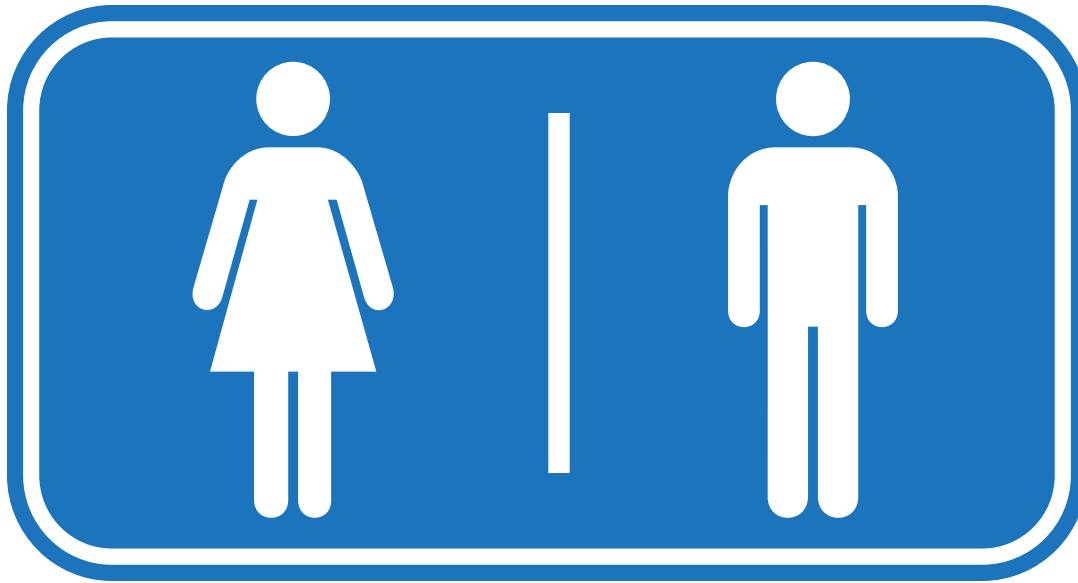


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The Transgender Movement Is Not the New Civil Rights Movement

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The trans movement in the United States is yearning to become the next civil rights movement. They believe that we all must allow individuals who feel like a certain gender to use the bathroom or locker room that corresponds with their feelings, or else. Because only feelings matter.

If the LGBT movement actually cared about real discrimination and violence against their own, they would look elsewhere to protest. Plenty of countries in the Middle East put

homosexual individuals to death. House Bill 2, signed by North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory, is not hateful discrimination, it's protection from those who would use legal trans-focused leniency to commit a crime.

The attack on gender norms has increased exponentially over the past few years, and will continue as biologically-assigned gender becomes offensive. Even large, middle-class retailers like Target have gotten on board with the trend to erase the fine lines which define male and female. Last August, Target began

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to remove gender-based signs. Earlier this year, they introduced a gender-neutral home goods line, so kids won't feel like they're being pushed a specific direction. On the contrary, it is quite alright to encourage the traditional idea that boys should be boys and girls should be girls. In fact, we must.

Pushing adult pathologies onto children is harmful and projects attitudes and behaviors which children are incapable of understanding. A mother and father are the first examples to their children of what it means to be a female or male adult. Promoting the idea that transgenderism is healthy does nothing but pollute a child's thinking.

I have nothing but sympathy for those struggling with transgenderism. Any individual who heads down that path of rejecting their God-given gender, based on their internal struggles, should only be treated with kindness. Hate is never the answer in how we treat anyone. But I cannot, and will not, chant their mantra, especially as their side gets louder and accuses mine of discrimination. Cosmetic and surgical additions or subtractions do not a male or female make, and we fool ourselves if we think otherwise.

The slippery slope to accepting everything begins by refusing to acknowledge that DNA is stubborn, and that who you were created to be is a not a mistake. If we never question transgenderism, though it battles against inherent norms, then we'll begin to put a stamp of approval on everything. As recently reported by *The Independent*, a criminal psychologist

announced online that pedophilia is a sexual orientation, like being gay or straight. While I'm not asserting that trans individuals are in any way child molesters, I do believe that promoting a delusional view of gender, and making rationalizations along the way, has led us to this point to where we must accept and never question anything.

In March, the mayor of San Francisco banned city employees from traveling to North Carolina due to the new bathroom bill. [And] aging rocker Bruce Springsteen canceled his Greensboro, N.C., concert for the same reason. These outbursts, labeled as support, do nothing to help individuals struggling with transgenderism.

The trans movement is not the new civil rights movement. Nowhere are men or women denied the right to use the bathroom which corresponds with their inherent characteristics. If anything in this country is similar to discrimination based on biological fact, it is abortion. Look for the trans community to increase their protests based on nothing, and get ready to be labeled as "hateful" if you disagree. It's only going to get worse.

NOTE: Houstonians defeated a "bathroom bill" (Proposition 1) last year thanks to courageous pastors, pro-family leaders, and citizens willing to fight City Hall. Transgender "bathroom" bills are likely to come up in other Texas cities and when the Legislature convenes next year. Below are some strategies the LGBT community uses to bully politicians.

How the LGBT Movement Sells Its Transgender "Bathroom" Bill to Politicians Across America

In September 2015, the transgender lobby put on a "Lobby Day" for their activists at the Massachusetts State House where they laid out five points to successfully push lawmakers to pass transgender bills into law. MassResistance, a pro-family activist organization, was in attendance and able to gather the points below:

1. Use an unrelenting, emotional "Civil Rights" analogy. The pitch: It's all about freedom, civil rights, and non-discrimination. Every possible comparison to the experience of blacks in the South should be used, and repeat it constantly.
2. Show political force. Have legislators and other elected officials publicly involved. Also, get the usual collection of "pro-gay" large corporations, sports team owners, unions, police departments, law firms, and non-profits to endorse it—and then claim "widespread support" for the bill.
3. While lobbying, boldly present cross-dressing men—and women with beards—as completely "normal." This is done

with no apologies, and without flinching. Like their false use of the civil rights metaphor, this has an eerie psychological "big lie" effect. As behavioral scientists know, when something so outrageous is calmly and repeatedly presented as true, one questions one's own perception of reality.

4. Play the victim card. That goes hand-in-hand with the "Civil Rights" push. They bring up lots of well-rehearsed stories of various mistreatment because of their "gender identity." These anecdotes often appear to be simply a reaction to seeing someone so bizarre and obviously troubled. But the stories are used to demand special transgender "legal protection" above and beyond the normal laws that already apply to everyone.

Anyone who disagrees is a hater. This is an important emotional element of the strategy. Sometimes it's extremely subtle, other times it's very overt and in-your-face, depending on the situation. But because the insinuation is always there on some level, it sends a potent psychological message, even if it's subliminal.

SOURCE: Eagle Forum News & Notes, 3/25/16

We Cannot Afford “Free” Wind & Solar Energy

By Michael Fumento
Canada Free Press, 3/11/16

While driving the mostly empty and flat 1,000 miles from Houston to Colorado Springs recently, I noticed something I hadn't seen much just a few years ago—lots of wind farms dotting the landscape, but none anywhere near even small population centers. And another funny thing, though: invariably, many of the turbines weren't moving and one of the largest appeared to have about 100 turbines, yet I counted just three in action.

How can this be? Having paid for the land, the turbines, and those long transmission lines, don't providers want a maximum of the machines going? Nope. Because, you see, wind farms—and solar farms for the same reasons—don't make their money by generating electricity. They do it by generating government subsidies.

Having just finished writing an article in the biomedical journal *Inference*, in which I surprised even myself by finding that wind and solar have no purpose other than lining the pockets of fat cats, this was no shocker. No purpose, really? Really.

Perhaps America's greatest investor in these technologies is Berkshire Hathaway guru Warren Buffett, who has already sunk at least \$15 billion into them with “another \$15 billion ready to go.” At a meeting a couple of years ago he admitted “on wind energy, we get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind farms. That's the only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the tax credit.” (Studies consistently show solar farms make even less sense.)

If President Obama gets his way with his “Green Power Plan,” tailored by the rent-seeking lobbyists who quickly joined his administration and infiltrated the EPA and Department of Energy (DOE), we can expect those subsidies to soar.

In fact, ultimately physics doom wind and solar. Sure, the “fuel” for both is “free.” But that's also true of sailing ships. How many merchant and warships are sail-powered? Problem is it takes a lot of “canvas” to catch that “free energy” because both wind and solar energy are 1) variable, and 2) intermittent. In other words, a fossil fuel or nuclear plant can steadily pump out energy day or night, independent of climate or weather. And “capacity factor” for nuclear plants has steadily increased so now they're operating at close to peak efficiency all the time. But turbines only turn when the wind blows, and if it blows too hard they have to be governed or shut down to prevent damage. Solar panels are useless at night and in places useless all winter.

How much “canvas” is needed? The Westinghouse AP1000 WPR small modular reactor—the only type currently being installed in the U.S.—requires five acres of land. The company calculates that to generate the same amount of

energy “average solar” would require 2,400 acres while “average wind” would need 60,000. That's 500 and 12,000 times the land mass respectively.

That makes them cost-prohibitive for built-up areas—where customers are. Imagine the cost of 12,000 acres near New York City, which also happens to have relatively low amounts of wind and sun, and therefore needs far more than that average.

This leads to yet another problem with wind and solar that virtually nobody discusses, even opponents—the cost of transmission from where land is cheap and sun or wind is plentiful to where customers are. Yet by the time you figure in land costs, transmission line costs, right-of-way expenses, and the inevitable “bleeding” of power that increases with every mile of cable, this can double the expense of delivered energy. But when I said everyone ignores this, it includes the primary source for cost comparisons: Obama's DOE.

Ah, but it gets even worse. Naturally, prime areas are getting snatched up first. This is what economists call “the low-hanging fruit.” As U.S. wind and solar providers move beyond the paltry seven percent of electricity they now deliver, they'll have to reach farther and farther to get fruit. We can expect delivered prices to increase.

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And ya know what? That's just fine for providers. Because as Buffet admitted, the money is in the subsidies. For that seven percent of electricity, wind and solar grab a stunning 64 percent of federal subsidies, meaning over \$10 billion or about \$80 per U.S. federal taxpayer annually. Beyond federal support, personal tax credits related to solar products are available in 20 states; 18 states have corporate tax credits or deduction programs, and 14 states offer taxpayer-funded grants to support solar electricity. Now toss in local subsidies.

Solar's take per amount of energy supplied is much larger than wind's. Why? Because solar is that much more inefficient! If solar and wind were indeed catching up to other forms of electricity generation, they wouldn't need current subsidies, much less ever-growing ones. Such are the incredible costs of producing energy with “free fuel.”



A Word To the Wise

President Obama may not think America is a Christian nation, but the majority of people want it to be. According to the Barna Group's annual "State of the Bible Report," most Americans think the country would be better off if they read and applied God's word to daily life—and that includes politicians. More than half of Americans think our elected officials would be "more effective" if they read Scripture every day. In an election cycle when we've witnessed some of the worst personal attacks of any campaigns, it would certainly add some civility to the race. Despite the significant cultural shift in the country, 80 percent still see the Bible as sacred literature—which, the majority believes, has too little influence on society. So, if a majority of Americans think the Bible and its teachings would have a positive influence on our public life, why have we allowed a vocal minority to purge it from public life? If our country truly is "of the people, by the people, and for the people," isn't it time to do something about that? Stand up for what you believe in! As an American, it's your right—and as a Christian, it's your responsibility.

SOURCE: FRC, 3/31/16

Two UT Austin Profs Resign Due to New Campus Gun Law

According to the *LA Times*, two professors at the University of Texas have already resigned due to the fact that Texas passed its campus carry laws. One in particular said he was afraid that "a disgruntled student with a gun would 'lose it,' pull out the gun and shoot the instructor." "With 500 students in my class, this did not seem impossible," he added. The idea that one of the millions of college students in the U.S. would suddenly get the urge to start throwing lead around is statistically absurd, and it's been proven repeatedly that barring guns from an area doesn't stop them from being used on people when they do. How many campus shootings need to occur before gun-control advocates accept the fact that the "good guy with a gun" concept is a proven method of stopping criminals in their tracks, and gun-free zones just don't? If you want to stop a campus shooter, then make sure others on campus can shoot back. And if passing campus carry is what it takes to make progressive professors head for the hills, then it seems like a win-win.

SOURCE: redstate.com, 4/1/16

Six-Year-Old Obamacare Is an Expensive Mess

On the sixth anniversary of President Obama signing the Obamacare law and saddling the nation with its regulatory dictates, here's a disquieting statistic: \$55 billion in waste and counting (*Investor's Business Daily* crunched the numbers). More troubling still is the hemorrhaging will continue from this health care mess. Among the losses to date:

- \$1.2 billion in startup loans for Obamacare's 12 (out of 23) failed insurance co-ops.
- \$1.5 billion in failed or unrealized state-run health exchanges—and not one of the remaining 14 is fully functional, according to a government audit.
- An estimated \$45 billion for the 165 million hours that businesses and individuals spent trying to comply with Obamacare's 106 new regulations.
- \$750 million in public subsidies to more than 500,000 people who weren't eligible for coverage.
- \$3.5 billion diverted from the Treasury to insurance companies to help cover their losses.

For all the happy talk about gains in the public's insurance coverage, the reality is a burgeoning, unsustainable government bureaucracy that is on pace to cost considerably more.
SOURCE: *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, 4/16

Quote of the Month

"Is the president being moral when he allows mostly Muslim refugees from Syria into the country, but permits few Syrian Christians to enter? He says he's a Christian. Wouldn't it make more sense for him to protect Christians first, since they are the ones being targeted by Islamic fundamentalists for death, forced marriages and sexual slavery?"

Columnist Cal Thomas, "Whose Morality Sets the Standard?"
townhall.com, 4/7/16

Famous American Quote

"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."

Founding Father, Samuel Adams

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