't doctrinal but perceptual. Anti-Zionists cannot come to terms with a military Jew stronger than his persecutors. The stereotype of the Jew of old—that bearded bookish stateless wanderer—could never have evolved into a mean machine. Go back to your inherent character!

Clerics harboring the ancient hostility towards a modern dynamic Israel feel compelled to punish the unchosen people. God never meant you to make the desert bloom and build a mini-Manhattan and win Nobel Prizes by the ton and boast a high-tech economy and have a currency stronger than the Euro.

Anti-Israel clerical pores leak not envy but error the faith-losing error of dogma. Hence the dogmatic anger towards Israel their protector: the spoilage of the plot, the shattering of the icon.

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Windmills vs. Virginia Beach by Andrea Widburg

America has a few remarkably good, stable, readily available sources of available energy, all of it relatively clean to very clean: nuclear power, oil and natural gas, and clean-burning coal. All, though, are too impure for the green lobby. (The clean-burning, safe, modern nuclear plants are especially *verboten*.) Instead, they want water, wind, and sunlight, all of which are intermittently available, two of which (wind and sunlight) create require and create toxic and non-biodegradable byproducts, and all three of which significantly increase consumer costs. That third issue is on display with the problems surrounding a windmill project that Richmond-based Dominion Energy is planning to implement.

Dominion Energy is one of America's major energy providers, servicing Idaho, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming. (I'm a Dominion customer.) It's also enthusiastic about the whole green energy movement—and, when you learn about its Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project, you begin to suspect that green money, as much as green energy, drives this interest. (Note: I'm not accusing Dominion of any form of corruption or incompetence. It's just an example of the green energy boondoggle across America.)

Dominion's plan, which is already being put in place, is to build 180 hideous, loud, bird-slicing, non-biodegradable, intermittently productive wind turbines off the coast of Virginia Beach. (My assumptions are operating there. Maybe the planned turbines will be beautiful, quiet, bird-supportive, biodegradable, and endlessly productive, but the odds are against it.)

The proposed cost for this project is \$8 billion. However, thanks to inflation, Bonner R. Cohen writes that Dominion is already predicting that the project, due to be finished in 2026, will cost at least \$2 billion more, with further cost overruns very likely:

The nation's largest proposed offshore windpower facility is already encountering rough seas, with its developer acknowledging it will cost at least \$2 billion more than originally estimated.

Richmond-based Dominion Energy announced in November its original estimate of \$8 billion would not cover the cost of the project, which the company now puts in the neighborhood of \$10 billion.

Dominion attributes the offshore wind project's higher costs to higher commodity prices and other inflationary pressures. Because the project will take several years to complete and many economists have estimated the current inflationary cycle could last for a while, CVOW's costs could rise even more.

Complicating matters is the fact that even though the project will be located in federal waters, it must still meet some state requirements, including receiving approval from regulators at the State Corporate Commission, which has said it will closely monitor the project's costs.

There are political battles surrounding the project because Glenn Younkin campaigned against the project, as did several newly elected Republican members in the Virginia House, which is now majority-Republican. The Virginia Senate is still under Democrat control, so it's likely that, for now, the project will go forward.

However, once completed, the planned windmills will almost certainly work a hardship on people within the district the windmills are intended to serve. According to Dominion, the new windmills will power up to 660,000 homes and be part of Biden's

vision of America's coasts destroyed by hundreds or even thousands of windmills creating "clean" energy.

Aside from hurting the birds, this "clean" energy will hurt consumers, too. Cohen quotes David Stevenson, the director of the Caesar Rodney Institute's Center for Energy & Environment:

"Dominion Energy is doing a disservice to its customers by helping the state meet its ill-considered Virginia Clean Economy Act," said Stevenson. "The VCEA set specific targets for wind, solar, battery storage, and transmission upgrades and the state utility commission did a cost-impact study on it, concluding it would increase residential electric rates an unacceptable \$800 a year.

"Correcting the commission's mistake of underestimating residential demand, its unlikely assumption that North Carolina customers would pick up 20 percent of the cost, and including the necessary transmission upgrades, brings the cost premium to about \$1,500 a year," said Stevenson. "While the best option is total repeal of the VCEA, we would hope more modest emission-reduction targets would be set, and the targets would be met by the lowest-cost method."

What's become increasingly obvious, whether the subject is solar power, windmills, or electric cars, is that green energy is an obsession of the college-educated Whites who increasingly make up the Democrat party's most powerful bloc. If you're looking for White privilege, look left. In Democrat-land, Blacks are expected to vote and shut up. It's leftist Whites who have all that White privilege.

The green energy boondoggles allow those same Whites to assuage their climate guilt and flaunt their virtue-signaling, all while transferring government money to their pockets or getting the government imprimatur on laws and projects forcing consumers to pay the greenies more. It's the perfect scam, maintained by telling the ratepayers, "You're evil and dirty, so shut up as we help purify your environmentally unfriendly souls."

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Crime-The Common Denominator

by Brian C. Joondeph

Roses are red, violets are blue, is an old nursery rhyme, poem, and eventual song title, ending in "the honey's sweet and so are you." A modern-day version might be rewritten:

Peace is red, crime is blue

Vote for Democrats, and you'll find this true

Rising crime in American cities is often ignored by the media which, instead, focuses on the Omicron variant and fully vaccinated universities and sports teams shutting down over new COVID cases, flying in the face of common sense and everything we have been told about vaccinations.

ABC News dipped its toe into crime reporting recently with this headline, "It's just crazy: 12 major cities hit all-time homicide records." While COVID cases might be spiking, so is crime, with some cities breaking decades-old homicide records.

"It's terrible to every morning get up and have to go look at the numbers and then look at the news and see the stories. It's just crazy. It's just crazy and this needs to stop," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said after his city surpassed its annual homicide record of 500, which stood since 1990.

Is this what President Joe Biden means by "build back better"? Is this somehow former President Donald Trump's fault, despite him being out of office for almost a year now? ABC News offers a few potential explanations but misses a big one.

Experts say there are a number of reasons possibly connected to the jump in homicides, including strained law enforcement staffing, a pronounced decline in arrests and continuing hardships from the pandemic, but that there is no clear answer across the board.

It's interesting that the media and law enforcement have trouble finding motives or explanations when those might be politically incorrect. For example, if a young Muslim male shouts "Allahu Akbar" before opening fire on a crowd of shoppers, big media will struggle to find motive. This story of a French terrorist shooting makes the point, "The New York Times claimed Wednesday that it is 'unclear' what motivated the gunman who shouted 'Allahu Akbar' before opening fire on a Christmas market in France."

What is the common denominator regarding the homicide spike in 12 major American cities?

While ABC News is befuddled as to what these 12 cities have in common, Fox News, practicing journalism by asking basic questions of who, what, where, and why, easily found the common denominator. All 12 cities are led by Democrat mayors.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, famous for letting his city burn and be destroyed by BLM and Antifa, is a Democrat. Tucson Mayor Regina Romero is also a member of the donkey party, as is Austin Mayor Steve Adler. Mayors of Indianapolis Joe Hogsett, of Philadelphia Jim Kenney, and of St. Paul Melvin Carter, are all Democrats.

Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller is a Democrat as is Greg Fischer of Louisville. So are the mayors of Baton Rouge, Columbus, Toledo, and Rochester. Each mayor of these 12 cities is a proud member of the Democrat party.

While ABC News struggles to find an explanation, it took me just a few clicks on my computer, alone without a research staff which ABC undoubtedly has, to unearth this correlation between rising crime cities and the political party of leaders of those cities.

This correlation is not surprising. One clue might be in the attitudes of Democrats toward law enforcement, crime prevention, incarceration, all factors which influence criminal activity.

Breitbart compiled a list of who has been naughty or nice when it comes to defunding the police. Here are a few examples.

Start with Portland, "Last year Portland's Democratdominated city council gutted the police budget by nearly 15 percent, a loss of \$27 million from a \$200 million budget."

Portland voters must approve of this, "The city's new district attorney, who won 77 percent of the vote, chose not to pursued cases against some 550 charged with interfering with police officers during last year's riots and protests." As the saying goes, "In a democracy, the people get the government they deserve."

National leaders, safe within their security-tight cocoons either in Washington, D.C. or their home districts, which they occasionally visit, fan the flames of defunding the police.

Breitbart kept a list of such statements. President Joe Biden, during his campaign, supported "reallocating police resources." His cackling sidekick Vice President Kamala Harris agreed saying, "I applaud Eric Garcetti" for defunding the Los Angeles police department.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her fellow Democrats refused to criticize the Minneapolis City Council for defunding the police. Squad member Rep. Ilhan Omar called for dismantling the Minneapolis Police Department. Her sister in silliness Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wants to "reallocate resources away" from police, claiming the crime surge is simply "hysteria." Another squad member, Rep. Ayanna Pressley still supports defunding the police.

House Majority Whip James Clyburn compared federal law enforcement to Nazi Gestapo, claiming last year's violence in Washington, D.C. was from the police, not looting and fire-starting thugs. Biden's Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta supports, "decreasing police budgets and the scope, role, and responsibility of the police in our lives."

How hard is this to explain? Democrats at a local, state, and national level push to defund the police and are quick to pile on and punish any law enforcement officers who for the most part are trying to do the best they can in the violent and unpredictable world of confronting and arresting criminals. Examples are legion, from Michael Brown to George Floyd.

When your boss doesn't have your back, you may look away from criminal activity, which is known as the Ferguson Effect. If those in charge believe proactive policing in minority neighborhoods is racially oppressive, then it is much easier for the average cop to just look the other way, rather than risk losing their job, pension, or winding up in prison if things don't go perfectly.

Heather MacDonald summed this up nicely:

If local and national leaders are unable to summon the will to defend our most basic institutions from false and inflammatory charges of racism, they have forfeited their right to govern. Unless new leaders come forth who understand their duty to maintain the rule of law, the country will not pull back from disaster.

CNN, in an accidental foray into honest journalism, reported this headline, "Even Democrats are now admitting 'Defund the Police' was a massive mistake."

MSN News acknowledged the same:

The Democratic Party's quest to defund police forces, an act in which it kowtowed to its hard-left wing base, has come to a very bitter end. The resulting surge in violent crime has produced a massive public backlash that threatens the careers of elected Democrats throughout the nation.

Naturally the endangered species is trying to distance itself swiftly from the wreckage that "defund the police" has left behind.

ABC News' conclusion of "no clear answer" seems as clear as could be. If you defund and criticize something, expect less of it. Red cities and states, for the most part, offer residents a rosy life. At the same time, the blue locales provide not violets, but crime, murder, and mayhem. Remember this when it comes time to vote, and more importantly count the votes.

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Meet Enes Freedom Kantor by Melvin Anderson

Enes Kantor, NBA player, Turkish Muslim, recently sworn in as a citizen of the United States, added "Freedom" to his name after he was sworn in as a citizen. He has been all smiles. He wears the new name of Freedom on his NBA jersey.

When he came to the US from Turkey eleven years ago, Freedom was shocked at the amount of freedom we have. Most recently after becoming a citizen, he has appeared on many media outlets and said that in the US, people have the right to travel, to speak freelyfreedoms he did not enjoy or imagine in Turkey. He celebrates his free speech when he wears shoes while playing basketball that say "No Beijing 2022; Free Tibet: Taiwan belongs to the people of Taiwan; Save Uighur." He said the NBA begged him not to wear the shoes. He replied to the NBA that this is America, and he has the right to free speech, and he wore the shoes. He said he may get fired, but someone has to speak out. He said his sister and parents have been persecuted in Turkey and cannot get jobs because of him, but he said someone has to speak out. He said America is the greatest country in the world and the First Amendment safeguards the greatest right we have. He said that when he came to America, he did not know what freedom was. He said people in the United States are blessed with freedoms of speech and expression, religion, and the press. He is genuinely inspiring to hear.

Freedom's story reminded be of the Russian KGB agent, Oleg Gordievsky, who became a spy for the West during the Cold War. His adventures are revealed in a biography wonderfully written by Ben Macintyre called *The Spy and the Traitor*. Gordievsky's father was KGB. His brother was a deep-cover KGB spy. His wife's family was KGB. He was fully indoctrinated, loyal and competent as a spy when he and his wife were sent in 1965, for the first time out of the country, to the Russian embassy in Copenhagen.

A British MI6 officer stated, "If you had to choose a city to demonstrate the advantages of Western democracy over Russian communism, you could hardly do better than Copenhagen." The author explains, "The capital of Denmark was beautiful, clean, modern, rich, and to the eyes of a couple newly emerged from the drab oppression of Soviet life, almost impossibly alluring. Here were sleek cars, shiny office buildings, smart designer furniture, and smiling Nordic people with magnificent dentistry. There were teeming cafes, bright restaurants serving exotic food, shops selling bewildering array of goods. To Gordievsky's famished eyes, the Danes seemed not just brighter and more alive, but culturally nourished. He [Gordievsky] was

astounded by the range of books available in the first library he entered, but even more surprised to be allowed to borrow as many as he wanted and to keep the plastic bag he took them away in. There seemed to be very few policemen."

"Copenhagen seemed to be alive with music: Bach, Handel, Haydn, Telemann—composers he had never been allowed to hear in Soviet Russia. There was a very good reason, he [Gordievsky] reflected, why ordinary Soviet citizens were not permitted to travel abroad: who but a fully indoctrinated KGB officer would be able to taste such freedoms and resist the urge to stay?" He realized that Western systems were too valuable to squander.

Gordievsky became a spy for ideological reasons. He was later stationed as a KGB Agent in London. He asked for no *quid pro quo* from his Western handlers. He was an invaluable spy for over a decade.

Immigrants from tyranny are persons who immediately recognize the blazing difference between their countries and the freedom in America. Their lives are changed forever.

Recently, over a million immigrants crashed into southern border on the promise of a better life. As for me, I have lived here all of my life, free in America and unfortunately sometimes oblivious to its value. I am beginning to join Enes Freedom and Oleg Gordievsky and speak out against the erosion of our culture as the left begins to put us in the pot like the well known frog. People cannot fly on commercial planes without a mask; they must in many places prove vaccination to go out to dinner, to send their children to school. We are losing our freedom to shop and walk safely in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle, and we are losing our confidence in the courts and the rule of law to provide justice. Large portions of towns and cities are surrendered to the unthinking anarchist.

Those who want to restrict our freedoms, often for no discernible reason, need to hear the stories of the recent immigrants from tyranny, read the history of the development of freedom as a Western cultural icon. We cannot let those who do not like our freedom win. Speak up.

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The Leftist Touch

by Dennis Prager

To understand the modern world, perhaps the most important rule one needs to know is this: Everything the Left touches it ruins.

This first became clear to me years ago during my radio show. I was talking about the Left's war on the Boy Scouts (for not accepting announced gay people). It was becoming clear that this would ultimately lead to the decline of the Boy Scouts, which led me to ask: "Will the left replace the Boy Scouts with a left-wing Boy Scouts?"

Then I answered my own question: Of course not. Because the Left only destroys; it doesn't build anything (other than government).

In support of that observation, here is a list of many of the things the Left ruins and often destroys.

No. 1: Art.

The Left long ago conquered the art world. Consequently, since the 20th century, most modern art has been ugly, meaningless and nihilistic—the opposite of what Western art had always been.

No. 2: Music.

What the Left did to the eyes in art, it did to the ears in music. As a part-time conductor, I can say with some knowledge that since the invention of atonal music (an oxymoron if there ever was one), most contemporary classical music is also ugly, meaningless, and uninspiring. The people who like such music are almost all music critics and, of course, music professors. Most lovers of classical music never listen to the stuff.

No. 3: Journalism.

Journalists were once highly respected. Unless a piece was listed as "opinion," people generally believed they were getting, to the best of a journalist's ability, as truthful a report as possible—"just the facts." Today, on virtually any controversial issue, they are getting opinion, not truth. The purpose of nearly every major newspaper and other "news" outlet is the same purpose Pravda had in the Soviet Union: to transmit the party line

No. 4: Colleges and universities.

The Left has destroyed universities as places of learning devoted to seeking truth and therefore welcoming, even cultivating, diverse opinions. Virtually every left-wing idea was born at a university.

No. 5: High schools and elementary schools.

Most schools in America—private as much as public—teach children that America is systemically racist and that they are not born male or female, but at a later age will choose whether to be one or the other—or neither. And increasingly, American educational institutions deny objective truth exists, even in mathematics.

No. 6: Happiness.

You can meet happy and unhappy liberals and happy and unhappy conservatives, but you are unlikely to ever meet a happy leftist. The only question is whether the unhappy gravitate to leftism or whether leftism makes people unhappy. Both are probably true.

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No. 7: The family.

People on the Left increasingly choose not to get married and not to have children—in other words, not to make families. And their welfare policies serve to disincentivize the creation of families.

No. 8: Women.

The rates of depression among young people, especially young women, are higher than ever recorded in American history. One reason is that for half a century, women have been told, as one famous feminist saw put it, "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle." But the fact is that the vast majority of (heterosexual) women need a man to be fulfilled, just as the vast majority of (heterosexual) men need a woman to be fulfilled.

No. 9: Childhood.

One reason young people on the Left don't want children is that the Left doesn't particularly like children. The teachers unions' adamant refusal to open schools for over a year has opened many Americans' eyes to this fact. So has the war on children's innocence—like prematurely talking to them about sex and having schools introduce them to drag queens from the age of five.

No. 10: Black life.

Like the Democratic Party historically, the left is racist. And it is so in precisely the way the word was always used—the Left believes in black inferiority. That is why leftists advocate lowering standards for blacks. That is why they advocate policies that always result in more blacks dying at the hands of other blacks. That is why they believe the state must take care of blacks more than any other group. That is why left-wing policies, from the Great Society to today, have destroyed so much of black life, especially its family life—and they don't care.

No. 11: Black-white relations.

According to polls and according to just about every American who remembers life from about a decade ago, black-white relations were far superior then and both groups were optimistic about relations continuing to improve. The Left shattered that with its anti-white, "America is systemically racist" propaganda shouted from almost every major media and relentlessly pushed in almost every school and big business. The Left knows that when blacks and whites feel good about one another, the Left loses its appeal and loses elections.

No. 12: The military.

As the military gets more and more woke—recall the testimony of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff testifying before Congress about the need to teach the military about white racism—soldier morale declines. Add to this the utterly gratuitous and cruel mandate that every member of the military get vaccinated or be discharged and you understand why military morale is in steep decline.

No. 13: Late-night television.

Americans who remember the titans of late-night comedy—Johnny Carson and Jay Leno—remember how their sole aim was to bring some smiles and laughter to Americans before they went to sleep. Few people had any inkling of the political views of either host. That is now history. The Left has destroyed latenight comedy. It now consists of little more than angry rants against conservatives.

No. 14: Superman.

Superman was an iconic American hero. Thanks to the Left, he is no more. About a decade ago, Superman stood in front of the United Nations to announce he was renouncing his American citizenship to become a "citizen of the world." And the Left has now changed his motto from "Truth, Justice, and the American way" to "Truth, Justice, and a Better Tomorrow."

No. 15: Free speech.

Never before has freedom of speech been threatened as it is today. As has been true since the communist revolution in Russia, everywhere the Left has gained power—from Russia in 1917 to the university and social media today—it has suppressed free speech. There is no exception.

No. 16: Sports.

Until last year, sport was a great American unifier. It was one place Americans could go and, leaving politics behind, Left and Right, Democrat and Republican could root for the same team. No longer. The Left has ruined it by radically politicizing baseball, football, and basketball.

The great American tragedy is just about every liberal knows the above is true, but nearly every one will still vote for the Left.

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