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*From the Editor:*

*"When the heart is calm and coherent, the brain functions more clearly and creatively"*

The Heartmath Institute

*"If you have ever been in a life-or-death emergency situation, you will know that it wasn't a problem. The mind didn't have time to fool around and make it into a problem. In a true emergency, the mind stops; you become totally present, and something infinitely more powerful takes over. You either survive or you don't. Either way, it's not a problem."*

Eckhart Tolle

### ***Keeping a Sense of Perspective***

When I accepted the task of taking on this newsletter, I couldn't have imagined the course of future world events. But we always knew things were going to get tricky.

The core issue is to keep calm and stay present. And here's the hook, the payoff - The chief determinant of our own future is how well we remain in the present, how grateful we are, and how we keep a sense of perspective in a world of crazy events. This too shall pass. There's lots of good news in this issue as well. *Special thanks to Amanda Richards, Bev Reynolds, and Jay Barnett for sharing current stories and links. They've been a big help in putting this issue together.*

## NEWS FROM NZ RISING MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

### Doctor vs Tribunal: Dr Caroline Wheeler's HPDT Hearing Report



*From: NZDSOS*

Dr Caroline Wheeler was in the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT) on 16-17 Feb 2026 to defend charges in relation to the prescription of an approved medication – ivermectin. Her tribunal hearing is the latest in a line of dissenting and conscientious health workers being prosecuted.

Caroline's dedicated thirty year career in family and integrative medicine has come to a jarring halt for legally prescribing ivermectin.

Of note, and like nearly all the doctors disciplined so far, she was an original signatory of our first several open letters of concern to the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ), then

headed by the man who defined the novel genetic injectables as a “zero-risk medical product”. Signatories all received a warning letter from the MCNZ. Read more [here](#).

## Connor and the Coroner: Sudden Death, a ‘Dilated Heart’ and Unanswered Questions



*From: NZDSOS*

Connor Garden-Bachop was 25 years old, a Highlander and Māori All Black, fit and healthy, when he died suddenly in his sleep in June 2024.

The coroner recorded the cause of death as sudden death in the context of a mildly dilated heart. No underlying conditions, no drugs or alcohol, no genetic cause found.

The conclusion: Connor's death was from natural causes.

But the coroner's report does not mention Connor's covid vaccination.

As doctors who have had concerns about covid vaccinations since 2021, of course we have questions.

It is well established that mRNA vaccination can cause myocarditis. All four formally recognised deaths due to covid vaccination in New Zealand have been from myocarditis. A dilated heart can be an after-effect of vaccine-induced myocarditis, and damage to heart muscle cells can provide a focus for fatal arrhythmias months or even years later.

Dr Peter McCullough, a world-renowned US cardiologist, has stated plainly that when a previously healthy young person dies suddenly with no obvious explanation, it should be attributed to covid vaccination and subclinical myocarditis until proven otherwise. Read more [here](#).

## New Zealand's Post Vaccine Symptom Check



*From: NZDSOS*

With another addition to the Substantial Minority series, GP and NZDSOS member Dr Alison Goodwin, analyses New Zealand's Post Vaccine Symptom Check – the active safety monitoring system that asked about expected side effects but buried reports of serious conditions.

There are serious flaws in New Zealand's pharmacovigilance analysis of serious adverse events.

Please listen and share this important discussion on this topic. Watch [here](#).

## "SchoolDocs" Writes Policy For Most NZ Schools. They Got Something Wrong, Then Sort Of Fixed It, But Didn't.



*From: Let Kids Be Kids*

Let Kids Be Kids recently raised an issue with schools' 'Promoting Inclusion' policy... what happened next is good... and not so good...and parents need to know. Over the last month Let Kids Be Kids (LKBK) has published their findings about SchoolDocs, the company who provides automated school policies to 90%\* of schools.

Summary of recent findings

SchoolDocs policies are templated for all schools. Boards can make amendments specific to their school. Boards are responsible for the policies set in schools, and those that have purchased SchoolDocs service pay between \$1200-\$3900 a year to outsource much of the work.

We found that in their 'Promoting Inclusion' policy, they incorrectly listed 'gender identity' as a protected ground for discrimination, Read the rest of this piece [here](#).

## NEW ZEALAND NEWS

### NZ Prepares to Evacuate Citizens from Middle East



*From: The Daily Telegraph, NZ*

The New Zealand Government continues to explore all options for assisting New Zealanders stranded by conflict in the Middle East, Foreign Minister Winston Peters and Defence Minister Judith Collins say.

"The events in the Middle East are fast-moving, dangerous and complex – and our primary focus is on assisting New Zealanders in the region to the extent possible in this very challenging security environment," said Peters.

"With airspace closed and most commercial flights not operating, we continue to recommend that New Zealanders shelter in place.. Read more [here](#).

## NZ Police's Deep-State Surveillance Network Does it Still Exist?



During the last Labour Party regime, the New Zealand police were busy building systems and processes for the oppression of dissenting political views. Social media posts were sufficient to attract a quasi conviction. Coster was assisted by a complicit judiciary. Should a public enquiry be held to shed light on the full extent of the police foray into political partnership with the Labour Party? Watch [here](#).

## NZ Reporter Admits Bias During the NZ Plandemic Times



During the Covid-19 pandemic, Paddy Gower became one of the most visible journalists in the country.

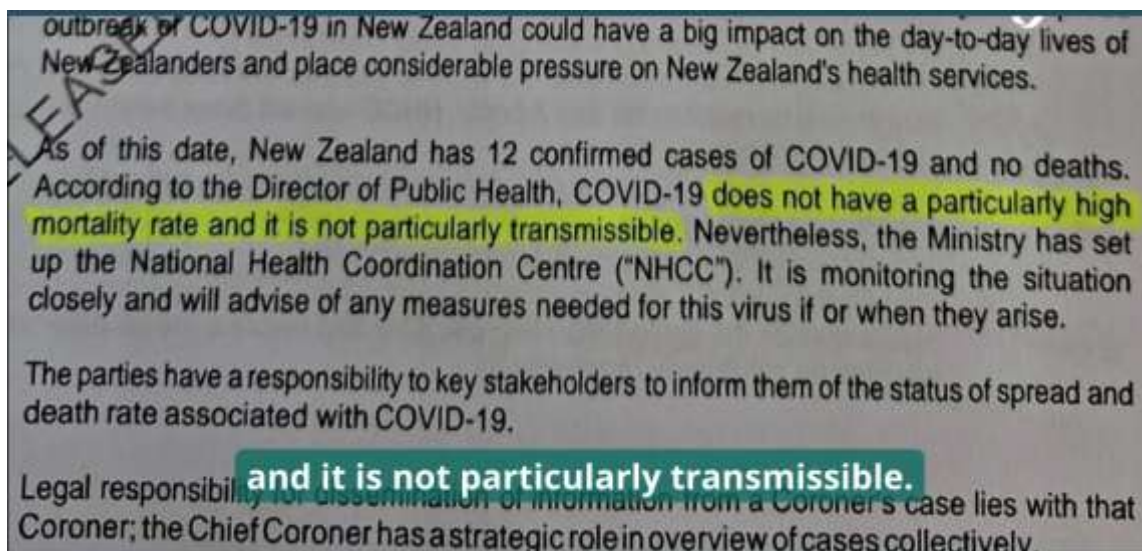
He promoted vaccination. He fronted Super Saturday. He exposed a Canterbury doctor issuing vaccine exemptions.

Looking back now, he says he crossed a journalistic line, even if he believed it was for the greater good.

In this extended interview for Quarantine Nation, Gower reflects on the backlash, the public anger, and the personal reckoning that followed. He speaks candidly about being too entrenched in a pro-vaccine stance, about listening to those who felt unheard, and about what he now believes the media got wrong.

Did the media treat vaccine-sceptical New Zealanders too harshly? And has the country ever truly found closure? Watch the interview [here](#).

## Ministry of Health Knew COVID Was Low-Risk



*From: Liz Gunn, FreeNZ*

"COVID-19 Does Not Have a Particularly High Mortality Rate" – Official Memo from 18 March 2020 Contradicts Lockdowns and Mandates.

A key document has been obtained under the Official Information Act 1982: the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and the Office of the Chief Coroner, dated 18 March 2020.

"According to the Director of Public Health, Covid-19 does not have a particularly high mortality rate and it is not particularly transmissible."

At that time New Zealand had only 12 confirmed cases and no deaths. Yet soon after, the government declared a national emergency, imposed strict lockdowns, disrupted society and the economy, and later mandated injections while publicly warning of extreme danger and high mortality. Read and watch the report [here](#).

## Propaganda in Hindsight: What Stuff's "Quarantine Nation" Podcast Really Tells Us



*By: Penny Marie*

Part 1 of a series, looking at Quarantine Nation, Stuff's new podcast series. (Stuff is one of New Zealand's mainstream media outlets). Read and share on Substack. If you like this article, please comment and SHARE, and drop it into other conversations and threads! Thank you.

Quarantine Nation presents itself as a reflective oral history of New Zealand's Covid years. It's marketed as "a mostly serious history," a chance to look back with the benefit of hindsight, to hear key players admit what they got wrong and what the pandemic did to them.

Underneath that layer, though, the series does something else. It functions as a second round of messaging: a carefully curated set of confessionals in which the central communicators of the Covid era admit limited mistakes, reaffirm that "we'd do it again,"... Read the rest of this story [here](#). Watch the trailer [here](#).



## Speaking Out About Vaccine Injury



Michael Campbell speaks out on vaccine injury, and his life-changing heart surgery. Watch the clip [here](#). or listen to the full conversation at [Dom.co.nz](http://Dom.co.nz)

## Building Resilient Communities in NZ



From RCR:  
Independent journalist and podcaster Hrvoje Morić joins Paul for a discussion

## Ditch Jacinda Ardern Send the Lockdown Queen Back Home



Send a message to New Zealand's controversial former prime minister: Australia isn't your escape hatch. Go back to New Zealand and face the music! Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, once hailed for her "kindness," oversaw one of the most brutal lockdown regimes in the democratic world..And now she wants to call Australia home, relocating her family to our shores. Under her watch, Kiwis endured prolonged house arrests, family separations, economic devastation and a chilling erosion of civil liberties ... all wrapped in warm and fuzzy "empathetic" PR. Eventually, New Zealanders saw through her act, despite constant gaslighting from the mainstream media. Read more and **sign the petition** [here](#).

## Global Wealth and NZs, Artificial Property Market



about the moves that are reshaping the globe in to a series of Technates – regional power blocs – that he believes will ultimately operate under one global government driven by surveillance and algocracy (rule by algorithm). Morić believes 'the hour is late', with much of the architecture needed to do this already in place.

He says a focus on local connections and parallel structures is the best defence against the advancing new world order. Watch the interview [here](#).

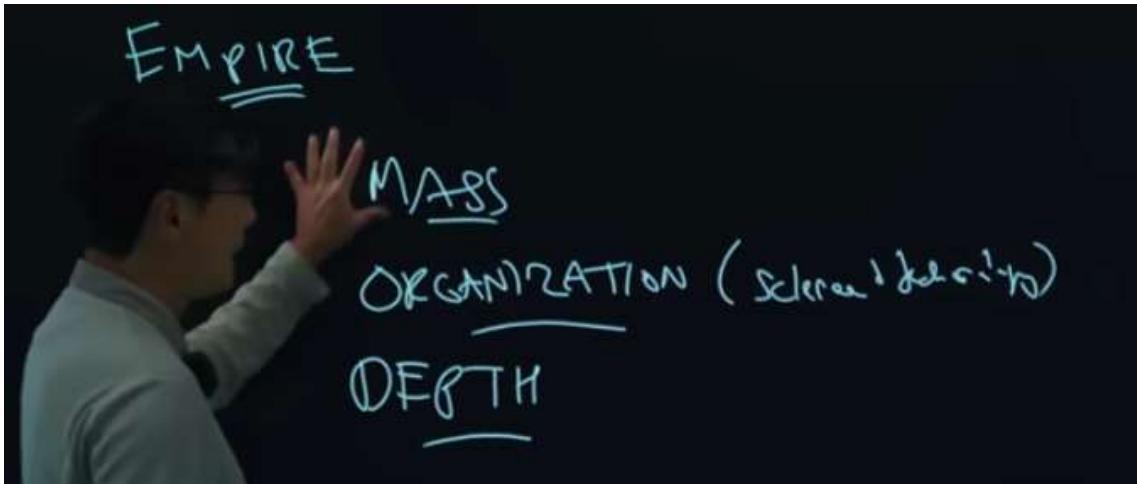
The arrival of private jets carrying ultra wealthy property buyers into Queenstown is increasingly portrayed as a triumph for the local economy. The government, led by Christopher Luxon and Finance Minister Nicola Willis, announced the "Active Investor Plus Visa", allowing foreigners to buy or build homes in New Zealand worth at least \$5 million. On the surface, citizens are told this is "great for the economy." Read this story [here](#).

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Game Theory: The US-Iran War



Editor's note: Professor Jiang is somewhat unvetted, at least in my circles, but his presentation is worth checking out. In this, March 3, lecture, Professor Jiang analyzes the US-Iran War. Jiang appears to have handle on the whole situation and what's happening in real time. Analyze the unfolding geopolitical conflict between the United States and Iran through the lens of game theory. Explore the strategic motivations, vulnerabilities, and potential global economic impacts of this real-time warfare. Well worth a watch [here](#). Prof Jiang's recent follow-up, "The Law of Asymmetry" was just released [here](#). See an excellent commentary on this below.



### The Law of Asymmetry

From: Collective Evolution

Professor Jiang Xueqin (Professor Jiang) is the host of the popular youtube channel "Predictive History" which boasts 1.3 million followers. According to Wikipedia: "The channel investigates whether a real-world version of psychohistory—the fictional mathematical science of mass human behavior described in Isaac Asimov's Foundation series—is feasible through the study of recurring historical structures, game theory, and long-term pattern recognition."

He was a recent guest on the independent media platform "Breaking Points". As the title suggests, Jiang believes the US will lose the war with Iran. In this candid 15 minute interview Jiang fearlessly explains what is really behind this Israeli/American assault on Iran. It's not just about the oil or the liberation of Iranians from a decades long theocracy. I will summarize in the second half of this post.

Before dissecting his rationale and overarching perspective (which left Breaking Points hosts Saagar and Krystal at a loss for words), lets take a step back and examine why we ought to be confused about this assault on Iran last week... Read the rest of this excellent commentary [here](#).

## Iran: The Decisive Battle



Editorial Reviewer's Note: *"This is a good, objective analysis of the situation in the Middle East. It doesn't take either side but provides some good insights into the bigger picture."*

### **Iran: The Decisive Battle of WW3**

It's important to recognize that "world orders" are nothing new.

World orders have long been the frameworks through which major global powers set the rules of the game. They define the structure of international political relations.

Thinking in terms of world orders requires zooming out entirely—taking the geopolitical view from 40,000 feet.

On a smaller scale, it's similar to how the most powerful criminal organizations in a city—such as mafias and street gangs—form agreements to divide their activities and territories among themselves. Learn more [here](#).

## Catherine Fitts: Epstein, CIA Black Budget, The Control Grid, and the Banks' Role in War



Programmable digital currency is the final piece of the global control grid that's finally snapping into place. Catherine Austin Fitts talks about how to defeat it.

The control grid is a process or an infrastructure that allows digital technology to be used to assert phenomenal surveillance and control of people. At the very heart of it is what I call

programmable money. It's money that is no longer just a currency. It's money that comes with a set of rules that can be surveilled and forced. Imagine back in the pandemic, if I said, Okay, you've got to lock down and your money won't work if you leave your house, You can't buy gas in your car because your money is programmed with AI and software to enforce a whole set of centralized rules. And programmable money allows the bankers who've been running monetary policy to now control fiscal policy and essentially replace legislatures and executive branch by making and enforcing the rules through the money. Now, that requires a large infrastructure of surveillance. You need digital IDs, and then you need the hardware locally and globally to do the surveillance and implementation. For example, if you look at the local hardware, and now people are seeing it. Now that it's material, they're beginning to see it snap into place. I don't know if you know, flock cameras, but there are many communities across the United States that are entering into contracts paid by the taxpayers to put up cameras all around their neighborhood that track license plates and keep that data and share it with a variety of people. watch this important interview [here](#).

## Social Media Companies Face Legal Reckoning Over Mental Health Harms To Children



Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg leaves after testifying in a landmark trial over whether social media platforms deliberately addict and harm children, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

For years, social media companies have disputed allegations that they harm children's mental health through deliberate design choices that addict kids to their platforms and fail to protect them from sexual predators and dangerous content. Now, these tech giants are getting a chance to make their case in courtrooms around the country, including before a jury for the first time.

Some of the biggest players from Meta to TikTok are facing federal and state trials that seek to hold them responsible for harming children's mental health. The lawsuits have come from school districts, local, state and the federal government as well as thousands of families. Two trials are now underway in Los Angeles and in New Mexico, with more to come. Read more [here](#).

## Dozens Killed Thousands Displaced in Growing Pakistan-Afghan Border Conflict



*From: Dropsite News*

While the U.S. and Israel continue a massive bombing campaign targeting Iran, another conflict continues to escalate nearby between Pakistan and Afghanistan. In recent weeks, the two countries have gone from border skirmishes to what senior Pakistani officials have described as "open war"—with airstrikes and bombardments targeting military positions and civilian communities in both countries. The escalation comes amid increasingly warm ties between the Trump administration and the military junta in Islamabad, Read the rest of this story [here](#).

## What's the Difference Between Law and Statute

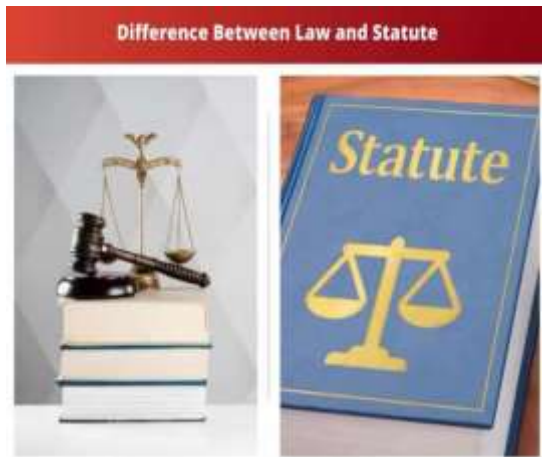
## European Parliament Accelerates DIGITAL EURO



*From: Armstrong Economics*

The European Parliament has now thrown its support behind the creation of a digital euro, marking a significant political step toward introducing a central bank digital currency across the eurozone. While the project has been under development for several years at the European Central Bank, this vote signals that lawmakers are increasingly prepared to move the concept from theory toward reality.

Members of Parliament approved amendments endorsing a digital euro that would function both online and offline, effectively aligning with the European Central Bank's vision for a publicly issued digital form of money. The vote passed with a strong majority, signaling broad political backing for the idea that Europe should create a digital currency controlled by its own monetary institutions rather



Editor's Note: Oddly enough, when I arrived in New Zealand quite a few years ago, I was pleased to learn that common law applies to this country as well as the US. Although the subject below refers to the US Constitution, the general subject certainly is applicable to New Zealand. This post by my childhood friend Scot Bergeron in Washington State poses a few questions on Facebook to his friends: "Is there anybody out there that knows the difference between law and statutes?" "Is there anyone who can clearly explain Common Law and how that jurisdiction is different than statutory law jurisdiction?" "Is there anyone who can explain why a birth certificate is a negotiable instrument?" "How about explaining the difference between an unalienable right vs. a civil right?" And one responded with the following informative comment: "Well here you go, Scott. It is not what you know, but who you know that may. These topics sit at the intersection of legal history, philosophy, and "Sovereign Citizen" or "Redemption" theories. To give you the clarity you're looking for, we need to distinguish between standard legal definitions and the alternative legal theories where some of these ideas (like

than relying entirely on private payment networks. Read the story [here](#).

## Escaping the Matrix, Technology Control, and the Spiritual War



In this deep, unfiltered conversation, Jim Breuer and David Icke explore the loss of tribal wisdom, the rise of technological control, and the spiritual battle shaping modern society. They discuss demoralization, media manipulation, consciousness, and why stepping away from constant noise may be the key to reclaiming clarity, sovereignty, and peace. Watch the heady and edgy interview [here](#).

## Military commanders: Trump "Anointed by Jesus" to Start Apocalypse



Military commanders told troops Trump was "anointed by Jesus" to start the

the birth certificate being a negotiable instrument) originate.

Here is the breakdown of these concepts.

#### 1. Law vs. Statutes

In general conversation, people use these interchangeably, but in a technical legal sense, there is a hierarchy.

\* Law: An umbrella term. It includes the... read the rest of Scott's post and comments [here](#).

## Lines in the Sand Iran War



*From: Armstrong Economics*

The conflict now unfolding with Iran is beginning to expose a series of geopolitical lines that had been quietly building for years. What is striking about the current situation is not simply the military confrontation itself, but the reaction of various nations. The world is no longer responding as it did in earlier conflicts where alliances moved almost automatically behind Washington. Instead, governments are drawing their own lines in the sand.

The United States and Israel are presently the two nations directly engaged in military operations against Iran. While Washington has access to bases throughout the Middle East, most of those countries are not actively participating in

apocalypse in Iran, according to over 200 complaints. Since Saturday, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation has been flooded with complaints from service members in every branch of the armed forces.

By Tuesday, the number exceeded 200 complaints spanning more than 50 military installations. The through line is the same every time: commanding officers are telling troops this war is biblically ordained and the bloodshed is necessary to fulfill Christian prophecy.

One noncommissioned officer reported that during a combat readiness briefing, their commander told the room everything happening in Iran was part of God's divine plan, complete with citations from the Book of Revelation.

The commander reportedly had a grin on his face while delivering the message. The complaint was filed on behalf of 15 troops. Eleven of them are Christian. This is not about offended atheists. These are believers who know the difference between faith and apocalyptic war propaganda.

MRFF founder Mikey Weinstein said commanders are not just invoking prophecy but are actively excited about how violent the conflict needs to become to align with end-times theology. Military leaders are reportedly thrilled at the prospect of maximum bloodshed because they think it brings Jesus back.

This didn't come from nowhere. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth launched monthly Christian worship services at the Pentagon last summer and recently invited Doug Wilson, a Christian nationalist pastor who opposes women's right to vote, to lead one.

combat. Gulf states such as Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates host American military infrastructure, but their involvement largely reflects long-standing defense agreements rather than enthusiastic participation in a new regional war. These nations find themselves caught between two competing pressures: their security arrangements with the United States and the geographic reality of living within missile range of Iran. Read the story [here](#).

At a recent convention, Hegseth declared that advancing the administration's agenda is "not political" but "biblical." Weinstein warned that when Christian nationalism infiltrates the institution that controls nuclear weapons and armed drones, it is an immediate threat to global security.

Two hundred service members risked their careers to sound this alarm. The question is whether anyone with the power to act is listening.

## WINS OF THE WEEK

**From: NZ Rising's Sister Organisation in Canada, [Freedom Rising](#):**

### Political

World Economic Forum CEO and President Børge Brende has abruptly stepped down after newly exposed emails revealed troubling communications with Jeffrey Epstein, including discussions about a plot to establish global governance. The resignation adds yet another powerful name to the widening Epstein scandal, which continues to ripple across corporate boardrooms and political circles. - More info [here](#).

In a 31-20 party-line vote, the Arizona House of Representatives [passed a medical freedom bill](#). If enacted, [the bill](#) would bar the state government, businesses and schools from requiring residents to obtain a medical intervention — including a vaccine — in order to work, enter a public space or attend school. The bill's successful passage in the House signals the "quiet revolution" underway according to Ursula Conway, president of Children's Health Defense's **Arizona Chapter**. She said: "*Arizona's success signals a tidal shift in voters' attitudes toward our government. Many of us were shocked out of complacency by egregious government edicts. We are awake, and we are holding legislators accountable.*" "*Medical mandates run contrary to the principles on which the U.S. was founded,*" she said. People should "*not be forced to choose between their bodily autonomy and their ability to work, to learn, to travel and basically just to participate in life.*" "*It has been drummed into the minds and hearts of Americans that we have to have these medical interventions to protect us from disease and death. But in actuality, we're pointing out, no,*

*we're the sickest we've ever been, that this is an individual right to be able to choose."* - More info [here](#).

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued a legal opinion this week that says it is illegal for state-licensed mental health care providers to "transition" children. Texas passed [Senate Bill 14](#) in 2023, which banned using "gender-affirming care" procedures such as puberty blockers, hormone therapy, and surgeries to treat gender dysphoria in minors. In Paxton's opinion, the law also applies to mental health care providers. He said the path to kids being 'transitioned' often starts with unethical indoctrination by activists providing mental 'health care' designed to confuse children about their gender. *"Any radical facilitating the 'transitioning' of our kids is committing child abuse,"* Paxton said. *"The law is clear that these radical procedures are illegal, and in no world should Texans' tax dollars be used to permanently harm children. This opinion should send a clear warning that there will be consequences for any medical professional, whether a doctor or a therapist, who is illegally 'transitioning' Texas kids."* - More info [here](#).

Congressman Thomas Massie has introduced the **"No Immunity for Glyphosate Act"**. It's a direct response to Trump's attempt to shield glyphosate and Roundup and the companies selling it from lawsuits. The bill states: *"No Federal funds may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the Executive order entitled 'Promoting the National Defense by Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Elemental Phosphorus and Glyphosate-Based Herbicides', issued on February 18, 2026."* *"Any person, or the estate, survivors, or legal representative of such person, who suffers or has suffered physical injury, illness, disease, or death caused, in whole or in part, by exposure to elemental phosphorus or a glyphosate-based herbicide manufactured, distributed, sold, or supplied within the United States, may bring a civil action in an appropriate district court of the United States against any covered entity."* *"In a civil action under this section, the court may award— (1) compensatory damages, including damages for medical expenses, lost income, pain and suffering, and wrongful death; (2) punitive damages; (3) equitable relief, including declaratory and injunctive relief; and (4) attorney's fees and costs."* - More info [here](#).

## Medicine/Health

As the number of birds culled in an avian flu outbreak on turkey farms near Strathroy, Ont., approaches 100,000, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency says it won't let its staff do media interviews for fear they will be subject to harassment or even death threats. About 95,000 birds have been affected at five different turkey farms in the area where an outbreak began on Nov. 26, the CFIA says. One expert calls it problematic, saying the public is missing vital information during an outbreak. The CFIA also isn't providing a spokesperson for media interviews. The agency said that since it culled just over 300 ostriches after an avian flu outbreak at a farm in BC, staff have been harassed. - More info [here](#)

The Arizona Senate has advanced legislation that would embed into state law a mandatory review of recent vaccinations and other pharmaceutical countermeasures in every case of sudden and unexplained infant death. Many parents, doctors, and researchers suspect a vaccine role in SIDS. The legislative move would standardize investigative transparency, ensure recent medical interventions are formally examined, and create a documented record that could increase data visibility and accountability surrounding infant death investigations. The bill inserts the following language: "In Cases Of A Sudden And

Unexplained Infant Death, The Medical Examiner Or Forensic Pathologist Shall Review The Infant's Immunization And Vaccination History And Any Countermeasures That Were Administered In The Ninety Days Before The Infant's Death." -More info [here](#).

While the corporate controlled media continues to advance the narrative that supporters of medical freedom are a fringe minority, a new poll reveals the opposite is true. Poll participants were asked their views on several issues which directly relate to informed consent. A total of 87.9% of respondents believe that a patient must retain his or her full right to refuse any medical treatment. Regarding informed consent narrowly focused on vaccines, 80.4% of those surveyed believe that any adult has the right to refuse vaccination. 70.6% expressed a view that one's refusal to be vaccinated should never result in any form of discrimination – such as employment or access to public accommodation. Several questions dealt with the issue of parental rights to shield children from over-medicalization. 65.7% of adults believe that parents have the right to refuse vaccination on behalf of their children and dependents. 66.7% of all those surveyed believe that parents have the explicit right to opt their children out of school vaccine mandates. 65.4% of respondents believe that expulsions from colleges and universities over vaccine status are wrong. Overall, the poll shows very strong support (80–88%) for adult medical autonomy, the right to refuse treatment/vaccines as adults, freedom of medical speech for doctors, and protection from employment discrimination based on medical choices. If people are asked straightforward questions that impact their own health and medical wishes, and those of their families, they clearly come down on the side of freedom, transparency, honesty, and choice. - More info [here](#).

## Legal

X (formerly Twitter) filed a landmark legal challenge Monday to a \$140 million fine imposed by the European Commission under the European Union's Digital Services Act (DSA) —a sweeping censorship regime that uses American technology companies to impose European speech restrictions on users worldwide. The appeal marks the first-ever judicial challenge to a fine issued under the DSA, giving EU courts their first opportunity to examine whether the law's enforcement complies with fundamental rights and the rule of law. *"The platforms the DSA targets—including X, Google, Meta, and others—are the modern public square. They are where Americans debate politics, share their faith, and hold the powerful accountable. The EU's Digital Services Act is designed to control what can be said in that square, and its reach does not stop at Europe's borders."* The DSA threatens 16 American-owned platforms with fines of up to 6% of their global annual revenue for violating vague, easily weaponized standards such as "hate speech" and "disinformation." *"If the EU can dictate what Americans say online, free speech becomes a privilege granted by foreign bureaucrats—not a right."* *"Citizens, lawmakers, and companies who value open debate must stand with X and insist that the digital public square remains free."* - More info [here](#).

In a win for foster families and religious freedom, Vermont officials have finalized a new [policy](#) clarifying that foster families need not abandon their religious beliefs or promote gender ideology to qualify as foster parents. This comes after attorneys, representing two Christian foster families, appealed a lower court's ruling. The families argued that Vermont officials violated their First Amendment rights by requiring them to speak in contrast to their beliefs on gender and sexuality as a condition of being licensed to care for vulnerable children. Senior Counsel Johannes Widmalm-Delphonse said - *"No parent should be forced*

*to lie to a vulnerable child about who they are, much less promote irreversible and life-altering procedures that don't have any proven health benefits.”* The updated policy clarifies that “*endorsement or affirmation of specific identities,*” or the “*use of particular vocabulary, prescribed language, or preferred pronouns related to gender identity, sexual orientation, or identity expression,*” is not a condition of licensure. - More info [here](#).

Nicki Gaylard is seeking justice against the Department of Education in Australia after her daughter was exposed to disturbing sexual content in school. Gaylard's 14 year old daughter was subjected to graphic, traumatic content as part of this lesson. Parents were not notified about the content, and students were not given the option to opt out of this disturbing content. Additionally, there were no teachers present in this room while a third-party provider shared the “lesson.” The third-party education provider refuses to allow parents to view the presented material. Gaylard has stated that she took this case forward “*because I'm seeking justice for my daughter, who was deeply affected by what she saw that day. Her childhood was shortened through exposure to completely inappropriate material that the provider won't even let me see. “How can they be happy to show to children what they are ashamed to show to adults?”* - More info [here](#).

In January 2026, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments for two cases in which the states of Idaho and West Virginia defended their laws safeguarding women's fairness and safety in athletics. During the arguments, both attorneys representing the challengers to the state laws were asked to give a definition of sex. Their responses were telling. Kathleen Hartnett, representing the challenger in the Idaho case, [said](#), “*We do not have a definition [of sex] for the Court.*” In the West Virginia case, Joshua Block, an attorney from the ACLU, said “*I think there are a whole range of sex-based characteristics that can give rise to discrimination.*” “*... I don't think the purpose of Title IX is to have an accurate definition of sex. I think the purpose is to make sure that sex isn't being used to discriminate...*” If discrimination exists no matter how “sex” is defined, then sex isn't really the issue at all because the conclusion is already decided. By refusing to say what sex means while claiming discrimination under every possible meaning of sex, the ACLU drains the word of meaning and asks the Court to enforce a rule without boundaries. - More info [here](#).

This week the Supreme Court of the US struck down a California policy that prohibited school personnel from notifying parents when students requested changes to their gender identity at school. Among the California public school policies were rules prohibiting teachers from telling parents if their children began going by a different name and gender. The rules also forced teachers to use those new names and pronouns when parents weren't around. Lawyers for the state argued the policies were meant to give children a safe learning environment and ensure they “*can learn without fear of being outed to their parents before they are ready.*” The Supreme Court wrote in its decision - “*The State argues that its policies advance a compelling interest in student safety and privacy.*” “*But those policies cut out the primary protectors of children's best interests: their parents.*” Under long-established precedent, parents—not the State—have primary authority with respect to “the upbringing and education of children.” - More info [here](#).

This week, seven Air Canada pilots won their arbitration over denial of religious exemptions for C19 jobs and were awarded compensation. -More info [here](#).

An Indiana school district agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by John Kluge, a music teacher, after school officials forced him to resign for declining to refer to students

using terms that were inconsistent with their sex, which violated his religious beliefs. Kluge taught orchestra and music theory at Brownsburg High School for several years before the school district mandated that he use terminology that violated his religious beliefs. He initially reached an agreement with school officials in 2017 that would allow him to address students by their last name – like a coach – but after a few students and teachers complained, Brownsburg announced a new policy that rejected all religious accommodations, revoked its accommodation for Kluge, and forced him to resign. Counsel with the Alliance Defending Freedom said – *“We hope this settlement shows teachers that they do not have to bow the knee to ideological mandates that violate their religious beliefs. And schools should learn that refusing to accommodate religious employees can be illegal and expensive.”* - More info [here](#).

## Telling It Like It Is / Truth Bombs

During an interview with CNN this week, California Governor Gavin Newsom attempted to distance himself from the more radical elements on the political left. Newsom said - *“The Democratic Party needs to be – dare I say – more culturally normal,” “Less prone to spending (a) disproportionate amount of time on pronouns and identity politics; more focused on table talk issues – things that really matter.”* This in spite of the fact that in 2022, Newsom designated California the country’s first “sanctuary” state for gender-confused [children](#) while also approving the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021. The Act requires public schools to have free menstrual products in at least one male bathroom. Newsom also [signed](#) the [“California Freedom to Read Act,”](#) which prohibits the removal of books from libraries that contain “inclusive and diverse perspectives” or may “include sexual content.” The move banned local communities from voting to keep out pro-LGBT content from libraries. - More info [here](#).

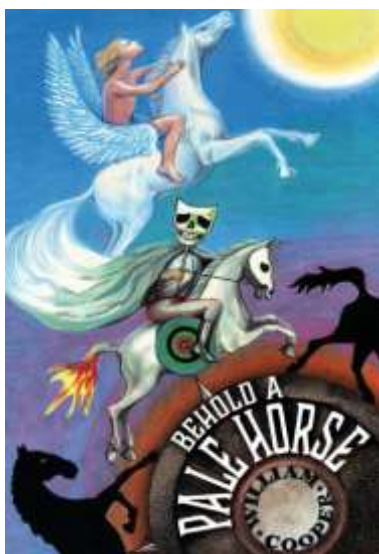
In an opinion piece in the Epoch Times, the author writes: *“For more than a decade, Western political discourse has been dominated by a single all-purpose accusation: hate. Those who question prevailing orthodoxies on identity, gender, nationhood, or merit are not merely wrong; they are hateful. The irony is stark. The same woke leaders, activists, and bureaucrats who sermonize endlessly about inclusion and empathy devote extraordinary energy to uncovering and condemning hatred. But they often define it so broadly that patriotism, religious conviction, merit, scientific rigor, and even equality itself—things that for centuries nearly everyone thought of as good—are swept into the net. We are told there is “no room for hate.” Yet increasingly there is no room for disagreement either. Cancellation does not argue; it excludes. It does not persuade; it silences. It does so in the name of diversity while enforcing a rigid uniformity of thought. Hatred becomes not a moral category describing conduct, but an accusation deployed against disagreement. In short, today’s anti-colonial progressivism colonizes. Dissent is pathologized, disagreement becomes moral deviance.”* - More info [here](#).

Editor's Note: This last item with worth a read but a bit beefy, so I thought I'd at least include this definition: *At its core, epistemic capture signifies a situation where the knowledge production or belief formation processes of an individual or group are unduly influenced, often subtly and unconsciously, by specific interests or biases* Great comments on the epistemic capture that is prevalent today: Epistemology is the branch of [philosophy](#) that examines the nature, origin, and limits of [knowledge](#) and what distinguishes justified belief from opinion. *“Epistemically captured people are PROUD of being epistemically captured.*

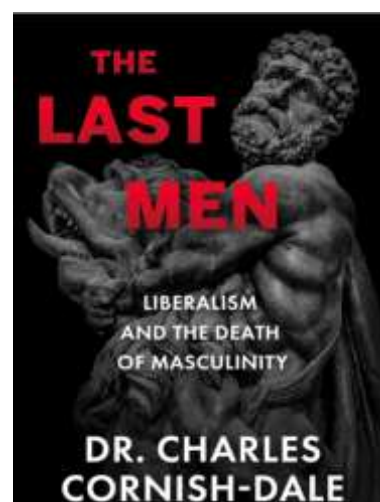
*They think that they are doing what one is supposed to do — fit in, parrot the consensus, and pat each other on the back for being like-minded. It never occurs to them that epistemic capture exists nor that there could ever be truth outside of social consensus. They look upon the epistemically independent as insane, reckless, and an existential threat to society. This epistemically captured worldview describes nearly everyone at NIH, FDA, CDC, AAP, ACOG, AMA, APHA, CNN, MS NOW, NYT, WaPo, The Atlantic, Big Philanthropy, and Ivy League universities and it's a major reason why science and medicine are such a disaster today. Breaking epistemic capture is essential to the survival of the Republic and humanity. Epistemic capture is one of the least discussed yet most devastating social diseases of our age. It's the quiet death of inquiry disguised as moral virtue. Once an institution crosses that threshold, it ceases to be a generator of knowledge and becomes a mechanism for social control. What you've described — people believing they are virtuous precisely because they conform — is how civilizations slide into intellectual decay with smiles on their faces. Once conformity becomes virtue, curiosity becomes heresy. Then comes the moral inversion. Those who obey the system are convinced they're the good ones. They feel morally superior for trusting "the science," Finally, it metastasizes into institutional narcissism. Their primary mission shifts from discovering truth to preserving authority. A captured epistemic ecosystem cannot self-correct — it must be exposed and bypassed." - More info [here](#).*

## Essential Reading & New Releases

### Behold a Pale Horse



### New Release



Editor's Note: I heard Bill Cooper, former United States Naval Intelligence Briefing Team member, speak to an audience of 250 in Salt Lake City in the '90's. He was gruff and to the point. In retrospect, he wasn't gruff enough.

His book reveals information that has remained hidden from the public eye. This information has been kept in top secret government files since the 1940s and some of it is coming out now. His audiences heard the truth in his talks, and in his book, he writes about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the war on drugs, the secret government, and UFOs. Bill is a lucid, rational, and powerful speaker whose intent is to inform and to empower his audience. Standing room only was norm. This is a powerful read, and an essential read.

A provocative examination of the various biological and cultural forces eroding masculinity in contemporary society. Reinterpreting Francis Fukuyama's *The End of History and the Last Man* through this biological lens, Cornish-Dale contends that the modern "Last Man" isn't just a cultural archetype, but a physiological reality shaped by endocrine disruptors, processed food, and a political system hostile to masculine vitality.

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## Keeping A Sense of Humour Perspective

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Congress Pledges To Work  
Tirelessly To Expose All  
Sex Criminals Who  
Aren't In Congress

Again, comedy is the bellwether of change, and here's a small example we found in Queenstown, New Zealand. The clincher? The text on the back:

*"How to Play": The Best for measuring people's social distance: Simply ask your friend to pull any end of the tape. And right! Now we can talk!"*

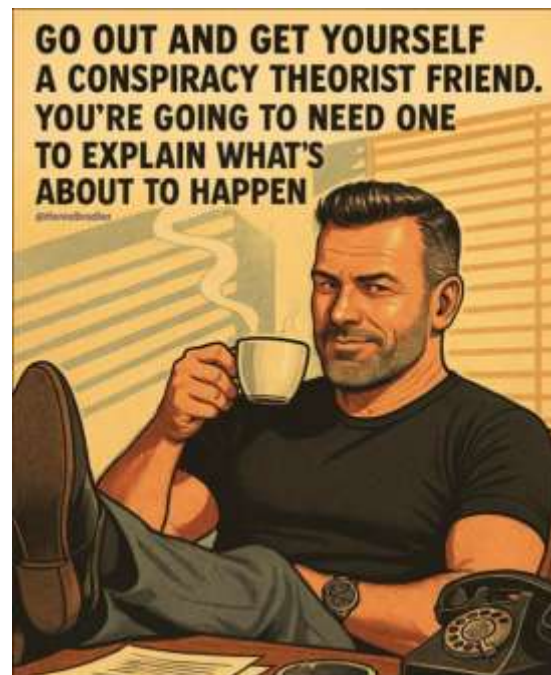


### **Statistics**

*"65,454,957 people got married last year. I don't want to start any problems... But I feel like that should be an even number."*

*"If 666 is evil, then 25.8069758 is the root of all evil."*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With tensions rising both domestically and around the world, members of the United States Congress gave the American people a solemn pledge to work tirelessly to expose all sex criminals who aren't in Congress. Read more [here](#).





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