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(Authored this time by The United States; the next one is by Canada)

There are five areas of concern in the world today, and they are far more interconnected than we can describe in the amount of space necessary. Over the last year of publishing the Global Veteran's Coalition newsletter, we've identified key themes that affect nations and people. The five main areas, with brief points to support each, are below.

1. Government against the people.

a. In primarily Western democracies, there is a whole-of-government approach to working against the citizens of their countries. This is manifested through versions of the following activities.

- i. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (aka Marxism).
- ii. Environmental and Social Governance (social credit scores).
- iii. Spying on their own citizens who speak the truth or advocate for freedom and liberty.
- iv. Corrupt governing agencies focused on their agendas and not the good of the people.
- v. Weakening national capabilities for self-defense against adversary nations.
- vi. A fake climate crisis wasting precious resources in pursuit of failed programs.
- vii. A nexus of government, media, and crony corporatism.

2. Borders and Immigrant Invasion

a. Countries across Europe, as well as the United States and Canada, are all dealing with overwhelming illegal immigration (Immigration Invasion) and the violence and crime it causes. In Dublin, Ireland, groups are dropped off at the city center in the hundreds. In other areas in Europe, we are assailed with constant reports of robberies, stabbings, rapes, and assaults, along with other criminal activities. This illegal immigration (invasion) pattern and acceptance will likely lead to greater violence if/when the invaders unite and work together to further political aims, push extreme religious agendas, or if removed from being on taxpayer-supported handouts. Facilitating these invasions are:

- i. China (planning, financing, equipment like cell phone trackers and jammers, etc.)
- ii. The United Nations
- iii. Non-Governmental Organizations, including religious charities.
- iv. Weak governments who will not enforce their own borders.
- v. Many more that cannot be listed.

3. China and the Pacific

a. Though China is spiraling towards failure itself, and faster than many countries, it seems to want to bring other nations down with it. Its economy is failing, and that failure centers on real estate. Its one-child policy is coming home to roost as men outnumber women 2-1. Its military remains one more suited to a circular firing squad than an expeditionary force capable of carrying out the threats it levels to get nations to toe the line. These facts do not prevent China from waging "war" on nations around the world. They continue to do this through:

- i. Industrial espionage.
- ii. Manipulating and corrupting education systems.
- iii. Buying up land and commodities.
- iv. Ownership of companies and dictating their policies.
- v. Attempting to supplant the petro dollar by expanding BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and Saudi Arabia), and BRI (Belt and Road Initiative).

vi. Pushing for a global World Health Organization-led pandemic treaty that seeks to supplant individual medical freedom and, through compliant politicians, create a state of medical tyranny if the WHO decides something is a pandemic. 2020 COVID on steroids.

4. Europe and Russia

a. The wool is coming off the eyes of countries who looked at the Ukraine/Russia war as simply good guy vs bad guy. Though Ukraine is not a member of NATO and could not have qualified to join prior to the invasion anyway, it remains a NATO focus and a NATO problem. There is a legitimate concern about Russia expanding its efforts. However, they are already paying an extremely heavy price to control approximately 20% of Eastern Ukraine. Russia's military is dangerous, but this author has told groups for twenty years that Russia is not the picture of a powerful Russian bear we like to paint. Results prove these statements as true.

b. The real danger of this conflict from a global perspective is to draw in nations' war material and money to fund what is just another corrupt government. The sad thing is the war could easily have been prevented. If Biden had given Putin assurances the US would not vote "yes" to NATO membership for Ukraine, we probably wouldn't have this war.

c. European nations are still assessing the vulnerabilities this conflict exposed. Currency manipulation, willingness to stockpile precious metals, overreliance on the United States for defense, and access to energy are a few examples.

d. The next great challenge will be what Ukraine looks like when Russia completes what looks to be a victory coming soon. Ukraine cannot sustain this war the way Russia can. Manpower and money are both an overmatch, with Russia dominating.

5. The Middle East

a. As always, the Middle East tinderbox revolves around all issues related to Israel and those who live in the region once called Palestine. We do not seek to dive into the details of the conflict's religious nature but acknowledge that it is a religious war made worse through historical ignorance. For example, Palestine is a region and has never been a country, and thus, there are Palestinian Jews, Palestinian Arabs, and Palestinian Christians. On the religious side, it's Muslim vs. Jew, Shia vs. Sunni, Christian vs. all the above (though not always with the Jewish people), and a myriad of smaller details that time and space don't allow for here. There are other aspects that are necessary to point out as well:

i. Iran and Saudi Arabia are rivals. This is more than Shia vs. Sunni; it's also about oil and the funding gained from its sale.

ii. War is deceit remains crucial to understanding all conflicts in the region. For example, the Oslo Accords, signed on the White House lawn in 1993, were a deception. Yassir Arafat admitted it later in life. This is why no nuclear deal with Iran is worth signing; they won't follow it.

iii. It's about money. The United States has unfortunately caused much of the strife in the Middle East by directly or indirectly freeing up funding to nations like Iran. Iran is well-known as the primary source of terror throughout the Middle East and in some areas of Central Asia. Four years ago, Iran had only \$8B in reserves; today, they have \$80B, and their close ties to Russia and China mean they will continue to invest in terror by selling oil and now drones and other military materials.

iv. The so-called two-state solution in Israel will never work. If the war in Gaza results in a United Nations-administered two-state solution, the world can expect more wars as the UN creates the conditions for terrorism in places like Gaza.

v. The Abraham Accords worked and could again be applied if real peace was desired. Unfortunately, failed foreign policy pursuits by Obama and Biden had the same results. The price for this continued folly is paid in Blood and Treasure on all sides of the conflict.

vi. Just like with the war in Ukraine, the future is murky, but it doesn't look good.

Afghanistan



(Information about Afghanistan is not written by veterans of the Afghan Army but by NATO veterans and contacts still working directly with the country in a variety of capacities)

The main topic in Afghanistan is the debate over international recognition of the Taliban. The Taliban is still not a governing authority but a terror group masquerading as a government.

This relationship could possibly be affected by the results of Pakistan’s elections coming on February 8th. There are reports of ongoing arrests and a widespread government crackdown targeting politicians, activists, and groups challenging the establishment dominated by the Punjabis, the country’s largest ethnic group, who are also in charge of the army — which in turn controls the state machinery.

Al Qaeda opened eight new training camps, five madrasas, a weapons depot, and safe houses in Afghanistan that are used to facilitate the movement of its members to and from Iran. Additionally, “the relationship between the Taliban and Al-Qaida remains close. n Herat, Farah, and Helmand provinces, Al Qaeda “maintains safe houses to facilitate the movement [of members] between Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran,” as well as safe houses in Kabul.

At least one Al Qaeda safe house in Kabul was exposed in July 2022, when the U.S. [killed Ayman al Zawahiri](#), the Co-founder and previous emir of Al Qaeda. Zawahiri was killed in a drone strike as he sheltered in a safe house that was run by a lieutenant of Sirajuddin Haqqani, who is one of the Taliban’s two deputy emirs as well as the current interior minister. Sirajuddin’s powerful Haqqani Network is [listed as a Foreign Terrorist Organization](#) for its close ties to Al Qaeda. Sirajuddin and many of his top lieutenants are also [labeled as Specially Designated Global Terrorists](#) by the U.S.

The Monitoring Team’s previous report noted that Al Qaeda operated safe houses in these four provinces but did not disclose that the infrastructure in Herat, Farah, and Helmand was used to facilitate the travel of leaders and members to and from Iran.

The ties between Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan could affect Iran’s relationships in the Middle East.

Canada



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Denmark



1. Sceptics and supporters: New rules for non-EU health workers sparks debate

A broad new agreement to attract skilled non-EU workers to the Danish healthcare system is being rolled out. The government says it’s proactive, trade unions are thrilled, Dansk Folkeparti says it’s playing “Russian Roulette” with vulnerable Danes, and the media is nitpicking on why some non-EU countries are better than others. Get an overview [here](#).

There is a shortage of labour in the healthcare and elderly care services in Denmark. Politicians have agreed to ease requirements in order to attract more international to come and take care of elderly Danes

<https://cphpost.dk/2024-01-24/news/internationals-about-to-get-easier-access-to-work-within-healthcare/>

2. Denmark crowns new king as nation's longest-running monarch abdicates

Denmark's prime minister proclaimed Frederik X as King on Sunday after his mother, Queen Margrethe II, formally signed her abdication.

The country's longest-reigning monarch, Queen Margrethe stunned the nation on New Year's Eve when she announced her decision to abdicate after 52 years on the throne, becoming the first Danish monarch in nearly 900 years to stand down voluntarily.

Margrethe signed her abdication during a meeting with the government at the Christiansborg Palace, a vast complex in Copenhagen that has been the seat of Danish power for centuries. It now houses the Royal Reception Rooms and Royal Stables, the Danish Parliament, the Prime Minister's office, and the Supreme Court.

After the abdication was signed, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen proclaimed Frederik king from the balcony of the palace before a cheering crowd of thousands.

'My hope is to become a unifying king of tomorrow,' Frederik said after taking the throne

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/denmark-king-frederik-queen-margrethe-b2478399.html>

3. A Denmark terror case has 'links' to Hamas, a prosecutor tells local media

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A Danish prosecutor said Friday that an investigation that led to the arrests of three suspects in Denmark last month on suspicion of plotting to carry out "an act of terror" was linked to Hamas, according to a local media report.

The case has been shrouded in secrecy, and very few details have been revealed about it until now.

"The investigation has provided information that, according to the police, the case has links to Hamas," prosecutor Anders Larsson said during a custody hearing before an appeals court, according to broadcaster TV2. "That information is no longer necessary to keep secret."

<https://apnews.com/article/denmark-hamas-terror-germany-netherlands-3fbd2ded7c1594039de0109133ea8db5>

Denmark is holding two people in custody and four others are the target of a terrorism investigation, a prosecutor said Friday, in a case that coincided with an arrest in the Netherlands and several in Germany of alleged Hamas members.

Authorities in Germany said three people arrested there were suspected of preparing for attacks on Jewish institutions in Europe. Danish authorities said that one person was arrested in the Netherlands, but it wasn't clear if there were any ties to the Hamas investigation in Germany.

Denmark hasn't cited an alleged Hamas link in its investigation. The two people being held in Denmark were ordered to remain in pretrial detention until Jan. 9. Danish media identified them as a man in his 50s and a 19-year-old woman.

<https://apnews.com/article/europe-terror-investigation-denmark-germany-hamas-netherlands-e85ba592202a80718c4c220d1fc55aa4>



1. POLITICAL

a. Lack of orders weighs on the German economy – Ifo

The lack of orders in manufacturing is increasingly becoming a burden on the German economy, the Ifo Institute said on Monday.

In January, 36.9% of manufacturing companies reported a lack of orders, up from 36.0% in October, according to Ifo's surveys. A year ago, the proportion was just 20.9%.

"The lack of orders has worsened noticeably over the past year. Hardly an industry has been spared," said Klaus Wohlrabe, head of surveys at Ifo. "What's more, order backlogs are shrinking."

In the service sector, 32.1% of the companies reported a lack of orders in January.

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/europe/lack-orders-weighs-german-economy-ifo-2024-02-05/>

b. Union calls strike at Lufthansa for Wednesday

Ground staff at German flag carrier Lufthansa ([LHAG.DE](https://www.lufthansa.com)), [opens new tab](#) will go on strike this Wednesday, the Verdi union said on Monday, in the latest bout of industrial action to hit Germany's transport sector as workers demand more pay.

The strike is scheduled to start at 4 a.m. (0200 GMT) and last until 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, the union said in a statement.

Airports in Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg, Berlin, and Dusseldorf will be affected.

A Lufthansa spokesperson said it was too soon to say how many flights would be cancelled, as the airline draws up an emergency timetable looking at the 3,000 daily flights that the strike could potentially impact.

"It will naturally be a lot," the spokesperson said.

Ground services are one of several branches at Lufthansa that are [currently negotiating](#) collective bargaining agreements.

In talks over contracts for ground staff, Verdi demands a wage increase of 12.5% for 25,000 workers, or at least 500 euros (\$544.30) more per month over a 12-month period, plus a one-time payment of 3,000 euros to offset inflation.

The union has argued that a higher cost of living and heavy workload due to staff shortages are grounds for higher pay.

During the last round of collective bargaining negotiations, Lufthansa ground staff walked off the job in July 2022, causing major travel disruption.

Since then, Europe's largest economy has been hit with a number of nationwide strikes impacting air travel, railways and public transport.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/union-calls-strike-lufthansa-wednesday-2024-02-05/>

c. Public transport across Germany was disrupted as the workers strike

Bus and tram stations across Germany were at a standstill on Friday, disrupting millions of commuters and travellers, as 90,000 public transport workers were called out on strike to press for improved working conditions.

The strike, called by labour union Verdi in all federal states except Bavaria, is the latest in a series of industrial actions that has plagued the country's transportation sector in recent weeks.

"Strikes will take place from the start to the end of operations - generally from 3.00 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Friday to 3.00 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Saturday," Andreas Schackert, federal head of the buses and railways group at Verdi, said.

There are some exceptions, including Berlin, where a shorter seven-hour strike during the morning hours was announced.

Central to Verdi's demands are improved working conditions, it said in a statement, listing reduced working hours and increased holiday entitlement as requested measures.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/public-transport-across-germany-disrupted-workers-strike-2024-02-02/>

d. Ban the AfD or fight it? Germany grapples over how to counter the far-right

Germany's far-right AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) party is gaining momentum. For the past few months, it has been capitalising on widespread fears among the population over the war in Ukraine, immigration, and inflation, as well as the challenges faced by the ruling coalition. The AfD has been on the radar of German intelligence services for several years, and some regional branches of the party are clearly identified as a threat due to their radicalism. But it was the revelations from investigative media outlet Correctiv, whose journalists documented a secret meeting between AfD members and neo-Nazis to discuss a plan to deport foreign or foreign-born individuals, that triggered mass protests.

<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/focus/20240129-germany-after-leaked-deportation-plans-civil-society-urges-ban-on-far-right-afd>

e. German far-right AfD party wins mayor's office amid record-high polling

Germany's far-right AfD notched up another first Sunday when its candidate was elected a full-time town mayor, further boosting the anti-immigration party.

The Alternative for Germany (AfD) has surged to record highs in opinion polls, and the latest result comes just a week after they won their first district election.

Hannes Loth was elected mayor of the small town of Raguhn-Jessnitz, in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, in a run-off against independent candidate Nils Naumann, according to the town's Facebook page results.

Loth, reportedly a 42-year-old farmer who was already a member of the local parliament, won 51.1 percent of the vote against 48.9 percent for Naumann in the town of about 9,000 inhabitants.

It marks the first time the party has won an election race for a full-time mayor's position, German media reported.

AfD members have held positions as voluntary or part-time mayors in smaller places.

An AfD member was a full-time mayor of a town in southwest Germany from 2018 to 2020 but was not elected under the party's banner – he joined the outfit during his term.

Loth thanked his supporters for the "wonderful result."

"I will be mayor for everyone in Raguhn-Jessnitz," he wrote on social media.

In last week's election, Robert Sesselmann, a lawyer and regional lawmaker, won a runoff for district administrator in Sonneberg in the central state of Thuringia, near the border with Bavaria.

Recent surveys have supported the AfD at a record 18 to 20 percent, neck-and-neck with Chancellor Olaf Scholz's Social Democrats and behind only the conservative CDU/CSU bloc.

Thomas Krueger, head of the federal agency for civic education, warned this weekend the party should not be dismissed as a "mere protest movement".

"Voters want this party... the situation is serious," he told the RND media group.

Created in 2013 as an anti-euro outfit before morphing into an anti-Islam, anti-immigration party, the AfD has benefited from growing discontent with Scholz's three-party coalition amid concerns about inflation and the affordability of the government's climate plans.

High immigration also remains a key voter concern.

The AfD stunned the political establishment when it took around 13 percent of votes in the 2017 general elections, catapulting its lawmakers into the German parliament.

It slid to around 10 percent in the 2021 federal election.

<https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20230703-german-far-right-party-afd-scores-another-electoral-victory>

Writers Opinion:

There have been calls within the German political sphere, but I believe mainly coming from the European Union to ban AfD. That is because AfD has discussed their own version of BREXIT. For Germany to leave the EU would more than likely see the end of the EU due to Germans financial contribution.

Germany has suffered with its cultural enrichment in recent years. With a population of some 80million of which 5million are ethnic German males aged between 25 to 35 (fathers of the next generation) it has become very evident to the German public what plans the EU has for Germany.

f. Why Europe's farmers are protesting – and the far right is taking note

For some farmers already struggling, paying for more of their pollution is a step too far. Germany is the latest country to see anger boil over.

The columns of tractors that have blocked roads in Germany, causing chaos in cities and headaches for commuters, are the latest wave in a growing tide of anger against efforts to protect Europe's nature from the pollution pumped out by its farms.

In recent years, farmers in western Europe have fought with increasing ferocity against policies to protect the planet that they say cost too much. In the Netherlands, where the backlash has been strongest, a court ruling on nitrogen emissions in 2019 triggered furious and recurring protests over government efforts to close farms and cut the number of animals on them. In Belgium, similar fights led to convoys of tractors clogging the EU quarter of Brussels in March last year. In Ireland, which has seen smaller protests, dairy farmers angry at nitrogen restrictions marched with their cows to the offices of three government ministers last month.

Spain and France have not escaped. On the back of Spain's hottest year on record, farmers took to the streets of Madrid in January 2023 after the government announced plans to restrict how much water they could take from the drought-struck Tagus river. The following month, French farmers drove tractors through Paris to protest a pesticide ban.

Now the fight has come to Europe's biggest economy. After furious farmers dumped manure on the streets of Berlin in December, the German government watered down a plan to cut subsidies for diesel in farmyard vehicles. But lobby groups are pushing them to scrap the plan entirely. Joachim Rukwied, president of the German farmers' association, said last Monday that 100,000 tractors had hit the streets for a week of disruptive protests. "Farmers today sent a clear signal to the federal government to completely withdraw the planned tax increases."

For some farmers, the burden of paying for more of their pollution is a step too far after an energy crisis and pandemic that has left many struggling to make ends meet. Some say they feel overburdened by rules and undervalued by city dwellers who eat the food they grow without knowing where it came from. In agricultural giants like the Netherlands and France, farmers have expressed frustration at the pressure from governments to produce less after years of encouragement to make more.

Environmental activists say they do not want to reduce subsidies to farmers but instead spend them in a less destructive way. Sascha Müller-Kraenner, head of campaign group Environmental Action Germany, called for every euro of agricultural subsidy to come with ecological and social strings. “[We need] a better subsidy policy that gets more for farm income, climate protection and nature with the same funds,” he said. “Subsidies that are harmful to the climate must be phased out.”

Meanwhile, scientists have pointed to the damage that will be done to farms as planet-heating pollution makes the climate less hospitable to humans. More than 80% of habitats in Europe are in poor shape, according to the European Commission, and poor soils have already hit yields for some crops, a lack of water and extreme weather events that are growing increasingly violent.

But for some European governments, the more pressing threat is the attention that farmers’ protests have attracted from far right and populist parties, as well as radical conspiracy theorists.

In the Netherlands, the nitrogen crisis led to the creation of the Farmer-Citizen Movement, a rural populist party that scored big wins in provincial elections in March but came sixth in general elections in November. In Germany, the protests have gained vocal support from the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) and groups with more extreme and anti-democratic views. The climate and economy minister, Robert Habeck, warned on Monday of fringe groups exploiting the protests. “There are calls circulating with coup fantasies, extremist groups are forming, and ethnic-nationalist symbols are being openly displayed,” he said.

The protests have also highlighted a split among Europe’s moderate conservative groups. In the European parliament last year, the centre-right European People’s party (EPP) led a right-wing alliance of lawmakers who narrowly failed to throw out a bill to restore nature on the grounds that it would hurt farmers. The proposal is a key pillar of the European Green Deal – championed by the European Commission president and EPP heavyweight, Ursula von der Leyen – that the centre-right grouping had previously backed.

Grassroots support for farmers’ protests, from campaign placards to Telegram groups, has also overlapped with conspiracy theories about issues such as Covid, climate breakdown and migration.

“The Netherlands was a bit of a harbinger when it comes to these protests,” said Léonie de Jonge, a political scientist at the University of Groningen who studies the far right. “This is the new kind of agrarian populism popping up in these countries.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/jan/15/why-europe-farmers-are-protesting>

Writers Opinion:

It appears that the argument on CO2 has lost a little traction, and attention has now turned to Nitrogen. Nitrogen forms 78% of the earth’s atmosphere. 21% consists of oxygen and 0.9% Argon. CO2 comes in at 0.038% of the earth’s atmosphere. Of the 0.038%, 3% of the earths CO2 is man made. In the case of Europe, if we look at petroleum usage in Europe, we see that most countries use less than 0.1% of the earth’s usage of petroleum. When equating the three figures mentioned we get a contribution of 0.00000112% of CO2 as an average from European countries.

European farmers have been under continued pressure since the 1970’s to change practises but now the solution appears to be to remove a significant percentage of European farming outright.

Ireland



1. POLITICAL

I mentioned in the November 2023 report the knife attack that took place in Dublin on a group of young children, a teacher, and a childminder. Since the attack, very little has been reported in the media, including no names of the victims of the attack have been reported.

Just yesterday (Jan 31) in the national media it was reported that one of the children attacked, a girl of 5 years of age has returned to ICU for further treatment.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/regional/2024/0130/1429541-parnell-square/>

A 50-year-old man has been charged with the attempted murder of the three children and causing serious harm to the care worker, who was hurt while trying to protect them.

Riad Bouchaker, who is of no fixed abode, remains in custody awaiting trial.

I am not medically qualified, but I am not familiar with a victim of a stabbing attack returning to an Intensive Care Unit. Perhaps reinfection is an issue.

a. Constitution Referendum

On 8 March 2024, Irish citizens will be asked to vote in two referendums to change our Constitution.

The first Referendum concerns the concept of Family in the Constitution

The second Referendum proposes to delete an existing part of the Constitution and insert new text providing recognition for care provided by family members to each other.

You have two separate votes on whether you wish to make the proposed changes to the current text of Article 41 of the Constitution.

b. First Referendum

The 39th Amendment to the Constitution will be on a white-coloured ballot paper. It deals with Article 41.1.1° and Article 41.3.1° of the Constitution, both of which relate to the Family.

Original Text

In Article 41.1.1° “The State recognises the Family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.”

In Article 41.3.1° “The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack.”

The Constitution currently recognises the centrality of the family unit in society and protects the Family founded on marriage.

Proposal

In this amendment there is one vote for two proposed changes. The Proposal involves the insertion of additional text to Article 41.1.1° and the deletion of text in Article 41.3.1°. These proposed changes are shown below:

Proposed to change Article 41.1.1° text in bold:

Article 41.1.1° “The State recognises the Family, whether founded on marriage or on other **durable relationships**, as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law.”

Proposed to change Article 41.3.1° by deleting text shown with line through it:

“The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack.”

c. Second Referendum

The Care Amendment

The 40th Amendment to the Constitution will be on a green-coloured ballot paper. It proposes deleting the current Articles 41.2.1° and 41.2.2° and inserting a new Article 42B.

Article 41.2.1° “In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives to the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved.”

Article 41.2.2° “The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home.”

The Constitution currently, by Article 41.2, refers to the importance to the common good of the life of women within the home and that the State should endeavour to ensure that mothers should not have to go out to work to the neglect of their “duties in the home”.

The Proposal

In this amendment there is one vote for two proposed changes. The proposal involves deleting Article 41.2.1° and Article 41.2.2° and inserting a new Article 42B, as shown below:

“The State recognises that the provision of care, by members of a family to one another by reason of the bonds that exist among them, gives to Society a support without which the common good cannot be achieved, and shall strive to support such provision.”

Writers’ Opinion: The changes to the referendum once again propose to rewrite the concept of family within society and the position of women within the family.

It is believed that the rewriting of the concept of family within the constitution will also lead to a route with which the immigrants arriving to Ireland can now through legal process apply to bring remaining family member into Ireland.

The rewriting of the position of the women in the family will be promoted as some means of removing a burden on women in society but I can only believe that this is a further sledgehammer directed against the destruction of the family unit.

Writer opinion: just recently I read statistics published by the Central Statistics Office. In recent times there was a referendum carried out in 2022 and 2016. In 2016 the population of Ireland was roughly 4.9million. In 2022 the population had risen to 5.03million.

In 2016 details were given of the breakdown of the sections of society at the time. The reason for looking into this data was because of reading an article about some similar statistics published four years ago in Germany. A German lecturer of statistics had looked at the German population. At the time there were 80 million in Germany. Germany had taken in, as I recall some 2 million immigrants. At first glance you might think that this is a small addition to society but if we look again at the break down of figures, we see that largely out of the 2 million immigrants, they largely comprised of men aged between 18 to 35. What was highlighted was the section of German society of men aged between 25 to 35. This figure at the time comprised of 6 million men. Already, of that figure, 20% were from Turkey. The remainder being actual German men. The reason for focusing on the male population from 25 to 35, is that it is believed that they are the fathers of the next generation.

If we now look at Ireland with the same perspective. In 2016, they were some 358,000 men in Ireland aged between 25 and 35. This includes the men aged 25 and 35. If we apply the same 20% of men being not from Ireland as was the case in Germany, this brings the figure to some 286,000 ethnic Irish men. We know from recent news articles that in the last 2 years, Ireland accepted over 100,000 Ukrainians because of the war. However, these arrivals were largely women and children.

If we are to look at similar figures for asylum seeker, economic migrants and refugee’s arriving we can see how accelerated the process will be to replace the Irish population within one generation.

2. Military

The Army Ranger Wing (ARW), the most elite and secretive unit of the Defence Forces, is to undertake its largest expansion and restructuring in its 43-year history.

The most visible change will be a new name: Ireland Special Operations Force or IRL-SOF for short.

But behind the scenes it is understood that there will be dramatic changes to its command-and-control structure, making it a central part of military decision making and, as a result, more likely to be deployed on missions on and off island.

The changes mirror those in other western militaries which have increased the size of their special operations forces while also granting them more autonomy and status.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/2023/12/30/armys-elite-special-forces-unit-to-be-strengthened-with-new-recruits/>

a. EOD Deployed

A Polish man in his 30s was killed in the incident yesterday by what is suspected to have been an explosive device that was under his bed. Gardaí were last night probing the shock theory that the explosion that killed a homeless man was caused by a bomb.

Sources have told the Irish Mirror that investigators believe the suspected device was underneath the man's bed in a Dublin homeless shelter – and exploded as he slept.

The explosion caused massive damage to the room of the man and killed him instantly. Sources said there is no suggestion of anyone else being involved in the incident. The Irish Mirror has learned that the man was a Polish national in his 30s and had been living in Dublin for at least several months.

<https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/investigators-believe-bomb-caused-explosion-31916777>

Writers' opinion: Just today we saw again the deployment of the Army EOD unit in Dublin. This time to a police station. In the last number of days, we have also seen an escalation in crime related shootings. The explosion involving the "Polish National" is unusual in terms of the word "bomb" being used. I am concerned that similar activity to be found relating to gang land feuds being resolved through shootings and the use of hand grenade attacks has arrived here in Ireland. I will be watching for similar developments in the coming months to draw conclusion.

b. Russian Submarine

Ireland a 'British colony' when it comes to defence and Russian subs playing 'war games' around coast says TD. Independent Kildare TD, Cathal Berry, said Ireland is the weakest link in the European defence chain and everybody, especially the Russians know it. The Russians are playing spy games all around the Irish coast every month of the year, a top defence expert has claimed.

Ex-Army Ranger Cathal Berry TD said the discovery of a Russian sub 12 miles from Cork Harbour last week is only the tip of the iceberg.

"It is a national disgrace that the Irish Navy has no sonar - so our military has no idea what is going on.

"The British Navy came to our rescue last week and drove the Russians away. If the Brits aren't defending us in the air they are doing it in the sea.

"We may call ourselves a sovereign state but if you can't defend your land or your shores, you are not [a sovereign state].

"When it comes to defence we are still dependent on London and are a British colony."

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He said: "We have three ships that can go to sea and none of them have sonar, so they have not a clue what is happening in the waters beneath them.

"The Russians have been carrying out war games in the Irish Sea, especially over the last few years, tracking NATO vessels and manoeuvres and also our underwater sea internet cables.

"The British keep their nuclear submarine fleet based at Faslane in Scotland which is directly across the sea from us.

"The Russians would have free reign in our waters, only NATO is tracking them.

<https://www.irishmirror.ie/news/irish-news/ireland-british-colony-comes-defence-31700395>

Writers' opinion: The issue of patrolling our national waters and air space came into the public sphere with the start of the war in Ukraine. As mentioned at the time, the report from the Commission on the Defence Forces at the time highlighted the great deficiencies in our defence capability. Despite the war in Ukraine ongoing and in the last two weeks, a war with Russia and conscription being published daily within the mainstream, the Government of Ireland has not adjusted its course on national defence. We are in exactly the same position as two years ago.

Myanmar (Burma)



These children from Hsaw Hti Township, Karen State, Burma, have been hiding in the jungle since they were forced from their homes by Burma Army mortars and airstrikes. FBR teams in this area estimate that civilians here have been targeted by airstrikes as many as 52 separate times in the last few months, displacing at least 13,000 people.



Karen State, Burma

A Ranger team conducted a mission in the A Htoo Daytha area of Karen State, Burma, from March 15, 2023, to April 7, 2023. They provided support to internally displaced persons (IDPs) from eight villages, totaling 1,426 IDPs. The IDPs had been forced to flee their villages multiple times due to fighting between the Burma Army and local Ethnic Armed Organization (EAO) forces.

In addition to forcing villagers from their homes, the Burma Army specifically targeted civilians, resulting in human rights abuses that our team documented.

Two villagers were shot and killed in Unefoli Village and Saw La Ka Pa Htoo was killed while on his way back from Mya Tha Gone Village. The Burma Army also engaged in arbitrary arrests and detentions, like U Soe Naing Oo, who was captured while shopping and detained without trial on charges of treason. Saya Saw Do Jaw was similarly arrested without cause and has not been seen since. Ko Kyaw Lin was being used as a human shield when he was hit by a bullet and died. The Burma Army regularly uses human shields and forced labor. Homes belonging to U Kyi San, U Win Tin, Saw Tha Du, Saw Shwe Maung, Daw Than Htay, Saw Shwe Naing, and Saw Aung Naing were deliberately burned down by the Burma Army. Thirteen homes were also burned in Tan Moe Taung Village.

The ongoing conflict and human rights violations in the A Htoo Daytha area have had a profound impact on the education system in the region. Schools are damaged or destroyed. They also suffer from insufficient funding, a lack of investment in infrastructure, and a scarcity of teaching materials. As a result, many schools have been forced to close, depriving children of access to quality education.

The Ranger team helped as much as they could, financially supporting 31 schools and 114 teachers. They also distributed school packs to 502 children through the Good Life Club program, singing songs, teaching good hygiene habits, and distributing shirts.

The conflict has caused a shortage of medical supplies and healthcare professionals, leaving the healthcare system overwhelmed. Restricted access to healthcare services due to military checkpoints and armed clashes further exacerbates the situation.

Our Ranger team provided medical treatment in 11 villages, treating a total of 560 patients. Common health issues in the region include high blood pressure, anemia, stomach diseases, vitamin deficiencies, chronic limb pain, and the common cold.

Thank you and God bless you, Free Burma Rangers

The Netherlands



POLITICAL

Farmers dump rubbish on roads and set fires as protests continue.

The clean-up operation following Monday night's farmers' protests in several parts of the Netherlands continued Tuesday morning as council officials cleared rubble and other waste from several roads.

According to the Telegraaf, several people were injured in traffic accidents caused by the protests and two were taken to hospital.

The Oldenzaal slip roads for the A1 remained closed to rush hour traffic in both directions because of the rubbish which had been dumped and set on fire.

In some places, farmers left bales of hay and started fires, and on the A50 near Beekbergen in the east of the country farmers set fire to asbestos, the regional police reported. The road was closed for a time.

On the A7 near Purmerend, 25 tractors blocked the motorway and there were also protests on motorways near Breukelen, Nunspeet, Vuren, Veenendaal, and Steenwijk, broadcaster NOS said.

"Dumping and setting fire to rubbish is a danger to health and the environment, as well as leading to dangerous situations on the road," Oost-Nederland police said in a statement.

Farmers have been protesting throughout Europe about the EU's Green Deal and other plans, and last week the campaign spread to the Netherlands. Radical farmers group Farmers Defence Force has pledged a mass protest this week.

<https://www.dutchnews.nl/2024/02/farmers-dump-rubbish-on-roads-and-set-fires-as-protests-continue/>

Why are Dutch Farmers Protesting

Article from the Guardian written November 2023.

It was the worst traffic jam in the history of the Netherlands. From Amsterdam to Eindhoven, Rotterdam to Roermond, more than 2,000 tractors lumbered along clogged highways during the morning rush hour of 1 October 2019. Their spinning beacon lights shining amber through the dark and the rain, they caused more than 1,000km of backups on their way to the seat of government in The Hague. Other tractors made their way slowly through the sand of North Sea beaches. They converged at the Malieveld, a park located close to parliament and the primary royal residence, and a traditional scene of protest. Authorities had said that only 75 tractors would be allowed in the park, but wanting to avoid a direct confrontation, they quickly lifted the restriction. Within hours, 2,200 tractors would be squeezed in, parked front grille to trailer hitch.

The farmers had gathered to protest an announcement made the previous week. An advisory committee, chaired by the former deputy prime minister Johan Remkes, had declared that the government would need to take “drastic measures” to reduce emissions of nitrogen, a formidable contributor to pollution of land, seas, and skies worldwide. By far, the largest share of nitrogen deposited on Dutch land comes from agriculture. According to the committee's report, these measures would need to involve buying out and shutting down livestock farms. The report – titled, with a very Dutch combination of understatement and candour, *Not Everything Is Possible* – did not make clear whether these buyouts would be voluntary or forced. Farmers assumed the worst.

A few tractors broke through fences that had been erected around the Malieveld, and three people were arrested. Otherwise, the scene was peaceful. Barbecues were lit, and music played. A few enterprising food vendors brought their trailers and did a brisk business selling chips. Signs proclaimed, in English, “No farmers, no food,” and “How dairy you,” and in Dutch, “Proud of the farmer.”

Anje Grin, who raises 250 dairy cows on a large farm near the centre of the country, drove her tractor to the protest with one of her employees. “The atmosphere was very nice,” she told me recently. Her husband, Piet, stayed home to look after the farm. “Someone has to stay behind,” he said. “Otherwise, I think the demonstration could have been twice the size.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/nov/16/nitrogen-wars-the-dutch-farmers-revolt-that-turned-a-nation-upside-down>

This very informative article details the background of the current situation.

Second largest Food Exporter in the World

The Netherlands produces 4 million cows, 13 million pigs, and 104 million chickens annually and is Europe’s biggest meat exporter. But it also provides vegetables to much of Western Europe. The country has nearly 24,000 acres of crops growing in greenhouses, almost twice the size of Manhattan. These greenhouses, with less fertilizer and water, can grow in a single acre, which would take 10 acres of traditional dirt farming to achieve. Dutch farms use only a half-gallon of water to grow about a pound of tomatoes, while the global average is more than 28 gallons.

Their centrality in global food exploration is indisputable: Fifteen out of the top 20 largest agrifood businesses — Nestlé, Coca-Cola, Unilever, Cargill, and Kraft Heinz — have major research and development centres in the Netherlands.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/interactive/2022/netherlands-agriculture-technology/>

Reasons Why Netherlands is World's 2nd Largest Food Exporter

Netherlands has become the 2nd largest food producer on Earth with respect to sustainable agriculture. The industry of Netherlands is mainly centred on the production of the food, petroleum, and chemical, electrical machinery. Netherlands has the 6th largest economy in the European Union mainly because of good industrial relations, continuously high trade surplus and lesser unemployment rate. This leads to Netherlands enjoying a premium position as the European transportation hub. Mostly, the agriculture sector in the Netherlands is mechanized and computerized; therefore, only 2 % of the labour force is being employed, but still, a large surplus of food is produced. This effort has led to the Netherlands becoming the world's 2nd largest food producer and agriculture exporter.

<https://www.envpk.com/reasons-why-netherlands-is-world-2nd-largest-food-exporter/>

Coalition talks resume late on Monday, two months after the election on January 21, 2024

Talks on forming a new Dutch government will resume on Monday afternoon, 61 days after the general election.

Lead negotiator Ronald Plasterk has invited the four parties – far-right PVV, the pro-countryside BBB, the right-wing Liberal VVD, and the new party NSC – to meet for talks from 3 pm on January 22 – two months after the country went to the polls. The parties last met on Thursday.

The four parties are currently in talks to try to settle their differences about the importance of the Constitution and the rule of law. Several PVV policies conflict with the constitution and treaties the Netherlands has signed.

On Sunday, D66 leader Rob Jetten said the four parties should make it clear if they are prepared to make a new coalition happen. “It is time to stand up and be counted,” Jetten said on current affairs show *WNL op Zondag*. “Make it clear now. Are we going to do this or not?”

VVD stalwart Henk Kamp said during the same show that the formation process should not take too long. “Before you know it, it will be six months on,” he said. He said that the election results – in which the far-right PVV emerged as the big winner, albeit with less than 25% of the vote- made the four parties the “logical” choice. “But I don’t know in what form and who should be in it.”

However, Laurens Dassen, leader of the pan-European party Volt, has described the VVD, NSC, and BBB’s decision to sit at the negotiating table with the PVV as “indefensible.”

Party leader Geert Wilders, he said on Saturday at a congress ahead of the June European elections, is “a false prophet” who has seduced 2.5 million Dutch people by telling them that “Europe and its freedoms are for a few, not for everyone.”

The three parties in talks with Wilders are “playing with fire”, he said. They are negotiating with an “anti-rule of law one person party” on preserving the rule of law, he said. “Democracy and the rule of law are not just about laws and regulations.”

Both the NSC and VVD have expressed concerns about Wilder’s sincerity in putting some policies, such as a ban on the Koran and deportation of dual nationals who commit crimes, on ice.

Earlier this month, the PVV leader withdrew three pieces of legislation that are opposed by a majority of MPs and had no chance of becoming law.

But the decision by VVD senators to support legislation to spread refugees more fairly around the country has angered Wilders, who described the move as a “serious problem“, adding another issue to the pile already on the negotiating table.

European parliament

Meanwhile, the potential alliance between the PVV and the right-wing Liberal VVD has also raised eyebrows within the Renew wing of the European parliament. VVD MEP Malik Azmani, who is currently interim leader of Renew, the third biggest EU parliamentary grouping, said he sees “nothing in an alliance with the far right in Europe”.

“They want to weaken European, not strengthen it,” he said. “And I aim to make the European Union stronger, given the geopolitical times we are currently in.”

The Renew group will elect a new leader on Thursday and Azmani is one of those who is up for the job.

Longest formation

Plasterk has said he plans to report back to parliament on progress so far by early February, after which talks can centre on actual policy.

The quickest new Dutch cabinet was formed in 1948 and took just 31 days. The longest was Mark Rutte’s fourth cabinet which took 299 days to negotiate. That cabinet collapsed after 18 months but remains in power in a caretaker capacity pending the formation of a new one.

Writers Opinion:

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This year will see European Elections for candidates take place and given the current happenings in Europe this is a worrying time for candidates and their re-election and the European Union itself as to who will be elected. In recent times we have seen the European Union increase its efforts to increase its overall power and dominance and the removal of any last remaining elements of Sovereignty within its member states. This year will be telling with the introduction of hate speech laws in many countries within Europe. Even the talk of banning the AfD within Germany is bizarre for people to still utter the word democracy. Peter Sutherlands remarks back in 2012 make it very clear about the European Union’s ambition to

remove homogeneity from the member states of the Union including the removal of its traditional practises such as farming.

New Zealand



1. Diplomatic

- a. NZ Parliamentary Elections. The right-conservative coalition government is delivering on its 100-day agenda to dismantle much of the previous left-wing government's agenda including putting a halt on participation in the UN WHO Global Pandemic Compact, halting the nationalisation (and sale) of all water infrastructure, expanding the terms of reference of the Covid19 pandemic commission of enquiry.
- b. Ukraine. NZ continues to train Ukro troops in the UK and provide unspecified Intel support to NATO from Europe.
- c. Israel-Palestine. In a show of solidarity for AUKAS, NZ Government is supporting the Red Sea maritime security operation led by US by providing half a dozen military staff officers.
- d. China. NZ reiterates its strong trading ties with China whilst exploring AUKAS membership with US-Australia UK. China continues to promote security ties via civil police training with Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

2. Information

- a. Free Speech. NZ Free Speech Union sent a brief to the new government outlining the dangers of the previous government policies toward academic freedom, online free speech, public free speech. A Christian college is presently under public attack for proclaiming the traditional teaching on Christian marriage.
- b. News Media Bribery. The Deputy Prime Minister has indicated a review of funding to news media organisations.
- c. Health Data Whistleblower. The Pfizer vaccines whistle blower is before the courts for releasing alleged vaccine deaths data. https://rumble.com/v3zg9nu-nz-whistleblower-arrested-for-exposing-the-truth-heres-what-they-didnt-want.html?playlist_id=watch-history

3. Military

- a. Injection Mandates. The judgement on Vaccine Mandates case taken by UnitedWeStand is to be released by end of February. UWS is making representation to the new Minister of Defence that service personnel are being ordered to keep being injected despite all mandates being dropped.
- b. Nauru. Nauru has withdrawn its recognition of Taiwan as a state and has re-established diplomatic relations with China following a local election loss by a pro-Taiwanese lawmaker.
- c. Russia. Pro-Russia protests in Melbourne and Sydney have not been taken up by the tiny Russian expat community in NZ.

4. Economic

No change. Immigration inflows are at record highs, and houses and property prices are holding, stimulating the domestic economy. Reserve Bank of NZ holds interests at current highs. NZ continues to experience consumer inflation and high retail finance rates. Employment weakened. The health system remains in crisis following the Covid19 vaccine rollout.

5. Scientific and Technological

Nil change

6. Environmental

Nil change. [With a right-of-centre government now formed, the primary sector is anticipating relief from bureaucratic and regulatory overreach which has pushed de-carbonisation and anti-farming measures for the past 3 years and stifled productivity and investment.]

7. Legal

a. NZ Pol was found to have used excess force in five cases related to the clearance of freedom protests in 2022.

The United Kingdom



1. Ukraine - The Story is Starting to Change

The MSM are now frequently reporting an increase in Russian casualties and quoting that total Russian fatalities will soon reach 500,000! Any successful attack on Russian targets is reported with enthusiasm and is spun to give the appearance that the Russian forces are being pummeled. It's almost a 180-degree reversal of the facts on the ground. It has become impossible to listen to the MSM reports on Ukraine – it is blatant propaganda.

The aim seems to be that Ukraine has now switched from a counter-offensive (which we know was a massive failure) and that they have now switched to giving Russia frequent bloody noses, and is wearing them down, and this will bring them to the negotiating table! I think they are trying to prepare the British public for the fact that Ukraine cannot win militarily but have inflicted such losses on Russian that now Russia wants peace. This completely ignores the fact that Russia no longer trusts the West so anything short of an unconditional surrender by Ukraine will not be accepted by the Russians.

UK MOD have reported more equipment supplied to Ukraine, including a rather strange air defence system which is the ASRAAM (Advanced Short-Range Air to air Missile) which has been crudely adapted to be launched from a modified Supacat vehicle. See below.



A picture of one of the ASRAAM/Supacat air defense systems supplied to Ukraine. Ukrainian Armed Forces

The MOD has also reported the following article on pilot training for the Ukrainian Air Force:

“The first cohort of Ukrainian pilots to receive training from the Royal Air Force are now learning to fly F-16 fighter jets in Denmark, having completed a basic programme of training in the UK.

The RAF began delivering flying and English language training in August as part of the UK contribution to the international Air Force Capability Coalition for Ukraine, which sees allies and partners working together to bolster Ukraine’s air capabilities.

The group was formed of six experienced Ukrainian combat fighter pilots who received aviation-specific English language training to increase their ability to engage with coalition training and support.

A further ten Ukrainian trainee pilots took part in the language training and remain in the UK to continue with practical basic flight training, as well as to learn important skills such as aviation medicine and centrifuge training.”

The MoD has also just reported that the Royal Navy Destroyer HMS Diamond has joined Operation Prosperity Guardian, a new international task force to protect merchant shipping in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

In early January the MSM in the UK was reporting massive missile strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure and the capitol Kiev and is claiming that many of the missiles were intercepted and those that got through were deliberately targeting civilians, again playing up the “Russia BAD”, “Ukraine GOOD” narrative!

Conscription

Reports have started to appear in the UK MSM about the need to possibly bring back conscription. The back story is that the armed forces are struggling to meet their recruitment targets and with the threat posed by Russia in Ukraine spilling over to an all-out attack on NATO by Russia, the UK is simply not in a position where it is able to respond:

The head of the Army has said Britain should “train and equip” a “citizen army” to ready the country for a potential land war. General Sir Patrick Sanders, the outgoing Chief of the General Staff (CGS), said even that would be “not enough” as he pointed to allies in eastern and northern Europe “laying the foundations for national mobilisation”.

In a speech on Wednesday, the military top brass said increasing Army numbers in preparation for a potential conflict would need to be a “whole-of-nation undertaking”. The comments, first reported by the Daily Telegraph, are being read as a warning that British men and women should be ready for a call-up to the armed forces if NATO goes to war with Russia. It comes after Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, in a speech last week, said the world is “moving from a post-war to pre-war world” and the UK must ensure its “entire defence ecosystem is ready” to defend its homeland.

Army shop has been inundated with people buying supplies to send to Ukraine, but Downing Street ruled out any move towards a conscription model, saying that Army service would remain voluntary. Wednesday’s comments by Sir Patrick, made during a speech at the International Armoured Vehicles Conference in west London, do not mark the first time he has pushed for greater readiness of Britain’s

armed forces for conflict. Speaking in 2022 in the months after Russian president Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, the Army chief said, "this is our 1937 moment" — a reference to preparations made for the start of the Second World War — and that the British Army should be at "high readiness". In his speech on Wednesday, Sir Patrick said Britain could not rely on its navy and air power, arguing "we must be able to credibly fight and win wars on land".

There have been many others including Colonel Tim Collins (he of the Eve of the Battle Speech in Iraq 2003):

On Sunday, former British Army Colonel Tim Collins agreed that it shouldn't be ruled out.

"The recruiting system that the armed forces has, has failed miserably," Mr Collins, who is a parliamentary candidate for the Ulster Unionist Party, said Sunday Morning with Trevor Phillips on Sky News.

"I think what we have to do is to wake up and realise that... Ukrainians are fighting for their liberty through the illegal invasion from Russia and if they do not win that, we are next.

"We are not sufficiently supporting the Ukrainians towards the victory that is essential to us as well as them.

"And, secondly, we're not making provision for the case where they would fail, and they collapse, and we are next - and we need to be doing both of those things."

If that wasn't bad enough look at this:

The United Kingdom could trick students on a gap year into the "citizen army" with a new plan. According to The Daily Mail military officials have "suggested the idea of a course over the summer holidays which gives young adults a taste of serving in the military." Is this a fun summer camp or a way to trick young people into conscription? Once they have served they are immediately on the emergency call up list should there be a military emergency

More Military Aid and 100 years of support!

Rishi Sunak (our unelected and totally appalling PM) who (see below) has signed, some form of security pact with Ukraine, pledging even more money (that we don't have) for the next hundred years apparently:

"Rishi Sunak made a £2.5bn commitment to Ukraine's defence on Friday during a visit to Kyiv and pledged that the UK would not falter at a time when military aid from the US has stalled.

Sunak met the country's president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, embracing him warmly, and addressed Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada. The two leaders held talks and signed a new UK-Ukrainian security treaty. It guarantees that the UK will give "swift and sustained" help should Russia attack Ukraine again.

Zelenskiy described the pact, which will remain in force until Ukraine joins NATO, as unprecedented. "Today is the day when the history of Europe changed," he said, describing the UK, one of Ukraine's staunchest allies, as a prominent global power involved in a joint task to stop Russian aggression."

This make no sense and in fact I find this totally unacceptable. The war has already been lost, the UK cannot afford this money and this treaty includes a clause, essentially fast-tracking Ukraine into NATO. We know why they are doing this and how it feeds the military industrial complex, but they have totally lost sight of reality and what these decisions mean. They are literally creating the scenario where WW3 is inevitable. Russia will NOT allow Ukraine to be in NATO. It has stated its primary mission is the demilitarisation of that country. I fear there is not a sane person in the UK or US government. They literally believe their own BS!!

2. WHO International Health Regulations - Amendments

The World Health Organisation amendment to its International Health Regulations had a deadline of 1st of December for members to object to these amendments. So, in essence the UK has now accepted these changes by default.

The petition that was raised to force a parliamentary debate on these amendments was finally approved and took place on Friday the 4th of December. They chose the worst possible time. Just as they did with Andrew Bridgen presentation on excess mortality by scheduling it for afternoon on a Friday! Apparently they tried to interfere with the debate in the following ways:

Moved the room at the last minute and did not tell anyone.

Would not allow the film crew that attended to take their cameras and sound equipment into the meeting room.

Did not provide an HDMI cable to connect laptops to projector,.

Then, when the IT department turned up with a cable, they left having turned the volume down to zero and took the remote control, which was the only way to adjust the volume!

Despite these actions, the debate took place, and approximately 20 MPs and members of the House of Lords attended. One of them was my own MP, who spoke against the amendments. Somewhat of a surprise!

3. Climate Change (or not)

With the coming of the new year, we have been bombarded with the usual fear-porn about 2023 being the hottest year on record (or even forever) and that storms are more ferocious and frequent than at any time in the past (I paraphrase, but only slightly).

The official records don't support such assertions, but you mustn't let truth and real-world data stand in the way of terrifying the populace. Sometimes they just lie, but they do have more subtle ways of being less than honest.

One is to make statements that are factually correct, but which are said to spin a narrative rather than to inform. One such is the statement that named storms are becoming more frequent. To the casual reader would sound like things are getting worse, but we've only been naming gusts of wind for a few years, and whether they get named seem entirely arbitrary. Things that in the past would not even register as a bit blustery are now given their own unique moniker and counted as a 'named storm'. It's a bit like the

classic response to a question like “is there a link between covid jabs and injury/death”. The response is typically something like “We have found no evidence of a causal link...”. For that we should read “We haven’t bothered looking for a link because we know we’ll find one and we don’t want you to know about it.”, but their statement is factually correct.

Another way of pumping up fear is to change where measurements are taken. Locations where wind speed measurements would have historically been taken are being abandoned or supplemented by new locations, typically high on hills in exposed locations, up mountains or on exposed cliffs. Amazingly the wind here is usually faster and gustier and the compound their error (or fraud if it’s done deliberately) by combing these data with data from the old locations and claiming that wind speeds are increasing.

Similarly, temperature measurement sites are being moved to locations that are known to be hotter, e.g., large areas of concrete /asphalt like airports and car parks.

Basic scientific principles would require that every time you change (increase/decrease/location of) where measurements are made, you should begin a new and totally separate data set if you want to look at trends or draw comparisons. Otherwise, you’re simply not comparing like with like.

As if there wasn’t already enough to frighten everyone and, by extension, justify the need for all the oppressive low-carbon net-zero nonsense, there’s even been a suggestion that we should start naming ‘heat waves.’ I’m not sure what constitutes a heat wave in Britain, but I’m sure we will be seeing many more of them being named and reported as proof positive of global warming than exist.

4. Covid Enquiry

The COVID roadshow continues its UK tour. It is currently in Edinburgh and is examining the Scottish government’s response to the plague.

Much of the comment concerned Nicola Sturgeon, erstwhile Scottish First Minister, and her handling of the debacle.

It seems her main aim was to use this as a lever for another stab at Scottish independence by differentiating herself from the British PM, Boris Johnson, and by trying to out-dictator him by imposing (or trying to) faster lockdowns, longer lockdowns, restrictions on movement and meeting and more ‘vaccine’ coercion, all entirely irrespective of the suffering of the Scottish people and the effect on the economy and society. However, in her defence, it should be remembered that this much harsher and ruinous approach was also demanded and supported by the Labour opposition in Westminster.

I suspect that the enquiry will not establish anything – it didn’t when UK ministers were questioned (and I use the term ‘questioned’ very loosely and entirely wrongly). However, what has caused a significant uproar is her deleting her WhatsApp messages, despite being illegal and her being on record as promising the Scottish people that she would never do this. The big mistake she made was admitting she’d deleted them; Johnson said that he had just mysteriously disappeared and couldn’t be found again.



The United States



The southern border crisis in the US has come to a head. The Governor of Texas (Abbott) has finally seen fit to do his duty and protect both the state of Texas and the greater US by shutting down the mass illegal immigration happening in his state. For 3 years he has largely done little to nothing to stem the flow of drugs, human trafficking, terrorists, Mexican cartels, and gang members, and of course millions of illegal immigrants into the state of Texas and the US. Now, during the 2024 election year, Governor Abbott has finally decided to deploy his National Guard and begin defending the people of his state and the US from the invasion he left unchecked for over 3 years. We are happy to see something finally be done, better late than never, but the fact remains that the damage is already done, and Americans will pay the price with higher taxation and over extension of government resources. It is worth noting, however, that the southern border is not the only area of concern. The northern US border is also seeing a spike in illegal immigrants coming from Canada as well.

The latest attempt by one member of the U.S. Senate to violate our Constitution is Senate Bill 3589, "Preventing Private Paramilitary Activity Act of 2024." Unique to the founding and establishment of the United States is the role of the citizen militia. These militias still exist across the country and are NOT the National Guard forces. They are instead organized citizens seeking to defend their own communities, which is their constitutionally guaranteed right. The reason this bill is before the Senate is due to the many in the federal (feral) government doing all they can to reduce or eliminate the power of any armed opposition to their goal of tyrannical control regardless of the mechanism used. This is another illegal intimidation tactic used against Americans, made worse by the fact that this bill is proposed by a Senator from Massachusetts, where the American militia movement took root.

Illegal immigration, foreign policy, and border security will likely be the hottest topics for the 2024 general election. America's involvement and support of Ukraine and Israel is costing American taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars for increasingly unpopular proxy wars at a time when Americans are finding it harder to pay bills and buy groceries. Ukraine is defeated in all but name, and it appears Israel has been found likely to have been committing acts of genocide against the Palestinian people by the international court the Hague.

