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*"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."*

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*From the Editor: People here in Wanaka seem to be dropping like flies. One neighbour has prostate cancer, another healthy neighbour just had a stroke climbing a local mountain. But we can't mention the vaccine to them. They wouldn't hear it anyway. The incoming evidence and ongoing effects are damning to the authorities that let this happen not only in New Zealand but worldwide.*

*On a brighter note, the truth is coming out, and there will be accountability. It just takes time. Meanwhile, if you feel like you're in a movie and it's all a show, you're not alone. Enjoy the ride and keep a sense of humour as best you can.*

## NEWS FROM NZ RISING MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

### Pushing Back Against the Covid Steamroller

#### A Pathway to Justice



*From: NZDSOS*

For years, many New Zealanders who raised concerns about the covid response, vaccine injuries or government decision-making were dismissed, censored or ignored. We examine how mounting evidence, public testimony and emerging disclosures could be put to work in a court of law--not the civil courts, which have so far largely expressed disinterest in holding government to its own laws, but the High Court for a criminal prosecution.

We need to rebuild trust in public institutions and re-anchor them to human rights and the Crimes Act. Who'd ever have thought that? New Zealand must learn from what occurred so these failures are never repeated. Read the rest of the article [here](#).

## A Closer Look at New Zealand Health Commentary: 8 Short Clips



*From: NZDSOS*

The latest NZDSOS commentary series brings together eight short social media clips that revisit some of the most contested questions of New Zealand's covid response. The videos examine myocarditis risk, government transparency, vaccine safety monitoring, mandates and the treatment of dissenting medical voices throughout the pandemic period.

The commentary asks (rhetorically) whether officials fully understood, communicated or acted on emerging evidence about vaccine injury and post-vaccination heart complications, particularly in younger New Zealanders. It also questions why key information was withheld from the public, why teenagers were excluded from parts of vaccine safety monitoring, and why many medical professionals who raised concerns were ignored or marginalised.

The final short video introduces the NZDSOS Truth Project, a growing collection of testimonies from doctors, nurses, and other professionals documenting their experiences since the 2021 vaccine rollout. Watch the clips [here](#).

## White Clots: Scientific Assessment of a Novel Vascular Pathology and the Unanswered Questions



*From: NZDSOS*

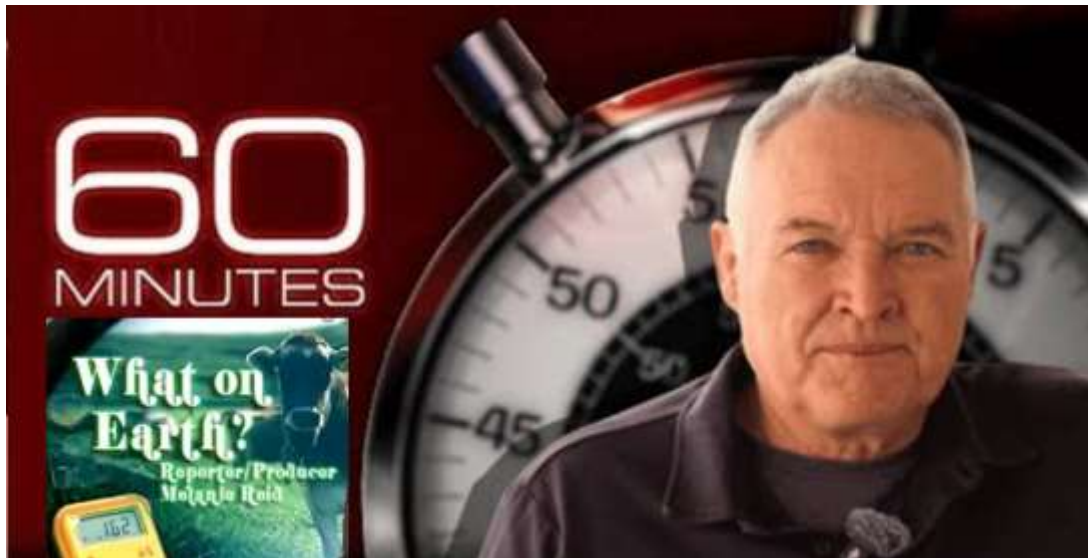
Why is there silence on the extremely visible proof of contaminated blood? For 5 years reports from funeral workers, clinicians and affected citizens worldwide have circulated about strange, rubbery, pale-coloured fibrous structures found inside blood vessels during embalming and surgical procedures. These descriptions – of long, elastic, branching casts that seem unlike any known clot – have been ignored or dismissed but do prompt questions about whether they are real or attributed to post-mortem artifact.



These containers of white rubbery clots shown above are each taken from deceased people during the embalming process, used to preserve the body prior to a burial or cremation. They

are hard to rationalise away, being literally “in your face” – rather than an obscure cellular pathway or argument about covid stats. They are a twisted, bizarre manifestation of the corruption of the circulatory system. Read the NZDSOS report [here](#). And see Penny Marie's report below.

## What on Earth A Story of Ewan Campbell in 2007



*Submitted By: Mary Byrne, NZ Rising Newsletter Editorial Team and Fluoride Free NZ  
What on Earth - The 60 Minutes Interview*

New Zealand farmers are reliant on imported materials for fertiliser. 30 to 35% of these inputs normally come through the Strait of Hormuz. Twenty years ago farmer Ewan Campbell was teaching farmers how to farm, just as productively, is not more so, without the use of these nitrogen based fertilisers. Watch this eye opening 60 Minutes episode which outlines the treachery and corruption Ewan faced. You can find out more [here](#) about what Ewan is doing today at Ecofarm Aotearoa.

## The Epstein Class and The Medical Council



From: NZDSOS

The Epstein files revealed something many had long suspected: there exists a class of people so wealthy, so connected and so protected by transnational networks that they genuinely believe the rules do not apply to them. They behave above accountability and expect no one to stop them. For decades, no one did. The shock was not merely the utter depravity of the elites but the systemic complicity of the lawyers, doctors, academics, and politicians who made up their world – a world where abuse was facilitated, victims discredited and evil danced because the powerful had learned that consequences were for other people.

### **At a Glance: What This Article Reveals**

The Medical Council of New Zealand operated with the same structure of impunity as the Epstein network – arrogance, rewriting the rules, transnational protection, and the assumption that ordinary people cannot touch them.

The Stanford Prison Experiment and Milgram's obedience studies explain how ordinary professionals became complicit – a few became cruel guards and the rest obeyed authority without question.

The Council abandoned the Bill of Rights Act (BORA), and the right to refuse medical treatment (s11) was ignored. Mandates proceeded despite the government's own legal advice that they were "unlikely a justified limitation".

Two Council doctors gave polar opposite advice – Chair Curtis Walker told a lay member the vaccine was "zero risk". Another Council doctor said it was "highly dangerous." The Chair's view prevailed because he had the power to make it so. New Zealand's doctors were not told this.

Deputy Chair Simon Watt has a direct conflict of interest: he negotiated the Pfizer procurement contract for the government and now sits on the Council adjudicating complaints against vaccine-critical doctors. See the whole NZDSOS report [here](#).

## NZ to Dismantle BSA Bad Behaviour Has Its Consequences

**Hon Paul Goldsmith  
Minister for Media and  
Communications**



6 May 2026

### **Government to disestablish the BSA**

The Government has agreed to progress with disestablishing the Broadcasting Standards Authority and investigate self-regulation options, Media and Communications Minister Paul Goldsmith says.

"New Zealand's media landscape has changed dramatically, but our regulatory settings have not kept up.

"The BSA regime was designed for a broadcasting environment that is rapidly disappearing. Today, audiences move seamlessly between traditional broadcasting, on-demand services, podcasts and online platforms - yet only a small portion of that content is subject to the BSA's regulatory oversight. It doesn't make sense.

The Broadcasting Standards Authority's attempted power grab will go down as one of New Zealand's worst examples of organisational suicide. NZDSOS was on the list of supposed broadcasters which could have potentially come under the BSA's standards if they continued

on. Now the BSA is being disestablished. See the Government statement [here](#). See NZDSOS's post [here](#).

## NEW ZEALAND NEWS

### The Launch of New Civic Intelligence Platform Lobby for Good



*From: Lobby for Good and Erika Harvey*

We've just launched our new Civic Intelligence Platform. Let us know what you think!

There is a particular kind of rage that only arrives after reading your third council PDF. It usually begins with a bit of optimism.

You think: "Right, I am a reasonably capable adult. I pay rates. I vote. I can read. Surely I can understand what is being proposed here."

Then, several pages later, you are surrounded by acronyms, consultation dates, appendices, "strategic frameworks", legislative references and one sentence that seems very important but has been written as if clarity is a punishable offence.

Then the ding on your phone - it's your friend group chat:

"Wait, when did they decide that?" "Was there consultation?"

"What does this actually mean?" "Is anyone tracking this?"

Usually, the answer is: yes, someone is tracking it.

However... quite often, it is not you, me or the people who will live with the consequences.

Read more [here](#).

## Southland Councils Call for United Response To Govt's Amalgamation Plans



Southland's regional council is calling for a united response after the government announced councils have three months to come up with plans to amalgamate or it will be done for them. The news comes as the Local Government Commission continues to investigate a proposal by Southland's mayor to merge the region's four existing councils into two unitary authorities. The entire process from assessing the request to a final decision and transition was expected to take three to five years, but now the clock is ticking down to the government's new deadline.

Environment Southland chair Jeremy McPhail said the region had a limited window to determine its future.

"For Southland, the key question is whether we shape that change ourselves, or have it shaped for us," he said.

"It's up to us, as Southland councils, to work closely together to develop a proposal that reflects our region's unique communities, geography and economy." Read the rest of this story [here](#).

## Fuel Taxes Are Crushing Us



It's time to stand together for fair, affordable fuel taxes and proper road funding.

Fuel Tax Protest NZ is a grassroots movement of everyday New Zealanders who have had enough. On Saturday 16th May 2026, we are holding a NATIONWIDE DAY OF ACTION - a peaceful, unified stand right across the country.

**OUR CORE DEMANDS:**

1. Cap GST at pre-conflict pricing levels.
2. Cut fuel excise tax by 50 percent.
3. Cancel all future planned fuel tax increases, including those scheduled for 2027.
4. Remove the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) levy entirely from petrol and diesel. Read more [here](#).

**WHAT A RORT!**  
**YOU DO PAY THE ETS CHARGE AT THE PUMP**  
**– AND THE MONEY NO LONGER GOES TO ANY DEDICATED CLIMATE FUND.**

**THE ETS CHARGE YOU PAY (EARLY MAY 2026)**

**ETS COMPONENT APPROXIMATELY 11¢ PER LITRE BOTH PETROL & DIESEL**

**NZU (CARBON) SPOT PRICE AS AT 1 MAY 2026: \$46.24**

Source: emTradePoint Carbon Units CP-NZU 01 May 2026 (ECMI Monthly Price Index) + standard MIE emissions factors used by industry.

**OFFICIAL MTA STATEMENT**  
 "All major fuel wholesalers participate in the NZ Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and pay ETS taxes based on the volumes of fuel they sell." The amount of tax is directly related to the price of carbon and with the price rising to nearly \$76 per tonne, the ETS tax component is around **18 cents per litre.**"  
Guide to Fuel Prices – still current as of May 2026

**EPA – THE OFFICIAL ETS REGULATOR**  
 "Households feel some of the effects of the Scheme as the businesses that are involved pass ETS costs on to consumers."  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY**  
New Zealand Government

**WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT CHARGE IT?**  
 Official justification (EPA & Climate Commission): "Most forms of travel are fuelled by liquid fossil fuels, such as petrol and diesel, which result in emissions of greenhouse gases... The NZ ETS is one of the Government's tools for reducing domestic greenhouse gas emissions. It places a price on emissions to incentivise lower-emissions practices."

**BUT HERE'S THE KICKER**  
 The Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) – the dedicated ring-fenced fund that used to receive ETS revenue and spend it on climate programs – was **CLOSED at Budget 2024.**

**TREASURY OFFICIAL STATEMENT (STILL CURRENT)**  
 "At Budget 2024, the Government confirmed its decision to close the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF)... ETS revenue is no longer ring-fenced and climate investment proposals now go through the standard government Budget process."  
**NO RING-FENCED FUND**

That means the ETS money you pay at the pump goes straight into the Government's **GENERAL BUDGET** – it can be spent on **ANYTHING.**  
**CAN BE SPENT ON ANYTHING**

- No dedicated climate fund.
- No automatic link to emission reductions or support for households.
- Just another tax you pay every time you fill up.

**THIS IS EXACTLY WHY WE'RE PROTESTING.**  
**JOIN THE FUEL TAX PROTEST NZ**  
**DEMAND AN END TO THE HIDDEN ETS TAX GRAB ON PETROL AND DIESEL!**

**And WHAT A RORT!**

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But here's the current reality in early May 2026:

The NZU (carbon) spot price has fallen to \$46.24 (as at 1 May 2026).

Early May ETS component = approximately 11 cents per litre (both petrol and diesel). Read more [here](#)

## Exposed: Local Councillors Pocket Huge Pay Hikes While Rates Explode

Council	2024/25 Councillor Salary	2025/26 Councillor Salary	Increase	% Increase
Average	\$55,793	\$61,437	\$5,643	9.81%
Ashburton District Council	\$51,872	\$54,492	\$2,619	5.05%
Auckland Council	\$134,409	\$139,517	\$5,108	3.80%
Bay of Plenty Regional Council	\$69,332	\$70,649	\$1,317	1.90%
Buller District Council	\$33,631	\$36,340	\$2,710	8.06%
Carterton District Council	\$29,395	\$30,512	\$1,117	3.80%
Central Hawke's Bay District Council	\$40,392	\$43,245	\$2,853	7.06%
Central Otago District Council	\$34,147	\$38,290	\$4,143	12.13%
Chatham Islands Council	\$19,677	\$21,772	\$2,096	10.65%
Christchurch City Council	\$123,144	\$127,823	\$4,679	3.80%

*From: Taxpayers Union*

While many Kiwis struggled to afford summer treats, there were no such concerns for the country's local councillors, according to the latest ratepayer dashboard published by your humble Taxpayers' Union.

Over summer, the team sniffed out the 2025 salary and meeting honorarium "entitlement" hikes for every New Zealand council. Let's just say you'll need to be sitting down for this... Read the full report [here](#).

## When Will It Be Called Grievous Bodily Harm – Or Murder?



Photo © Mary Hobbs.

*From: Mary Hobbs, The Daily Telegraph NZ*

*"No matter how many lies are told, the truth will always surface."*

This article is dedicated to New Zealanders who became ill after taking the experimental gene-tech bioweapon on the false assurance it was 'safe and effective'. It is also for bereaved New Zealanders whose loved ones were killed by the bioweapon. You and your loved ones are not forgotten. You are in our thoughts. We send our love to you and we walk beside you. We will continue to speak up and speak out — for you, your loved ones, and for our country. We will continue to work to create positive change, remove the corruption from our shores, and replace it with truth and love.

Imagine, for a moment, that a multi-billion dollar corporation had a bio-weapon known to potentially cause serious harm and death. They falsely defined this product a 'vaccine' and sold it to the government who purchased it as a 'solution' to a so-called pandemic that the government was informed was mild and not particularly infectious. Read this opinion piece [here](#).

## “Good Luck If You're Building a House”

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5 May 2026

Dear Building Partner

### IMPENDING PRICE MOVEMENTS

As a supply partner in your business, we wish to give you prior notification of upcoming market-wide price movements affecting various suppliers as per below.

#### Effective from 1 June 2026

- Ampelite** – Price increase of 5.5% across all products.
- Bostik** – Price increase of 1.5% to 19.0% across all products.
- MiTek** – Price increase of 4.0% across their MiTek Plates, Flitch Beam and Posi-Strut products.
- Niagara** – Price increase of 6.0% across their weatherboard products.
- Selleys** – Price increase of 10.5% across all products.
- Snell Packaging** – Price increase of 7.5% across all products.
- Steel & Tube** – Price increase of 4.0% across all products.

#### Effective from 1 July 2026

- Ampelite** – A second price increase of 8.5% across all products.
- Dulux** – Price increase of 3.0% across all products.
- Northsawn Timber** – Price increase of 5.0% across all products.
- Paint Aids** – Price increase of 8.0% across all products.
- Soudal** – Price increase of 7.5% to 19.0% across all products.
- The Block Shop** – Price increase of 6.0% across their masonry products.

#### Effective from 1 August 2026

- BBI Wood Products** – Price increase of 2.0% to 5.0% across all products.
- Mitchpine** – Price increase of 10.0% across all products.
- Velux** – Price increase of 2.5% across all products.

*Image and Quote, Submitted by: Liz Gunn*

## Resilience Response



*From: WAO Wanaka*

Fuel prices are rising, supply chains are tightening and inflation continues to bite. The global ripple effects of the Iran conflict are already being felt here in Aotearoa, exposing the vulnerability of our fuel, food and climate systems and what that means for households, businesses and our wider community.

As part of our new coordinated, community-led response to the current global disruption, Wao Aotearoa held our first Resilience Response Green Drinks, with professional engineer and energy consultant Nathan Surendran joining us via zoom from Southland.

Over 80 people registered to hear Nathan unpack global developments, what it could mean for New Zealand in the coming months, and most importantly how communities like ours can respond with clarity and confidence. Watch this presentation [here](#).

## Ingredients in the Roadside Drug Tests: Not Good

## Keeping Cash Alive Take The Survey Deadline 31 July



*From: The Reserve Bank of New Zealand*  
For a number of years we've been asking Kiwis if they still want the option of using cash. The answer's been a resounding, unambiguous Yes. And we've been asking businesses if it's getting harder to handle cash – and yup, the answer is another resounding, unambiguous Yes.

So we have come up with a plan to make sure New Zealand keeps cash. We want to know what you think. Our plan is to introduce a cash services standard that banks would have to meet. The standard would create a minimum number of locations across New Zealand to access cash services. Find out more and take the survey [here](#).

## Jacinda 2030 Agenda Didn't Work





The NZ Outdoors and Freedom Party have posted, through an Official Information Act request, two documents stating the dangerous ingredients in the drug testing "fluid collection devices" used by police.

The results are not good. In their words, "Safety Data sheet for the Roadside Drug tests - obtained from police under the OIA. And you are required to scrape your tongue with this toxic mix?"

See the two documents [here](#).

The moment Jacinda Ardern was elected was the moment New Zealand stepped on the accelerator of our own decline. Watch [here](#).

## Living without Fear



Gerry Pyves, author and psychotherapist, has developed a helpful and worthwhile 7-part series on RCR – on 'Living without Fear'. Watch the series [here](#).

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Palantir Just Signed a Massive Deal With The USDA



Palantir just signed a massive deal with the USDA to take control of America's food supply data: the company "accelerating killchains" just got the keys to the farm. This is the technocratic takeover of food I've been warning about. Watch the report [here](#).

*From Unlimited Hangout, Whitney Webb*

Palantir, a CIA front company, now has its tentacles in the food supply, our healthcare data, our growing autonomous weapons industry, the military, the entire US intelligence community, border patrol, Space Force and so on.

Seemingly, Palantir is soon to become the testrun for Yarvins "sov-corp", a privatized version of govt that replaces the existing govt and is ruled by a CEO dictator. That is, unless we do something about it. See the report [here](#).

## Disturbing New Pathology Found A Cover-Up of Infant Deaths



UK Funeral Director John O'Looney has been one of the most outspoken voices in the world since the COVID-19 injections rolled out in January 2021. In this exclusive interview with New Zealand investigative reporter Penny Marie, John shares what he has witnessed firsthand from his embalming table - including a disturbing new pathology found in the arteries of the deceased, a shocking meeting with senior politicians in Westminster, a cover-up of infant deaths, and why he believes the system is beyond reform.

John has never been paid for an interview. He has had his professional membership suspended, his safety threatened, and an £85,000 exclusive offer made to silence him. He turned it all down.

If you are a nurse, midwife, doctor or funeral director who has seen something that concerns you, Penny wants to hear from you. Contact her confidentially via the email link [here](#). Watch the interview [here](#).

## Hantavirus Aboard Cruise Ship May Trigger International Outbreak Or Is It Another Set-Up?



The Andes strain of hantavirus behind the outbreak on a cruise ship is susceptible to “super-spreader” events, according to research backed by the US military.

Three people have died on the Dutch vessel MV Hondius and three others are sick with suspected hantavirus infection.

More than 140 people - including a New Zealand citizen - are stuck in quarantine and cannot disembark from the ship because the rodent-borne virus is thought to be caused by a strain which can spread between humans.

The US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases – historically known as the centre of the US biological weapons programme – now focuses on biosecurity and, in 2020, backed groundbreaking research that showed the Andes strain of hantavirus can spread rapidly between people.

The researchers, based at Fort Detrick, Maryland, also found that symptomatic individuals were capable of causing “super-spreader” events given the right social circumstances, such as those found on cruise ships. Read the story [here](#).

Editor's Note: I saw the post below, and had to include it here to keep a sense of perspective. I can probably speak for the rest of the editorial team, and many readers here, that the story above smells like Covid and stinks of a manufactured crisis.

*"In Hungarian, the word hanta can mean a lie, nonsense, spiel, balderdash, crap, or a tall tale - but I'm sure it's just another coincidence."* Mark Finch on X

Millennials in particular are exhausted by nonstop "end of the world" moments.

Part of what made the TikTok reactions so funny — and weirdly relatable — is that they didn't really come from nowhere.

A lot of millennials online have spent the better part of the last decade joking about how they've lived through one “once-in-a-lifetime” crisis after another. Economic crashes. Political chaos. Climate anxiety. A global pandemic. At a certain point, people started coping through humor because the alternative was basically spiraling.

That's why so many TikTok comments about hantavirus had the exact same exhausted energy: “Not another one.”

The vibe wasn't really panic so much as emotionally tired disbelief.

In classic internet fashion, that exhaustion immediately turned into jokes, memes, fake translations and people hyper-fixating on the word “hanta” itself instead of the actual outbreak headlines. More on this [here](#). Be sure to see RCR's Paul Brennan take on this, *below*.

## Why Did Project Freedom Fall Apart?



### Further Proof the U.S. Does Not Run the World

Donald Trump announced the U.S. military's "Project Freedom" initiative to guide stranded ships out of the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday. By Tuesday, the effort was over. What changed? New reporting says the president ditched his plan because Saudi Arabia blocked access to its military bases and airspace. The move stripped America of its ability to fly aircraft through Prince Sultan Airbase, which was critical for Project Freedom's success. The U.S. could not ensure the security of the stranded vessels without the Saudi facility. Saudi Arabia's frustration reportedly stemmed from the White House's failure to consult America's Gulf allies before announcing Project Freedom. Like at the beginning of Operation Epic Fury, the administration assumed the rest of the world would bend over backward to accommodate the U.S. and Israel. Similar errors will keep happening as long as our leaders think they run the globe with impunity. America is not the empire Washington thinks it is. [Read more.](#)

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### Lego Vid Depicts Trump/U.S. as Israel's Puppets



The 2.5-minute 'Lego News' video, titled 'The United States of Israel,' shows Trump in satirical scenes like wearing a Star of David medal and giving a 'peace' speech amid

### What's Up with Hanta?



In the latest Brennan Barometer, Paul Brennan asks whether we're seeing a familiar script unfold once again. From cruise ship headlines and hazmat suits to media messaging and public reaction, the Hanta Sniff Test explores the stories, signals and patterns catching people's attention around

chaos, with triumphant Iranian imagery and mocking lyrics.

Produced by Tehran-based IranIA Studios, led anonymously as 'Mr. Explosive,' the team uses AI for Lego-style appeal and counts the Iranian government as a paying customer while claiming editorial independence.

It arrived days after Trump extended a fragile ceasefire from the 2025 'Twelve-Day War' but kept a U.S. naval blockade on Iranian ports, sparking divided reactions from praise as clever propaganda to dismissals as crude antisemitism. Watch the video [here](#).

the world—drawing comparisons between coronavirus coverage in the early 2020s and emerging hantavirus reporting. Watch [here](#).

## Changes on Everest



## BC Canada to Seed Clouds with Aluminium-Coated Glass Fibres

“British Columbia to fund cloud-seeding trials to reduce wildfires

Vancouver-based Skyward Wildfire has received up to \$1 million from Innovate BC to test cloud-seeding technology. The company will disperse small amounts of inert aluminium-coated glass fibres - similar to military chaff - into thunderclouds to reduce lightning strikes, which allegedly caused 70% of wildfires in 2024 in British Columbia. From July, aircraft operations will be based in Kamloops and will be supported by AI prediction tools. The company has already conducted undisclosed tests for two years while raising millions. Read more at The Hotshot Wake Up, Maxime Bernier on X and Innovate BC.” From Alanna on NZR Chat: I’m not that keen on the idea of inhaling “small amounts of inert aluminium-coated glass fibres” thanks all the same. My working assumption is the only single healthy thing to breath is fresh air.

Your money might not be enough to climb Mount Everest any more. In 2026, Nepal has turned Mount Everest into a high-stakes legal battleground where one missing electronic chip or a late arrival at the summit can end your climbing career forever. For decades, this peak was a playground for the rich, but a massive new "Entrance Test" has disqualified hundreds of people. Watch [here](#).

Editor's Note: I include this piece because of New Zealand's deep history with Everest, including its role in commercial guiding there.

## You Don't Own Your Phone - They Do



In this Academy interview, Hakeem Anwar (Above Phone) discusses making privacy accessible through ready-to-use devices and

tools built on open-source technologies like GrapheneOS. He frames privacy as essential for freedom, especially in a world of increasing data collection and emerging systems like digital ID.

Watch this inspiring clip [here](#).

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## WINS OF THE WEEK

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

### Political

In Australia, former pharmaceutical industry insider Dr Phillip Altman has thrown his support behind a proposed bill aimed at dismantling Australia's "No Jab, No Play" framework, describing the legislation as a critical step toward restoring informed consent and ending coercive vaccination policy. Dr Altman has praised the Hon. John Ruddick for drafting legislation to prevent the NSW Government from enforcing "No Jab, No Play" measures.

### Medicine/Health

A former White House public health adviser publicly admitted this week that during the first Trump administration, she was directed to limit Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s access to senior officials. In a Substack post titled "[Confessions of a White House Public Health Priestess](#)," epidemiologist Katy Talento, who served on the White House Domestic Policy Council, describes an internal effort to manage which voices were allowed into federal health discussions. "*I kept Robert F. Kennedy Jr. out of the West Wing. Now I owe him an apology*," Talento wrote. Talento recounts how certain groups — particularly [parents of children with autism](#) — were treated within [policy](#) circles. She says her job was to manage and deflect their concerns. "Autism moms" who petitioned federal health authorities to study vaccine safety and the connection between [vaccines and autism](#) in the early 2000s were deliberately sidelined from the policymaking process. Talento says her real transformation came during the [COVID-19](#) pandemic. She initially celebrated the appointment of Deborah Birx to lead the White House response. But Birx's masking and lockdown policies led Talento to experience "cognitive dissonance." Friends introduced her to the film "[Vaxxed](#)," which detailed the [CDC's](#) efforts to cover up a link its researchers found between [autism](#) and [vaccines](#). Talento became a naturopath and began promoting treatments, including [hydroxychloroquine](#) and [ivermectin](#). Talento says she "devoured" Kennedy's book, "[The Real Anthony Fauci](#)," when it was

released in the fall of 2021. These experiences led her to conclude that her 2017 resistance to Kennedy's Vaccine Safety Commission proposal was "a massive mistake." Talento closes her essay by thanking the autism moms, scientists such as [Dr. Andy Wakefield](#), who published a 1998 paper in *The Lancet* on the possible link between vaccines and autism and was viciously attacked. She also thanked [CDC whistleblower William Thompson, Ph.D.](#), Kennedy and others who have dissented from mainstream public health policies. "*Consider this my excommunication from the public health cult,*" she writes. Kennedy, now leading the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, responded to Talento's apology on X. He wrote, "Thank you Katy for coming clean and for your support. All is forgiven!" - Read more [here](#).

On Monday, HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. [announced a major pivot](#) in America's mental healthcare policies as the secretary seeks to roll back the chronic overmedicalization that continues to plague millions of Americans. Kennedy stated, "*The United States does not just face a mental health crisis, we face a dependency crisis driven by over-medicalization.*" The data is clear: one in six American adults take an antidepressant. One in 10 children are on prescription medication for their mental health. 30 percent of college students report using psychiatric medications in the past year. And in nursing homes, more than half of the residents are on prescribed antidepressants. Kennedy is directing healthcare providers across the country to expand their use of "non-pharmacologic" treatment for mental health and strengthen informed consent whereby patients are informed of a medication's risks and side effects. Kennedy also said the traditional doctor-patient relationship must change; instead of a doctor being the sole decision maker on how to treat a patient's mental health issues, as has been the practice for generations, the HHS will recommend that decision making on treatments will be a shared decision between doctor and patient. "*Individuals should receive clear, understandable information regarding the potential benefits and risks of psychiatric medications at initiation, during ongoing treatment, and when discontinuation is being considered.*" Discussion should include the purpose of the medication, expected benefits, possible adverse effects, monitoring needs, potential discontinuation symptoms, the risks of abrupt cessation when relevant, the possibility of relapse or recurrence, and the availability of evidence-based non-pharmacological interventions. alternatives to medicalization include psychotherapy, building social connections, behavioral strategies, sleep-focused care, exercise programs, and dietary improvements. - Read more [here](#).

In a message from homeopaths – "Something is shifting in healthcare, and it is becoming impossible to ignore. As chronic disease continues to rise and trust in conventional systems erodes, the questions are getting louder. Patients are no longer satisfied with symptom management alone. Practitioners are looking beyond protocols. The MAHA movement is helping to bring this reckoning into the open, creating space for approaches that have long been marginalized to be reconsidered – approaches like homeopathy. This year's Joint American Homeopathic Conference, held in Reston, Virginia, brought the global homeopathic community together for a three-day gathering, April 17–19. Reactions to the conference were overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees emphasizing both the clinical depth and the growing momentum surrounding homeopathy. Dr. Jamie Oskin noted the breadth of homeopathy's applications, from complex autoimmunity to chronic disease. What stood out most to him, however, was the momentum supporting advocacy for homeopathy that is now possible because of MAHA. "MAHA isn't just about removing toxins from our food supply," he said. "It's about restoring trust in whole-person, low-risk medicine that honors the body's innate capacity to heal." At a time when questions around pharmaceutical overuse, environmental toxins, and root causes of disease are becoming more urgent, he emphasized that homeopathy deserves a seat at the table. - More [here](#).

## Legal

OxyContin manufacturer Purdue Pharma permanently ceased operations on May 1 after a federal judge sentenced the company to \$5.5 billion in fines and penalties tied to its 2020 guilty plea to charges of deceiving government regulators and paying kickbacks to doctors to boost opioid sales. The ruling cleared the way for a broader \$7.4 billion bankruptcy settlement resolving thousands of opioid lawsuits. A federal judge on April 28 [imposed](#) a criminal sentence on the company to resolve a U.S. Department of Justice probe following its 2020 guilty plea to three felony offenses, including conspiracies to defraud federal regulators and to violate the anti-kickback statute. Only the company was charged, not individual employees or owners. According to court documents, Purdue was accused of illegally marketing its opioid products to hundreds of prescribers, defrauding the Drug Enforcement Administration. U.S. District Judge Madeline Cox Arleo [handed down](#) the sentence on April 28 after listening to hours of impact statements from people who lost loved ones or struggled with addiction themselves. Arleo noted that she has sentenced convicted drug dealers to prison for selling OxyContin. "It is not lost on me that those who started the epidemic will not serve a sentence," the judge said. Acting U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche said in an April 28 statement that Purdue Pharma "put profits over patient health and safety." - Read more [here](#).

*"Please delete this email after you read it."* Those six words, written by Anthony Fauci to NIH Director Francis Collins in February 2021, may have sealed his fate. Not because they conclusively establish wrongdoing—but because of what followed when those emails were addressed under oath in June 2024. Under direct questioning, Fauci categorically denied ever deleting government records or seeking to evade federal transparency laws. As first reported by journalist Paul Thacker, [Senator Rand Paul released the proof last week](#): Fauci's own emails, in his own words, instructing federal officials to "delete this email after you read it." Now, as the five-year statute of limitations on his May 11, 2021 congressional testimony denying NIH funding of gain-of-function research approaches its deadline on May 11, 2026, those deletion emails have created a prosecutorial perfect storm. The official who played a central role in funding related research also perjured himself about covering it up—and because of Biden's preemptive pardon, he can no longer take the Fifth Amendment when called to testify again. Only a few days remain to bring criminal charges. The evidence is damning. The constitutional stakes are unprecedented. And for the first time, the public pressure is becoming impossible to ignore. The pressure is building in real time across social media platforms. [Senator Rand Paul's message was crystal clear](#): *"I've said it from the beginning: lying to Congress is a felony. Destroying federal records is a felony. Advising others to destroy federal records is a felony. Fauci did all three. His adviser was just indicted. Fauci is next. The deadline to prosecute Fauci is May 11. The DOJ must act now."* The tweet reached 1.1 million views in hours. The replies exploded with public demand: "Prosecute Fauci," "Finally," "The worst mass murderer in history." - More info [here](#).

Benita Pedersen is being targeted by a human rights tribunal after sharing flyers opposing so-called "pride" crosswalks. Pedersen is receiving the help of one of Canada's top constitutional groups to help her stave off attacks from the LGBT lobby. According to the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF), its lawyers will help defend *"Ms. Pedersen's right to participate in peaceful democratic debate on matters of public concern."* *"Albertans should be free to express their opinions on controversial topics without being accused of hatred,"* said constitutional lawyer Allison Pejovic. Pedersen works as a DJ, kids entertainer, and workshop coordinator. In June of 2023, after she heard that her town had planned to paint a rainbow crosswalk, the colors of which are related to the LGBT movement, she took action. She created and then distributed her own flyers, which encourage locals to call their elected

officials in opposition to the planned crosswalk. The JCCF noted that Pedersen's flyer had the message, "Cancel the rainbow crosswalk." According to Pedersen, she distributed the flyer to bring to attention issues affecting kids and families. "Based on my personal experiences in interacting with parents and children, I have learned that the practice of 'gender affirmation' harms kids more than it helps," she said. "When I composed the flyer, one of my objectives was to warn parents about the potential consequences of children pursuing the pathway of transgenderism." - Read more [here](#).

The New York Times allegedly discriminated against a white man by passing him over for a promotion in favor of a minority, to advance its goal of more diversity among its leadership, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said in a lawsuit on May 5. In October 2024, The New York Times posted a job opening for a deputy real estate editor, part of the leadership team. Managers ended up hiring a multiracial woman who had no real estate journalism experience, which meant that she did not meet the posted requirements. The commission alleged that, based on public statements from those responsible for hiring, the managers were influenced by the company's goals of hiring and promoting based on race and sex. That violated federal employment law, which prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of race or sex. New York Times spokeswoman Danielle Rhoades Ha rejects the allegations in the complaint. "Our employment practices are merit-based and focused on recruiting and promoting the best talent in the world," Ha said. "We will defend ourselves vigorously." - Read the story [here](#).

Nicole Kowal-Seafoot was fired as a result of a presentation she gave to Grade 6 and 7 students in 2022 in support of the Freedom Convoy. The B.C. Teachers' Federation issued a labour challenge on behalf of Kowal-Seafoot following her dismissal in June 2024. In his April 24 [decision](#), labour arbitrator Ken Saunders said although Kowal-Seafoot's presentation upset students, she had apologized in the months after the incident and "does not present a risk of re-offending." "For all these reasons, I conclude that dismissal falls on the side of an excessive response in the circumstances," Saunders wrote, and Kowal-Seafoot is to be reinstated. - See the whole story [here](#).

Former Chilliwack, B.C., school trustee Barry Neufeld says he intends to fight the \$750,000 in fines from the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal. He also declared he will stand firm against gender ideology, saying conversations with detransitioners have only strengthened his conviction that youth gender transitions amount to child abuse. Neufeld said he plans to take the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal fines to "a real court." He said he will continue to stand "on the side of truth" and is calling on civil liberties groups to support and defend his right to express what he believes to be true. Neufeld said those opposing his right to express his convictions as an elected school trustee claim they are silencing him to protect children. Neufeld argued it is instead he and others opposed to gender ideology who are protecting children. - More [here](#).

## **Citizen Action**

A coalition of doctors, academics, parents of transgender-identifying youth and detransitioners gathered on Parliament Hill this week to raise awareness and call for an end to the medical transition of children in Canada. The event, organized by parent advocate and veteran Jeff Evely through Mayday Kids in Crisis, featured speakers critical of gender-transition policies for minors. Speakers said Ottawa is out of step with a number of European countries and U.S. states that have tightened restrictions on puberty blockers, youth gender transition treatments, and gender-related medical interventions for minors. Mia Hughes, director of Genspect Canada, an organization that advocates for greater scrutiny of youth gender transition policies

called on the government to repeal Bill C-4. Passed in 2022, the legislation prohibits certain activities that relate to “conversion therapy,” which is defined as “any practice, treatment, or service designed to change or repress an individual’s sexual orientation.” “While presented as a ban on conversion therapy, it effectively criminalizes efforts to help gender-distressed youth explore non-medical paths, while leaving medical interventions as the primary option,” Hughes said. The keynote speaker was Scott Newgent, a 53-year-old transgender man and founder of TReVoices, a group opposed to radical gender activism. - See more [here](#).

## Telling It Like It Is / Truth Bombs

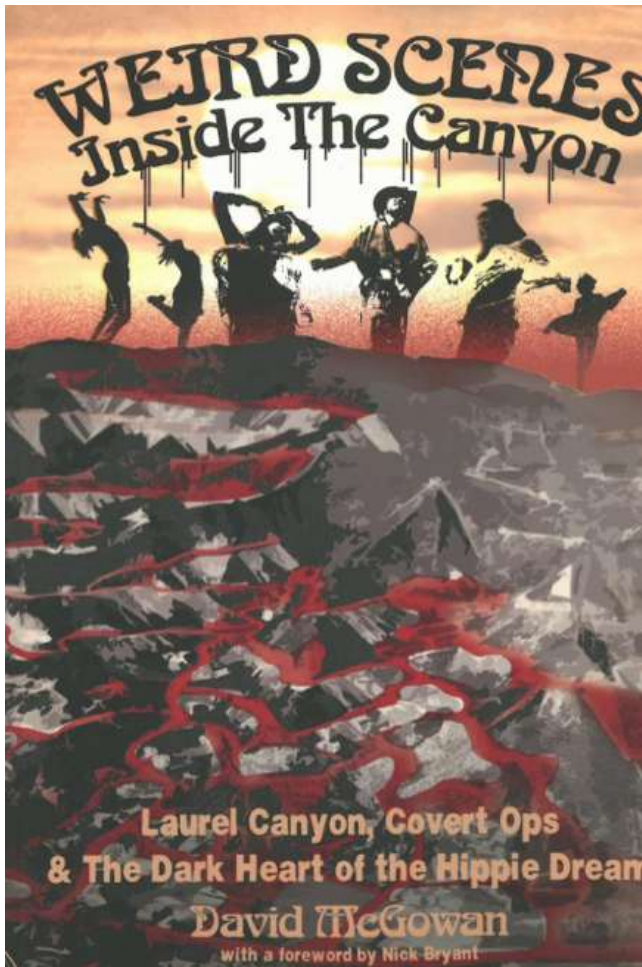
Alberta’s Public Safety Minister Mike Ellis says the RCMP has found no credible evidence that the province’s growing independence movement is being manipulated by foreign interference. Ellis’ reassurances directly contradict alarming claims pushed by some academics and legacy media reports suggesting Russian and U.S. forces may be fuelling separatist sentiment. One [such report](#), produced by Wisinfo Watch, the Canadian Digital Media Research Network, CIPHER AI and others argued that foreign adversaries are using the Alberta referendum debate to undermine Canada and weaken public trust in democratic institutions. The report claimed Russia, the United States, and AI-driven “economic opportunists” are all amplifying separatist sentiment online to portray Canada as politically unstable and divided. However, Ellis’ comments suggest law enforcement agencies have not substantiated those claims to the provincial government. - More [here](#).

In a response to the April 25 shooting at the dinner for journalists host by President Trump the following is a question and reflection: “That evening at the Hilton was meant to celebrate free speech and a free press. In a somber way, it ended up doing just that by illustrating just how high the stakes are now to get the story right. The April 25 shooting didn’t begin with a gunshot. It began with stories—the ones we tell ourselves, the metaphors we normalize, and the enemies we conjure in people’s hearts and minds. Will we, as members of the press, take the turn of events on the night of April 25 as a portent, transforming it into an inflection point to improve the standards of our journalism? What if it was not a mere coincidence that the shooter opened fire at a press event dedicated to celebrating the free speech enshrined in our Constitution, but rather a new opportunity for us in the press to inspect ourselves, to hold a mirror up to how we’ve done covering this president and his administration? Have we as journalists at every moment truly upheld our Constitution with dignity and protected the values upon which America was founded? Have we reported on Trump fairly and justly, or are we partially to blame for the emotionally charged, hostile environment surrounding this White House? On the night of April 25, Trump said in the wake of the shooting that he must move forward, show up, do his job, celebrate America, and do what he knows is right. Maybe it’s time we in the media do the same and take the weekend’s turn of events as a hint to choose grace over rage.” - See the story [here](#).

The New York Times has issued an apology and correction after an article published last month fabricated a quote by Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre. The New York Times issued a correction stating the quote had been paraphrased by an AI tool and that the reporter should have verified its accuracy. - See this story [here](#).

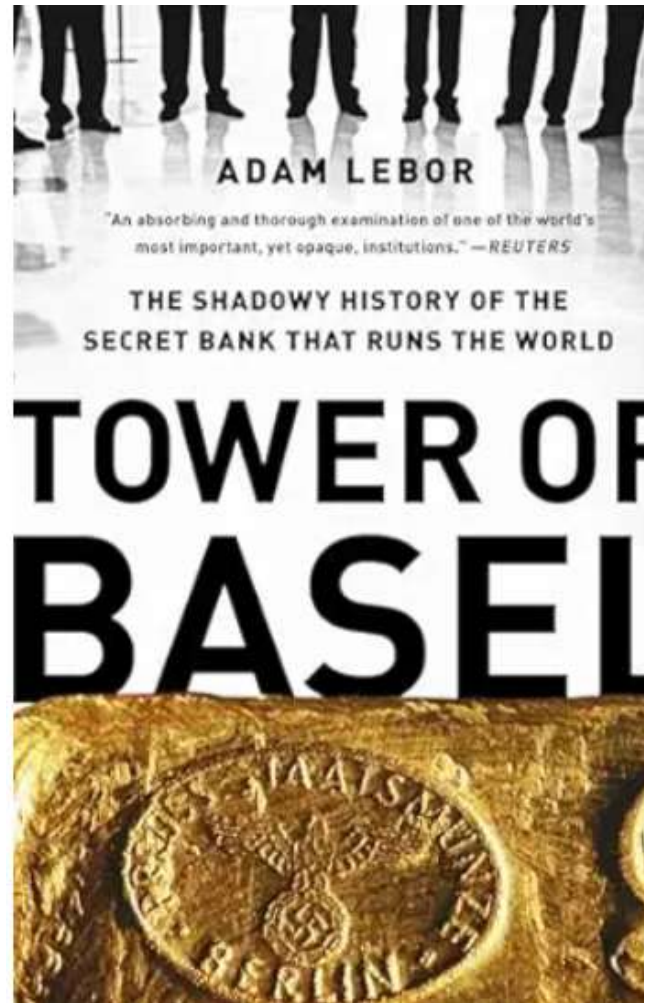
**Essential Reading & New Releases**

## Essential Reading



Laurel Canyon in the 1960s and early 1970s was a magical place where a dizzying array of musical artists congregated to create much of the music that provided the soundtrack to those turbulent times. Members of bands like the Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, the Monkees, the Beach Boys, the Mamas and the Papas, the Turtles, the Eagles, the Flying Burrito Brothers, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, Steppenwolf, Captain Beefheart, CSN, Three Dog Night, Alice Cooper, the Doors, and Love with Arthur Lee, along with such singer/songwriters as Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, James Taylor, Carole King, Jackson Browne, Judi Sill and David Blue, lived together and jammed together in the bucolic community nestled in the Hollywood Hills. But there was a dark side to that scene as well. Many didn't make it out alive,

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and many of those deaths remain shrouded in mystery to this day.

## Keeping A Sense of Humour Perspective

Dr. Fauci Reports Amazing Results In Gain-Of-Function Research At New Cruise Ship Laboratory



CANARY ISLANDS — Dr. Anthony Fauci announced today that he has achieved a remarkable breakthrough in gain-of-function research at his mobile laboratory aboard a cruise ship. Fauci reportedly is working on using rats as vectors for a different sort of virus, and the early results for transmissibility are extremely promising. "I'm extremely pleased with what we're seeing on the ship," said Fauci. Read this important report [here](#).

Michael McIntyre On Interviewing For A US Work Visa





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