

### WHAT IS NEW ZEALAND RISING?

New Zealand Rising is an alliance of separate groups and individuals from all across New Zealand who believe in a better future. We are many different people with different views, however we all share a common vision for the future.

*“We, the people, stand united for a New Zealand that is respectful, includes everyone, and is free of government overreach”*

*“Kia tūkotahi tātou ō Aotearoa, hei whakarangatira tātou i a tātou. Herea te Kāwanatanga, kia kore e pēhia te mana o te tāngata”*

[Our website](#) contains a directory of all groups around New Zealand that share this vision.

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**PASS IT ON**

*From the Editor: There's no shortage of news. Just when we thought **change** couldn't happen any faster, things seem to be ramping up, for both good and bad. "Where did today just go?" I ask myself. More than a few friends and acquaintances feel a range of emotions, from symptoms of PTSD and "trauma", to confusion and exhaustion, or at the least, tiredness. One thing that works is "Go help someone". This can take many forms, whether it's a one-on-one meetup for a cuppa, or helping spread the word about the truth, handing out flyers, or hosting a social chat. Stay the course, and **get involved**. We need you.*

## NZ NEWS



### **Michael Connett: The Acclaimed US Lawyer Bringing the Facts on Fluoride to New Zealand**

### **US Lawyer Behind Groundbreaking Fluoridation Case to Visit NZ**

Michael Connett, the renowned US lawyer who led and won a historic legal battle against water fluoridation, is coming to New Zealand in February. This landmark visit offers Kiwis the chance to hear first hand from a lawyer who took on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a case that will lead to the end of water fluoridation in the US.

Connett's legal win represents a monumental moment in public health advocacy. He spearheaded the lawsuit under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), arguing that fluoridation poses significant risks to human health, particularly for children. For the first time in US history, a Federal court undertook a risk assessment and agreed fluoridation poses "an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment" and ordered the EPA to take regulatory steps to "reduce or remove the threat posed by fluoridation"

#### **About Michael Connett**

Michael Connett is an environmental lawyer with a passion for protecting public health and the environment. Over the past two decades, he has worked tirelessly to expose the dangers of

fluoride and advocate for safer drinking water practices. His ground-breaking legal win in the US has paved the way for a global movement to end water fluoridation.

Join us in welcoming Michael to New Zealand and be part of this pivotal moment for public health.

**Tour Details:**

Michael Connett will be touring across New Zealand from 31 January to 12 February 2025, engaging with communities, policymakers, and media. His presentations will cover:

The science behind fluoride's potential harm.

Insights into his legal battle and its implications for public health.

Why communities across the globe are rethinking water fluoridation.

This is your chance to hear from a global leader in the fight against fluoridation and to join the movement for cleaner, safer water in New Zealand.

For complete tour dates and details go to [FluorideFree NZ.s Webpage](#)



**This just in Mary Byrne of FluorideFree NZ:**

Connett spoke to a packed room in Whangarei on 1st February, to an audience of 150.

Michael took the audience through his heroic journey of winning the major ground breaking law suite against the Environmental Protection Agency, proving that fluoridation poses an unreasonable risk to children's IQ. The audience were enthralled in this real life court drama that spanned 7.5 years. Michael received a standing ovation at the end of the evening.

## Proposed NZ Gene Tech Bill: Scientists say risk tiering framework is not risk proportionate



Interview with Professor Jack Heinemann, Director of the Centre for Integrated Research in Biosafety (INBI), Tessa Hiscox and Andrew McCabe. Based at the Centre for Integrated Research in Biosafety (INBI), at New Zealand's University of Canterbury, & some of the co-authors of INBI's Submission to the Parliament Health Committee on the Gene Technology Bill 2024.

Authors:

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Corresponding author: Jack Heinemann.

(Prepared in accordance with the Critic and Conscience of Society and Academic Freedom Policy (2024). This may not be the opinion of the University of Canterbury.)

You can see a good Substack article [here](#), and also the interview [here](#):

## LKBK Creates New Community Network See their Video and Join In to Connect



From LKBK:

**Let Kids Be Kids is about community = common unity.** Our common unity is... *let our kids be kids!*

Let them enjoy their childhood without imposing the worries of the world on their shoulders. Join us to connect with like-minded people at your child's school, in your neighbourhood and NZ-wide.

We're an evolving grassroots New Zealand-wide network, and we'd love you join us.

Together, let's make the world a better place, and that starts within each of us, and in our homes.

[Join here](#)

LET KIDS BE KIDS [Website](#)

## Virtually No Changes in NZ RSE Policies

# WE WISH WE WERE WRONG...

But sadly, it seems we  
were right...

**Let kids be kids**  
*Protecting their innocence*



**Let Kids be Kids:** So much for the removal and replacement of RSE (Relationships & Sexual Education). Penny Marie of LKBK says, "The job isn't done." See this troubling video to bring you up to date. You can watch it [here](#):

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## Peaceful Picnic 2025 Parliament Lawns



**Peaceful Picnic 2025:** Sunday 9th Feb, 1-4pm on Parliament Lawns (and in parks around NZ)

PLEASE SHARE THIS EVENT AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & WHĀNAU

On February 10th, 2022, with the backing of Trevor Mallard (Speaker of the House) and every member of parliament, Ardern's government sent the police force out onto Parliament Lawn to forcefully remove peaceful protestors.

We were there to End the Mandates. That day we witnessed shocking police violence!

Something we haven't seen in New Zealand since Parihaka (5 Nov 1881).

Yet we stood peacefully, arms linked, singing "Te Aroha" and the national anthem, in English and Te Reo Māori.

Together we called for kotahitanga | unity and aroha | love, peacefully standing for the rights of ourselves and our tamariki / children and our future!

We held the line.

*Hold The Line Day* will forever be a day to remember. This year, let's gather again peacefully:

**Sunday 9th February, from 1pm to 4pm**, on Parliament Lawns.

Bring your picnic blanket, basket of food, friends and family. An after event will be posted soon.

Last year there were Peaceful Picnics at other local parks around NZ. If you are not able to come to Wellington this year, why not organise a picnic in your town - send us the details and we can add them to this list.

**Plan:** we will only have a few speakers organised this year, with a plan for lots of lovely socialising and reconnecting!! There will be an Open Mic / town square, with ppl able to jump up and take 2-3mins to share some words, a song, or a poem.

See you there  
In love and peace  
Unity Village / ProFest

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## NZ Teeters on the Brink of Irreversible Catastrophe



*The future depends on what we do in the present. — Mahatma Gandhi*

This [excellent piece by Mary Hobbs](#) with input from experts, does a great job of dissecting a complex issue into understandable parts.

IMAGE: [Mary Hobbs](#)

By Mary Hobbs, [The Daily Telegraph](#)

### **THE GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL – PART 1**

The First Reading of the [Gene Technology Bill 2024](#) was introduced to Parliament on 17 December 2024, by National MP, Judith Collins. It made this day one of the darkest in New Zealand's history, because here, with a blithe, airy wave of the hand, crucial Human Rights were trampled over, vital safety regulations were ignored, and Kiwis were left with a blueprint for the destruction of all that is held sacred in our country — in Nature and in Life.

The following article is based on my opinion — that of an everyday New Zealander.



Everyone should read this Bill and make their own conclusions. Please let me know if my evaluation is incorrect, but I have done the best I could with an extremely complex Bill, under unreasonable time constraints, as submissions must be in by 17 February 2025. This, in itself, shouts a vulgar, unnecessarily rushed piece of legislation that has the potential to irreversibly alter all living things, including human beings, in our country. (No politician or corporation has the authority to do that.) BE sure to read the rest of this superb article [here](#):

## This is What Propaganda Looks Like



### From The Editor:

Just when you thought the release of a pumped-up autobiography by our Grand Dame called "A Different Kind of Power" was enough, out roll not one, but two documentaries on our former prime minister. She was welcomed with open arms at the Park City, Utah, Sundance Film Festival recently. The only hyperlink this NZ Rising editor is providing is [an interview](#) with local ABC affiliate station in nearby Salt Lake City by ABC4 Film Critic and Festival Correspondent Patrick Beatty. More important than the interview are the comments, one which reads: *"New Zealand's former prime minister that pranced around with her Politics Of Kindness And Empathy message AKA the worst prime minister in NZ history and also subsequently absconded to South America, has a documentary about herself out that premiered at Sundance Film Festival. She commented after watching her documentary saying it "humanized" her... Just shows you that it sure as hell didn't give her any sense of self awareness for what she has done to that beautiful country that's for sure..."*

If we didn't know it before, as least we know now, that the Sundance Film Festival is quickly

becoming another irrelevant media dinosaur by their cuddling up to Ardern. As a sidenote, this NZ Rising editor recently had a conversation with a longtime resident of Park City (and more recently), the nearby rural town of Heber, Utah. Her interesting statement that, even though the two towns are only separated by a small mountain pass, the politics, and their handling of Covid couldn't be more different. "Park City is woke." She stated flatly, adding, "and Heber took the whole Covid thing quite nonchalantly."

Curious, that there was such a regional difference. Can you think of any parallels here in NZ?

## Time for Real Transparency in the Royal Commission of Inquiry as Phase 2 Begins



COMMENT ON  
**THE ROYAL  
COMMISSION  
OF INQUIRY**

### **From NZDSOS (Doctors Speaking Out with Science)**

In our Weekly SOS, we want to highlight the opportunity to be heard as individuals and as a collective as the second phase of New Zealand's Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) is tabled.

Rewind to the first phase of the RCI, which examined “Covid-19 Lessons Learned.” This phase left us with more questions than answers.

Vital topics, such as vaccine safety and efficacy, were glaringly excluded from its scope. Yet, despite these omissions, Phase 1 defended the mandates, especially for healthcare workers, ignoring foundational scientific scrutiny.

We’ve seen similar stories overseas: emails from the Robert Koch Institute and revelations from the [Matt Hancock files](#) show political motives overriding science, yet they have not been considered in Phase 1 in New Zealand at all!

The same jabs were used in New Zealand, so the same scientific concerns apply here.

However, the voices of the vaccine-injured and those coerced into compliance remain absent from the narrative.

Now, [Phase 2 of the RCI](#) begins, and it’s our chance to demand better. With Grant Illingworth KC leading this phase, there’s hope for meaningful change—but only if this inquiry addresses what truly matters.

### **What Must Change in Phase 2?**

- \* Having public hearings that illuminate the decision-making process so that the harmful actions can be seen.

- \* Enabling the voices of those who suffered from injuries and/or mandates to be heard.

- \* Investigating vaccine safety and injuries independently to get to the truth.

- \* Allowing the censored and silenced health professionals and scientists, and the hidden aspects of the narrative, to be heard

Professor Tony Blakely, the lead Commissioner for Phase 1, defended mandates without being able to assess the full scope of the evidence and conduct a valid risk/benefit assessment of vaccination strategies. This lack of unbiased investigation cannot happen again in Phase 2. The foreknowledge of harm at the time of vaccine approval, evidence of DNA contamination in vaccines, unexplained health crises, and the emotional and physical toll of coerced compliance must be aired and presented publicly.

[Here's how to participate:](#)

Citizens Initiated Referendum Petition for New Zealand to  
Exit the WHO



**LET’S PUT KIWIS FIRST: SAY  
GOODBYE TO THE WORLD  
HEALTH ORGANISATION**

**SIGN THE REFERENDUM TO GIVE NEW ZEALANDERS THE POWER  
TO DECIDE HOW OUR HEALTHCARE DOLLARS ARE SPENT.**

From [Ally Cook on X](#): Please help fellow freedom fighting warrior woman [Kirsten Murfitt](#) with her [WhoKnows2025](#) campaign It's a big undertaking to get 400,000 New Zealanders' **INK signatures** for a citizen-initiated referendum for New Zealand to exit the World Health Organisation. Please go to the website download a form, print, get people to sign and send back to Kirsten it's simple if we ALL do it !  
WE MUST UNITE and what better goal for us to UNITE under than to remove New Zealand from the World Health Organisation !  
GO HERE and those with influence.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### RFK Jr. gets into fiery exchange with Sen. Sanders on Big Pharma contributions in congress



Kennedy's recent Senate Confirmation Hearings were like watching a Ninja fighter. His articulate answers in the face of heated attacks were quite an inspiration. Here, Senator Bernie Sanders takes on the founder of Children's Health Defence/Candidate for US Health & Human Services:

"President Trump and Mr. Kennedy are quite right when they say that our system is broken," said Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"Our economic system is broken," Sanders (I-Vt.) began. "A handful of billionaires in both political parties ... that is a broken system."

"Our health care system is broken," he went on. "We have not paid attention to the massive amounts of chronic disease."

"If we want to make America healthy, will you ... guarantee health care to every single American citizen?" asked Sanders.

RFK Jr. began to answer before noting to "Bernie" that "the corruption is in Congress" as well. The suggestion led to an argument between the two about who had taken more corporate or pharmaceutical money during their respective presidential campaigns.

"Not one nickel," Sanders protested, "of corporate PAC money."

RFK Jr. claimed the Democratic socialist was the "single largest receiver of pharmaceutical money" during the 2020 campaign. Read the rest of the article [here](#). Watch the debate/confirmation hearing [here](#).

Lastly, according to the [Open Secrets website](#), (Their tagline is, "We follow the money."), the top 20 recipients in the 2019-2020 campaign season were:

1	<a href="#">Biden, Joe (D)</a>	President	\$9,025
2	<a href="#">Trump, Donald (R)</a>	President	\$2,932,
3	<a href="#">Sanders, Bernie (I-VT)</a>	Senate	\$1,417,
4	<a href="#">Harrison, Jaime (D-SC)</a>		\$1,004,
5	<a href="#">Ossoff, Jon (D-GA)</a>		\$992,
6	<a href="#">Warnock, Raphael (D-GA)</a>		\$894,
7	<a href="#">Buttigieg, Pete (D)</a>	President	\$891,
8	<a href="#">Warren, Elizabeth (D-MA)</a>	Senate	\$822,
9	<a href="#">Kelly, Mark (D-AZ)</a>	Senate	\$631,
10	<a href="#">Perdue, David (R-GA)</a>	Senate	\$607,

From 1998 to 2013, pharmaceutical lobbying interests were 42% larger than the second highest-paying industry (health insurance). The \$2.7 billion effort ... almost equaled the combined contributions of Big Oil (\$1.3 billion) and the defense industry (\$1.5 billion). An even greater financial commitment is made to advertising. The United States and New Zealand are the only 2 countries that allow prescription medications to be advertised on television. In 2012, nearly \$3.5 billion was invested in the United States in pharmaceutical marketing. For every dollar spent on research, an average of >\$2 (sometimes up to \$19) is spent on marketing. Nine out of 10 large pharmaceutical companies spend more on marketing than on research and development. Source: John Leake from Courageous Discourse™ with Dr. Peter McCullough & John Leake

## Kenya Withdraws from the World Health Organization

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We cannot afford to trust WHO

## Kenya explores new health partnerships as US abandons WHO

Kenya is exploring various strategies to strengthen its health systems and address potential challenges following the United States' announcement to withdraw from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Director-general of health, Dr Patrick Amoth, said Kenya aims to strengthen bilateral health partnerships by working with other nations and institutions to fill the funding and expertise gaps left by the US move to ensure that Kenya's health priorities remain intact.

Read the rest of this article [here](#)

See the Instagram clip of the announcement [here](#), again, the comments are worth reading.

## Breaking: Italy Breaks Ranks

In a bold and unprecedented move, Italy is reportedly preparing to follow President Trump's lead and withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO)—a move that could send shockwaves through the globalist elite.

Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini is calling out the corruption, mismanagement, and alarming overreach of the WHO, an organization that has been accused of serving the interests of billionaires and unelected bureaucrats rather than public health.

## From Oz: A New Doco Pressing the Question to Hold Leaders Accountable

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL AUSTRALIAN POLICE OFFICERS



"Witness Statement 1 January 2025", a documentary, has been recently released, telling the story of the most serious crimes ever committed in Australian history.

The documentary addresses all Australian Police, State and Federal, and calls on them to identify and investigate alleged crimes and pursue prosecution of the offenders, without fear or favour.

The film outlines numerous facts supported by indisputable data and evidence, of alleged criminal actions perpetrated on the people of Australia through the approval, promotion, mandating and injection of Covid-19 vaccines.

It presents data, information, expert testimony and referenced evidence, in relation to the victims, the alleged crimes, the alleged offenders, the weapons used, possible motives, and the intent and means of the offenders.

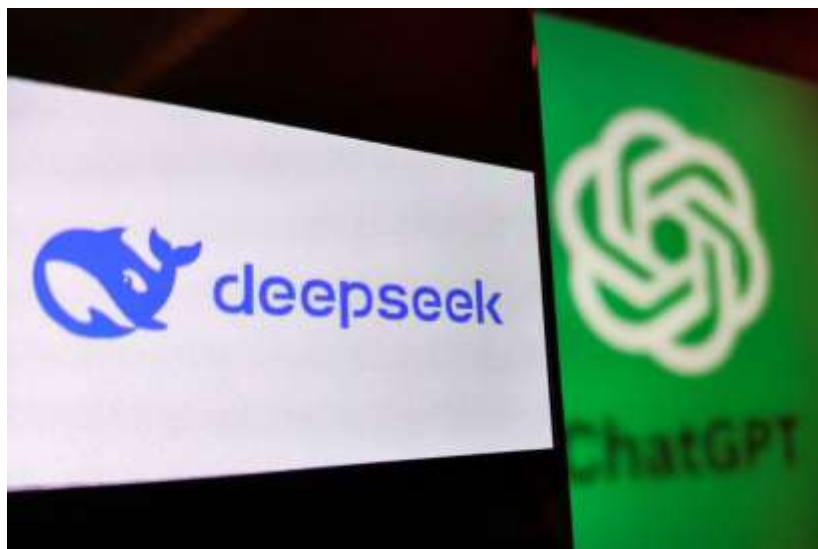
Numerous facts predominantly from Australian sources support the argument, including from our own Prof Ian Brighthope, Dr Phillip Altman, and Dr Jeyanthi Kunadhasan. Other foreign experts contribute including the famous English cancer specialist Professor Angus Dalglish, the UK cardiologist Dr Aseem Malhotra, plus Dr Paul Marik and Dr Peter McCullough from the United States, and many more.

You will also hear from many of the brave Australian politicians who tried to expose the truth about the Covid-19 pandemic and vaccines, including Senator Malcolm Roberts and Senator Gerard Rennick, as well as current and former members of parliament, Russell Broadbent, Craig Kelly and George Christensen

Read more of this Substack piece by Phillip Altman [here](#).

You can watch the trailer [here](#), and the full film [here](#).

## New "AI" on the Horizon from China



### DeepSeek could crash the US AI industry

Chinese tech company Deepseek has released its new open-source AI models which Western industry representatives said may be superior to AI created in the US (like ChatGPT or Grok). Deepseek has similar capabilities to US AI models but can function at a fraction of the cost.



In response to the release, firms such as NVIDIA, Arm, Micron and AMD all posted double-digit losses, denting the value of the NASDAQ stock index. Several US tech billionaires have also seen their wealth take a significant hit on paper. AI has been an important part of recent US economic growth, but now that support is under threat.

Several US-based AI models have been criticised for being trained to be “woke”, but Deepseek appears to have a pro-Chinese government bias instead. Testers at Forbes found that it refused to answer questions relating to Tiananmen Square or provide criticism of Chinese President Xi Jinping. US President Donald Trump referred to Deepseek as a “positive development” but also said it should be a “wake up call” for US firms. Read more [here](#)

## The Failing State That's Been Offered a Seat Inside Fortress America



By [Julius Ruechel](#)

In [Part 1](#) of my Deep Dive into Trump’s threat to annex Greenland and Canada, I covered the philosophical war that defines Trump’s era (populist nationalism vs global socialism (a.k.a.

globalism)), why the U.S. is dusting off the Monroe Doctrine that once motivated America to aggressively stamp out all foreign toeholds in the Western Hemisphere, and the complex reasons why annexing Greenland has become essential to the future national security of Fortress America as Trump pivots to face the globalist threat.

In Part 2, I'm going to put Canada under the microscope to understand the threat that Canada has come to represent to American national security when viewed from the Trump's perspective, why the threat to annex Canada is thus far more real than most people think, and ... Read the rest of this story [here](#):

## WINS OF THE WEEK

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## Political

### **Lots more wins from Donald Trump's first week in office:**

The Trump administration sent a memo to federal health agencies this week telling them to halt external communications such as issuing documents, guidance or notices, until such documents can be approved by "a presidential appointee."

Ahead of the annual March for Life, President Donald Trump has pardoned 23 [pro-life demonstrators](#) who were convicted for protesting at abortion clinics.

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order releasing government files on the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Trump said – "*Redacting the information is "not consistent with the public interest and the release of these records is long overdue."*

House Republicans led by Speaker Mike Johnson announced a new select subcommittee to investigate the events before and after the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. In one of his last acts in office, President Joe Biden on Jan. 20 issued a pre-emptive pardon for Cheney, Thompson, and other members of the Jan. 6 subcommittee. Biden also awarded the second-highest civilian medal to Cheney and to Thompson for their work on the panel.

Trump will be putting an end to funding of precarious gain-of-function research which aims to make viruses more dangerous and transmissible in the hopes of understanding them better. Prohibition of Central Bank Digital Currencies. "*Except to the extent required by law, agencies are hereby prohibited from undertaking any action to establish, issue, or promote CBDCs within the jurisdiction of the United States or abroad. Except to the extent required by law, any ongoing plans or initiatives at any agency related to the creation of a CBDC within the jurisdiction of the United States shall be immediately terminated, and no further actions."*

[Trump Pulls Plug on Fauci's Security Detail](#). Fauci will need to pay for his own protection.

John Nkengasong, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official, sent a memo to senior leaders at the CDC telling them that all agency staff who work with the WHO must immediately stop their collaborations and "await further guidance." The stop-work policy applied to "*all CDC staff engaging with WHO through technical working groups, coordinating centers, advisory boards, cooperative agreements or other means — in person or virtual.*" It also says CDC staff are not allowed to visit WHO offices.

President Trump has signed an executive orders that will dismiss both gender-confused people, that is, those who identify as "transgender," and "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" (DEI) programs from the U.S. armed forces.

President Donald Trump has signed an [executive order](#) aimed at restricting "gender-affirming care" for individuals under the age of 19. The order seeks to prevent medical institutions that receive federal funding from providing such care—including puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and surgeries—and directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to "*take all appropriate actions to end the chemical and surgical mutilation of children.*" The order states that "*it is the policy of the United States that it will not fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called 'transition' of a child from one sex to another, and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures.*"

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt announced on Jan. 28 new guidelines for media access aimed at allowing more independent journalists and content creators into media events. She cited a Gallup poll that show that the public's trust in traditional media sources is at record lows, noting that many news consumers are now seeking out podcasts, blogs, and other media. She also said that approximately 440 journalists who had their passes revoked or denied entrance by the Biden administration will have their access restored.

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WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told staff that the organization would implement “cost reductions and efficiencies,” including a freeze on new hires “except in the most critical areas” and a stop to capital investments.

Italy's Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini has presented a bill to withdraw Italy from the WHO. Matteo Salvini wrote in a post on X: *"This morning the Federation presented its bill to LEAVE the World Health Organisation, as the US did with Donald Trump." "Italy no longer has to deal with a supranational power centre - richly funded by Italian taxpayers - that goes hand in hand with multinational pharmaceutical companies." He added: "Let's use this 100 million to support the sick in Italy and fund our hospitals and doctors!"*

- <https://fixupx.com/matteosalvinimi/status/1882485386712436942?s=46&t=cPjjB6G4gZCQMsyuCkZMcQ>

A number of bills are before the Arizona legislature:

Arizona bill [HB2055](#) - establishes criteria that must be met to allow a vaccine to be required.

Arizona bill [HB2056](#) - Prohibits intentionally manipulating the environment through weather modification, aerosol injection, cloud seeding or solar radiation modification.

Arizona bill [HB2058](#) - creates a personal belief exemption for students 18+ and will allow students to establish an exemption in the face of vaccine requirements.

## Telling It Like It Is / Truth Bombs

Epidemiologist Nicolas Hulscher has declared – *“Keeping COVID-19 'Vaccines' on the market constitutes mass negligent homicide.” “We expect that calls for an immediate moratorium on COVID-19 vaccines will continue to increase until a critical mass is reached, and the products are finally removed from the market. Excess mortality, negative efficacy, and widespread DNA contamination associated with COVID-19 vaccines have been sufficiently demonstrated. The FDA's criteria for a Class I recall have been far exceeded. No large-scale, conclusive, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials have demonstrated reduction in infection transmission, hospitalization, or death as primary endpoints. Thus, the COVID-19 vaccines are not proven to be effective in reducing important clinical outcomes. A position supporting COVID-19 vaccination goes against good medical practice and violates the Hippocratic Oath to above all, do no harm. Immediate removal of COVID-19 vaccines from the market is essential to prevent further loss of life and ensure the next steps for accountability are taken.”*

- <https://open.substack.com/pub/petermcculloughmd/p/our-study-confirms-keeping-covid>

John Leake wrote this week to explain the backlash against Robert Kennedy: *“At any given moment in history, the safest posture has always been to embrace the prevailing orthodoxy. Each era’s ruling class has little interest in insights that could threaten their established order.”*

- <https://open.substack.com/pub/petermcculloughmd/p/dodo-birds-disco-and-democrats>

## Citizen Action

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District Schools has confirmed that the rainbow (pride) flag, or any other third-party flag, will not be raised outside its properties. Along with a petition that garnered over 30,000 signatures from community members and the testimony of community members against the motion, Wojciechowski credits the Archdiocese of Toronto for swaying the on the fence trustees to follow Church teaching instead of “gender ideology” during the vote. Dametto-Giovannozzi read out a response she received from recently appointed Cardinal Frank Leo affirming that the cross and the sacred heart of Jesus symbols were the most appropriate and sufficient symbols for inclusion, love, mercy and acceptance in the Catholic faith. Many of the pro-Pride speakers were mobilized by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association. - <https://tnc.news/2025/01/22/dpcsb-shut-down-motion-pride-flag2>

## Legal

Deb Conrad, a physician assistant who was previously employed by United Memorial Medical Center is currently suing Rochester Regional Health for damages including back-pay and civil penalties in violation of the False Claims Act. Conrad was fired in October of 2021 for purportedly spreading "vaccine misinformation" and "over-reporting" to VAERS (the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System).

- <https://open.substack.com/pub/petermcculloughmd/p/whistleblower-fired-and-escorted>

Facial recognition company [Clearview AI](#) has suffered a legal setback in Canada. The Supreme Court of British Columbia has banned Clearview from selling biometric facial arrays taken from non-consenting individuals. Clearview AI is said to be subjecting billions of people to this, without consent. - <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-court-rules-against-facial-recognition-company-in-ai-privacy-case/>

Pfizer Inc. has agreed to pay \$60 million as part of a settlement to resolve false claims allegations relating to improper physician payments by one of its subsidiaries. The DOJ said that between March 2020 and September 2022, Pfizer subsidiary Biohaven Pharmaceuticals violated the federal False Claims Act by providing speaker honoraria and meals at high-end restaurants to doctors, to induce them to prescribe a migraine drug. *"Patients deserve to know that their doctor is prescribing medications based on their doctor's medical judgment, and not as a result of financial incentives from pharmaceutical companies,"* said U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross. *"This settlement reflects our commitment to hold those who violate the laws accountable, regardless of their status or prestige."* Pfizer did not admit to any wrongdoing in agreeing to settle in the case. - <https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/pfizer-to-pay-60-million-in-false-claims-settlement-over-drug-kickbacks-doj-announces-5799478>

## Medicine

**The Alberta COVID-19 Task Force Report finds 'Critical Failure' in Health System Response.** The authors, headed by Dr. Gary Davidson, former chief of emergency medicine at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre made a number of significant findings:

The task force says it did not see any evidence that vaccines were superior to natural immunity and government messaging was wrong to indicate otherwise.

The task force calls for an end to the COVID-19 vaccines for healthy children and teens.

*"It is inaccurate to suggest that masking is entirely safe and provides effective protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection."* The report recommends that the choice to wear a mask should be allowed to be a personal medical decision "guided by informed consent."

' Lockdowns' did not substantively reduce transmission or off-set the use of healthcare resources and have come at considerable social and economic costs."

The report states researchers and decision-makers in the province at the time "overlooked crucial data" when forming policies. *"Given the data and information available, the Task Force is unclear as to why Alberta continued to implement containment measures through policy and mandates when the information at the time did not justify such aggressive actions."*

In response to COVID-19, *"Alberta opted to reinvent the wheel, creating a hastily assembled operational system without a clear mandate and relying heavily on direction and guidance from national and international groups."*

Alberta Health Services' Scientific Advisory Group *"used product monographs to recommend against ivermectin for COVID-19 treatment but did not apply the same scrutiny to vaccines regarding transmission."*

Alberta's regulatory colleges did not appear to conduct internal reviews of studies and data. The authors say the colleges followed directives from Alberta's chief medical officer of health and did not engage in "due diligence."

The province's ability to find effective solutions to the virus was limited by the threats and disciplinary action against health professionals, who were "constrained" *"into a narrow band of COVID-19 responses acceptable to health regulators."* Regulatory bodies *"should not have*

*the power to stifle scientific inquiry and*

*debate.” - <https://www.theepochtimes.com/world/alberta-covid-19-task-force-says-no-evidence-for-vaccine-superiority-to-natural-immunity-effectiveness-of-masking-5798634>*

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More than 81,000 physicians, scientists, researchers, and concerned citizens, 240 elected government officials, 17 professional public health and physician organizations, 2 State Republican Parties, 17 Republican Party County Committees, and 6 scientific studies from across the world have called for the market withdrawal of COVID-19

vaccines. - <https://open.substack.com/pub/petermcculloughmd/p/breaking-peer-reviewed-study-finds-5f1>

A [recent poll](#) of 1,005 national voters shows that more than a third — 36% — don't trust the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In the survey, 41% of voters believe the government mishandled or failed to handle the COVID-19 pandemic. Only 13% of respondents said the government handled the pandemic effectively. The poll also showed that fewer than half of the surveyed individuals supported government vaccine mandates. Additionally, 57% of poll respondents believe [vaccine makers](#) should lose their [immunity from legal action](#) and the public should be able to sue the manufacturer of a vaccine that caused them harm.

- <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/zogby-poll-more-than-half-americans-sue-vaccine-makers-injuries>

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## OTHER NEWS

### The Constitution Has Gone AWOL: From Presidential Power Grabs to Martial Law



Editor's Note: While I prefer to take a "Wait & See" approach on Trump, with his myriad of executive orders, and blistering pace of taking charge, I felt it was worth posting this piece shared by Jodie Bruning in the NZ Rising Repository.

From: [The Activist Post](#)

That didn't take long. Within days of Donald Trump's second term, the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights disappeared from the White House's website.

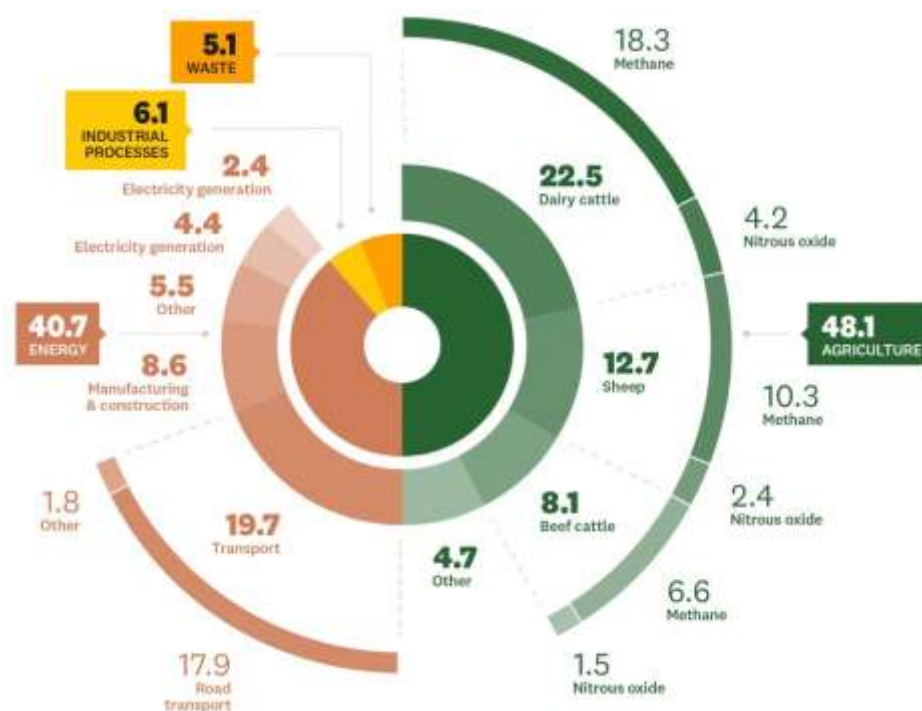
While the Trump Administration insists the removal of these foundational documents will eventually be restored to the site, the timing and symbolism of their removal is hard to ignore. Especially in light of the flurry of executive orders issued by President Trump as a means of bypassing the very rule of law those documents were intended to ensure.

Already, Trump has unilaterally declared two national states of emergency, announced his intention to disregard the 14th Amendment's assurance of birthright citizenship, established two new government agencies, and pushed for an expansion of the death penalty.

So much for the Founders' efforts to guard against this kind of concentrated, absolute power by establishing a system of checks of balances that separate and shares power between three co-equal branches to ensure that no single authority is entrusted with all the powers of government.

Mind you, Trump is not unique in his use of executive orders to bypass Congress Read the rest of this article [here](#):

## NZ Govt Signs up for New Emissions Controls Costing Thousands for Each Citizen



By Peter Williams

It took everyone by surprise. I only got wind of this when I saw the Taxpayers' Union media release (I've copied it to the end of this email) at lunchtime today. My heart sank.

I appreciate that reasonable minds can differ on the urgency of climate change – but I think you'll agree that sacrificing New Zealand's economy for no material effect in emissions is the ultimate own goal.

In short the Government has just locked in the Ardern/Shaw anti-farming legacy, and signed New Zealand up for a brand new (2035) commitment that will see thousands of dollars for every man, woman, and child sent overseas for climate credits.

First some background.



You will recall that back in 2021, former Climate Change Minister James Shaw and then Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern flew to Glasgow and signed New Zealand up to a climate change/emissions target of a net reduction in emissions of 50 percent (compared to 2005) by 2030. Read the rest of this story [here](#):

## JFK Files: The Clip They Don't Want You to See



From the editor:

[JP Sears](#) does an excellent job sharing this important video clip after Trump's recent executive order issuing the release of all JFK, RFK and MLK assassination files. One commentor on JP's site asked: "Do you think this clip is real?"

I commented: "Yes - I first saw this clip, in person, in Salt Lake City in 1980 presented by the ornery but honest William Cooper, (author of [Behold a Pale Horse](#), & former Naval Intelligence officer) with another 400 audience members in a SLC convention Hall. It was a live presentation, and Cooper kept rewinding and replaying the Zapruder uncropped version you see here, "To", as he said, "burn it in your memories that the driver did it." See JP Sears' Post [here](#):

## The New White House Press Secretary



It's hard to believe Karoline Leavitt is only 27 years old. Today, she carried herself with poise, grace, and razor-sharp wit—effortlessly countering the media's relentless smear attacks against President Trump. For once, the smug press had to sit down, shut up, and face reality as Leavitt made them look in the mirror.

Not even a shred of media spin could land a blow on Trump today. If this is just the beginning, the press is in for a very long four years. Read more from The Vigilante Fox on X [here](#):

Editor's Note: Those of us on the NZ Media Collective noted that the White House has opened up applications to attend White House Briefings to content providers other than the Legacy Media. One of our media member asked in our chat, "Anyone fancy a field trip?"

# Keeping A Sense of Humour

## Pope Francis Demands God Remove Walls Surrounding Heaven

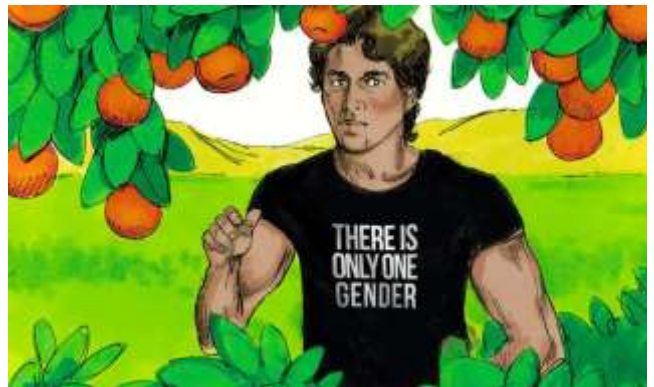


VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis issued an official statement today demanding that God remove the walls and gates that surround the Kingdom of Heaven.

From deep inside the forty-foot walls of Vatican City, Pope Francis strongly condemned the God of the Universe for having gates at the entrance of His Kingdom and not simply allowing anyone inside. "God is once again in the wrong," explained Pope Francis. "How can anyone claim to be loving and kind, yet not have an open border? Read this important piece [here](#)

*"Why did the non-binary prospector head to the West? 'Cause there was gold in them/their hills."*

## Adam Seen Wearing 'THERE IS ONLY ONE GENDER' Shirt In Garden Of Eden



EDEN — According to reports, tensions escalated in the Garden this week after Adam, the world's only man, was seen wearing a t-shirt emblazoned with the message "There is only one gender." Sources believed the man was protesting several ongoing problems that had arisen in the wake of the Creator introducing a second gender.

"There's only one gender! That's what God intended!" said the man to several nearby animals. "Not two — just one! We have too many genders now! It's ridiculous! Just pure chaos! What's next? Three genders? Four? Where does it end? We can't keep going like this!"

Eyewitnesses said the sole member of the newly created second gender rolled her eyes.... Edge of your seat? Read the rest of this story [here](#):



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