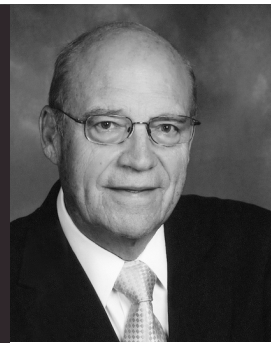




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WOKEISM: American's Official State Religion

by David Kepulian

The Christian religion has been unquestionably the most powerful, consequential, and benevolent force in all of human history. Nothing else even comes close.

Yet today, in America, long the most Christian nation on earth, a new religion has somehow become the country's *de facto* official church.

Mind you, this new faith is not *like* a religion, nor is it *cult-like*. It is a complete and total life religion, influencing every aspect of the believer's existence. And it is, right now, being forcibly imposed on the entire American populace by virtually every major societal institution, from government, media, and big tech; to academia (from preschool to grad school); to entertainment and sports; and perhaps most surprisingly of all, by most of the nation's biggest and wealthiest businesses.

This new state religion overtaking the United States of America—and, increasingly, much of the Western (and formerly Christian) world—is Wokeism.

To most outsiders, the expression “being woke,” or “going woke,” conjures up visions of a person or entity that claims to be acutely sensitive (“awake”) to “systemic social and political injustice” in every form. Of course, the “injustice” being condemned by Wokeism is not simply the alleged “systemic” bigotry against “black and brown people,” but against every other “minority,” “underrepresented group” and “underserved community” in the American family. That means everything LGBT, including child-grooming “trans” school teachers and TikTok stars, drag queens and “nonbinary” folk, as well as all other “marginalized” groups, from “homeless people” to “undocumented immigrants”—all of them, *being victims*, intrinsically more virtuous than the shameful oppressor class: primarily, heterosexual white males.

And this new “woke” consciousness is manifesting in very dramatic ways—from the nationwide Antifa and Black Lives Matter race riots that decimated countless major US cities during the summer of 2020, to the tearing down of historic monuments, not just of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson because they owned slaves, but of Abraham Lincoln, who *freed* the slaves. From insisting on multi-million-dollar reparation payments to every black person in America, to appointing men who claim they're actually women as top officials in the US government. From rampant reverse discrimination in employment, college admissions, and every other area of life, to Disney producers gleefully boasting on camera how they're secretly “injecting queerness” into children's programming, to the US military imposing mandatory “diversity training” and transgender pronoun use on all personnel, causing recruitment to disastrously plummet. From top college and professional athletic organizations permitting and encouraging biological men to compete in women's athletics, essentially destroying women's sports, to incarcerating men (who claim they're women) in women's prisons, resulting unsurprisingly in a rape epidemic in those correctional facilities.

Unlike in Christianity, according to Wokeist theology the original sin was not the first man and woman's disobedience to God in the Garden of Eden. It was white, male, heterosexual, Christian supremacists abusing and exploiting black people. This ongoing sinfulness comprises not just *actual* racism, as manifested in slavery, and later, segregation, which America long ago repented of and outlawed, but also “systemic racism,” which mysteriously no one can actually see, as well as “white privilege,” which condemns even people who are not the least bit racist as still guilty—for being white.

Yet there is hope. Being “saved”—which in Wokeism is called being “woke”—is largely a matter of worshipping victimhood by becoming an “ally” and “defender” of all the many victim classes, and of course a determined enemy of the straight white male oppressor class. Thus, “joining the righteous” as an ally—even if one is cursed to be a straight white male—opens the door mercifully for salvation, even to the most wretched.

That is the power of the religion of Wokeism. And it's explored as perhaps never before in the February 2023 issue of *WND*'s critically acclaimed monthly *Whistleblower* magazine. If you've ever wondered, for example, exactly how the most radical elements in American society are successfully pressuring the biggest corporations into adopting the most outrageous and immoral policies imaginable, even when doing so permanently damages and devalues the company, the

stunning answers are in this issue of *Whistleblower*, titled “WOKEISM: AMERICA’S OFFICIAL STATE RELIGION.”

Highlights of “WOKEISM: AMERICA’S OFFICIAL STATE RELIGION” include:

* “WOKEISM: America’s new, official—and totally insane—state religion” by David Kupelian

* “The military went woke. Now it can’t find recruits: The transgender pronouns, diversity training, and lesbian wedding ads aren’t working” by Daniel Greenfield

* “Hospital system tells non-‘woke’ patients to ‘make other plans’: ‘Code of conduct’ also could result in ban on treatments” by Bob Unruh

* “Who is *really* behind Disney’s in-your-face LGBT agenda? Vivek Ramaswamy reveals how stakeholders are ‘quietly whispering’ in the CEO’s ear” by Art Moore

* “‘Ecological equity!’ Top medical journal now insists humans are no more important than animals” by Peter LaBarbera

* “Why promoters of ‘ecological equity’ equate humans with rats, pigs, and dogs” by David Kupelian

* “How the increasingly destructive LGBT revolution is mainstreamed into corporate America: Exposing the largest ‘queer’ organization’s relentless ‘Corporate Equality Index’ shakedown” by Peter LaBarbera

* “Woke gender theory embedded in 4,000 American schools: Rebranded Gay-Straight Alliance Network operating as ‘clubs’” by Art Moore

* “In pro sports, players must bow at the LGBTQ+ altar . . . or else! Pro hockey player’s refusal to celebrate gay pride leads to surprising consequences” by Michael Brown

* “Fans treating new ‘woke’ Superman agenda like Kryptonite! Sales plunge as ‘Man of Steel’ becomes a climate activist and romances another man” by Bob Unruh

* “Stanford University’s anti-‘American’ wokeness: ‘Drop the phrase *beating a dead horse* because it normalizes violence against animals’” by Larry Elder

* “How leftists captured big business: ‘The culture wars are in reality a class war waged *against* the working class’” by Rupert Darwall

* “Trump aide launches new center to fight ‘woke’ discrimination based on skin color: ‘Bigotry in the name of equity is bigotry’” by Harold Hutchison

* “The left’s big pitch: Embrace a worse life in the name of equality: Going the way of more government intervention ‘means more misery for everyone’” by Ben Shapiro

* “The warning signs are everywhere, we ignore them at our peril: 4 ways the powerful elite are destroying America” by Laura Hollis

* “Today’s young American Marxists: Useful idiots to the global elite: A wake-up call regarding socialism’s ‘profound hatred of the Western order’” by Hanne Nabintu Herland.

“Here’s the big secret,” comments author and longtime *Whistleblower* Editor David Kupelian. “Although tens of millions of lives are currently being disrupted, sabotaged, and in many cases destroyed by Wokeism, the truth is that America’s top-tier political leaders—those wielding the *real power* over Americans—don’t believe in any of this. It’s all just a big act for them.”

“They pretend to care about inner-city black families, equal rights for Pacific Islanders, and ‘trans’ men who believe they can get pregnant, but they do not care,” adds Kupelian. “Not a bit. They just play-act, while exploiting the ever-expanding wokeness craze for their personal benefit, to build and consolidate their own power, wealth, and privilege. That’s their *real religion*.”

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Meet Bonnie Raitt

by Humberto Fontova

“When Bonnie Raitt won the award for Song of the Year at the 2023 Grammys on Sunday night for her track *Just Like That*,” *The Daily Mail* reports this week, “some were shocked that the accolade went to the 73-year-old folk singer—over huge artists like Taylor Swift, Lizzo, Harry Styles, Beyonce and Adele, who were also nominated for the category.”

Much less shocking, given Raitt’s social and political milieu, is this rock and roller’s propaganda ministrations for the only regime in the modern history of the Western Hemisphere to criminalize rock & roll and herd its practitioners and fans into forced-labor camps.

You see, amigos: Back in March of 1999, Bonnie Raitt was among the top acts of a celebrity-studded propaganda extravaganza for Stalinist Cuba titled “Music Bridges Over Troubled Waters.” During her visit to the Castro-Family-Fiefdom, Raitt stopped hyperventilating just long enough to compose a song in Fidel Castro’s honor titled, “Cuba Is Way Too Cool!” Among the lyrics: “*It’s just a happy little island!*” and “Big bad wolf (the US) you look the FOOL!”

With Woody Harrelson gyrating drunkenly beside her, the rapidly oxidizing chanteuse, she of the big red hair and the famous gray roots, rasped out her ditty at Havana’s Karl Marx theater. “Rock Against Freedom”

sounds much better to me. A beaming, waving Jimmy Buffet came on after Bonnie.

Then came Joane Osborne. R.E.M.'s. Peter Dinklage, former Police-men Andy Summers and Stuart Copeland all made the groovy scene and took the stage in turn. In between crooning and strumming, these cheeky free-spirits all dutifully recited their propaganda scripts against the US "embargo."

Against South Africa a decade earlier, of course, their script called FOR an embargo.

A crowd of 5000 Cubans huddled before them, swaying and clapping. All were Cuban Communist Party members and their families. Let's step back and contemplate the scene: here's these troubadours for human rights, here's the same smarmy gang who boycotted South Africa ("*I Ain't Gonna Play Sun City!*") thundered Bonnie Raitt herself alongside Bruce Springsteen, Bono, Darryl Hall, and scores of similar political imbeciles on the 1985 recording titled, "Artists United Against Apartheid.")

But she'll GLADLY play in Havana's Karl Marx theater and bask in the applause of an audience pledging proud fealty to the most murderous ideology in human history. Indeed, she'll happily compose a song in their honor—and all on the house!

Here's Bonnie and other shrill foes of capital punishment happily crooning love songs to card-carrying members (literally!) of an ideology whose minions shot, starved, strangled, drowned, hacked, and worked to death 100 million human beings in the 20th century. According to the late researcher Dr. Armando Lago, many in Bonnie and Jimmy's very audience had a hand in 110,000 of these murders. Here are these do-gooders playing (free-of-charge) because of an invitation from Stalinists!

These musical hipsters composed gushy odes to coolness and happiness of a nation with the highest (youth) emigration, incarceration, and suicide rates on the face of the globe.

When Cuba's suicide rate reached 24 per thousand in 1986—making it double Latin America's average, making it triple Cuba's pre-Castro rate, making Cuban women the most suicidal in the world, making death by suicide the primary cause of death for Cubans aged 15-48—at that point the Cuban government ceased publishing the statistics on the self-slaughter. The figures became state secrets. The implications horrified even the Castroites.

But apparently not Diane Sawyer or Barbara Walters. When in his charming presence, neither of these *feminists* could keep from bursting into those toothy smiles and throwing their arms around the man who drove more women to end their lives than anyone in the world.

Cuba also has the world's highest (or third highest, depending on the source) abortion rate. I say there's a relationship with the suicide rate. They both smack of hopelessness and despair.

In Castroland Jimmy Buffet and Bonnie Raitt proudly authored paeans to the coolness and happiness of a place that also criminalized Beatles' and Rolling Stones' records—where long hair, blue jeans, and/or effeminate behavior got thousands of youths yanked off the streets by secret police and dumped in concentration camps with "Work Will Make Men Out of You," in bold letters above the gate and with machine gunners posted on the watchtowers. The initials for these camps were UMAP, not GULAG. But the conditions were identical.

Much "wasting away" within their barbed wire, Mr Buffet. But not from Margaritas. Slave labor, disease, malnutrition, beatings, torture, and hunger strikes caused the "wasting way." Stepping on pop-tops is no fun, I agree, Mr Buffet. But neither is being bludgeoned to death with the blunt end of bayonets, a pastime much indulged by your charming Castroite hosts. Armando Valladares provides harrowing details of scores of such deaths in his *Against All Hope*.

The blight is also known as Castroism, and is also known as inspiration for happy little jingles by Bonnie Raitt.

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Canada's Organ-Harvesting

by Olivia Murray

The Chinese Communist Party's disregard for human life is metastasizing thanks to Trudeau's dictatorship. (Is that really all that surprising, given the Canadian crybaby's adoration for big government subjugation?) I was kind of under the impression that the world over had taken a hard-line stance (at least verbally) against organ-harvesting? Apparently not.

Life News journalist Mary Zwicker penned a sobering report, published three days back, shedding light on an alarming trend: the Canadian government is euthanizing its citizens, then procuring and selling their organs...and the numbers will shock you. From Zwicker:

Transplant Quebec's annual statistical review for 2022 has revealed that organ donations in the province have tripled in the last five years, with a shocking number originating from those killed via Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). . . .

[T]he agency received "a record number" 854 referrals for organ donations in 2022, with a

whopping 15 percent of which were sourced from victims of MAiD—a figure that represents a 130 percent increase when compared to five years ago.

Now don't worry—nothing unethical is taking place! After all, the victims, er, I mean patients consented to the organ-harvesting, er, I mean, donation.

In completely unrelated news, the MAiD program has been plagued by accusations of grotesque abuses: 61-year-old Alan Nichols was put to death with “hearing loss” being the sole justification for euthanasia; military veterans were offered execution as “treatment” for combat traumas; low-income citizens struggling with financial burdens have been killed; and disabled children are now in the crosshairs.

This isn't assisted suicide; it's state-sanctioned murder thanks to a collaborative medical establishment. Furthermore, for the sake of self-preservation, we should all be ferociously pro-innocent life—it's an arbitrary line that shifts and dissipates at lightning speed when we allow governments the legal latitude to murder their own citizens. Zwicker includes an articulate observation from Angelina Ireland, the president of a pro-life organization: “We now must be afraid that the most vulnerable among us will be sacrificed on the altar of ‘progressivism,’” stated Ireland. “The poor, homeless, disabled, mentally ill, veterans, minors, [and] unvaxxed, are all at risk.”

Ahhhh, the “unvaxxed”—which brings me to a closing point. Zwicker writes: “MAiD is currently available for the chronically ill as well as the terminally ill, and is set to further expand in March of 2024 to allow those suffering solely from mental illness to qualify.”

How long until the same medical establishment that declares infant dismemberment and poisoning as “reproductive health care” and executes the poor to harvest their organs diagnoses those of us who are unvaxxed as suffering from “oppositional defiant disorder”? After all, the ailment is marked by “uncooperative” and “defiant” behaviors. Isn't that *exactly* how they labeled us when we declined the pharmaceutical concoction?

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Jewish-Christian Values

by Dennis Prager

The term “Judeo-Christian values” is frequently used.

I am one who uses it.

I do so for the same reason the late great British prime minister Margaret Thatcher did:

“The truths of the Judaic-Christian tradition,” she said, “are infinitely precious, not only, as I believe, because they are true, but also because they provide the moral impulse which alone can lead to that peace, in the true meaning of the word, for which we all long... There is little hope for democracy if the hearts of men and women in democratic societies cannot be touched by a call to something greater than themselves.”

Mrs. Thatcher was a believing Christian. I am a believing Jew. While we have some religious beliefs in common, we have different theologies. But we have the same core values. And in societal terms, moral values are far more important than theologies.

That is why traditionally religious Protestants, Catholics, Mormons, and Jews are aligned on almost every important social issue.

Here are 10 of those values.

No. 1: There is one God. That God is the God introduced to the world by the Hebrew Bible—the source of one universal morality.

No. 2: The Hebrew Bible (the only Bible Jesus knew and which he frequently cited) introduced the most revolutionary moral idea in history: that there are objective moral truths just as there are mathematical and scientific truths. Without God as the source of moral standards, there is no moral truth; there are only moral opinions.

No. 3: Because there are moral truths, good and evil are the same for all people.

No. 4: God—not man, not government, not popular opinion, not a democratic vote—the source of our rights. All men “are endowed by *their Creator* with certain unalienable Rights,” declares the American Declaration of Independence.

No. 5: The human being is “created in the image of God.” Therefore, each human life is precious. Therefore, race is of no significance since we are all created in God's image, and God has no race.

No. 6: The world is based on a divine order, meaning divinely ordained distinctions. Among these divine distinctions are God and man, man and woman, human and animal, good and evil, nature and God, and the holy and the profane.

No. 7: Man is not basically good. Christians speak of “original sin” in referring to man's sinful nature; Jews

cite God Himself in Genesis: “The will of man’s heart is evil from his youth” (Genesis 8:21). They are not identical beliefs, but they are both worlds apart from the naive Enlightenment belief that man is basically good. And they come to the same conclusion: we need God-based rules to keep us from our natural inclination to do evil.

No. 8: Therefore, we must not follow our hearts. Both religious Jews and Christians are keenly aware of how morally dangerous it is to be led by our emotions. Those who reject Judeo-Christian values are far more likely to follow and promote the advice, “Follow your heart.”

No. 9: God gave us the Ten Commandments—the core of Judeo-Christian values. Therefore, to apply but one of the Ten Commandments to our morally confused secular age, you must “Honor your father and mother” even if they voted for someone you loathe—meaning, at the least, remain in contact with them and do not dare deprive them of the right to be in contact with their grandchildren.

No. 10: Human beings have free will. In the secular world, there is no free will because all human behavior is attributed to biology and environment. Only a religious worldview, because it posits the existence of a divine soul—something independent of biology and environment—allows for free will.

There is another important aspect to the term “Judeo-Christian.” The two religions need each other. Without the Old Testament, there is no New Testament. Virtually every Christian moral principle derives from the Hebrew Bible—not only the 10 Judeo-Christian values enumerated here, but such basic moral principles as “Love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18), “Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . .” (Deuteronomy 6:5), and “Love the stranger” (Deuteronomy 10:19).

At the same time, Judaism needs Christians. It was Christianity that carried the Torah and the rest of the Hebrew Bible to the world. This was acknowledged by the greatest Jewish thinker after Moses, Maimonides.

Thus, while people speak of “Judeo-Christian” values, people do not speak of “Judeo-Muslim” values. As the noted Jewish scholar David Novak writes, “Maimonides rules that Jews may teach the Torah to Christians but not to Muslims because Christians believe Hebrew Scripture in toto to be the revealed word

of God, whereas Muslims believe that primary text to be the Quran; for them, Hebrew Scripture is a flawed revelation. Thus, Jews and Christians share a common revelation in a way that Jews share with no other religious community.”

The ultimate embodiment of Judeo-Christian values has been the United States of America. America’s Founders were Christians (some culturally, some doctrinally) who were rooted in the Hebrew Bible. America was founded not to be a replacement of Israel, but a “Second Israel.” Until recently, it was.

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DNA Spells Intelligent Design

by Robert Arvay

Resistance—by scientists—to new scientifically demonstrated evidence becomes even more stubborn when their motivation is not science at all, but ideology. Evidence is not proof, of course, but when a large body of evidence is systematically moving in the direction of a new paradigm, scientists must take note of that and critically re-examine their own bias. The evidence is increasing, and the direction is clear; it leads toward divine involvement in the physical world.

Once an outdated scientific paradigm has become established, it can survive for lifetimes, even when subsequent scientific discoveries cast reasonable doubt on it. To some degree, this is because, once many books and journal articles, including textbooks, have been published, a considerable investment has been made—not just in terms of money, but in terms of reputation and prestige.

Despite their embarrassment, scientists do on occasion overturn longstanding theories in favor of better ones, albeit often after much resistance—because facts eventually become irrefutable.

A current example of this regards the well known science of heredity—specifically, the topic of DNA. Much of the public is familiar with the term “DNA” because it is associated with court cases involving paternity lawsuits and criminal investigations. Few people are aware,

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however, that there is no proof that DNA does what many biologists have long been saying it does. DNA is clearly important to heredity, yes, but it is not the blueprint for your body. The evidence for that is potentially revolutionary in terms of science.

This was first brought to my attention by a science blogger named Mark Mahin, whose source material is extensive, well documented, and clearly presented. My further inquiries into this led me to some of the most highly reputed scientists in the field, including authors Dr. Stephen Meyer and Dr. Michael Behe, and also the highly esteemed mathematician Dr. John Lennox, all of whom vigorously contest the current paradigm. Their arguments are presented cogently in an interview on YouTube.

Further inquiries led me deeper into reference material, at the layman level, on cellular physics, including numerous astounding videos and this TED talk [Drew Berry: Animations of Unseen Biology]. The evidence can no longer be ignored. DNA, while of central importance in genetics and heredity, is only a small part of the whole story. There is much more needed than DNA to explain the bigger picture. DNA is a coded language that produces proteins, the basic building blocks of life—but there is little or no evidence that it does much more than that in terms of structuring the body.

DNA guides the production of the molecular “bricks,” so to speak, of which our bodies are made, but knowing how bricks are made does not tell one how brick houses are made. That is a vital point. We still do not understand how nature produces such vastly complicated organisms as the human body. We are not even close. Indeed, even the most basic cell is said to be more complex than a jumbo jet airliner. The information requirement alone exceeds the capacity of DNA. The intricacy within simple cells cannot be explained by DNA alone. Much more is needed—a new paradigm, perhaps.

Why, then, do so many scientists insist that DNA is the “blueprint of the human body”? It cannot be. Indeed, blueprints are produced by designers, not the other way around. Who is the designer of DNA?

That question might explain why this subject is controversial. As Mahin points out on his blog, quoting French biologist François Jacob in his 1970 book *The Logic of Life: A History of Heredity*, “[d]o you see this egg? With it you can overthrow all the schools of theology, all the churches of the earth.”

There you have it. The reason is not scientific; it is philosophical anti-theism.

The paradigm that has taken hold firmly in physical science is that nothing in the physical world is detectably influenced by anything outside the physical world. This strongly implies that for all practical purposes, only the physical realm exists and nothing else. Those who hold to that philosophy say that denial

of the physicalist paradigm is based in superstition and religious myth. They say there is no evidence for anything outside the physical world, and certainly not for an interventionist, divine Creator.

Evidence has finally arrived—a lot of it—and it casts serious doubt on the physicalist paradigm. There is resistance, some of which involves a degree of censorship, but that is breaking down as younger scientists move into the field who are not tied down to the old ways, and some established scientists are running the gauntlet of peer criticism.

The idea that the Creator mentioned in the Declaration of Independence as the author of our rights and freedoms is as revolutionary now as it was in 1776. It is needed, now perhaps more than ever. I would urge those who resist that idea to do what they have been telling us to do: follow the science.

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Chinese Communist Party Meets North Dakota

by Scott S. Powell and Lori Hinz

A great under-reported story of our present troubled time in America is how a small group of patriotic citizens in North Dakota stood up to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and utterly defeated them. First the backstory:

The struggle between good and evil has been raging since the beginning of human history. In varying degrees, that struggle is also manifest in the relations between governments and the people—often understood as a struggle between elites preoccupied with money and power, and people grounded in more timeless relational priorities.

Because the US is free and open, enemies enter and operate within our borders often with little interference. Chief among those enemies today is the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) that draws from the military strategy playbook from Sun Tzu of the 5th Century B.C., who advocates overcoming and defeating the enemy without firing a shot. The CCP has been stealing American technology secrets for decades, and about ten years ago CCP-backed companies and proxies began purchasing American companies and more recently vast amounts of US farmland. In addition, the CCP has identified US military bases and missile sites where land or businesses can be purchased in proximity for the purpose of surveillance or sabotage.

On the outskirts of Grand Forks, North Dakota there is a prize target US Air Force Base. So, the CCP wanted

to acquire property there for signal intelligence gathering and other military surveillance.

The Grand Forks Air Force Base (GFAFB) plays a central role in America's defense, home to the 319th Air Base Wing—the only Air Mobility Command to have remotely piloted aircraft systems, such as RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicles that contain the military's most sophisticated drone technology. GFAFB was also chosen to become the home of the Space Development Agency's Networking Center (which will become part of the new US Space Force later this year). That agency's primary mission is to support a new low-Earth satellite orbit mission, which will serve as the "backbone for all US military communications across the globe."

Gaining access to this location would enable the Chinese to intercept and collect digital uplinks and downlinks inherent with drones and unmanned air systems and their interaction with space-based assets. And being able to tap into the low-earth satellite system that provides the backbone for all US military global communications would be the coup-de-grace, assuring Chinese victory over the United States.

What is disturbing is that the CCP almost pulled this off through a company known as Fufeng USA, a subsidiary of the Fufeng Group. Fufeng's CEO, Li Xuechun was a leader in the People's Congress, which meant he was CCP member and would be required to direct his company and its subsidiaries to carry out orders from Xi Jinping or his Beijing subordinates.

Fufeng USA was the perfect Trojan horse. Being a food biproducts company, it would appear both innocuous and a good source of jobs. But there were two signs that this was a CCP political-military operation rather than business operation: First, Fufeng USA overpaid by three to four times for the land to construct the plant—\$29, 262 per acre vs. the going comparable sales price range of \$5,500-9,500 per acre; Second this was a dubious location for a corn milling plant, being considerably north of traditional corn-growing country.

Distrust from Grand Forks residents toward city government officials—notably Mayor Bochenski and City Administrator Feland—stemmed from their meeting with Fufeng USA in October 2020 to discuss site selection, but then chose to keep that secret from citizens of Grand Forks. The governing city elite referred to it by a decoy code name—Project Peony—for over a year before informing the public.

The locals were upset from being blindsided by the city's fait accompli on the largest plant ever to be built in Grand Forks, undertaken by a Chinese company, Fufeng USA without any public input. Word of mouth passed quickly in Grand Forks, and residents began showing up at City Council meetings starting on February 6, 2022, criticizing city officials for being dishonest about when

they learned of the project's ownership and country of origin. And that began a steady stream of people—self-identifying as the "Concerned Citizens of Fufeng Group"—showing up at the City Council meetings every other Monday for months.

When the City Council couldn't reconcile the Fufeng corn mill project with the national security risks implicit with close proximity to Air Force Base, more people began showing up. The display of patriotism and love for their community was overwhelming. The passionate—sometimes rough and sometimes tearful—testimony about the dangers of communism from diverse Concerned Citizens provided a portrait of sharp contrast with stone-faced City Council members more focused on deflecting and defending the Fufeng project than to the life and death concerns of the locals. Simultaneously, a vicious social media campaign was unleashed against Concerned Citizens.

Five of the seven City Council members favored the Fufeng project, with City Council President, Dana Sande, the most outspoken leading advocate. Sande was clearly a man whom CCP officials had to have known, having made many trips to China over the span of ten years, under the auspices of University of North Dakota Aerospace Foundation and their recruiting contractor, Topflight, enlisted to recruit Chinese candidates for their pilot training program. The CCP primarily advances their agenda in the United States by "elite capture," wherein Americans get compromised—most often through money—to help advance the CCP agenda. Elite capture does not just target high levels of the US government, like the Joe Biden family. It may be more used on the local level, like in Grand Forks.

Because the City Council was stubbornly unresponsive, Concerned Citizens decided to initiate a petition in accord with city bylaws, to bring the Fufeng project to a vote of the people. Within days of submitting 47% more signatures than required, city officials set about disqualifying petition signatures, and enlisting the police to call and pressure the weak to recant. The FBI even showed up at the door of the founder of Concerned Citizens. The city attorney found legal reason to deny the petition on arcane legal grounds.

The City Council showed little inclination to apply for a national security review by Washington's Committee on Foreign Investment (CFIUS) until midsummer when pressure mounted from Concerned Citizens. That review was completed in December 2022, concluding CFIUS did not have jurisdiction over Fufeng's land purchase.

Having fought so hard and lost so many battles against various elites for more than a year, Concerned Citizens entered 2023 demoralized with the CFIUS abstention still sinking in as heavy equipment could be seen moving dirt around the Fufeng property. One of the

faithful among the Concerned Citizens likened their position to that of Paul who wrote to the Philippians from jail in Rome that what looks like defeat turns out to be victory.

And so... a surprise decision came to pass from an unexpected source, an Air Force Major from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada whose training in cryptology and intelligence prompted him to study the Grand Forks-Fufeng controversy. He concluded it would be more effective to write a memo from the people's perspective as a citizen rather than as an Air Force officer. His finding was direct: "Allowing the Fufeng project to stand would present a costly national security risk causing grave damage to the United States strategic advantage." The memo went viral within the Air Force and came back to Grand Forks to end the Fufeng project and crush the CCP.

There is a timeless lesson from Grand Forks, North Dakota applicable everywhere, and one that can save America: When average people persevere for what is right and true, they can defeat corrupt elites foreign and domestic.

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Communist China's Nuclear Arsenal

by Anthony Gonzalez

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) released a spy balloon over the US last week. This act forced many Americans to realize the threat the CCP poses to America. However, a balloon isn't as scary or as deadly as China's growing nuclear arsenal.

As of June 2022, China has at least 350 nuclear warheads, far fewer than Russia's 5,997 and the US's 5,428. While China's numbers are "small" compared to other countries, its arsenal is rapidly expanding. In 2022, the US Department of Defense (DOD) predicted that "China would field a stockpile of about 1,500 warheads by 2035."

The US Strategic Command (STRATCOM) notified the DOD that China has surpassed the US in land-based launchers for intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM).

STRATCOM's notification highlights China's rapid advancements in its nuclear arsenal.

The head of STRATCOM, Gen. Anthony Cotton, wrote that the US retains more ICBMs than China; however, China has exceeded the US in the number of land-based launchers for the missiles.

Republicans have said that the revelations about China's nuclear capability should serve as a "wake-up call."

House Armed Services chair Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), Senate Armed Services ranking member Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), and Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) said, "This should serve as a wake-up call for the United States. It is not an understatement to say that the Chinese nuclear modernization program is advancing faster than most believed possible."

"We have no time to waste in adjusting our nuclear force posture to deter both Russia and China," the lawmakers said. "This will have to mean higher numbers and new capabilities."

ICBM missiles were first manufactured in 1950 by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. They were designed to target the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

The missiles have the capacity to reach targets over 5,000 miles away. The distance between China and the US is 7,252 miles.

Moreover, the Chinese spy balloon flew over Montana, where the Malmstrom Air Force base is located. The base contains 150 ICBM silos.

How did China increase its nuclear arsenal so quickly? The US helped it.

According to the Wall Street Journal (WSJ), China's top nuclear weapons research institute has purchased US computer chips several times in the past two and a half years, aiding in the process of nuclear expansion.

The spy balloon released by China last week is nowhere near as dangerous as the nuclear expansion occurring right in front of our eyes.

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