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GO TO CHURCH?

Welcome to this week's Trends Journal: "GO TO CHURCH? GO TO HELL!"

In this issue, we detail the extreme COVID War measures imposed on Canadian people by the government that have robbed them of their freedom despite virus death rates per population that are minuscule.

On the economic front, despite the Banksters talking it down, inflations is rising fast. What does it mean? What's next? It's in your Trends Journal.

We also forecast a pause in the COVID War. Restrictions will be relaxed... for a while.

There are also strategic OnTrendpreneur® opportunities we've identified that you may wish to consider to profit from.

And, if you can, please join us at our "Unite For Freedom, Peace & Justice" Rally on Saturday, May 29th, in Kingston, N.Y. Fun, food, music, entertainment, and guest speakers.

If you wish to donate, please do. We need your support to set our countries free. I look forward to meeting you on the 29th.

Pace e Amore,

Gerald Celente, Publisher

COMMENTS

FOLLOW THE WEALTH

Now that the elites, WEF, Great Reset supporters have destroyed the world labor force, bankrupted small businesses, eliminated industries that supported labor and trashed the Financial economic strength of sovereign nations they are now extracting all the world's natural resources, buying up real estate because they forced home sales because the average citizen no longer has a job and can't afford to pay a mortgage.

We, the average citizens worldwide, are having their resources, homes, industries, climate, and financial assets stolen for pennies on a dollar because the .1% have the power and wealth and governmental support to steal the wealth and security of average citizens worldwide. If you question this post, check out what happened to the wealth and security after the implementation of the Great Reset of COVID-19 Lockdowns and the growth of wealth for the .1% and 1% era. You will find their wealth doubled while your wealth was reduced about 1/2 to 0 CHECK IT OUT!!!

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INFLATION TSUNAMI

Informative read as usual. Relative to the Fed, what a con job. They never tell the truth.

MICHAEL MATICH

ON THE WATCH

All Along the WatchTower we the riders approaching:

- 1) Ecocide
- 2) Wars
- 3) Economic devastation
- 4) A Zombie Nation Conditioned to march with High Tech Anal Probes for all

Gorge Carlin Said years ago, but no one seems to notice and no one seems to care, except For Celente and his writers and followers. Chris Hedges and others of his mind capacity say the same thing.

Be Ready.

HandsFree

AN IDEA FOR RETAIL

Such a joke, old school retail is totally over. If there was a developer with half a brain, they'd redesign a family friendly plaza mall, with some kind of hybrid online shopping attached.

F Boylston

MASK KABUKI

Mask wearing is symbolic of total capitulation to the stupid SOB's running the asylum. It is a declaration that my body is weak and that I am completely vulnerable to a virus that kills a tiny percentage of people.

I love to watch the idiots wearing masks as they drive their cars with windows rolled up: pathetic!

Charlton Heston in Planet of the Apes: "It's a madhouse!!"

DR

THE VACCINE COOLER

My company I work for, the water cooler topic is.... "oh the 2nd shot makes you sick" and they wear it like a badge. Like they did something great,, they are special and done a great act to save society. This is what we are dealing with Stockholm syndrome. They think the captor is here to help.

"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government, and I'm here to help." – Ronald Reagan

We all should pray, and I mean it, we are wrong about this whole thing, because if they are trying to do what we think they are doing... they will have succeeded in doing the greatest genocide against my fellow Americans, including my sisters and brothers.

I hope and pray we are wrong. I want to be wrong.

Happy Fat Bearded Hermit

ETHEREUM ENTHUSIASM

I'd definitely bet on Ethereum. At the end of the day, the price of the cryptocurrencies will be determined by their usefulness, and Ethereum has the potential.

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TRENDS ON THE U.S. ECONOMIC FRONT



U.S. MARKETS OVERVIEW

After ending last week at new record highs, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 Index edged back down yesterday. The NASDAQ lost 2.5 percent on the day.

The Dow and S&P 500 closed 7 May at their 24th and 26th record highs this year as the report of April's feeble jobs market set off a rally in tech and other growth stocks.

The NASDAQ registered a higher percentage growth for the day than the other two indicators and ended 2.7 percent below its record high set two weeks earlier.

The weak jobs report reassured investors that the Federal Reserve would not raise interest rates or curtail its massive bond purchases, giving markets confidence that their bull run would continue.

There is a growing concern, however, that Washington's spending binge, which has allocated over \$5 trillion in stimulus and contemplating trillions more in, will jolt inflation and devalue the dollar.

Yet, given the weak jobs number and the downward revision of March's new jobs to 770,000, the trend is for more monetary methadone to be injected into equities and the economy.

Today, fearing higher inflation and the reality of overvaluations, the NASDAQ was down some 2 percent before rebounding as gamblers placed big bets on Amazon and Netflix... but keeping most of the equities still in the red.

The Dow racked up its worst day since 26 February, dropping 473.66 points as inflation concerns worsen and gamblers worry that the Federal Reserve's COVID War cheap money-pumping scheme is coming to an end. Illustrating the fear levels, the CBOE Volatility Index jumped to its highest level in two months.

TREND FORECAST: *We maintain our forecast that spiking inflation – as we have thoroughly detailed in the **Trends Journal** – will force the Fed to raise interest rates much sooner than promised. The higher interest rates rise, the deeper equity, real estate, and the GDP will fall.*

TREND FORECAST: *Now here this! The COVID War is winding down.*

Bill Gates, the World Vaccination Champ and one of the richest men on the planet, has been knocked down by his wife's divorcing him and damning comments about his sexual proclivity and ties to Jeffery Epstein. Thus, his constant COVID War commentary and appearances on the mainstream media, where he continually pushed for the COVID vax and COVID fear-mongering, will be silenced.

As we analyze the news coverage and comments across the U.S. media spectrum from politicians, inflated “health experts,” and Presstitutes, the trend lines indicate an easing of draconian COVID dictates that have decimated millions of businesses, lives, and livelihoods. Indeed, the terrible job numbers reveal the reality of destruction.

Is this the end of the COVID War? Only time will tell. With the drug dealers calling the “shots,” it will calm down this summer and fall. But we forecast it will ramp up again as winter arrives and they start selling the need for more jabs to kill the COVID variant, which will be hyped as much deadlier than the current strain... which, as we detail, has a low fatality rate.

In the meantime, the artificially-pumped-up U.S. economy will enjoy several months of a “Biden Bounce.” In the longer term, however, President Biden will be remembered in history books as the Herbert Hoover 2.0. When the money-pumping schemes end, America, and much of the world, will descend into the “Greatest Depression.”

Gold/Silver: Trading at three-month highs, while flat today, both precious metals continue to move up as the U.S. dollar continues its downward slide. Today, the big news on CNBC was “Stanley Druckenmiller says the Fed is endangering the dollar’s global reserve status.”

No kidding! We have only been warning about this for several months, but now that the Chairman and CEO of Duquesne Family Office said the Fed’s keeping interest rates at record lows and buying trillions in bonds has created a long-term risk... it must be true.

“I can’t find any period in history where monetary and fiscal policy were this out of step with the economic circumstances, not one,” Druckenmiller said during a “Squawk Box” interview.

Thus, the Fed is in a Catch-22. Raise rates and the economy and equity markets tank. Keep them low and the dollar gets weaker and inflation rises. We forecast

the Fed will do what it can to keep rates low for as long as they can, but they will be forced to raise them as inflation continues to spike.

Today, for example, copper prices hit a record high at \$10,724.50 a metric ton. As we have previously noted, copper is often referred to as “Dr. Copper” because it is reputed to have a Ph.D. in economics due to its ability to predict global-economy strength and weakness since it is used in most sectors of industry. Thus, as its price rises, it indicates stronger economic growth... and rising inflation.

Bad Buck

For the fourth consecutive week, the dollar’s value declined against a representative group of foreign currencies, marking the buck’s longest stretch without a gain in almost nine months, the *Financial Times* reported.

Over the last month, the dollar has given up 2.7 percent against the group of other countries’ currencies and was trading at \$90.3 on 10 May. The euro was up more than 3 percent to \$1.21.

Currencies of countries with economies tied to commodities bounced, with Brazil’s real gaining the most for the period.

Confirming investors’ dark view of the dollar’s future, fund managers are putting money into derivatives that will pay off if the dollar continues to slide or, at least, fails to rise significantly.

In a popular tactic known as a strangle, investors are buying both bullish and bearish options and can then sell the contracts at a profit as long as the dollar’s value twitches up or down but does not move enough to trigger the options.

TREND FORECAST: Overall, whatever actions the Fed and Washington take to stabilize the dollar and boost economic growth, it will only be temporary. Thus, we maintain our forecast for gold to hit \$2,100 per ounce this year and silver to break above \$50 per ounce.

Oil: In his new article for the **Trends Journal**, [“CRUDE OIL: THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX,”](#) Gregory Mannarino makes it perfectly clear that the single most important asset to the global markets is crude oil. PERIOD.

Last Friday, Colonial Pipeline announced it suffered a ransomware attack and moved “proactively” to halt pipeline operations, which transports about 100 million gallons of fuel from Houston to the Port of New York and New Jersey.

An FBI spokesman on Monday said the group, DarkSide, was responsible for the compromise. The *Wall Street Journal* reported the group posted on the dark web that its objective was to make money, and it was not acting on behalf or in coordination with any government. As with other “attacks,” however, the mainstream media and politicians blamed it on the Russians.

“We are apolitical, we do not participate in geopolitics,” the statement read, according to the report. The group said its goal is to “make money, and not creating problems for society.”

The *Journal* reported that the group is known to engage in extortion and threaten its victims with publishing private data if its demands are not met.

Eric Goldstein, the executive assistant director of the cybersecurity division at the federal Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency, told the *AP* that the attack “underscores the threat that ransomware poses to organizations regardless of size or sector.”

Yes, indeed, Mr. Goldstein, we have only been forecasting the weaponry of “New Millennium Warfare” for over 20 years. We note this because the next wars will be fought with cyber-weaponry, hypersonic missiles, mega-drone attacks, biological warfare, etc.

Indeed, when they asked Albert Einstein what weapons will be used to fight World War III he said, “I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.”

On the oil front, despite the attack, oil is trading in the same range as it was last week. Have prices been held back by a plunge protection team fearing a sharp price hike would freak out the gas-consuming public and ratchet up inflation... or is it the disappointing jobs report that indicates an economic slowdown?

Time will tell.

Bitcoin: Today, the software company Palantir, which sells analytics tools to the defense industry and large corporations, said it was considering adding Bitcoin or any other type of cryptocurrency on its balance sheet.

And while Palantir was co-founded by Peter Thiel, a self-proclaimed “pro-crypto, pro-bitcoin maximalist,” Palantir joins a growing list of companies joining the crypto craze.

As we go to press, Bitcoin is still strong as are other major traded cryptocurrencies. We maintain our forecast that while there will be a sharp correction, the trend line is up... until, or if, governments ban them when they turn their dirty cash into [DIGITAL TRASH](#).

STEEL STOCKS: BUBBLE READY TO BURST?



Steel demand crashed during the COVID War. Now, as the world’s economy reopens, mills are unable to meet the sudden surge in demand.

As a result, prices for both steel and steel company stocks have skyrocketed.

The good news for U.S. steel users: all of the country's pre-COVID War capacity is back online... but at a price.

Prices for the benchmark hot-rolled coil steel cratered to \$460 a ton last spring; now they have vaulted to a record \$1,500, almost triple the 20-year average price.

The share price of U.S. steel has tripled in the last 12 months; Nucor's stock price has jumped 76 percent since December.

"We expect this will correct," Bank of America metals analyst Timna Tanners told *CNN Business*, "and often when it corrects, it over-corrects."

Tanners, who has been tracking the metals market for two decades, released a research report earlier this month titled, "Steel Stocks in a Bubble."

Steel's current prices are "like \$170-a-barrel oil," Phil Gibbs, chief of metals equity research at Keybank Capital Markets, commented to *CNN Business*. "The correction will be very intense. It's just a matter of when and how it happens."

Gibbs emphasized his view that steel prices – not the price of steel stocks – are in a bubble.

"Current steel prices are at peak (or close to it)... and will correct sharply lower at some point," Citi analyst Alex Hacking agreed in a 5 May research note.

TREND FORECAST: *As we have forecast, the world will bounce back from the lockdowns, and demand for products and services will increase... for several months. China's manufacturing strength remains strong and steel prices will stay strong if President Biden continues steel tariffs imposed by former President Trump.*

Steel is only the latest commodity to see shortages and record prices. From chlorine to computer chips, the world is short on materials and willing to pay premiums for available supplies.

TRENDS ON THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT FRONT



Good News: Last Thursday, new claims for unemployment benefits fell to 498,000 during the week ending 6 May, the fourth consecutive weekly decline, the fourth week of claims below 600,000, and the lowest number since the pandemic began 14 months ago, the U.S. Labor Department

reported.

The figure beat the consensus estimate of 538,000 among economists surveyed by *Bloomberg*.

However, the number might not hold; the previous week's initial report of 553,000 has now been revised to 590,000.

Continuing claims rose to 3.69 million, worse than economists' median guess of 3.62 million.

Before the COVID War, new weekly claims for unemployment benefits averaged near 200,000.

Bad News: The next day, the new job numbers chilled the previous day's unemployment benefits report.

The U.S. Labor Department reported that the U.S. economy added only 266,000 net new jobs in April, the weakest showing since January and barely a quarter of the one million jobs economists had expected.

The poor performance followed the downward revision of March's payroll additions to 770,000.

An estimated 8.2 million Americans remain out of work in the wake of the COVID pandemic.

April's feeble record had several causes:

- Many employers are waiting for more signs that the economic recovery is firm before expanding payrolls;
- Generous state and federal unemployment benefits combine to keep workers at home, especially in low-wage businesses such as hotels and restaurants;
- Some workers are afraid to go for the pandemic to recede further before venturing back into the workforce;
- Women who could work may have trouble finding transportation or affordable child care.

Restaurants, hotels, and other businesses in leisure and hospitality added 331,000 jobs as lockdowns on public gathering places eased.

In contrast, manufacturing cast off 18,000 jobs, as the persistent shortage of computer chips idled factories. Retailers took 15,000 off their payrolls as robust consumer spending in the spring continued to drift from brick-and-mortar stores to the web.

Average private-sector hourly pay in April rose 21 cents to \$30.18 as employers dangled more pay to lure workers back to their jobs.

Why Work? With businesses short of workers while nearly ten million people remain unemployed, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, and other states are

beginning to tighten requirements to receive unemployment benefits and end them for people who refuse jobs offered to them.

People collecting jobless benefits receive an average of \$318 a week in state compensation plus another \$300 from the federal government.

That total jobless benefit averaging \$618 a week beats, or at least rivals, the \$600 earned by working a 40-hour week at \$15 an hour.

A growing number of states, and several business groups, believe the extra \$300 a week in federal jobless payments, combined with serial federal stimulus checks, are keeping people from returning to the workforce.

President Biden dismissed the claim, citing April's dismal hiring numbers (see related story) and the 9.8 million people still out work to justify continuing the \$300 federal benefit.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is calling for an end to the federal payments; the governors of Montana and South Carolina said last week they will deny claimants' access to the federal bonus, even though the program will continue through September at the national level.

Instead, Montana governor Greg Gianforte will offer his state's residents a \$1,200 "return to work bonus" if they were collecting unemployment on 4 May but get a job and hold it for at least four weeks.

April's "disappointing jobs report makes it clear that paying people not to work is dampening what should be a stronger jobs market," Neil Bradley, the national chamber's chief policy officer, complained to the *Wall Street Journal*.

The National Federation of Independent Business reported that 44 percent of small business owners have job openings they cannot fill.

For the last quarter of 2020, 43 percent of unemployed Americans were about to exhaust their jobless benefits; 57 percent returned to work or otherwise stopped

claiming payments before their eligibility expired, according to U.S. Labor Department data.

In the first three months of this year, 407,000 people were denied unemployment benefits because they did not look for work or affirm they were available for work, the U.S. Labor Department reported.

Pay Up: In March, U.S. salaries and wages climbed for the 11th consecutive month and finally topped their February 2020 peak, the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis reported.

Workers' pay in the aggregate climbed to a seasonally adjusted \$9.78 trillion from \$9.87 trillion year over year.

The same recovery in paychecks took twice as long to reach when the Great Recession eased, *Business Insider* reported.

Low-skilled workers led the wage rally as the vaccine campaign persuaded more restaurants and other leisure and hospitality businesses to reopen; some businesses are offering higher pay to coax workers back.

Salaries for medium- and highly-skilled workers also rose but remained just below their pre-pandemic high points.

TRENDPOST: *A University of Chicago study showed that 42 percent of those on unemployment benefits are making more through the benefits than they did at their previous jobs. And while there is a shortage of workers, there are also 8.4 million fewer jobs available since the onset of the COVID War.*

Jobs Go Begging: The U.S. economy added a meager 266,000 jobs in April, in part because employers are unable to find workers.

About 4.6 million people who were working when the pandemic struck have not yet returned to the labor force, according to Bank of America.

Employers expect to see workers return as vaccine campaigns expand and succeed.

Uber and Lyft are offering incentives to attract more drivers, and U.S. factories have about 500,000 unfilled jobs.

Meanwhile, some companies are offering workers extraordinary incentives: Chipotle is offering to pay college tuition for workers after just four months on the job.

Although the percentage of U.S. adults either working or looking for work rose to 61.7 percent in April – the greatest proportion in 13 months – the figure is still at its lowest since 1977, when far fewer women held paying jobs.

"Over the next several years, the recent surge in retirements and long run demographic trends will... [make] it difficult for the labor force participation rate to return to pre-pandemic levels," Michelle Meyer, Bank of America's chief U.S. economist, noted in a recent research report.

The shortage is especially acute in manufacturing, which has 570,000 open jobs now as the pandemic ends and the economy begins to stir. Worse, the industry sees as many as 2.1 million unfilled slots by 2030, costing the sector \$1 trillion in productivity over the intervening years, according to a new study by Deloitte and the Manufacturing Institute.

Three factors are robbing factories of workers:

- Manufacturing no longer is about pushing parts through a machine. Workers need advanced skills in math, computer use, and problem-solving, a skill set strikingly absent among high-school graduates
- Workers who have technical skills often opt for white-collar positions, which offer higher prestige, flexible work locales, and cleaner hands;

- Manufacturing work still is perceived by many as a low-status occupation, employers say.
- Those three factors translate to a shrinking talent pool of workers for manufacturers to draw from.

Finding qualified factory workers is 36 percent harder now than in 2018, respondents to a Deloitte study reported, and 77 percent expect to struggle to find and keep workers in the future.

TREND FORECAST: *To attract more workers, wages will rise, which will, in turn, be another factor driving inflation higher.*

FED WARNS OF LOOMING RISKS TO FINANCIAL STABILITY



What we have been warning – and what people who can think for themselves clearly understand – is that the economy was destroyed by the COVID War lockdown, and it has been artificially pumped up with heavy doses of monetary methadone injected into

the system by Washington and the Fed.

Now, finally, the U.S. Federal Reserve warned in its semiannual Financial Stability Report that risks to U.S. financial stability are on the rise, especially if interest rates rise and stock markets cool.

Yet, while reported in the business news for one day, it rapidly disappeared and never made it to the general public, which is still being swamped with COVID War “news.”

Federal Delusion

Overall, the country's financial system appears sound according to the Fed. They claim that banks are well-capitalized, brokerage firms are not over-leveraged, household debt poses little risk, and low interest rates have made corporate debt loads manageable.

They also claim the system has remained stable even as money junkie gamblers have plowed hundreds of billions of speculative dollars into special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), gobbled up cryptocurrencies that are backed by nothing but faith, and have valued stocks well above prices supported by earnings or assets.

"High asset prices in part reflect the continued low level of Treasury yields," the Fed's report said.

"However, valuations for some assets are elevated relative to historical norms even when using measures that account for Treasury yields" and levels of risk-taking in investment markets have continued to rise in recent months, the Fed said.

"Should risk appetite decline from elevated levels, a broad range of asset prices could be vulnerable to large and sudden declines, which can lead to broader stress to the financial system," the report warned.

Such a decline could be sparked by a resurgent COVID virus or a stalled economic recovery that stresses businesses and households, the Fed said.

"Perceived risks associated with the course of the pandemic and its effects on the U.S. and foreign economies remain relatively high," the report noted.

"A worsening of the global pandemic could stress the financial system in emerging markets and some European countries," it said.

At home, hedge funds are somewhat more highly leveraged than usual and often do not disclose the full measure of risk they take, the Fed pointed out.

Those traits and incautious investments by money market funds, open-end funds, and other non-bank financial actors pose particular threats to U.S. financial stability, the report noted several times.

The Fed singled out the number of initial public offerings run through special-purpose acquisition companies as an example of elevated risk.

“The appetite for risk has increased broadly” and “vulnerabilities associated with elevated risk appetite are rising, as the ‘meme stock’ episode demonstrated,” Fed governor Lael Brainard wrote in a separate statement referring to the GameStop fiasco.

“Valuations across a range of asset classes have continued to rise from levels that were elevated late last year,” she noted. “The combination of stretched valuations with very high levels of corporate indebtedness bear watching because of the potential to amplify the effects” of a market correction or crash, she wrote.

Brainard urged that banks be required to hold greater capital reserves during economic expansions to guard against the effects of downturns.

The recent failure of Archegos Capital Management to meet margin calls, causing several banks to post major losses, also was singled out by Brainard, prompting her to call for hedge funds to report more “granular, high-frequency” data.

“While broader market spillovers appear limited, the episode highlights the potential for material distress at [non-bank financial institutions] to affect the broader financial system,” the Fed report added.

“A decline in asset prices, home prices, cryptocurrency would certainly hurt the people holding them,” former Fed governor Donald Kohn acknowledged to the *Wall Street Journal*. “But it’s not going to get amplified through weakness in banks, the way it did in 2007 and 2008,” he said.

TREND FORECAST: *Fed Fear is real. They know the risks, but as we analyze the data, they are downplaying the implications. For example, as for their statement that banks are well-capitalized, brokerage firms are not over-leveraged... bullshit has its own sound.*

What will the banks do when the commercial real estate market plummets, and what will the brokerage firms do when the market crashes?

Again, minus a wild card, rising inflation will push the Fed to raise interest rates. When interest rates rise and the cheap monetary methadone they have been injecting into the system is too expensive for money junkies to borrow, the crashing Wall Street will ravage Main Street.

INFLATION RIPPLES THROUGH U.S. ECONOMY



The economy is rebounding as consumers express pent-up demand, but suppliers are unable to respond as quickly.

As a result, consumer prices shot up 2.6 percent in March, the biggest monthly jump since August 2018 and notably higher than the U.S. Federal Reserve's 2-percent benchmark.

A broad array of items are in short supply, driving up prices across sectors.

Whirlpool freezers and washers are rising in price, the company has warned; Scotts Miracle-Gro will hike prices on its lawn and garden goods, it said.

Consumer products makers Kimberly-Clark and Procter & Gamble, and food companies Nestlè and KraftHeinz have announced plans to hike prices, as reported in previous **Trends Journal** issues.

“Our overall goal is to cover cost increases,” Jon Moeller, Procter & Gamble COO, said in comments quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Farmers are paying more for fuel and tools, raw materials are pricier for factories to buy, shipping containers are in short supply, trucking companies are raising pay to attract and hold scarce drivers, and consumers are seeing those costs pile up in their shopping baskets and credit card bills.

The cost of an apple at Topco’s supermarkets is up 10 to 20 percent, a company official noted.

As prices rose during the pandemic, many companies chose not to raise prices during an economic crisis and, instead, did away with coupons, discounts, and sales. Now those companies are seeking to regain lost revenue as the economy heats up, raising prices by as much as 10 percent, Chris Testa, president of United Natural Foods, told the *WSJ*.

“We haven’t seen this type of inflation in many, many years,” Kellogg Co. CEO Steven Cahillane said in comments announcing his company’s forthcoming price hikes that were quoted by the *WSJ*.

TREND FORECAST: *U.S. Federal Reserve hacks have said repeatedly that any inflation above 2 percent will be small and temporary as the reviving economy works out materials shortages and supply-chain kinks.*

The Fed has vowed to not raise interest rates until the economy has restored full employment and inflation rises above 2 percent and shows clear signals of remaining there for an extended period.

We disagree. Inflation will continue to rise, especially as the U.S. dollar continues to fall. And the Fed will raise interest rates before their 2024 target. They may even raise them this year. Their decision to do so will depend on the equity markets. Should the stock market fall into bear territory, the Fed will keep rates

low to stop it from crashing. Thus, in doing so, the cheap money flow will keep pushing inflation higher.

FED DOWNPLAYS INFLATION RISK



Investors and analysts are growing more worried about inflation, but officials at the U.S. Federal Reserve – the agency charged with keeping inflation controlled – are not sharing those anxieties and instead continue to insist that any sudden rise in prices will be small and short-lived.

Some Fed officers even seem to welcome what inflation might offer, *The New York Times* reported.

“You talk about the economy overheating, you kind of go, ‘Gosh, I like the economy producing as much as it can,’” Charles Evans, president of Chicago’s Federal Reserve Bank, said last week in a call with reporters quoted by the *NYT*.

“Why would you like unemployment to be higher when it could be lower?” he said. “It depends on what the added cost is.”

The Fed has set 2 percent as an acceptable inflation rate, but it has said repeatedly that it would let inflation surpass that mark slightly for short periods to strengthen prices after years of meager gains.

Fed officials also have downplayed recent, broad price jumps, attributing them to supply-chain glitches that will untangle themselves as the economy recovers.

Recent global spikes that have set record prices for everything from palladium to lumber (see related stories) are “likely to prove temporary,” Eric Rosengren,

president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, said in a 5 May speech quoted by the *NYT*.

“Toilet paper and Clorox were in short supply at the outset of the pandemic, but manufacturers increased supply and those items are no longer scarce,” he said.

“At this point, the risk that inflation remains persistently above our long-term goal of 2 percent still appears small,” Fed governor Michelle Bowman agreed in remarks released 5 May.

“If there are unforeseen upward pressures on prices, we will use our tools to bring it down,” Richard Clarida, the Fed’s vice-chair, said in a 5 May *CNBC* interview.

Meanwhile, the Fed has stated its intention to hold a steady policy course, keeping interest rates near zero while it buys \$120 billion a month in government and corporate bonds.

It will not alter those policies until the economy reaches full employment and inflation has not only exceeded 2 percent but shows evidence of remaining there for an extended period, Fed chair Jerome Powell and other central bank officials have said on several occasions.

“We’re still a long way from our goals, and in our new framework we want to see actual progress, not just forecast progress,” Clarida noted.

“As we move through the year, we’ll get more data,” he said.

TREND FORECAST: *To clearly illustrate Fed hype, with commodity prices and consumer goods spiking, Eric Rosengren, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, could only see as far as “toilet paper and Clorox” and was delighted “manufacturers increased supply and those items are no longer scarce.”*

Prices will keep rising and inflation will keep climbing, which will force the Fed to reverse policy quickly, halting its bond-buying scheme while raising interest

rates... which will, in turn, tank equity markets and sink the nation into the "Greatest Depression."

CROP PRICES HIGHEST IN EIGHT YEARS



Prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat – crops that are the foundation of much of the world’s diet – have reached levels not seen since 2013, fueled in part by speculators expecting prices to rise even more, some analysts say.

Wheat has passed its February 2013 high and closed 7 May at \$7.73 a bushel at the Chicago Board of Trade before settling back to \$7.61 on 10 May. Corn closed at \$7.72 on 7 May and is up 142 percent in the past 12 months, *Bloomberg* reported.

Soybeans were at their priciest since June 2013 at \$16.22 a bushel on 7 May.

Last week, *Bloomberg’s* Agriculture Spot Index tracking prices of basic crops jumped the furthest in more than eight years as prices for crop futures soared.

Food prices have been climbing relentlessly for ten months, *Bloomberg* noted.

Droughts in Brazil, Canada, France, and the central and western U.S. are withering corn and wheat crops, while too much rain in Argentina is damaging soy fields.

Meanwhile, China is rumored to be seeking a million tons of corn to import this year to continue expanding its hog herds as an increasingly affluent population demands more meat.

Bangladesh and Egypt also have made offers for grain in hopes of securing supplies before inventories disappear.

In addition, supply-chain bottlenecks, from shortages of shipping containers to a shortage of workers at trucking depots, have made a range of foods hard to get.

“We are getting close to the point of having to ration demand,” analyst Jacqueline Holland at Farm Futures told *Bloomberg*. “Farmers are either running out of crops to sell or waiting for the market to go even higher.”

Russia, a major wheat exporter, has curbed shipments to ensure adequate domestic supplies and has frozen prices at home, *Bloomberg* reported; Bolivia has banned beef exports to keep its citizens fed and curb price spikes.

The shortages and rising prices will translate to sticker shock at the supermarket over the summer, as we reported in the 4 May **Trends Journal**.

Already, tortilla prices in Mexico have soared, as has the cost of beef in Brazil, palm oil in Myanmar, and meats in the U.S.

It takes three to six months for price hikes in raw materials to appear on grocery shelves, insiders say. Nestlè, Procter & Gamble, and General Mills all have warned of higher prices for consumers in the summer and beyond.

TREND FORECAST: Food inflation will hit consumers hard, especially in poorer nations where people are forced to spend a greater portion of their incomes to eat.

This, in turn, will push more people onto the streets to protest declining living standards, rising prices, government corruption, crime, and violence. As tensions rise and economies falter in developing and poorer nations, more people will seek refuge in safe-haven nations, which will escalate anti-immigration and nationalist movements in the countries they wish to seek refuge in.

INFLATED CHICKEN



The American public – 72 percent of which are overweight and 40 percent obese – has ratcheted up their taste for corporate food, and their hunger for it has driven up the prices of chicken wings, nuggets, and sandwiches... as chicken supplies go down.

Restaurant closures during the economic shutdown left freezers full of unsold chicken parts, so eateries began featuring chicken dishes to clear the inventory.

McDonald's recently unveiled three new chicken sandwiches; Popeye's and Wendy's served up their versions of chicken on a bun. Burger King and other chains have new chicken sandwiches in the works, the *Wall Street Journal* reported.

The idea, however, seems to have worked a little too well.

In late April, KFC ordered its stores to pull chicken tenders and Nashville Hot items off the menu due to pending shortages.

The 900-store Wingstop chain reports paying 26 percent more for chicken wings now than last year; skinless, boneless chicken breast was fetching about \$1 a pound wholesale in 2020 but now brings \$2.04 on average, according to research firm Urner Barry.

Consumers are paying an average of \$3.29 per pound for chicken at the supermarket, 3 percent more since January and up 11 percent compared to a year ago, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Demand for wings is more than we can currently fill," Michael Cockrell, CFO of Sanderson Farms, a major supplier to Buffalo Wild Wings, TGI Friday's, and other chains, told the *WSJ*.

Pilgrim's Pride, the second-largest U.S. chicken supplier, reported \$100 million in first-quarter profits, beating expectations with a nearly 50-percent gain year on year.

Analysts contacted by research firm FactSet expect Tyson Foods and Sanderson Farms to show similar strength when they report results from this year's first three months.

The run on chicken will continue through the next few months, Pilgrim's CEO Fabio Sandri said to the *WSJ*.

"Grilling season is just around the corner, when chicken demand is seasonally strongest," he said.

TRENDPOST: *We note this article to again illustrate the steep rise in prices and the trend for sharply higher inflation which will, in turn, force the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. And when the Fed rates hit about 1.5 percent, equities will tank, and the economy will slump deeply into the "Greatest Depression."*

We note this article to also detail the junk food diet that permeates the American landscape, which is cluttered with junk food chains. As we have noted since the COVID War was launched, not a peep from politicians, so-called "health officials," and Presstitutes for people to eat healthily and build up their immune systems to help prevent them from catching the coronavirus.

Indeed, as the CDC data proves, 94 percent of victims that died from the virus had 2.6 preexisting chronic conditions of which obesity, type 2 diabetes, and respiratory ailments were primary among them.

Yes, the "eat junk food" trend will continue. But, as we have forecast, so, too, will the whole health healing trend accelerate as a New Age 2.0 evolves. This will provide rewarding OnTrendpreneur® opportunities.

TRENDPOST: *In April, the price of used cars in the U.S. grew by 8.2 to 9.3 percent, UBS reported, the market's greatest monthly price spike since 1953 when the company began tracking car price movements.*

With the economy reopening, jobs returning, and people ready to spend, many are turning to used cars because automakers have curtailed production due to a shortage of computer chips.

NEARLY HALF OF NEW STORES IN 2021 WILL BE DOLLAR STORES



About 45 percent of the 3,597 new store openings retail chains announced so far this year will be additions to the Dollar General, Dollar Tree, and Family Dollar chains, according to an analysis by Coresight Research.

Economic damage from the COVID War has hit low and middle-level wage workers hard, thus accelerating the long-term of the middle class declining and the growth of bargain stores.

“While the wealthy have done well and continue to do well since the Great Recession, there’s certainly a lot of the population that has not done as well,” Ken Fenyo, Coresight president, told *CNN Business*. “The dollar stores appeal strongly to that segment of the population.”

TRENDPOST: *Yes, the dollar stores appeal to that segment of the population, which will continue to grow. We have been forecasting this trend for decades, and as the data proves, the billionaires got \$8 trillion richer while most of the workers of the world got poorer.*

Indeed, what further evidence is required to see the demise of America, once the Land of Opportunity, than the sharp rise of bargain-basement, cheap quality

stores, compared to the demise of middle-class department stores that provided consumers with products and services of a higher quality.

PRIVATE EQUITY GIANT GOBBLES YAHOO



Private equity firm Apollo Global Management has bought Yahoo and Verizon Communications' other online media properties for \$5 billion.

Verizon shed the assets to concentrate on its central business of telecommunications and continue the expansion of its 5G

network, which served 230 million people in 2,700 cities in December, the company said.

Apollo plans to strengthen the package of media businesses, which will be grouped under the name Yahoo, into a digital media company poised to compete in the growing market for online advertising.

Verizon will hold 10 percent of the new company.

“We are big believers in the growth prospects of Yahoo and the macro tailwinds” powering growth in online advertising to consumers, David Sambur, Apollo’s co-head of private equity, commented to the *Financial Times*.

From 2015 into 2017, Verizon paid \$9 billion to acquire Yahoo and AOL as flagships for an online media division named Oath. The strategy was to combine content and delivery in a single telecom empire.

However, in 2018 Verizon took a \$4.6-billion write-down on its media gamble as competition sharpened and sales and earnings fell short of the company’s expectations.

“During the strategic review process, Apollo delivered the strongest vision and strategy for the next phase of Verizon Media,” Verizon CEO Hans Vestberg said in a statement quoted by the *FT*.

Verizon's disappointing foray into digital media is not unique.

In 2018, AT&T bought Time Warner, which owns CNN, HBO, and Warner Brothers, for \$85.4 billion to create a market foe for Netflix. However, in January AT&T wrote down \$15.5 billion against the purchase as consumers abandoned satellite and cable TV for online streaming services.

TREND FORECAST: We report these mergers and acquisitions to illustrate how the cheap money trend is fueling the buyouts, and how so few companies own so much. Again, the Bigs keep getting bigger and they continue to expand, gaining greater shares of market segments.

However, when the cheap money supply tightens, the M&A activity will dramatically slow down. And when a number of the businesses these highly leveraged firms bought go down, some of the private equity firms will go bust.

FOX CORP. BEATS EXPECTATIONS, WILL BUY OUTKICK MEDIA



Fox Corp., the media colossus owned by Rupert Murdoch, saw profits rise sevenfold to \$567 million in this year's first quarter, despite a 6.5-percent drop in revenue to \$3.2 billion year on year.

Ad sales across newspapers, television, radio, and online platforms plunged 24 percent to \$1.2 billion.

Also, fewer viewers tuned in to the company's cable and broadcast channels.

The rise in profits against falling sales resulted from changes in the way the company values some assets.

The cable division, dominated by Fox News, dropped 7 percent in ad revenue to \$283 million. The cable operation delivered \$899 in pretax income and 95 percent of the corporation's pretax profit.

Also, Fox announced it will purchase Outkick Media, a right-leaning digital news and commentary business established by former Fox Sports personality Clay Travis.

Outkick began as an irreverent commentary on sports but has expanded into opining on politics and culture.

Travis still has a daily program on Fox Sports Radio and appears routinely on Fox Sports as a commentator.

The purchase price was not reported.

TRENDPOST: *We note this to again illustrate how just a few corporations own most of the media... in the United States and around the world. In the U.S., six corporations control over 90 percent of the media, and that percentage keeps growing.*

Thus, the only information the general public who tunes in is getting is the message they are selling... and not the facts, analysis, and trend forecasts they need to help them prepare for the future.

TRENDS ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC FRONT



COMMODITIES SUPERCYCLE UNDERWAY?

The spike in demand in recent weeks for raw materials from iron ore to sugar may signal the start of a commodities “supercycle,” in which prices for items rise steadily while supplies remain scarce, traders and analysts say.

Steady demand from Chinese factories, government stimulus spending, a \$2.3-billion U.S. infrastructure project, a greening world economy, and global economic recovery, though bumpy, all strain supplies of basic materials.

The price of iron ore and timber reached all-time highs in late April and early May. In the U.S., lumber prices topped \$1,600 per thousand board feet for the first time.

As a result, share prices of West Frame Timber, Universal Forest Products, and Resolute Forest Products have rocketed up 62, 63, and 200 percent, respectively, over the past six months.

Palladium, essential to catalytic converters in cars, set a record above \$3,000 an ounce on 2 May. The cost of farm commodities from grains to milk have soared; the price of corn and soybeans are at their highest since 2013.

The S&P GSCI spot index, which tracks prices for 24 metals, has shot up 24 percent this year; the price of copper traded above \$10,000 a ton for the first time in ten years.

“President Biden has now proposed two additional stimulus plans on top of the one he has already passed,” Saad Rahim, chief economist at commodities trading firm Trafigura, told the *Financial Times*. “If any of that comes to pass, you are just supercharging the whole thing.

“This is just getting started,” he said.

In China, which has decreed a near-term end to the production of fossil-fuel vehicles, the metals used in electric cars have jumped.

After a three-year slump, the price in China for the lithium carbonate used in electric vehicle batteries has doubled this year. Cobalt, another metal in batteries, has jumped 40 percent, as has the price of neodymium-praseodymium, used to make electric motors.

Electric vehicles require six times the mineral content of conventional cars and trucks, the International Energy Agency noted in an analysis earlier this month. The agency noted there is not enough lithium, copper, or other rare earth metals available to make carmakers’ green ambitions a near-term reality.

“The world risks running out of copper,” Bank of America warned in a recent research note.

“You have an EV supercycle and you add a real commodity supercycle on top of that and it’s game on for the miners,” Simon Moores, managing director at Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, said to the *FT*.

As we reported today, copper prices hit an all-time high, passing the record price it hit in early 2011.

Consumer demand for electronic gadgets during the economic shutdown, production disruptions in South American mines due to the pandemic, and tangles in shipping all have drained existing inventories of the metal.

Now, the world's economic revival and a renewed push in China, Europe, and the U.S. to transform transportation from fossil fuels to electricity will push copper prices to between \$11,500 and \$12,000 a ton in the next few months, Luke Sadrian, CIO at Commodities World Capital, said to the *Wall Street Journal*.

Copper's value will climb steadily through 2025, he predicted, although "we need to watch for speculative excesses," he warned.

Prices for corn, lumber, crude oil, and other commodities have reached record highs in futures markets as investors seek hedges against inflation, which would drive up the value of commodities.

The U.S. inflation rate was 2.6 percent for the 12 months ending 31 March, firmly above the U.S. Federal Reserve's 2-percent target rate.

TREND FORECAST: As we have reported, Fed officials have said repeatedly that inflation above 2 percent will be small and temporary as supply chains and the economy in general recover.

"I don't think there's going to be an inflationary problem, but if there is, the Fed can be counted on to address it," U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellin said in a 5 May statement quoted by the WSJ.

*However, as greatly detailed in this and previous issues of the **Trends Journal**, inflation is a hot trend that will keep rising, and despite the Fed claiming they have the "tools" to deal with it, the only tool they have is to raise interest rates. As we repeatedly note, when interest rates rise, equities and the economy will deeply dive.*

SUPPLY CHAIN DROUGHT



Supply chains and shipping will be undependable for the rest of this year, Soren Skou, CEO of AP Moeller-Maersk, the world's largest shipping line, said last week in comments announcing the

company's highest quarterly profit in its 117-year history.

The cost of shipping – and profits for Maersk and its competitors – will remain high through 2021 because of surging global demand as the world's economy revives, he said in comments quoted by the *Financial Times*.

Maersk's U.S.-Asia routes usually require six ships but now need eight because vessels are waiting as long as 16 days outside Los Angeles's port to be unloaded.

"You can imagine what that does to global supply chains," Skou said. "For our customers, it means our supply chains are unreliable.

"Because of all the delays around the world, every ship is deployed," he added. "So if demand goes up, there are no more ships to bring in."

He expects current "exceptionally high freight rates" to "probably come down at some point" but was unwilling to speculate when.

To ease constraints, Maersk is buying more containers to load onto its ships, he said.

The number of containers, an indicator of trade volume, grew 8.4 percent in this year's first quarter, during which shipments from Asia to the U.S. grew 40 percent, the *FT* reported.

TRENDPOST: *As with the supply chain shortage, regardless of the product or service, it is another supply and demand equation that equals rising prices... which equals rising inflation. Thus, it is more than just commodities that are jacking prices up, its goods and services as well.*

BANK OF ENGLAND BOOSTS OUTLOOK, CUTS BACK ON BOND-BUYING



Britain's central bank has raised its growth forecast for the U.K.'s economy this year by almost 50 percent, from 5 percent predicted in February to 7.25 percent now.

If realized, it would be the U.K.'s greatest one-year economic expansion in the 72 years the bank has kept records.

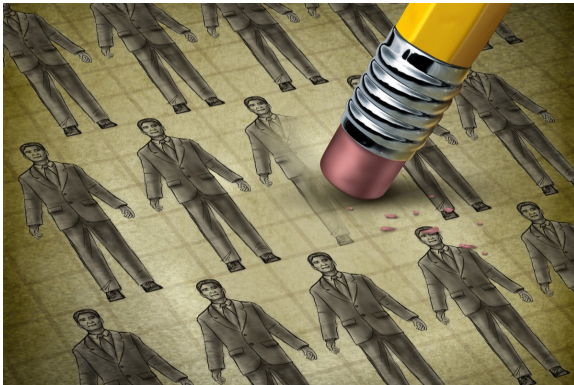
The brighter outlook has moved the bank to plan to reduce the number of government bonds it has been buying, the bank said.

Still, there is “an enormous amount of uncertainty” about the pandemic and global shutdown’s impact on the nation’s future, bank governor Andrew Bailey said in a statement announcing the new figures, hinting that the bank’s policies and projections could be revised if the pandemic resurges.

TREND FORECAST: *Considering the depth of the U.K. recession, in which the nation suffered its biggest drop in economic output in 300 years in 2020, any move upwards has the appearance of sharp growth.*

Yes, there will be an economic bounce-back following the 16 months of on-and-off lockdowns, which have destroyed millions of businesses and livelihoods. However, we forecast it will be temporary and the U.K. Banksters, as with the rest of the Central Bank Mob, will do all they can to inject cheap money into the system to keep it from crashing... including bond buying.

COMMERZBANK WORKERS AGREE TO JOB CUTS



Commerzbank, Germany's third-largest bank, and its employees have agreed on a plan to cut 10,000 jobs.

The plan includes early retirement and reduced hours for older workers, retraining for workers whose jobs are eliminated, and severance packages for those who are

fired, the Verdi labor union announced on 8 May.

The affected workers will not transition suddenly all at once, so workers who remain are not overburdened by colleagues’ sudden disappearance, the union said.

The plan is key to CEO Manfred Knof’s strategy to restore the bank’s financial stability and profitability.

Knof, a lawyer, came to the bank in 2019 as head of retail operations.

When he took the top job in January, he announced the bank would not only cut 10,000 jobs but also close hundreds of branches as part of a €1.8 billion restructuring initiative he referred to as a “bitter pill.”

TRENDPOST: *Commerzbank never regained a solid footing after a government bailout during the Great Recession and lost €2.9 billion last year. We also note this article to illustrate the number of job losses that will not return.*

CHINA'S CONSUMERS BOOST SPENDING



China's service sector, which has lagged manufacturing's economic recovery, posted its best results this year in April, according to the private Caixin China services purchasing managers index.

The index rose to 56.3 in April, up 2 points from March, to post its best reading since

December, Caixin Media Co. reported.

Levels above 50 signal growth; the higher the number, the stronger the expansion.

Also, Chinese shoppers and domestic travelers shelled out more during a five-day Labor Day holiday that ended 5 May than during last year's celebration.

During the vacation week, travelers made 230 million trips inside China compared to 195 million during the same week in 2019. It was the first time the number of domestic trips during a holiday period has topped pre-pandemic volumes.

Chinese theaters also broke records for ticket sales and numbers of customers during the week.

Foreign demand for Chinese consulting services and other knowledge-intensive work was a key force in boosting the service sector and persuaded Chinese firms in those areas to add staff for the second consecutive month, Caixin said.

Also in April, exports increased by 32.2 percent year over year and 36.3 percent above the volume in April 2019, China's General Administration of Customs reported.

Economists polled by the *Wall Street Journal* had predicted only a 21-percent gain.

Orders were strongest from India and other countries still crippled by the COVID pandemic; shipments to southeast Asian countries rose 40 percent, the agency said.

TRENDPOST: *As we have noted, China was the only major nation to register positive GDP growth in 2020. As evidenced by the latest data, the GDP is on-trend to solidly expand this year... possibly in the 8 percent range.*

Moreover, as evidenced by the service and consumer sector, China's dual circulation policy whereby they rely on both exports and growing consumer economy is, by the numbers, evolving as they had planned.

TRENDS IN THE MARKETS



CRUDE OIL: THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

By *Gregory Mannarino*, TradersChoice.net

The single most important asset to the global markets is crude oil. PERIOD.

Wall Street investment banks have trillions in leveraged dollars invested (“betting”) the price of crude oil will remain high. Crude oil fuels Wall Street and the stock market. The entire energy and financial sectors of the market depend on the price of crude oil being high. The mechanism of keeping the price of crude oil high, by any means necessary, is a main driver of the global markets.

Today, the price action of crude oil has no bearing on reality, and, like everything else, is rigged.

Over the weekend, another false flag event occurred: a major oil pipeline “fell victim” to a cyberattack. I foretold that an event like this would happen several weeks ago after crude fell several dollars a barrel. Whenever I see the price of

crude oil fall, alarm bells go off in my head telling me to look out for another false flag event that will push crude oil higher. The price of crude will be kept artificially propped up by ANY AND ALL means necessary. Perhaps an oil refinery fire, a bombing, a supply chain disruption, a missile attack... or the latest, a cyberattack. More false flags are going to occur more frequently.

The mechanism of propping up the price of crude oil goes beyond the stock market. The rising cost of energy is going to be used, and it already is being used, as a scapegoat for inflation. It is the same game they always play: Look HERE! Do Not look there.

The headlines will be: “The Skyrocketing Cost of Energy is Causing Inflation.” Moreover, they will attempt to sell the story that “inflation is only temporary.” As always, just as they are supposed to, the weak-minded/dumbed down will buy the fake narrative. They always do.

In the last year, the Federal Reserve’s balance sheet has ballooned by 118 percent. Again, this is no secret to anyone who follows my articles in the **Trends Journal**.

Years ago, I began explaining that the Fed was going to “Go Hyper-Nuclear” regarding debt issuance and acquisition, effectively creating an inflation-creation machine. It is this mechanism that is causing the current rising state of inflation in America. And, again, people are not supposed to know that, so the “rising cost of energy” will be blamed.

Closing out last week, the U.S. suffered its largest miss *in history* regarding jobs creation, one million new jobs were expected, but we got less than 300,000. Net, the U.S. economy is still losing millions of jobs each month, with unemployment claims averaging over 500,000 weekly.

Moving forward, the Federal Reserve will be increasing its asset purchases, despite reports to the contrary, and they will also be increasing their currency creation. Both of these mechanisms are dollar-purchasing power negative, henceforth, more inflation – by design.

Understanding the mechanisms in place, it is clear that we can expect the price of crude oil to rise, and this will hit the economy hard, as countless products are made with crude oil. As I mentioned, look for more false flag events as well to occur.

The effect on the stock market is simple: HIGHER.

TRENDS IN SURVIVALISM



HOME INVASION, PART II

by *Bradley J. Steiner*, *American Combato*

If the worst ever happens and you are in a situation where one or more criminal monsters forcefully enter your home and target you and possibly your family, there is only one way to ensure your survival: meet the invader(s) with deadly force.

Question: “Wouldn’t it be preferable to try to either chase them away or hold them at gunpoint for the police before resorting to deadly force?”

Answer: “No.”

Any experienced street patrol officer or detective will tell you that the most dangerous kind of criminal is the violent intruder who breaks into a dwelling when the occupants are at home. *This kind of predator will kill you if you give*

him the chance. He must absolutely be assumed to be armed, and he must absolutely be assumed to be a deadly threat.

Let me be 100% clear about this. I am *not* talking about someone attempting to steal your car from in front of your house. Nor am I talking about someone who is merely *on* your property, trespassing. I am not even talking about someone who is prowling menacingly *around* your home or who is pounding, kicking, or slamming his body against your door or outside your home in the act of breaking your window.

I am saying that when you are inside your home and one or more felons *breaks in the front door and enters or comes into your home through a window*, the reaction you should have is that of employing deadly force to save your life and the lives of any family members who may be there with you. This means, whenever possible, the use of firearms. Failing that, a clubbing implement or a knife may have to do; but because these latter two options are so offensively inadequate for many people and any situation when facing an invader who possesses a gun, I am not going to discuss their use right now. May God help you if that's all you have with which to resist.

The scenario I am assuming now is very simple and direct. You are at home. You are alone or with family. You are awake, aware, alert and *you suddenly become cognizant of someone attempting to physically break into your home*. Here is the procedure:

Grab your loaded 12-gauge shotgun or your handgun and grab your phone while getting into a position where – on his actual entry into your home – you will be able to shoot the invader. Prepare to shoot him, but do not fire until or unless he physically enters your home.

While remaining ready to fire, call (or have a family member call) 911. When they answer, say your address loud and clearly, then:

“Someone is breaking into my home, send the police!”

You will be told to remain on the line, which you should do. Tell the dispatcher, “I have a gun.” The dispatcher will advise the responding officers that the “homeowner is armed.”

IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT YOU FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE POLICE **EXACTLY** AND **IMMEDIATELY** WHEN THEY GET THERE. DO NOT TRY TO EXPLAIN, ARGUE, OR DO **ANYTHING** EXCEPT EXACTLY WHAT THEY COMMAND.

THIS APPLIES WHETHER OR NOT YOU NEEDED TO SHOOT THE INVADER.

Remember that the police do not know you and have no possible way of knowing who the bad guy is or who the good guy is. You must face them UNARMED, with both hands OPEN and RAISED. Expect to be prone out and possibly handcuffed. *Just do what they tell you. Don't stupidly open your mouth to protest or “explain.” Answer their questions, but no matter what, DO EXACTLY WHAT THEY COMMAND YOU TO DO!*

Returning to the break-in. If the invader enters your home, shoot him. Don't play cop. Don't order him to freeze. Don't try to keep him covered. Once violent, forcible entry has been made and the invader is *right there* confronting you and your family, shoot him. It's now you or him, and you have no way of knowing if he will try to disarm you; go for a weapon of his own (if he doesn't already have one in his hand); or bluff, feign surrender, and then attack you – possibly holding a loved one hostage to secure his escape, etc.

You don't know how desperate, how crazy, how determined, how capable, how experienced, how drugged, how much under the influence of liquor or you-name-it this SOB may be. *You take no chances once he is physically present in your midst and posing a direct deadly menace to you and yours.*

Suppose you are in bed upstairs and you hear glass shatter or a door being forced and you become aware of an invader? *Do not go looking for him.* Grab your weapon and remain in your bedroom. Racking the slide of a 12-gauge

might send him running... but you may have a pistol, and he may not give a damn if you *do* rack the slide!

Do not try to save property. Let the bastard grab stuff and run. If he does, fine. You should now be on a bedside phone calling 911 as you position yourself in whatever concealed position permits, ready to shoot if necessary. It will be necessary *if* the invader comes up the stairs and after you. Then, as he enters your bedroom, SHOOT HIM.

Prepare to meet the arriving police officers as before.

Like it or not, I just told you how to handle a violent home invasion. There is no sanitized, perfumed, and “nice” way to do this. The home invader is responsible for the fate he suffers at his victims’ hands. No one is forced to break into other people’s homes.

One final piece of advice. Concerning the possibility of you arriving home and finding your door ajar or a window smashed – evidence that a break-in has occurred – one or more scumbags may be still inside your home.

Some gun schools idiotically teach those who train there to conduct “house clearance drills.” In my opinion, such “schools” should be closed down and their “teachers” should be arrested for training the students to die!

It takes a carefully trained, *body-armored* TEAM of law enforcement officers to clear a house. One person cannot do it and should NOT make the attempt.

If you ever should arrive home and see evidence of an invasion, call the police! GET THE HELL AWAY FROM THERE PRONTO, AND LET A SWAT TEAM HANDLE THINGS FROM THERE.

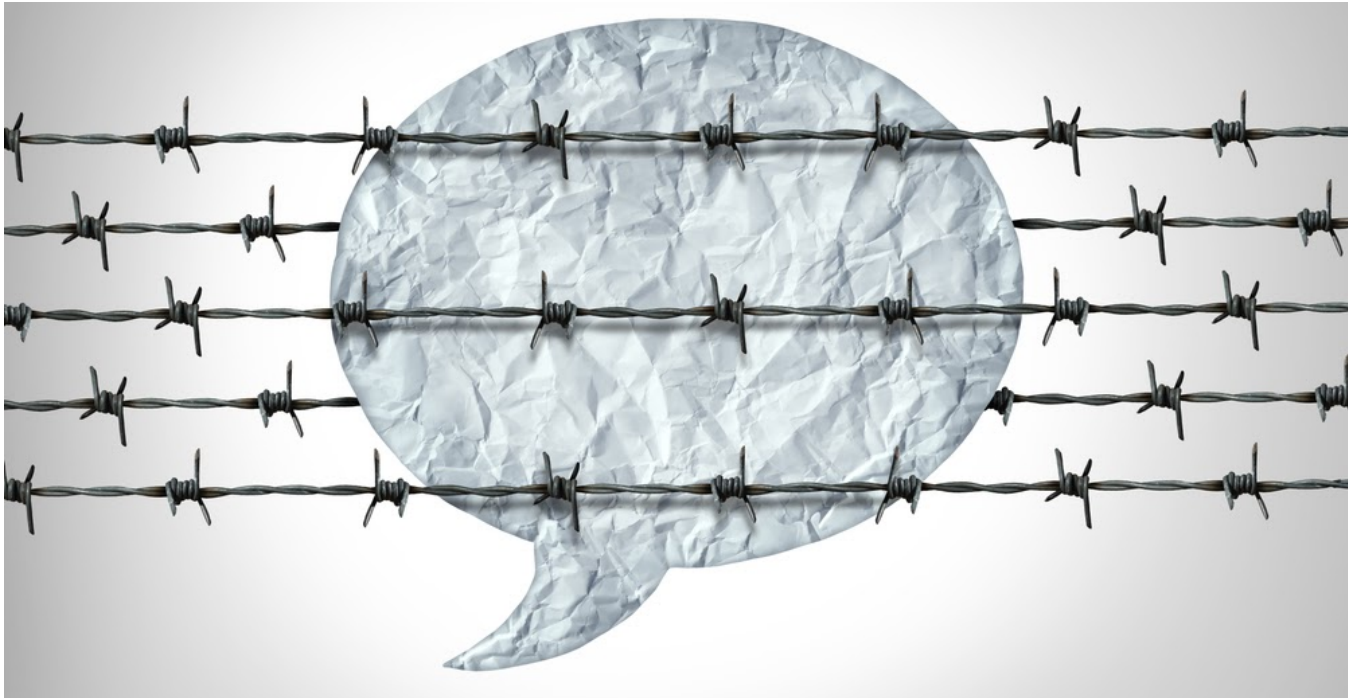
I mention this last because a friend once told me he saw an ad for a “shooting school” where clearing one’s home was taught. Even if you have a shotgun or handgun *in hand*, do not do it! This is a task to be handled by professionals.

In Memoriam:

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved friend, Bradley J. Steiner. May his soul rest in peace.

In his legacy, we are fighting the “Brad Steiner fight” – the good fight. The fight for each person to be the person they want to be and to protect themselves when their lives are being viciously threatened by enemies of Freedom, Peace, and Justice.

TRENDS IN GETTING HEALTHY



WHY HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE & IVERMECTIN ARE BEING OFFICIALLY SUPPRESSED

By *Richard Gale* and *Gary Null PhD*

Had the FDA and Dr. Anthony Fauci's National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Disease (NIAID) started approving existing clinically proven and inexpensive drugs for treating malaria, parasites, and other pathogens at the start of the pandemic, millions of people would have been saved from experiencing serious infections or dying from the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Why federal health officials never followed this strategy is a question the mainstream media refuses to ask.

Another question that the medical establishment, let alone our compliant media, is why have they failed to ask whether there are reliable studies in the peer-reviewed literature and testimonies from thousands of day-to-day clinical physicians worldwide who treat COVID-19 patients with these drugs, in particular hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and Ivermectin.

In most nations, there has been enormous success in treating COVID patients at the early and moderate stages of infection. However, in the U.S., Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates, the FDA, and our institutional medical leaders have categorically denied their use. In fact, they are quick to erect obstacles to prevent them from being prescribed.

When these questions are posited as a general argument for advocating expedient measures to protect public health during this pandemic, would it not have been wise to have prioritized HCQ, Ivermectin, and other remedies with a record of curtailing COVID, such as the antibiotic azithromycin, zinc, selenium, Vitamins C and D, and melatonin as a first line of defense? There was absolutely no need to have waited for experimental vaccines or experimental drugs such as Remdesivir before the pandemic became uncontrollable. But this is what Fauci and Trump permitted to happen.

If this strategy of medical intervention had been followed, would it have been successful? The answer is likely an unequivocal “yes.” Both HCQ and, even better, Ivermectin have been prophylactically prescribed by physicians working on pandemic’s front lines with enormous success. Yet those American physicians struggling to get this urgent message out to federal health officials are being marginalized and ridiculed en masse.

Only in the U.S., the U.K., France, South Africa, and several other developed nations has there been a stubborn hubris to deny their effectiveness and where there have been concerted efforts to undermine these cheaper alternative remedies. The WHO recommends Ivermectin for COVID-19, so why not the U.S. and these other nations?

Under oath, multiple physicians and professors at American medical schools have testified before Congress to present the scientific evidence supporting HCQ and Ivermectin. These are otherwise medical professionals at the very heart of treating COVID-19 patients.

Today, American journalism is in shambles. In fact, it is a disgrace. The American public is losing its trust in the media. Whether it is *CNN*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, or *PBS*, each has unlimited resources to properly investigate the federal and institutional machinery behind the government health policies being thrust on us. Yet, no mainstream journalist has found the moral compass to bring this truth to the public.

In the meantime, we are allowing millions to die and countless others to be seriously affected from a severe infection because of professional medical neglect and a healthcare system favoring the pharmaceutical industry's frantic rush to develop expensive novel drugs and experimental vaccines.

The incentive by the drugmakers is to take every advantage available within the FDA's emergency use loopholes to get their products approved as quickly as possible. The primary advantage is that these novel drugs and vaccines can then leap over regulatory hurdles, which otherwise would require them to conduct lengthy and thorough clinical trials to prove their efficacy and safety. The consequence is that none of the new pharmaceutical COVID-19 interventions have been adequately tested.

On the other hand, HCQ and Ivermectin have an established legacy of prior research and have been on the market for decades. Worldwide, it is not unreasonable to claim that billions of people have been treated with these drugs.

Below is a breakdown of the studies conducted so far for HCQ, Ivermectin, and Vitamin D specifically for combatting the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Hydroxychloroquine

- 291 studies, 218 peer-reviewed have been conducted specifically for COVID-19
- 241 have been clinical trials that involved 3,875 scientists and over 366,000 patients
- 33 randomized controlled trials
- 65% improvement in 26 early treatment trials

- 72% improvement in 11 early-stage infection treatment mortality results
- 22% improvement in 164 late-stage infection treatment trials (patients in serious condition)
- Full list of HCQ studies and details: <https://c19hcq.com>

Ivermectin

- 92 studies, 52 peer-reviewed have been conducted specifically for COVID-19
- 54 have been clinical trials that involved 442 scientists and over 17,600 patients
- 27 were randomized controlled trials
- 85% improvement in 14 prophylaxis trials
- 80% improvement in 20 early-stage infection treatment trials
- 47% improvement in 20 late-stage infection treatment trials
- 74% improvement in 20 mortality results
- Full list of Ivermectin studies and details: <https://c19ivermectin.com>

Vitamin D

- 74 studies conducted by over 650 scientists
- 52 sufficiency studies with 12,000 patients
- 23 treatment trials with 23,000 patients
- 53% improvement in 23 treatment trials
- 53% improvement in 52 sufficiency studies
- 63% improvement in 14 treatment mortality results
- Full list of Vitamin D studies and details: <https://c19vitamind.com>

Please share this information. The inept policies and measures being taken by our federal health officials and by both the former Trump and present Biden administrations are unparalleled in American healthcare history. And never before has the media been so willing to self-censor and been so grossly irresponsible to hide the published science and the truth.

TRENDS IN TECHNOCRACY



By *Joe Doran*

PORTALS OF POWER: HOW MEGA BILLIONAIRES USURP ELECTIVE BODIES

Billionaire elites continue to pour money into a system of extra-government organizations bent on co-opting power from voters and democratic institutions. One example is a joint portal system run by the Open Society Institute World Economic Forum (WEC).

Two of the world's most powerful billionaires, George Soros and Klaus Schwab, employ the portal system to sign up companies and government agency decision-makers to connect and work out their elite-friendly policies and objectives.

The WEC website hosts a page that promotes the joint effort with the Open Society Institute. There are links to several “big picture” platforms, each overseeing a stunning number of [specific projects](#), all seeded by a combination

of billionaire, corporate, and government funding. The portals allow corporate and government reps to sign on and “participate” in the projects.

Projects have a laser focus on controlling virtually all of the most fundamental components of human activity. There are multiple projects designed to establish greater elitist control over food, energy, land, water, transportation, means of exchange (money including digital currencies and decentralized cryptos), technology, and, of course, information and political power.

The WEC admits that it is usurping the power of electoral bodies. Consider, for instance, the overview statement on the portal dedicated to “Shaping The Future Of Public Goods”:

“Government alone cannot deliver on the global UN Sustainable Development Goals or the Paris Agreement on climate change. Our Platform enables leaders from the public and private sectors and civil society worldwide to form exceptional, cross-cutting communities of action that collaborate at speed and scale, harness the opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and trigger systems change.”

Soros, Schwab, and other mega-billionaires like Bill Gates have gone far beyond what the old wave of 19th and 20th-century industrialists fomented with organizations like the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations. In fact, many old-line organizations have fallen completely in line with globalist objectives to concentrate power and remove any meaningful policy control from average citizens.

The views and perspectives of voters are not respected. Various initiatives with “woke” sounding labels seek to manipulate and control debate and votes as completely as the control sought over food, energy, or technology.

A Listing of Some of the Open Society/WEC Joint Projects

The following outline list gives an idea of some of the portals and sub-projects (with parenthetical decoding of project objectives):

- Shaping the Future of Global Public Goods
 - Net Zero Carbon Cities / The Net Zero Challenge / Mission Possible Partnership / (changing how and what energy resources we're allowed to use under the rubric of "net-zero" carbon goals, etc.)
 - Food Innovation Hubs / The Future Of Protein / Incentivising Food Systems Transformation / Food Systems Initiative (focused on controlling food resources and eliminating meat consumption)
 - Global Water Initiative / 2030 Water Resources Group (wresting control of water rights from private landowners)
 - Nature Action Agenda /
 - Lighthouse Projects on Social Justice and Sustainability / Technology and Social Justice Community (compelling the adoption of leftist woke agendas including BLM and LGBTQ into corporate and governmental institutions)
 - Deep Sea Minerals Dialogue (controlling natural resources even in open waters)

- Shaping the Future of the New Economy and Society
 - Closing the Gender Gap Accelerators / Hardwiring Gender Parity in the Future of Work (requiring "gender parity" in all hiring)
 - Partnering for Racial Justice in Business (positing "systemic racism" as fact and promoting discriminatory policies to advantage targeted racial groups)
 - Partnership for Global LGBTI Equality (PGLE)

Besides the specific partnership platforms of the WEC and Open Society, the WEC also funds a considerable number of other platforms seeking to shape the future of CyberSecurity, Consumption, Financial and Monetary Systems, and [much more](#).

A Funded Wonderland Of Hypocrisy, Elitism, and Radical Agendas

Even projects that appear to have good intentions are often cluelessly un-self-aware and hypocritical. Consider the project promulgating "Circular

Electronics.” The idea is that the electronics industry processes and materials should be designed and geared as much as possible to reuse and reclaim.

It sounds laudable unless a moment is spent meditating on how the same corporations advocating “Circular Electronics” force-feed new versions of software and hardware devices. Google Chromebooks, for example, have built-in expiration dates, beyond which they stop receiving security updates, rendering them vulnerable, though they still function perfectly well otherwise.

And how many average computer or cell phone users can cite a five- or ten-year-old program they used that had more functionality than a newer operating system or app?

It’s an old game that was played 50 years ago with cars and TV sets. Only today, corporations create social pressure to acquire the “latest and greatest” through insidiously pervasive social media and advertising control. All while preening about their social responsibility and initiatives like “circular electronics.”

Unsurprisingly, among the [experts](#) who advise and develop the agendas and proscriptions of the projects are many hardened leftists in academia, government, media, and globalist corporations. A perusal of the persons and agendas shows just how specific and granular are the control aspirations and mechanisms of two of the world’s most influential globalist organizations.

THIS WEEK IN SURVEILLANCE



WATCH THE SNARK: AI CAN NOW DETECT SARCASM ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Software developers refer to it euphemistically as “sentiment analysis.” Orwell had another term for it: “wrongthink.”

The University of Central Florida recently announced advances in creating Artificial Intelligence software that can detect sarcasm in social media and other online activities.

Artificial intelligence has seen rapid advances in logical data analysis and response, but it lagged in parsing emotional meanings and cues, especially within text. As Assistant Professor of Engineering Ivan Garibay explained in the press release:

“The presence of sarcasm in text is the main hindrance in the performance of sentiment analysis. Sarcasm isn’t always easy to identify in conversation, so you can imagine it’s pretty challenging for a computer program to do it and do it well. We developed an interpretable deep learning model using multi-head self-attention and gated recurrent units. The multi-head self-attention module aids in identifying crucial sarcastic cue-words from the input, and the recurrent units learn long-range dependencies between these cue-words to better classify the input text.”

Though the project was funded in part by a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) grant, UCF claimed its purpose is to aid companies in marketing and selling products. Currently, many people are employed at larger companies to monitor and assess feedback and communications regarding products and services. The work is labor-intensive, and some that humans do best – until now, perhaps.

Nuance And Political Control

So, what can go wrong?

Quite a lot, given the record of recent abuse by government authorities in utilizing U.S. intelligence assets against citizens for political reasons. According to *Vice News*, the FBI has already been using software called “Babel X” that sifts through social media, as well as “dark web” and other sites, to glean sentiments of user profiles it compiles.

According to its makers, Babel X has powerful features of its own, including the most sophisticated sentiment analysis engine currently in production use:

“Babel X can also surveil millions of URLs including the deep web. The software can instantly translate over 200 languages, and can set up geo-fences around areas of special interest, and has highly customizable filtering options including for hashtags, emojis, handles, names, and keywords. Users can also filter for numerical sequences like credit card or social security numbers...

“[Babel X] possesses the most sophisticated sentiment analysis tool on the market. Derived from collaboration with top university linguistic programs, Babel Street boasts the ability to evaluate sentiment in 19 languages—far exceeding the capacity of any other competitor.”

Babel X was utilized to screen National Guard units that were deployed to Washington D.C. after the massive, mostly peaceful 6 January election fraud protest.

And in March 2021, at a “Future of Defense” symposium sponsored by The Hill, Senator Tammy Duckworth recommended that the Department of Defense employ tools like Babel X to monitor the social media habits of military members:

“It’s not a new thing, but I will tell you that I have seen over the last probably two decades this growing radicalization of a portion within the military. And I think part of it too comes with social media consumption.”

Given the DARPA funding of the UCF project and the documented government domestic use of Babel X, it appears likely that the latest advances in “sentiment analysis” will be leveraged to discriminate and abuse the political freedoms of American citizens.

BLOCKCHAIN BATTLES



WEC TARGETS CRYPTOS. Decentralized, private cryptocurrencies are doing more than just register and scare the globalists. Organizations like the World Economic Forum (WEC) and the FATF, created by tight networks of billionaire elites, are mobilizing their power and resources to determine

how to grab control of the blockchain for their benefit.

The WEC is notorious for birthing “The Great Reset” and telling average, non-elites of the world that in the future, “You will own nothing. And You will be happy.”

As usual, to control the cryptocurrency debate, they are busy first controlling the language. That’s apparent in a new WEC clarion call to regulate cryptos.

“These technological developments are not without significant challenges,” the WEC posted on its homepage on May 5th, 2021, in an [article](#) titled. *International Cooperation and the Era of Digital Currency Growth*: “The payment system is a public good; it needs to be regulated.”

The article attempted to place payment systems as rightly a province of governments, by casting cryptocurrencies as a wild west of criminal activity:

“Policymakers must address concerns about privately-issued digital currencies potentially being used outside of regulatory perimeters, facilitating money laundering or terrorist financing transactions. The ease by which digital currencies can be purchased and traded 24/7 over the internet and mobile phone, sometimes without the involvement of regulated entities, raises concerns about consumer protection, data privacy and potential cybersecurity risks.”

Private Criminality Or Government Recklessness?

But the WEC polemic avoided talking about the reason why decentralized cryptos have caught fire.

Governments are inflating and devaluing currencies at a record pace, to pay their debts, and to buy the control they gained from locking down citizens and crushing whole sectors of their economies.

Bitcoin can't be inflated. And blockchain projects including Ethereum, Maker, Ripple, and others promise a wide array of innovations are also seen by some as a way of staying ahead of the steepening inflation curve.

While paying lip service to some of the “democratizing” aspects of cryptocurrencies, the WEC article strongly advocated for the power of payments to be tightly controlled by world governments. And the WEC isn't just settling for writing articles to influence government powers.

Like other globalist organizations including the FATF, the WEC has set in motion an influence-peddling [apparatus](#), “The Digital Currency Governance Consortium.” The Consortium has lined up a series of confabs of policymakers to strategize on messaging and rolling out of a regulatory scheme that will try to establish government control over the crypto wealth being created.

The Consortium homepage on the WEC as much as admits that early on, the elites failed to understand the nature and potential of cryptocurrencies and related blockchain technologies:

“Recent developments have heightened global awareness of the opportunities, challenges, and risks posed by new forms of digital currency. During the early development of privately created digital currencies, authorities generally took a hands-off approach, not sensing substantive risks or not wanting to interfere with technological innovation.”

Globalist orgs are now looking to make up for lost time to try to get control over the blockchain, by bringing together the centralizing elitists that pull the strings of governments.

TREASURY CALLS ON BIG TECH FOR “TOOLS” TO GO AFTER CRYPTOS.

The U.S. Treasury is out to crack crypto privacy. Last week, it posted a procurement call, seeking solutions to analyze blockchain-based transactions and glean information on involved parties.

The call was issued as a public notice by the department’s Office of Global Targeting. The ostensible purpose of the initiative will be to identify parties that are either on or under consideration to be put on the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) List.

Entities and persons on the SDN are generally blocked from conducting business with Americans.

“These tools will be used specifically to support cyber sanctions implementation undertaken by OFAC,” officials wrote in the notice. “More than one tool is preferred, in order to corroborate attribution of cyber actors, sufficient to meet legal requirements for use as evidence in OFAC [Office of Foreign Assets Control] designations determinations.”

Bitcoin was specifically mentioned in the procurement call. A Department spokesperson declined to reveal whether OFAC has applied virtual currency-tracing technology in the past, according to NextGov.

The **Trends Journal** has previously [reported](#) on NextGov, a tech-backed website that connects government agencies with products being developed and promoted by tech companies.

BLOCKCHAIN VYING WITH BIG TECH FOR INVESTOR MONEY. It's hardly a secret at this point that institutional investors have made moves out of big tech stocks and into commodities and financials.

But tech stocks are also taking a hit from individual investors gravitating to cryptocurrencies and other blockchain-based investments, according to some market observers.

So far, individual investors have shown some willingness to buy tech stocks "on the dip," Ben Onatibia of investment research group Vanda told MarketWatch.com this past week. But Onatibia speculated that it would take a cryptocurrency "correction" for investors to regain enthusiasm for formerly hot tech stocks like Apple and Google.

The market analyst also pegged hopes for improvements in other sectors currently in the doldrums on cryptos going south. "Investors in [environmental, social, and governance-focused stocks], electric vehicles, and a host of other highflying sectors will need to pay full attention to developments in the crypto world. A significant correction is all they may need to get some of their lost appeal back."

Only time will tell whether blockchain defi and other projects and applications signify a new era of tech innovation that can hold and build on current investments pouring into projects. But it's clear that individual investors appear to have caught on to the potential importance of platforms like Ethereum and Maker, which already contain ecosystems featuring thousands of dApps.

TRENDS ON THE COVID WARFRONT



CANADA: LOCKDOWN LUNACY, GESTAPO 2.0

Nova Scotia: The Canadian province of nearly one million imposed new lockdown restrictions last week following the COVID death of a 70-year-old woman.

Announcing the latest round of lockdown laws, the province's chief medical officer, Dr. Robert Strang, told *Halifax Today*:

"Remember, the last part of any marathon is hardest. I, too, am exhausted and extremely worried. My teams are exhausted, the health care systems exhausted, but none of us are giving up and you cannot give up either. I need your help. We need your help. We are all in this together."

He said the province can turn its trajectory around if the citizens decide to be "selfless, not selfish."

The **Trends Journal** has been reporting extensively on the crackdown in Nova Scotia. On 27 April, we published the article, “[HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA: 22 FINED \\$22K,](#)” which reported there were 22 substantial fines given out for people deemed in violation of the province’s guidelines on gathering limitations.

“We are using these restrictions as a circuit breaker to prevent our case count from increasing. We are taking quick action to limit the opportunity for the virus to spread any further in local communities,” Premier Iain Rankin said, according to *CTV News*.

The province is on Day Ten of a lockdown that extends school closures and introduces tougher border restrictions. The paper reported that public schools will continue virtual learning until at least the end of May. Only one person per household is allowed to shop in retail stores. The state of emergency was declared on 22 March and extends through 16 May.

Strang said only essential items should be purchased, and visitors who planned on summering in the province cannot “do that right now.”

“Delay your trip,” Rankin said. Nova Scotians are required to stay in their own communities except for essential travel. Nova Scotia’s border will close to all non-essential travel at 8 AM on 10 May and will remain in effect until the end of the month, the paper reported.

TRENDPOST: *Never mentioned in the mainstream media is the pure lunacy of the lockdown orders. In a province of nearly one million people, just 70 have died from the virus or 0.007 percent of the population. Over 16 months, that is 0.0004506 percent of the population who died on average per month from the virus.*

Additionally, some 87 percent of those who died from the virus, according to the Canadian government, were over 70 years of age... and 67 percent of those were over 80 years old. (See source [here](#).)

The bureaucrats and politicians are making up the lockdown rules that lack a scintilla of scientific fact to back up their draconian mandates. For example, the border restrictions, which prohibit people from traveling, will expire at the end of the month. Who made that up? Why not extend it to June 3rd or possibly end it May 29th instead of May 31st?

Moreover, politicians and bureaucrats imposed a province-wide lockdown rather than taking measures to protect the most vulnerable.

Those protesting against the draconian measures that have destroyed their lives and livelihoods are fined and harassed by the police force.

On 4 May, we published the article, “[NOVA SCOTIA’S COVID WAR: LOCK THEM UP, CLOSE IT DOWN](#),” which mentioned a restaurant owner was fined \$1,000 for not wearing a mask in public.

“A lot of people have been badmouthing me in my restaurant, but I don’t care,” John Giannakos, the owner, said. “It doesn’t matter anymore. Public health killed restaurants and bars 12 months ago.”

TRENDPOST: *More stupidity was blasted out of the mouth of Iain Ranken, the little boy playing Premier of Nova Scotia, when he told the serfs to celebrate Mother’s Day with no human contact and instead celebrate the holiday from a distance:*

“To all the mothers out there, I know this is not the Mother’s Day that you were hoping for, and I’m sorry for that. It will be difficult not to see your children and loved ones, but I hope that you can understand we’re trying to protect you.”

Again, the government closed down the province when the vast majority of the people who died from the virus are elderly... nearing the end of life, which, in Nova Scotia, is 80.5 years of age.

Fined for Freedom

On Friday, Halifax Regional Police slapped a 17-year-old with a \$2,000 ticket for not self-isolating, as the premier had dictated.

Then, on Sunday, the young man was hit with another \$2,000 fine for the same violation.

The tough squad of COVID Cops hit a Bedford man with a \$2,000 fine on Friday for not wearing a mask in the common areas. “The provincial regulations require everyone to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while present in a public place,” said the cops in a news release.

Pray to God, Pay the Price

The Canadian COVID Cops fined the Weston Christian Fellowship Church near Berwick, Nova Scotia, \$11,622.50, and they fined 13 men and 13 women \$2,422 each for going to church this past Sunday.

Last week, the cop squad hit a woman with an \$11,622.50 ticket for cutting hair.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: *Indeed, to illustrate the level of bureaucracy and made-up laws, note the amount of the fine: \$11,622.50. Why not \$11,763.24?*

Because governments of sociopaths, psychopaths, narcissists, and pathological liars are running and ruining nations across the planet... prosecuting We the Little People of Slavelandia to the fullest extent of the law while they bow down and suck up to the “Bigs.”

Alberta: Last week, Calgary city police arrested a preacher and his brother for preaching, which was “against the law.”

As if the pastor Artur Pawlowski and his brother Dawid had committed high crimes and misdemeanors, a motorcade of heavily-armed police vehicles stopped the brothers in the middle of a highway on their way home from church.

As [the video](#) clearly shows – for allegedly violating Alberta’s Public Health Act – the tough cops removed the two men from their car, dragged them to the wet ground, handcuffed them, pushed them into police vans, and drove them off to jail.

“You are Nazis! You are Nazis! You Gestapo psychopaths! Gestapo psychopaths you are! Gestapo!” pastor Pawlowski yelled as the stormtroopers handcuffed him.

A passerby yelled at the police, calling them “Nazi cowards” for how they were treating the pastor and his brother. “Go get your paycheck, you losers!”

In response, the police issued a statement declaring:

“It is important to understand that law enforcement recognizes people’s desire to participate in faith-based gatherings as well as the right to peacefully protest. However, as we find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic, we all must comply with public health orders in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those who wish to attend these gatherings as well as those they may come into contact with.”

Ticketed for Freedom

Keeping in tune with fining those who oppose draconian rules that have been fabricated by politicians and bureaucrats, last Saturday, Canada’s COVID Cops handed out tickets to protesters who were leaving an anti-lockdown, anti-public health restrictions rally outside a central Alberta café. Earlier in the week, “health officials” fined the owner for breaking COVID rules and closed down his business.

TRENDPOST: *Gestapo? Nazis? Alberta, with 4,436,258 residents, registered 2,110 deaths or 0.04756 percent of the population. Over the past 16 months, that equals the grand total of 0.00297 percent of virus deaths per month.*

As is the norm, the vast majority of the virus deaths are among the elderly. Indeed, according to Alberta's COVID-19 statistics, the average age of the COVID deaths is 81 years of age.

Yet, despite these facts and statistics, Freedom is dead in Canada. Protesting and demonstrating against draconian rules, as with other dictatorships across the planet, is prohibited, and those in violation are heavily fined and thrown in jail.

TREND FORECAST: *As we detail in our new article, [“FREEDOM WINS BIG IN SPAIN, SETS TREND,”](#) there has never been a better time for anti-establishment, “Let Freedom Ring” movements.*

While the media Presstitutes sell what their corporate pimps and government whoremasters tell them to, there is truly a silent majority who are tuned out of the mainstream propaganda networks and are opposed to fighting the COVID War.

Indeed, the fully COVID-vaxxed rate in Alberta is just 6.9 percent. According to Health Canada data, about one-third of the population has received at least one dose, and only 2.68 percent got their second COVID shot.

We forecast that as the weather warms, the “got the jab” levels will not reach the “official” 70 to 80 percent herd-immunity rate, thus leaving a sizable portion of the nation unvaccinated and opposed to further restrictions.

Ontario: Police slapped fines on 24 people for holding a party inside a commercial building in Toronto and seized some \$13,000 of alcohol that was being gulped down by some 150 mask-less partiers, as reported by CTV News.

Besides this bust, COVID cops bragged that they issued hundreds of fines week after week to partygoers, large gatherings, and for those who violated the government's stay-at-home order.

Police are still hunting down more of the 150 party people, so they can charge them with violation of the COVID laws. Doing their part to assist the police, the

CTV Presstitute News asked its audience to contact the cops and rat out those who they know went to the party. “Anyone with information about the party is asked to call 52 Division,” they wrote at the end of the article.

JAPAN: NEW LOCKDOWNS DESPITE LOW COVID DEATH RATE



With just 11 weeks until the Tokyo Olympics, Japan announced an extended state of emergency in the capital city and an expanded reach of those impacted by the mandates.

The *Associated Press* reported that Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is walking a “political tightrope.” The country appears to be growing frustrated with the closures of restaurants and bars, especially the young who have resorted to drinking in the streets.

The country’s decision to go forward with the Olympics has been another source of tension.

On Saturday, Japan’s daily caseload topped 7,000 for the first time since mid-January, *The Japan Times* reported. The country of about 127 million has about 1,131 COVID patients in intensive care with a total of 10,796 deaths.

“Vaccines are the key to fighting the ongoing infections,” Suga said on Friday. “It will be crucial to accelerate vaccinations.”

Part of the emergency order is seen as an effort to get vaccination sites up and running by 24 May. The report said the prefectures impacted by the mandates will not allow restaurants and bars that serve alcohol to open their doors. All restaurants must close by 8 PM, and all concerts and sporting events must be concluded by 9 PM and operate at half capacity or 5,000 people, whichever is fewer.

Suga said his goal is to inoculate a million people per day. He said Pfizer offered to donate vaccines to athletes participating in the games, according to Nikkei Asia.

TREND FORECAST: *The coastal town of Noto, Japan, was criticized last week after spending \$230,000 in COVID-19 relief money on a statue of a flying squid to attract tourists. On 23 June 2020, we reported that Japan's central bank pledged the equivalent of an additional \$1 trillion in yen to keep the nation's economy functioning, about a 45-percent increase in the size of the bank's bailout fund due to "severe cash flow stress." (See our 23 June article [here](#).)*

These lockdowns will continue to crush the economy, and frustrations will continue to drive people to drink in the streets.

TRENDPOST: *The country of 126,146,227 has recorded 10,876 COVID deaths or just 0.00862 percent of the population.*

It should be noted (which the mainstream media, health officials, and politicians never do) that of those alleged COVID deaths, over half were 80 years of age and older, and only 175 were people under 60 years of age, according to [statista.com](#).

*As we have been reporting in the **Trends Journal**, the suicide rate in Japan has sharply escalated as a result of the COVID War draconian rules. Last October, more people died of suicide in just one month than from COVID in all of 2020. Among women, unable to take the psychological and physical stress of fighting in the COVID War, some 7,000 women took their lives last year... a 15-percent spike from 2019.*

DUTCH: LET COVID RULE



Amsterdam is suffering a decrease in support over its handling of the COVID-19 outbreak, and a growing minority seeks stricter lockdowns, according to a report.

DutchNews.nl, citing the latest I&O Research survey, reported that 56 percent of those polled support Amsterdam's measures, which marks a 5-percent drop since the beginning of March. The report said most support the rules being relaxed in the country, but 45 percent do not support the country's decision.

The news site reported earlier that the country of 17.28 million recorded 17,290 deaths since the beginning of the outbreak.

The country announced 60 hospitals will be used as vaccination sites that will focus on vaccinating otherwise "young, healthy people" from the virus, the *NL Times* reported.

READY FOR A BROADWAY SHOW?



In last week's **Trends Journal**, we reported that both New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the "Big Apple" would be re-opening very soon.

While de Blasio stated the city would fully reopen by 1 July, Cuomo put in some caveats.

In our 4 May article, [“NEW YORK: READY TO REOPEN. CALLS FOR MASS VAX,”](#) we wrote:

The state will also allow dancing during catered events as long as the participants wear masks and maintain social distancing.

“To be clear: we will only be able to maintain this process if everyone gets the COVID vaccine... otherwise we risk going backward,” Cuomo said.

This past week, Governor Cuomo, who is under multiple investigations by the FBI; the U.S. Attorney’s office in Brooklyn; and his own state assembly for covering up nursing home fatalities, sexual harassment, and using public funds to get his book deal completed, said that Broadway shows would have to wait until 14 September to raise their curtains.

According to a *New York Times* article published last Thursday, the real reason for the four-month delay is “gut-based: individually and collectively, they are trying to imagine when large numbers of people are likely to feel comfortable traveling to Times Square, funneling through cramped lobbies and walking down narrow aisles to sit shoulder-to-shoulder with strangers.”

Broadway producers have stated that given the high costs of production, “there’s no way they can afford to reopen with social distancing.”

Confirming that political leaders shut down economies and mandated severe social restrictions without having any end game as to how to reopen, *The New York Times* article stated, “Every economic sector will have to figure out when and how to restart, and every individual will have to figure out when and how to re-emerge.”

Broadway, once a beacon of attraction that helped make New York City the most vibrant city in the world, is “home to 41 theaters [and] drew 14.6 million people who spent \$1.8 billion on tickets in 2019.” The government lockdowns forced them all to close on 12 March 2020.

Reopening is going to be far more complicated than shutting down. One of the biggest challenges the industry faces is the tourist trade, which made up roughly two-thirds of Broadway's audience.

Still not clear: Will theater-goers be required to wear masks during performances? Will theater owners make proof of vaccination a requirement to get in?

When asked about a potential vaccination requirement, Governor Cuomo's response was: "Are you willing to go into an indoor theater and sit there for two hours next to a person who you don't know if they are vaccinated or unvaccinated?"

The producers of *The Phantom of the Opera* have clarified that anyone wanting to see the show would have to provide proof of vaccination or a negative test result.

TRENDPOST: *Interesting that the producers of The Phantom of the Opera are forcing proof of vaccination to attend, as the play is based on a plot about an evil abduction.*

In keeping with "The Phantom," a bill is currently being pushed through in New York State that requires health care providers who administer any vaccines to a person 19 years of age or older to report all such immunizations to the New York State Department of Health.

The database will thus identify noncompliant adults and further push for vaccine passports and systems of vaccine-based segregation.

NYT REPORTS OUTDOOR COVID DANGER MAY HAVE BEEN HUGELY OVERBLOWN



10 percent or 0.1 percent?

According to a May 11 *New York Times* report, it turns out the risks of outdoor transmission of COVID-19 may have been wildly overstated.

A month ago, a new CDC guidance on mask-wearing indicated the ratio of outdoor to indoor transmission of the virus was 90 percent to “under 10 percent.” News organizations picked up on the 10-percent number.

But that percentage “seems to be a huge exaggeration,” many epidemiologists say, according to *NYT* reporter David Leonhardt.

Leonhardt said the misleading number came from estimates of only a fraction of outdoor situations involving close conversations and crowded situations. But the total number of COVID cases stemming from outdoor transmissions was closer to 0.1 percent than the 10 percent figure mainstream media sources have been citing.

That 10-percent number “seems to be a huge exaggeration,” according to Dr. Muge Cevik, a virologist at the University of St. Andrews.

While reporting on the huge error, Leonhardt took pains to try to shield the CDC from blame. As *The Times* report said,

“This isn’t just a gotcha math issue... It is an example of how the C.D.C. is struggling to communicate effectively, and leaving many people confused about what’s truly risky. C.D.C. officials have placed such a high priority on caution that many Americans are bewildered by the agency’s long list of recommendations.”

TRENDS IN THE VACCINE ROLLOUT



GERMANY: NO JAB, NO FREEDOM

Germany's planned move to allow those who have received a COVID vaccination to move freely has been criticized as discriminatory because its younger population has not been able to receive the jab.

The *Financial Times* reported that Chancellor Angela Merkel, the chairwoman of the country's "corona cabinet," threw her support behind the measure. The report said those who either received the jab or recovered from the virus will have to show some form of identification and certificate.

The report pointed to other countries in the European Union and the measures they're taking before the summer travel season. The report said Danes are allowed to visit museums and restaurants as long as they can provide their "Coronapas" (COVID-19 passport). The report said France has been hesitant to allow restrictions to be eased for those inoculated because so many do not have access to the vaccine.

TheLocal.de reported that Germans who've been inoculated or had the virus will not have to abide by social-distancing or contact rule mandates beginning 9 May. Berlin said those who've been vaccinated "must present proof of complete vaccination protection."

(See our 16 March article, ["EU VACCINE PASSPORT: TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT"](#) and our 13 April article, ["CHINESE WAY, YOU MUST OBEY: MUST GET VAX PASSPORT."](#))

TREND FORECAST: According to Euronews, just 9.2 percent of Germany's population are fully vaccinated. The publication "Our World in Data" reports that less than a fifth of Europeans has had one COVID jab.

Thus, we forecast that despite the push by governments to mandate vaccines and give those who received them more freedom than the un-vaxxed, there will be strong resistance among a sizable segment of Europe's population that will refuse the COVID jab.

Moreover, anti-vax, along with anti-immigration, anti-tax and anti-establishment, will be key platforms in the Freedom Party movements in current and near-term elections.

TRENDPOST: It should also be noted – but is blacked out by the mainstream news – that Sweden, which did not lock down and did not impose draconian restrictions, has a case/fatality rate of 1.4 percent per 100,000, which is much lower than Germany's 2.4 percent, the U.K.'s 2.9 percent, Belgium's 2.4 percent, etc.

DRUG COMPANIES CASHING IN ON COVID



For over a year now, since COVID-19 was first reported spreading across Europe and the U.S., the **Trends Journal** has pointed out how political leaders, with the mainstream press as cheerleaders, frequently refer to the challenge of COVID-19 as a “War.”

(See our 13 April article, [“MEDIA: GET JABBED, END THE COVID WAR,”](#) our 24 March 2020 article, [“CORONAVIRUS: POLITICAL LEADERS ON THE WARPATH,”](#) and our 21 July 2020 article, [“COVID WAR: FEAR SELLS COVID WAR: FEAR SELLS.”](#))

And, now, as with all wars in which the suppliers of weapons reap the financial rewards, the “vaccine-industrial complex” is reaping tremendous financial rewards.

Last Wednesday, *Microsoft News* ran the headline:

Pfizer sees COVID-19 as ‘durable’ revenue stream as profits rise

Indeed, as with the military/industrial/intelligence complex, “durable” equates to making a lot of money selling products to the government repeatedly over years.

The *Microsoft* article notes that Pfizer, maker of one of the popular COVID vaccines on the market, “sharply increased its 2021 profit projections on Tuesday, citing much higher COVID-19 vaccine sales,” and that with BioNTech, its German partner, they now estimate “2021 revenues of \$26 billion from the vaccine, up from the \$15 billion projected in February.”

More Drug Money

Moderna, the smaller Cambridge, MA company which also launched a COVID vaccine, generated revenues of \$1.73 billion in the first quarter, registering its first-ever profitable quarter.

As the *Wall Street Journal* noted, “Moderna also boosted its full-year forecast of COVID-19 vaccine sales to \$19.2 billion based on advanced purchase agreements... the forecast points to a booming market for COVID-19 vaccines.”

Profiteering Off Young Teens

Pfizer has said it is close to winning U.S. approval for those aged 12 to 15 to receive its vaccine and is holding talks with “basically all governments of the world” about providing booster shots through 2024.

And, on cue, yesterday, the FDA approved Pfizer and BioNTech’s request to allow their COVID jab to be given to kids aged 12 to 15 on an emergency use basis, allowing states to get middle school students vaccinated before the fall.

TRENDPOST: As previously cited in the ***Trends Journal***, teenagers are not at any significant risk from the coronavirus unless they are obese or significantly overweight.

(See our 4 May article, “[COVID-19 & OBESITY: THE ELEPHANT IS STILL IN THE ROOM](#),” our 17 November 2020 article, “[MORE EVIDENCE KIDS DON’T SPREAD COVID TO ADULTS](#),” and our 3 November 2020 article, “[CRUCIAL COVID DATA IGNORED BY PRESSTITUTES](#).”)

There are reports now coming out that as a result of the lockdowns and new ABnormal regulations imposed on citizens, once normal-weight children have become overweight and/or obese and are suffering from high blood pressure, high cholesterol, fatty liver disease, and Type 2 diabetes.

As reported in the Wall Street Journal, a May study in the journal Pediatrics found that the percentage of children ages 2 to 17 who are obese increased to 15.4 percent in June to December 2020 compared with 13.7 percent in the year-earlier period.

The article noted that children categorized as overweight increased to about 16 percent from about 14 percent, and the biggest increase in obesity was in children ages 5 to 9 – their obesity rate increased to 16.8 percent from 14.2 percent.

TREND FORECAST: *There will be growing market opportunities to provide whole health healing weight loss programs that differ from mainstream regimes for both young and old. Beyond food, exercise, meditation, etc., the programs will include lifting the individuals' looks and style to accentuate their personalities.*

TRENDPOST: *As we reported, but is barely mentioned in the U.S. media, was the statement in early April by Dr. Özlem Türeci, co-founder and Chief Medical Officer of BioNTech (which developed a COVID vaccine with Pfizer), who told CNBC that people will need a third shot of the two-shot vaccine. She also indicated that similar to the seasonal flu, people will need to get their COVID jab annually.*

*Using CNBC as their shill network, as we reported in the 20 April **Trends Journal**, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla told the network people will “likely” need a third dose as well. In our article, “**PFIZER CEO: THIRD TIME IS A CHARM**,” we wrote:*

Go back to when so-called health experts, politicians, and the media began selling the COVID Jab. The line was that after two jabs, you’d live happily ever after, COVID-free for the rest of your life.

In a blink of a Drug Lord’s eye, that line changed.

Last Friday, this was the CNBC headline:

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said people will ‘likely’ need a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine within 12 months of getting fully vaccinated.

Pfizer had put out a press release stating its clinical trial showed the vaccine to be effective six months after a second shot. But the CNBC report clarifies that “more data is still needed to determine whether protections last after six months.”

VACCINE DRUG DEALERS: PEOPLE PAY, THEY PROFIT



Last Wednesday, President Biden announced that he supported the WHO’s call for the U.S. to drop patent protection for COVID-19 vaccines. The head of the WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, called the potential lifting of the patent protection for the vaccines “a historic

decision” and “a monumental moment in the fight against COVID-19.”

The move would allow other drug manufacturers to take the “closely guarded secrets” surrounding the production of the vaccines and make additional manufacturing of vaccines available to poorer countries not yet having access.

Drug Company Freeloaders

The day after Biden’s announcement regarding the lifting of patent controls, *Reuters* published the headline last Thursday:

Drugmakers say Biden misguided over vaccine patent waiver

The article quoted Thomas Cueni, Director of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA): “I have heard many [vaccine makers] talking about ‘our resources are stretched, our technicians are stretched.’” According to *Reuters*, Cueni warned about a possible free-for-all if “sort of rogue companies” were allowed to become involved in vaccine production.

What Mr. Cueni conveniently left out is that the huge pharmaceutical giants producing the vaccines did so with billions of dollars of taxpayers’ money. As *Reuters* pointed out, approximately 98.12 percent of the \$5.9 billion investment was public funding.

Statista.com wrote, “Proponents of the vaccine waiver have consistently pointed out that most COVID-19 vaccine producers would not have developed their jobs as quickly without substantial injections of public R&D funding.”

According to data compiled by the Knowledge Portal on Innovation and Access to Medicines, hundreds of millions of dollars have flowed into the companies that developed the successful vaccines:

“The US and Germany are by far the largest investors in vaccine R&D, followed by a relatively small number of other (mostly) high-income countries, with China being the exception. Public funding represents the vast majority of the data collected.”

JOIN THE VAXXED HERD? MANY AMERICANS SAY “NO”



As with mask mandates, social distancing, and the fear of touching objects “contaminated” with the virus, the health “experts” keep moving the goalposts without any empirical data to back them up.

The dream scenario now being pumped out with no clear agreement on the data is “herd immunity”: the idea that once enough people are vaccinated or have natural immunity, life can return to normal.

The New York Times wrote on 3 May:

“Early in the pandemic, when vaccines for the coronavirus were still just a glimmer on the horizon, the term ‘herd immunity’ came to signify the endgame: the point when enough Americans would be protected from the virus so we could be rid of the pathogen and reclaim our lives.”

But the percentage needed to be vaccinated can’t be agreed on. As *Market Watch* wrote on Friday:

“There is no standard percentage to get to herd immunity. Gavi, a global health organization focused on immunization, puts the benchmark for herd immunity at 60%. Fauci estimates that herd immunity will occur when between 70% and 85% of the population is protected. Even Biden has weighed in. ‘There’s a debate about what constitutes herd immunity,’ he said Monday. Is it 70%? 68%? 81%’?”

But what all of the above can agree on is that the dream of “herd immunity” is slipping away as a significant portion of U.S. citizens continues to either hesitate or strongly oppose getting vaccinated.

The *NYT* wrote:

“Now, more than half of adults in the United States have been inoculated with at least one dose of a vaccine. But daily vaccination rates are slipping, and there is widespread consensus among scientists and public health experts that the herd immunity threshold is not attainable—at least not in the foreseeable future, and perhaps not ever.”

Controllable Threat?”

Continuing its slant that anyone hesitant or refusing to get vaccinated is not being loyal to the “herd,” *The New York Times* continued:

“To say the goal (herd immunity) will not be attained adds another ‘why bother’ to the list of reasons that vaccine skeptics use to avoid being inoculated. Yet vaccinations remain the key to transforming the virus into a controllable threat, experts said.”

TREND FORECAST: *The supply of vaccines is exceeding demand in many states. To date, just 34.4 percent of the country’s population have been fully vaccinated, while 43 percent of Americans have not received any vaccinations according to the CDC.*

According to a new Gallup poll, 57 percent of Americans believe proof of vaccination should be required for air travel, while 55 percent said it should be mandated for crowded events.

On the office front, 45 percent said they would support proof of vaccination to return to work, 44 percent said a vax passport should be required to stay in a hotel, and 40 percent said it should be required for indoor dining.

We note this data to illustrate that there will be strong resistance among significant percentages of Americans to get vaccinated. Thus, should vax passports become mandatory for concerts, conventions, flying, etc., profit margins will decrease as the vaccine resisters boycott such venues, which will, in turn, put pressure on governments and businesses to waive passport requirements.

BIDEN VAX PUSH: FACTS DON'T MATTER



Frustrated that the slowing down of vaccination rates might undercut his promise to get at least 70 percent of Americans vaccinated by the Fourth of July, President Biden last Wednesday delivered a speech from the White House in which he told Americans: “This is your

choice. It’s life and death.”

Adding to Biden’s portrayal of the coronavirus as the deadly enemy, the president said his administration would continue the fight to convince more Americans to get in line for a shot. This time, however, he initiated a “guilt trip” strategy:

“We’re going to keep at it... most people will be convinced by the fact that their failure to get the vaccine will cause other people to get sick and maybe die.”

Biden warned Americans that while many seniors have been vaccinated, “We’re still losing hundreds of Americans under 65 years of age every week. And many more are getting seriously ill for long stretches at a time.”

TRENDPOST: As for the President citing that not getting vaccinated “will cause other people to get sick and die,” the truth is that the vast majority of deaths from COVID-19 were caused by old age, obesity, and type 2 diabetes. As the facts prove and the media ignores, 95.52 percent of the reported virus deaths are people aged 50 and over with 80 percent being over age 65.

Moreover, if someone is vaccinated, that’s supposed to mean they can’t get the virus?

In the so-called “Land of the Free,” why should someone who for religious or personal reasons refuses to get the vaccination be forced to get the shot... since they will not be endangering the lives of the fully vaccinated? Thus, the only ones they will ostensibly endanger are those who refuse the jab... which is freedom of choice.

TRENDPOST: *Almost a year ago, on 2 June 2020, we published the article, “COVID FEAR & HYPE MORE DEADLY THAN VIRUS.”*

Indeed, the overall survival rate of those catching the virus is 98 percent, according to government statistics.

What is entirely absent from the media is that if the virus were as deadly as both the government and Presstitutes claim, why aren’t hospitals overflowing with the 552,830 homeless Americans who live in unsanitary conditions, are unhealthy, and most likely mask-less?

TRENDPOST: *Are the COVID vaccines safe?*

We have been reporting on the health concerns of the AstraZeneca vaccines and that a number of countries limited its use while other countries banned it after hearing reports of people getting blood clots and dying from them after getting the injection. (See our 13 April article, “ASTRAZENECA VAX STILL UNDER FIRE.”)

Now another serious health disorder is connected to the AstraZeneca shot.

As reported last Friday by Russia Today, the vaccine is now connected to a serious immune disorder, Guillain-Barre syndrome. Guillain-Barre, according to the description by the U.K.’s National Health Service, is “a very rare and serious condition that affects the nerves, and can create feelings of numbness, weakness, and pain in those who have it.”

GET JABBED, GET PAID



Concerned that not enough Americans are lining up to get jabbed, new incentives are being suggested: cash payments and the loosening of mask and social-distancing edicts.

Confirming that the flood of “reassuring public service announcements about the vaccine’s safety and effectiveness” has not been working to the level anticipated, *The New York Times* reported on 4 May that “people are realizing that it will take more than just information to sway the hesitant” and “roughly a third of the unvaccinated population said a cash payment would make them more likely to get a shot.”

But this is America, where money talks, so it’s not surprising that *The New York Times* cites a survey by the U.C.L.A. COVID-19 Health and Politics Project showing “roughly a third of the unvaccinated population said a cash payment would make them more likely to get a shot.”

Governors and municipalities are following up with incentive campaigns. As the *Financial Times* reported on 6 May:

“The state of Maryland said it would hand out \$100 to fully vaccinated state employees and penalize those who refuse to get a booster jab if health agencies recommend one.”

In the city of Detroit, anyone who drives someone to get their vaccine can get a \$50 prepaid debit card.

American Airlines gives its employees an extra day off and \$50 in points.

Amazon is offering fully vaccinated frontline workers \$80.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is offering free tickets with proof of vaccination.

Last Friday, *The New York Times* reported the expanding list of corporate incentives including Olive Garden restaurants offering two hours pay for each dose and Target offering a \$5 coupon to customers and employees who get vaccinated at a CVS pharmacy location in a Target store.

Booze & Cars

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy tweeted on 3 May:

“We’re launching our ‘Shot and a Beer’ program to encourage eligible New Jerseyans ages 21+ to get vaccinated. Any New Jerseyan who gets their first vaccine dose in the month of May and takes their vaccination card to a participating brewery will receive a free beer.”

For those more interested in cannabis than booze, in a number of states, there’s a get-vaxxed project called “Joints for Jabs.”

A 6 May *Washington Post* article writes, “In New York City, the AIDS activism group ACT UP NY has held two Joints for Jabs events and is planning another for the city’s third annual Queer Liberation March in late June.”

In Memphis, people who get vaccinated can enter their names in a raffle, with the victor getting to choose from a range of rides that includes a Chevrolet Camaro and a Nissan Altima.

But, as *The New York Times* notes, even with the extra incentives of cash, prizes, and potential relaxation of mask and social distancing mandates, “Still, a quarter of the unvaccinated say they just don’t trust the government’s motives, and 14 percent say COVID-19 is not a threat to them. These people will be harder to convince.”

TRENDPOST: *It's important to note the underlying agenda of The New York Times phrase "it will take more than just information to sway the hesitant." This implies the "information" was encouraging but not enough to persuade.*

*This ignores that many who are hesitant are so **because** of some of the "information," such as deadly blood clots and other serious reactions and the fact that the never-before-tried mRNA vaccines went through a shortened safety trial period. Also, with 98 percent of people at minimum recovering after testing positive for the virus, there is hesitancy to line up for the jab.*

MOST VAXXED COUNTRY SEES INFECTIONS RISE



According to the classic American West tune, "Home on the Range" is where "seldom is heard a discouraging word."

But in the small, African island country of the Republic of Seychelles, "herd immunity" is a "discouraging" phrase.

The Republic of Seychelles has the distinction of having the highest vaccination rate in the world. About 85 percent of its approximately 100,000 citizens have been vaccinated which, according to health experts, should be a high enough percentage to guarantee herd immunity.

But, as *Bloomberg News* reported last Wednesday, "Seychelles has closed schools and canceled sporting activities for two weeks as infections rise."

Peggy Vidot, the country's health minister, referred to the COVID-19 situation in the country as "critical." To take measures to combat this, authorities in the country have banned members of different households from getting together and have ordered the early closure of bars, casinos, and restaurants.

Covering the story last Wednesday, *Microsoft News* wrote:

“Schools have also been closed and public gatherings have been banned... and conferences and night curfew put in place. All non-essential workers have been ordered to work from home.”

TRENDPOST: *The failure of the COVID vaccine in Seychelles has been barely reported. Again, the jab was an “Operation Warped Speed” rush job, thus the short- and long-term effectiveness and implications of the injection have not yet been determined.*

EXECS CONSIDERING VACCINATION MANDATES



Back in January, Scott Kirby, CEO of United Airlines, made headlines when he announced his intention to force all employees to get vaccinated as a requirement for work. With United having close to 100,000 employees, which was expected to send a message to fellow

airline executives, he made it clear he felt a vaccine mandate would be “the right thing to do.”

But *The New York Times* reported last Friday that no other major airline has followed suit and now United Airlines is “waffling.” A spokesperson for the airline said, “It’s still something we’re considering, but no final decisions have been made.”

Within this “waffling” environment, the article states that in a survey conducted by Arizona State University’s College of Health Solutions of close to 1,500 executives, “44 percent of U.S. respondents said they planned to mandate vaccinations for their companies.”

A second survey under the direction of the risk-management firm Willis Towers Watson showed about 23 percent were “planning or considering requiring employees to get vaccinated for them to return to the worksite.”

Resistance Rising

The New York Times journalist makes clear the growing resistance against forcing workers to get jabbed to work:

“Making vaccinations mandatory could risk a backlash and perhaps even litigation from those who view it as an invasion of privacy and a Big Brother-like move to control the lives of employees.”

The article adds that not many executives have made the mandate move and most “are hoping that encouragement, whether forceful or subtle, will be enough.”

Laura Boudreau, a professor of public policy at Columbia University, was quoted:

“While legally in the United States employers can mandate vaccines while providing accommodations for religious and for health reasons, socially, in terms of the social acceptability of these decisions, it’s much more tenuous.”

An attorney with the global law firm Ropes & Gray, which specializes in employment issues, is quoted: “What if 10 percent of your workforce refuses? Are you prepared to lay off that 10 percent?” He cited a large risk of lawsuits particularly around issues of uneven applying to the mandate.

The chairperson of the health administration at the University of New Haven agreed with the high risk of forcing workers to get injected, noting that employees “could be held liable for any sort of adverse effects that might happen a year or two down the road.”

Unions Straddling the Fence

While the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEO) did come out late last year with the opinion that employers could mandate vaccinations, the article points out, “The threat of litigation still looms.”

Many large unions are feeling counter-balancing pressures regarding forced vaccinations. They cite their historic mandate to stand up for workers’ freedom of choice must be considered against the need to protect the health of workers.

But perhaps the best evidence from *The New York Times* article on how corporations are “waffling” on this issue is:

“The investment bank Jefferies sent a memo to employees in early February stating ‘verification of vaccination will be required to access the office.’ On Feb. 24 came a follow-up memo. ‘We did not intend to make it sound as if we are mandating vaccines.’”

TRENDPOST: *The article references “universities like Rutgers have instituted mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations.”*

Our research shows that some 173 U.S. colleges now require a COVID vaccination to get onto the campus even though teenagers and young adults are insignificantly affected by the coronavirus. (See our comprehensive research data [here](#).)

In our 30 March article, “[NO JAB, NO COLLEGE](#),” we wrote:

As we have reported, the recovery rate for people ages 1 to 20 is 99.997 percent, yet they are and will be forced to get vaccinated.

TRENDS IN GEOPOLITICS



FREEDOM WINS BIG IN SPAIN, SETS TREND

As we reported in our 22 September issue, the anti-lockdown message of Isabel Díaz Ayuso, the head of Madrid's regional government, had begun to resonate with Spaniards.

Díaz Ayuso, a member of the country's Popular Party, said in September that the lockdowns spell economic disaster: "We have to avoid at all costs a state of alert and above all confining people to their homes. A state of alert and confining people are an economic disaster," she said.

Her message served her movement well – it won her a landslide victory in the Madrid regional election last Tuesday, which resulted in her party more than doubling its seat count, taking more seats than the three left-wing parties combined. The report said she fell just shy of an absolute majority.

As we had reported, Ms. Ayuso's campaign slogan was one word: FREEDOM.

“Madrid is freedom—and they don’t understand our way of living,” she told supporters. She told the *Financial Times* she experienced explosive support from “every social class, from every corner of society, in favor of freedom, in response to such a difficult time.”

“I’m not going to let my guard down for a single minute. Now we’ll see what surprises [the central government] has in store for us after the election and will carry on doing whatever we need to by acting as a counterweight and opposition force,” she told a radio station in the country.

The paper pointed out that Díaz Ayuso was congratulated by Italy’s Matteo Salvini, the head of the League party. He called her a woman of “common sense and courage who has combined protection of health, right to work, and freedom.”

Lluís Orriols, a professor of politics at the Carlos III University in Madrid, told *The New York Times* that “maintaining Madrid open and economically active was something visible to all, while demonstrating that lockdown measures really help keep people healthy is something harder to do.”

Pablo Casado, her party’s leader, told the *FT*, “Today, freedom has won in Madrid; tomorrow it will win in all of Spain.”

TREND FORECAST: *While the election results were briefly reported in the mainstream press, the significance of what Ms. Díaz Ayuso’s campaign theme represented was mentioned but brushed aside.*

In our analysis of the series of anti-lockdown protests that have swept across western nations, “FREEDOM” is the one word that rings with all of them.

While there are large masses that march off to the dictates of those who rule them, so, too, are the masses who believe in who they are and will not succumb to tyranny and injustice.

As the Madrid election proves, in their hearts and in their souls, a majority of “We the People” want Freedom. Thus, we forecast that FREEDOM will be a primary political platform in current and future elections.

TRENDPOST: *As we reported in our 23 February article, “[YOUTH REVOLUTION 2021: PROTESTS RAGE IN BARCELONA](#),” Spain’s economy shrank by 11 percent last year, according to the National Statistics Institute, which El País reported is the country’s biggest contraction since the late 1930s.*

The youth in Spain have realized – and proved at the polls – that they do not have a future under the current conditions in the country and, like in other countries, they have lashed out against the status quo.

U.S. VOWS UKRAINE SUPPORT



Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Ukraine last week and assured Kyiv the U.S. supports its sovereignty. He also said it is incumbent on the country to take steps to weed out corruption.

The Washington Post described Blinken as delivering a “sweet and sour” message to the country. He said Ukraine is not only threatened by Moscow’s aggression but also dirty dealings in Kyiv.

“Ukraine faces twin challenges,” Blinken said, according to *The Post*. He said there is aggression “outside coming from Russia, and in effect, aggression from within coming from corruption, oligarchs, and others who are putting their interests ahead of those of the Ukrainian people.”

Blinken said despite Russia’s decision to withdraw many of the troops it deployed along the border in recent weeks, there are still “significant forces” in the area, and the current troop level allows Russia to take swift action. Blinken

said the U.S. is monitoring the situation “very, very carefully,” according to *The New York Times*. The report pointed out that Washington provides Kyiv \$400 million of U.S. taxpayer money in annual military aid. (See our related articles, [“PUTIN PUTS PRESSURE ON UKRAINE,”](#) and [“BIDEN PLEDGES ‘UNWAVERING SUPPORT’ FOR UKRAINE.”](#))

The military buildup was seen as the largest since 2014. Officials at the Kremlin said these forces have been put in place to respond to any Kyiv attacks on Russian separatists in the region. Ukraine accused Russia of providing weaponry and troops to these rebels in Donbas, yet Russia denied the charge.

On Friday, the Ukraine military said two more soldiers were killed in these clashes, raising the total number this year to 36. The conflict has been ongoing since 2014. The *Associated Press* reported that more than 14,000 have died.

The Times reported that Blinken was joined by Victoria Nuland, the newly confirmed undersecretary for political affairs for the State Department, who was the top negotiator under President Obama with Russian President Putin’s top advisor. (See our 26 January article, [“BIDEN PRESIDENCY = OBAMA 2021.”](#))

The paper reported that Nuland is loathed in Russia after she passed out food to protesters before the overthrow of the country’s president, Viktor F. Yanukovych. He had been backed by Russia.

Nuland is considered to be the No. 3 State Department official, *The Times* reported.

The Times also reported that Dmytro Kubela, the Ukrainian foreign minister, seemed to appreciate Nuland’s appearance and joked with her about the protest back in 2013. He said he missed her “cookies.” She corrected him and said she was handing out “sandwiches.”

TRENDPOST: Completely absent in the American media reports of the current U.S. stand with Ukraine is the role Washington and Victoria Nuland played in the overthrow of its government in 2014.

A report from 2014 in the **Trends Journal** laid out the political maneuvers at the time in Ukraine: “Washington’s coup in Ukraine brought not only a threat to the Russian population in Ukraine but also a direct strategic threat to Russia itself.”

Nuland, who speaks Russian and French, boasted that Washington had invested \$5 billion in non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Ukraine.

Allegedly, the purpose of NGOs is to “teach democracy.” Ukraine, however, already had a democracy. In reality, the NGO organizations are U.S. fifth columns that can be used to organize protests and to provide support for Washington’s candidates for the Ukraine government.

Indeed, in early February 2014, a recording was leaked of Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Victoria Nuland, telling Geoffrey Pyatt, the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, that the U.N. was on board to “help glue” the plan to replace Ukrainian President Victor Yanukovych with Arseniy Yatsenyuk. “Yats is the guy,” Nuland informed Pyatt, urging her to move quickly because “the Russians will be working behind the scenes to torpedo” the deal.

“F#&* the EU!” Nuland told Pyatt. “Exactly,” he responded. Shortly thereafter, Yanukovych was overthrown and “Yats” became president.

TREND FORECAST: The U.S. will not go to war with Russia over Ukraine. The military in Ukraine is no match against the Russians, and its only hope for security in the future is to become a member of NATO, which Blinken did not indicate is any closer today than it was before Russians amassed at the border.

MYANMAR: NO PEACE IN SIGHT, JUNTA CLAMPDOWN HARDENS



As we have been reporting in the **Trends Journal**, since 1 February, tens of thousands of protesters in Myanmar have taken to the streets to fight for democracy after a military coup overturned recent election results and arrested the civilian leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who reportedly won by a landslide this past November. The military, however, claimed widespread election fraud as the reason for voiding the election.

The protesters – many of them young people – face an emboldened police force backed by the military. (See our 30 March article, [“MYANMAR: ANOTHER DAY, MORE BLOODSHED”](#) and our 4 May article, [“PROTESTS CONTINUE, POVERTY RISING.”](#))

The New York Times reported that the latest move by the junta is to use nightly news broadcasts to show the mug shots of those who’ve been charged with so-called political crimes.

The paper said the mug shots included some doctors and students, but their faces seemed swollen, like they had been beaten in custody.

The paper’s reporter, Hannah Beech, described a dire situation in the undisclosed city where she was located. She said the “night is dark” and it matches the internet blackout in most of the country. She wrote it is during the dark hours that security forces perform sweeps in homes looking for protesters.

She said, “A sense of foreboding has returned.”

It is reported there have been more than 770 people killed by security forces since the February coup. Some 3,800 citizens have been locked up in prisons, and the economy has been decimated.

The World Bank is expecting a double-digit contraction this year, and about half of the country's population – or 25 million people – risk falling into poverty, according to the United Nations Development Program. Protesters have been trying to sabotage the economy under military rule and have not been showing up for work at banks and hospitals.

“The development gains made during a decade of Democratic transition, however imperfect it may have been, is being erased in a matter of months,” Kanni Wignaraja, the U.N. assistant secretary-general, told *Reuters*.

TREND FORECAST: *We maintain our forecast that military rule will continue in Myanmar, and threats by the U.N., the United States, and other nations will achieve nothing in terms of bringing so-called “Democracy” to the country.*

Furthermore, the stronger outside countries pressure the Myanmar government – be they in sanctions or supporting rebel movements – the greater the ruling government will strengthen its ties with its Chinese neighbor.

The military rulers also declared the National Unity Government as a terror organization and used its state-controlled media to sell the narrative, according to Al Jazeera.

On 20 April, we published the article, “[MYANMAR: OPPOSITION FORMS NEW GOVERNMENT](#),” which reported that the “unity government” aimed to appeal to international assistance and “diplomatic recognition” as they challenged the military rule. One of the group's founders said,

“As leaders, we will serve and honor all as brothers and sisters regardless of their race, or religion, or their community of origin or their walk of life... All will have a vitally important role to play in the great cause of liberating our nation from the scourge of this murderous military junta, and all will have equal rights as citizens of Myanmar.”

The continued internet blackouts and the military's ability to silence critics and outside supporters will continue to take their toll on the protesters.

COLOMBIA: PROTESTS ESCALATE, GOV'T CRACKS DOWN



It's a repeat of what was going in Columbia back in 2019 before the COVID War was launched and protests were banned: the "New World Disorder" trend. Tens of thousands of Colombians have again taken to the streets in protests over inequality, poverty, and corruption and have been met

with a violent crackdown by the government.

Indeed, the unrest in Bogotá is a sign of things to come in the entire region due to the worsening economic conditions faced by the citizens.

The week-long Colombian protests have resulted in at least 24 deaths, with an additional 87 people missing and about 800 injured. The latest round of protests was sparked by President Iván Duque's announcement of a new tax to make up for the outbreak's effect on the economy, which he had harshly locked down last year. (See our 15 September 2020 article, "[COLUMBIA: BREAK THE COVID LAW, COPS KILL YOU.](#)")

The tax hike was seen as an attack on the middle class and was meant to close a \$6.3 billion economic shortfall.

While Duque backed away from the plan, it did little to assuage the public's resentment. As *The New York Times* reported, the protests have been comprised of a wide range of citizens, many of who never took to the streets before in protest.

“This is not just about the tax reform,” Mayra Lemus, a schoolteacher, told the paper. “This is about corruption, inequality, and poverty. And all of us young people are tired of it.”

The *Associated Press* reported the protests were mostly peaceful, but they took a violent turn when security forces, heavily armed from battling drug traffickers, began opening fire. Amnesty International issued a report that claimed these officers used high-power assault rifles in the city of Cali, which is southwest of Bogotá. These forces have also been accused of “arbitrary detentions, acts of torture, and sexual violence,” according to the *Financial Times*.

The U.N. also reported that on 1 May, an armored vehicle rattled off live ammunition at protesters.

“Many of these officers kind of came of age as a result of that culture, but also they have the weaponry. So, their go-to response is always to sort of like go hard line and then ask questions later,” Gladys McCormick, an associate professor of history at Syracuse University, told the *AP*.

The Washington Post published an editorial on 7 May that called Colombia one of the region’s “most stable democracies in Latin America” and said the recent flare-up is evidence that no country in the region may emerge from the outbreak unscathed. The paper pointed out the poverty rate in the country jumped to above 40 percent.

TOP TREND FOR 2021: “YOUTH REVOLUTION”: *As we had forecast in December 2020, in 2021, the uprisings and revolutions that were sweeping the world before the COVID War will accelerate dramatically, as billions of people sink deeper into economic despair.*

In response, governments will again attempt to use the COVID War as a “legal” justification to prohibit protests. But, as Gerald Celente says, “When people lose everything and have nothing left to lose, they lose it.” And lose it, they will. Thus,

we maintain our forecast that protests will escalate into civil wars, and civil wars will spread to regional wars.

TREND FORECAST: *As reported extensively in the **Trends Journal**, last year, Columbia, along with other Latin American countries including Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chile saw major protests as tens of millions demonstrated against government corruption, crime, violence, and lack of basic living standards.*

The protests, as with the rages in Lebanon, France, South Africa, India, Algeria, Hong Kong, etc., were instantly tamped down in 2020 as governments ordered strong lockdowns to fight the COVID War.

As economies sink deeper into the “Greatest Depression,” protests, riots, demonstrations, and civil wars will erupt throughout the world, escalating the refugee crisis, which, in turn, will strengthen populist movements in nations where war-weary and desperate people seek to enter.

ISRAELI TROOPS STORM MOSQUE, BOMB GAZA



On Monday, some 1,000 Israeli security forces stormed the al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem, injuring more than 300 Palestinians.

According to *WSWS.com*, the troops locked worshippers inside the mosque, preventing them from getting medical help and beating up those who sought to help the injured.

“What is going on is a crime perpetrated by the Israeli occupation against the right to hold prayers. It is a crime against the people of Jerusalem but their actions will fail,” Sheikh Muhammad Hussein, the grand mufti of Jerusalem, told *Al Jazeera*.

The attack on the mosque came on Jerusalem Day, which is the anniversary of Israel's 1967 annexation of East Jerusalem from Jordan and the building of settlements. This is in violation of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, which states, "The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies."

In response to the mosque storming, rockets were fired from Gaza into Israel. *The New York Times* reported it was the first time in seven years that Hamas in Gaza fired rockets at Jerusalem.

The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) retaliated, claiming to have hit 130 Hamas and Jihad targets. Israel said its offensive was in response to the 200 rockets fired from Gaza that hit areas in Ashkelon, injuring some 90 civilians and killing two women.

The IDF said it had killed two top PIJ commanders responsible for rocket fire in Gaza.

It was reported that 24 Palestinians were killed from Israel's attack, including nine children.

One Israeli military official indicated the country is preparing to dig in for a long conflict and said Tel Aviv's response would not "last several minutes, but days."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said,

"We are in the midst of a campaign... Since yesterday, the IDF has been attacking hundreds of Hamas and Islamic Jihad sites in Gaza. We have neutralized commanders, we have hit many of their quality targets. Hamas will be struck in ways that it did not expect."

The **Trends Journal** has been reporting on the recent escalation of tension in the region between Israelis and Palestinians. On 4 May, we published the article, ["ISRAEL ACCUSED OF APARTHEID BY HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH,"](#) which

pointed out there is a growing chorus of international and Israeli groups that have been critical of the treatment of Palestinians.

Tensions were rising before the Israeli attack on the mosque, as a result of their efforts to remove Palestinians from certain areas in Jerusalem.

TREND FORECAST: *As Gerald Celente has long noted and history shows, “When all else fails, they take you to war.”*

We have reported that since November 2019, Netanyahu has been under the pressure of a criminal indictment on charges of fraud and bribery. Israel held its fourth national election in less than two years, and Netanyahu has again failed to put together a winning coalition.

While the storming of the mosque by Israeli troops on Monday and military actions are making the news, quickly forgotten was that there was a scheduled meeting to form a coalition government, which would have excluded Netanyahu. Mansour Abbas, the leader of the United Arab List, will support Lapid’s centrist Yesh Atid party and Naftali Bennett’s right-wing Yamina as long as his demands are met.

“There is a good chance a government will already be able to form a government this week,” a source told Haaretz.

TRENDS-EYE VIEW



FACEBOOK'S "QUASI-COURT" UPHOLDS TRUMP BAN

Facebook's Oversight Board announced Wednesday that former President Trump's ban from the popular platform will be upheld due to the "justified" risk of violence if he continued to post.

Trump, who received 74 million votes in November and is considered to be the most influential Republican by far, was blamed in many circles for inciting the crowd that stormed the U.S. Capitol on 6 January.

His supporters reject the claim and point to a part of his speech where he urged the crowd to remain peaceful. Facebook saw Trump's use of the platform as a risk for additional unrest.

Trump blasted the company's decision in a statement, saying, "Free Speech has been taken away from the President of the United States because the Radical Left Lunatics are afraid of the truth."

Trump was likely referring to the election results that he insisted went to Joe Biden due to irregularities. He has not proven his case in court.

Facebook's decision prompted swift backlash from Republicans who have already looked at the company as too big and influential. Sen. Marsha Blackburn said it is "clear that Mark Zuckerberg views himself as the arbiter of free speech."

The New York Times reported that it was Nick Clegg, the former British deputy prime minister, who helped steer the company's decision regarding Trump. Clegg oversees the company's public affairs, according to the paper.

The paper said it was Clegg who told Zuckerberg that the panel should make the decision on Trump, and the CEO responded, "I defer to you, Nick."

The paper said it was an "unlikely position for a British political veteran in such an important moment for American free speech."

Nate Persily, a professor at Stanford University's law school, told *The Times* that the case has "dramatic implications for the future of speech online because the public and other platforms are looking at how the oversight board will handle what is a difficult controversy that will arise again around the world."

The **Trends Journal** has reported on the challenges that some of these tech companies present to freedom of speech. In our 27 October article, "[FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS UNDER ATTACK AS ONLINE CENSORSHIP INCREASES](#)," we pointed out that "Censorship" was a [Top Trend of 2019](#). We have been warning for years that Silicon Valley is silencing users on the internet who dare challenge the official narrative.

Ever since the politicians and Presstitutes started the COVID War, censorship has increased dramatically.

On 19 January, in an article titled, “[TWITTER’S KING MULLS MORE CENSORSHIP](#),” we reported on Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey’s announcement that Trump was permanently banned from his social media platform.

“We are focused on one account right now, but this is going to be much bigger than just one account, and it’s going to go on for much longer than just this day, this week, and the next few weeks, and go on beyond the inauguration,” Dorsey said in a video leaked to the guerilla news site *Project Veritas*.

The Times’ report pointed out that Zuckerberg has insisted it is not his intention to mold Facebook into some kind of “arbiter of truth.” Critics of Facebook say that this company-funded panel of journalists and media professionals provides cover for the company, so it can deflect blame during tough decisions. The *Financial Times* referred to the board as a “Supreme Court-style body.”

The board said Trump’s use of the platform remains a threat because he has maintained “an unfounded narrative of electoral fraud and persistent calls to action.”

Trump said these “corrupt social media companies must pay a political price, and must never again be allowed to destroy and decimate our Electoral Process.”

TRENDPOST: *Love Trump, hate Trump it does not matter. Banning the President of the United States is the new ABnormal in the United Soviet States of America.*

Beyond censoring Trump, as we have long forecast, censorship has become the American way. Whether from the few Big Tech Monopolies that control the Internet or the six Media Monopolies that own over 90 percent of America’s media... freedom of speech is essentially dead in the “Land of the Free.”

Again, as we have continually reported, anyone not buying the official COVID War narrative has been banned from the Internet, as are all who challenge the Silicon Con-men’s narrative on a variety of issues ranging from human rights to foreign affairs.

FEDERAL JUDGE RULES MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS ENDING



A federal judge in Washington, D.C. ruled against the President Trump-era moratorium on evictions during the coronavirus lockdown, which was seen as a blow to those struggling to pay rents and a victory for landlords who called out what they saw as government overreach.

Diane Yentel, president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, told *The New York Times* that the latest ruling by Judge Dabney Friedrich, who was appointed by Trump, continued the trend by inconsistent court rulings on the matter.

“While this latest ruling is written more starkly than previous ones, it likely has equal limited application impacting only the plaintiffs who brought the case or, at most, renters in the district court’s jurisdiction.”

The Times’ report mentioned that Friedrich’s ruling does not have to be the standard in state housing courts. Landlords who brought the lawsuit claimed that the federal government, which invoked the Public Health Service Act of 1944, does not have the right to interfere in the area.

The report said the act has been effective in keeping evictions down, and there was a 65-percent drop in filings in 2020 compared to the usual rate.

Friedrich wrote in his 20-page ruling that the court was tasked with determining if the act “grants the C.D.C. the legal authority to impose a nationwide eviction moratorium.” He said, “It does not.”

The Times pointed out that Congress just approved \$45 billion in housing assistance that may or may not be distributed by the time the moratorium is expected to expire on 30 June.

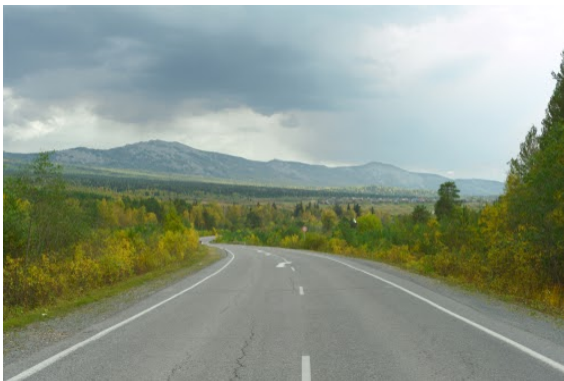
The Census Bureau reported that 8.2 million renters fell behind on their rent during the outbreak.

Robert Pinnegar, the president of the National Apartment Association, told *The Times* that the judge's determination proves the moratorium was "unlawful" in nature and shows "just how far the C.D.C. overstepped their authority."

TREND FORECAST: *Many of those who will be evicted will become homeless. And for those who have lost everything and have nothing left to lose, they will lose it... in many different ways.*

What is evident, but has not been reported by the media, is that this catastrophe has devastated many landlords, large and small, who could not pay their mortgages, taxes, insurance, etc. And, now, additionally, many who will be evicted will be out on the streets... This human disaster was created by the politicians who launched the COVID War and destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions.

BIG-CITY EXODUS TREND GAINS STEAM



Since the beginning of the COVID War, the **Trends Journal** was the first to forecast a sharp exodus from metropolitan cities to suburban and ex-urban areas. A year later, new data supports this historic shift.

New census estimates for the year ending 1 July 2020 showed population losses for urban counties plunged at a faster rate than rural areas, according to *The New York Times*. The paper reported that of

the 110 cities with over 500,000 residents in the U.S., 29 lost residents in 2020. Cities have been shedding residents for the past couple of years. In 2019, 26 reported fewer residents.

The report pointed out that the timeframe in the census survey ranged from 1 July 2019 to 1 July 2020, so the full effect of the coronavirus shift is not fully reflected in the data.

On 9 February, the **Trends Journal** published the article, “[AMERICANS: GOING BROKE, MOVING OUT](#),” which cited a Pew Research poll from June 2020 that showed 28 percent of those fleeing big cities cited fears of the virus as their main impetus. In November, a follow-up poll found a third were leaving cities due to financial constraints and an unsure job market.

A month later, we published the article, “[MOVING OUT, WON'T EAT OUT](#),” that cited a Bankrate/YouGov poll showing some 26 percent of millennials and 10 percent of Generation Xers packed their bags during the outbreak.

Zach Wichter, a Bankrate analyst, told *Yahoo! Finance* that these individuals “are going places where they may be able to get a little more space, a little more bang for their buck, but not going to the middle of a cornfield for the most part.”

TREND FORECAST: *As we have forecast, the move out of big cities will continue to escalate as crime rises and office occupancy rates decline, which will, in turn, create a commercial real estate plunge. And when interest rates rise, the commercial sector will dive deeper.*

Moreover, there will be a significant drop in commuters, which will push down the big city real estate sector.

For example, Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Alphabet, the parent of Google, told his employees that the “future of work is flexibility” when he announced plans to change the office dynamic at the tech giant.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Pichai wrote an email saying about 20 percent of staff would be allowed to work from home, 20 percent would move to new offices, and 60 percent would be working from their current locations.

Pichai also announced plans for a hybrid work week to allow employees to work from “wherever they work best,” whether that means going into the office three days a week or working mostly from home.

On 9 March, we published the article, “[OFFICE WORKERS’ SLOW RETURN ENDANGERS LANDLORDS, CITY FINANCES](#),” which pointed out that only about a quarter of office workers sent home during the pandemic have returned to their desks.

On 16 February, we published the article, “[SALESFORCE.COM TO PERMANENTLY SHRINK ITS OFFICE SPACE](#),” which noted the major tech company announced that it expected about 65 percent of its 54,000 employees to be in the office one to three days a week.

Thus, with fewer commuters, there will be fewer customers for retail, restaurant, hospitality, and other businesses that rely on commuters.

DOJ TO ARRESTED ANTIFA & BLM PROTESTERS: NEVERMIND



The Department of Justice (DOJ) has reportedly dropped charges against more than half of Portland rioters accused of committing crimes during BLM and Antifa protests in the spring and summer of 2020.

48 out of 90 people facing charges saw their cases dropped last week. According to *The Epoch Times*, among the dropped [cases](#) were an assault of a federal officer, destruction of government property, and failing to obey a lawful order.

The **Trends Journal** has previously [reported](#) a striking double standard in the Federal treatment of widespread violence and criminal conduct of leftist protesters in 2020 vs. the crackdown on right-leaning protestors who gathered in Washington on 6 January 2021.

More than 500 6 January protesters have been jailed for months. And aggressive and even [bizarre](#) intelligence operations including ICOP, run out of the U.S. Postal Service, have targeted Trump supporters and conservatives in general.

At the time leftists protests were burning down and looting districts of cities across the country and declaring “autonomous” zones in Portland and Seattle, Feds promised criminal violators would face prosecution.

“Make no mistake: those who commit violence in the name of protest, will be investigated, arrested, prosecuted, and face prison time,” U.S. Attorney Billy Williams said in a statement at the time. But Williams, a Trump appointee, resigned in 2021 after the inauguration of Joe Biden.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office is claiming the bulk dismissals of charges are not what they appear to be by the numbers of dropped charges.

“Dismissals are very case-specific and based on our assessment of available evidence. If we do not believe we can prove a charge beyond a reasonable doubt, we will dismiss the case,” a spokesman for the office said.

As Feds have trouble gathering evidence despite hundreds of millions of damage caused by 2020 rioters, they did find time to travel to the Alaskan home of Marilyn Heuper on 6 May.

The FBI raided Heuper’s home, confiscating computers, cell phones, and other items. They told her they were “searching for Nancy Pelosi’s laptop.” According to multiple news [outlets](#), the FBI raid, based on a dubious tip that Heuper “resembled” someone in a video taken during the Capitol riots, turned out to be a likely error.

THE FUTURE OF WHITE GUILT: “BLACK HAMMER”



The displays last spring and summer of virtue-signaling whites kissing the feet of blacks and performing other groveling actions might not have a 2021 sequel.

“Black Hammer,” a more hardcore offshoot of BLM, is laying down the new rules non-POC’s (People Of Color) must follow to support the cause.

“We allow whites to pay reparations to our organization and volunteer, but they cannot attend our meetings, hold any office, have a say or decision,” said Gazi Kodzo, founder of the group, talking to [Hood Communist](#), a self-styled journalism collective associated with the All-African People’s Revolutionary Army ([AAPRP](#)).

It might be tempting to dismiss Kodzo, his ideas, and his group. But “BH Times,” Black Hammer’s official Twitter account, has more than 5,000 followers. They have active GoFundMe, Venmo, and CashApp fund-raising accounts, and they recently purchased 200 acres in Colorado. Reporter Sam Faddis [noted](#) Black Hammer chapters are sprouting up across the country.

The declared purpose of the land acquisition is to start building “Hammer City.” The place apparently won’t be adhering to colonialist tax codes or other edicts. It’s envisioned as a separatist Communist state with whites, even groveling ones, not welcome.

Kodzo explained the goals of Black Hammer in the Hood Communist interview:

“The Black Hammer is an anti-colonial mass organization. Our organization consists only of Colonized people, non-white people: they are all either Poor or Proletarian...

The Black Hammer’s credo is that the organization is focused on building Black Power. Our mission is, under the leadership of the Colonized Proletariat, to use our collective power to strengthen all sectors of the Colonized Nation.”

Woke Segregation Funded by Reparations

The segregation at blackhammer.org website [sign-up page](#) is distilled into two big red buttons. One is reserved for POC’s who can “Join the Revolution.”

The other specifies, “Are you a white person looking to contribute and unite with anti-colonial revolution? Curious about the colonizer’s role in this decolonization process? Join the Reparations Corps today!”

“Reparations” is more than just a buzzword of divisive radicals. The effort to further subject whites to legally disfavored status in America took another step this past April when the Congressional House Judiciary Committee voted for H.R. 40. The measure established a “Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act.” Mainline leftist groups including the George Soros-funded Human Rights Watch hailed the measure as a “historic” milestone.

Whites already face legal discrimination in hiring and (along with Asian applicants) in college acceptances due to quotas and other special considerations designed to promote “minority” hiring. And anti-white propaganda and vitriol have reached new levels in academia and in corporate and popular culture. Disney, to give just one recent example, made [news](#) for pressuring employees to adopt tenets of [critical race theory](#), “decolonize” their bookshelves, and participate in reparations.

In that light, the tenets of Black Hammer seem more like a prologue than a farce. Though guilty white liberals will be saddened to learn they may never be allowed to snap selfies while servicing POC's in Hammer City, Black Hammer has posted further guidelines for what GWL's can do:

“Are you white? Do you want to help? Do you want to be a good person, on the right side of history?”

The only way you can wash the blood off your hands is through following the leadership of African, Indigenous, and Colonized people and paying reparations for all that's been stolen in your name.

Black Hammer Organization wants you to join the Reparations Corps to relearn history and find your place in building a world without exploitation. The tuition for the boot camp is the start of paying reparations. This is your way colonizers (white people) to get involved in changing the world, make the choice today to get on the right side of history.

Mao Level – \$199 minimum
Sankara Level – \$99 minimum
Che Level – \$40”

Black Hammer hasn't run afoul of those famously vague and politically flexible Big Tech “Community Guidelines” that have doomed even milquetoast conservative orgs and personalities. This despite the group promulgating anti-white and anti-Jewish sentiments, including members commenting about burning *The Diary of Anne Frank* at night in the Colorado mountains to keep warm.

BIDEN'S TAX INCREASE: MIDDLE CLASS TO FOOT THE BILL... AGAIN!

By Neil Pacifico



Now that universal basic income is getting closer to reality and the government has spent trillions in relief packages to subsidize a problem they created, it's only natural for the government to look for ways to fund their reckless and uncontrolled spending.

"Tax the rich" is their popular slogan, but their sights aren't set on just the ultra-wealthy or the top 1 percent.

The proposed elimination of the "step-up" in cost basis (a big part of the "American Families Plan") would drastically hurt how any generational wealth is built in this country. For the majority of Americans stuck in the lower middle class, inheriting property or stock is one of the only ways they will ever be able to retire with any financial security. With the elimination of stepped-up basis, all Americans making under \$400K would see a large tax bill when they go to sell certain inherited assets.

"Cost basis" is the original value or purchase price of an asset or investment. As the law stands today, when a relative is deceased and assets (such as their home or stocks) are inherited, the value of inheritance is based not on what they originally paid for the home, but rather what the current fair market value is on the date of death.

This stepped-up cost basis will greatly reduce capital gains tax liability, especially when choosing to quickly sell the inherited property or stocks, because such taxes are calculated on the difference between the cost basis and the current market value at the time of the sale. (See our example chart [here](#).)

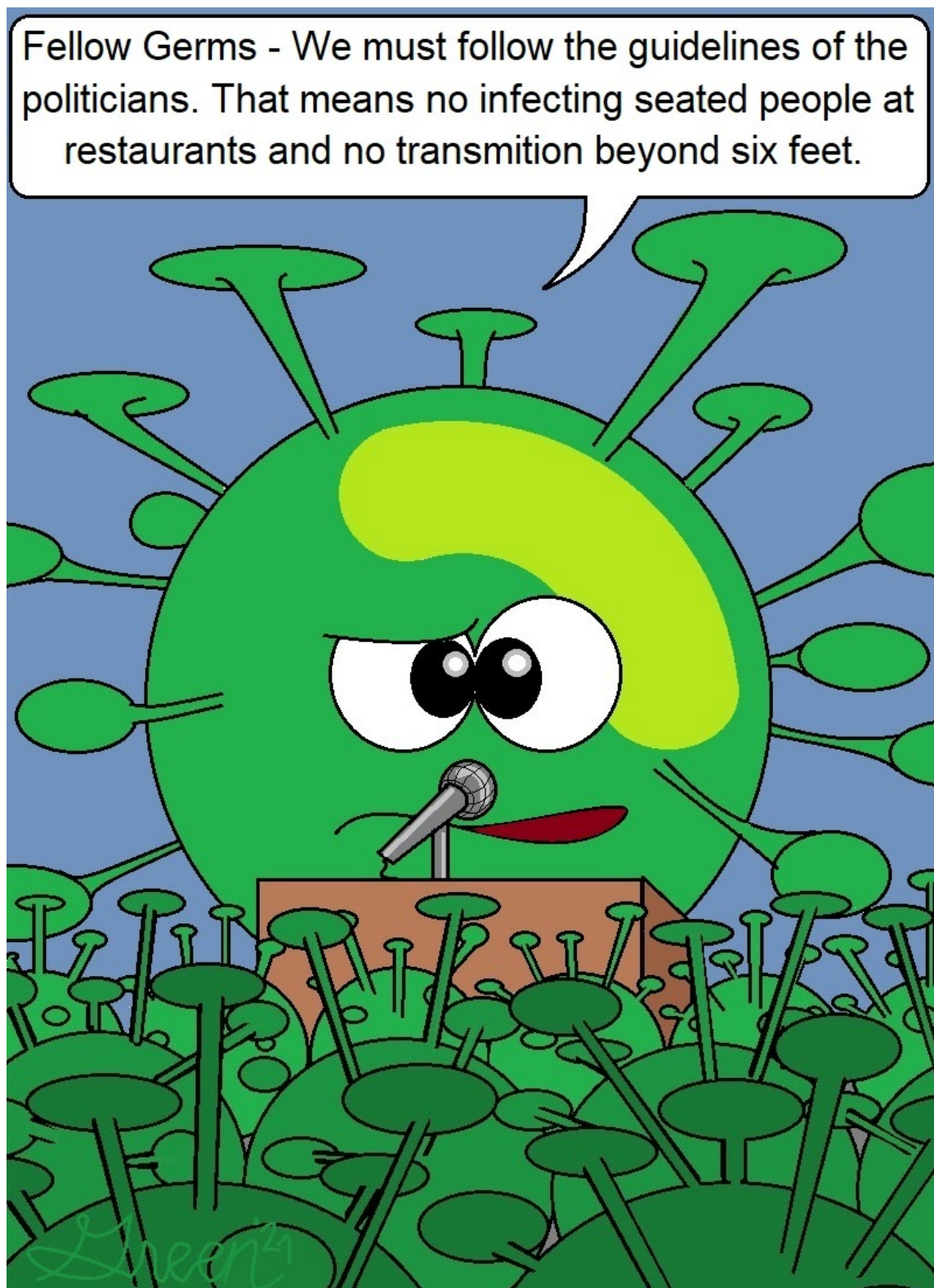
This is of great benefit to many caregivers of elderly relatives, as they have often forsaken their careers to care for their loved ones. But many misinformed millennials (and Biden voters) who are counting on inheriting their retirement

funds from the baby boomers they're caring for will be in for a rude awakening (and a big capital gains liability) if the step-up in cost basis is eliminated.

TRENDPOST: *The American Families Plan also calls for drastic increases in capital gains tax rates, which will further divide the classes and create even more of a wealth gap.*

THE ART OF TRENDS

“Viral Speech” by *Stephen Green*



TRENDS IN HI-TECH SCIENCE



By *Ben Daviss*

GM JOINS PARTNERSHIP FOR EV CHARGING STATIONS NATIONWIDE

General Motors, which has promised to make only zero-emissions vehicles by 2035, has taken a key step to making its promise practical.

The company has partnered with seven companies that make electric-vehicle charging stations – Blink, ChargePoint, EV Connect, EVgo, FLO, Greenlots, and SemaConnect – to set up 60,000 charging locations “no matter where” GM’s customers go in the U.S., it said in announcing the partnership.

The partnership’s engine is an app called Ultium Charge 360.

The app will let customers find the closest charging stations, see which are in use, then connect to a station of choice and pay the charging fee through the app.

Charging stations will average four chargers each and will be able to deliver 350 volts, enough power to qualify as a “Level 3” or fast-charging station, reducing refueling time from hours to minutes.

Initial sites are live in California, Florida, and Washington, GM said in announcing the initiative, and the entire network will be online in 2025.

Ford competes with its FordPass app, and a growing network now with 13,500 charging stations, and a trip planner routing you along corridors of well-placed charging stops.

TRENDPOST: *President Biden's infrastructure plan has pledged to foster 500,000 EV charging stations across the U.S. However, that pledge is prey to political surprises. Corporations are more directly accountable to the public for fulfilling their promises and can offer greater assurance that chargers will be in place where and when drivers need them.*

“Range anxiety” has been one of the chief fears car shoppers have expressed in considering an electric car. By relieving the fear of running out of electrons and being stranded on the road, GM is not only guaranteeing drivers won’t run dry but also that those drivers will be willing to buy the only cars GM will be making 14 years from now.

YOUR NEW WOODEN COMPUTER



The more than one trillion transistors or semiconductors produced each year, the things that populate computer chips and make them work, are indispensable and also a biblical-scale trash problem: relatively few chips are recycled because breaking them down and extracting the

metals used to make them is neither easy nor reliably profitable and also consumes noxious chemicals and lots of energy.

No problem for engineers making next-generation computer chips out of cellulose – the fibrous strands that makeup wood and other plants – instead of the petroleum-based plastics that chips are made of now.

At the University of Wisconsin in Madison, scientists are crafting chips from nanofibrillated cellulose (NC), which is made by adding water to wood waste from lumber mills, grinding the mix into a gel of nano-width fibers, then freeze-drying it to remove the water.

The Wisconsin researchers then covered the NC with epoxy to make it waterproof and leave a smooth surface.

When the chip is no longer useful, it can decompose in a landfill, just as a wood chip might.

Scientists at Duke University are complementing Wisconsin's work by creating a transistor that can be printed on paper, then broken up into its constituent parts using water and sound waves.

Printing electrical circuits using conductive ink isn't new, but using cellulose as an element in printable ink is.

The trick the Duke group discovered is to make a crystalline form of nanocellulose and sprinkle in some salt.

The team then mixed this insulating ink with a conducting ink made from graphene and a semi-conducting ink fashioned from carbon nanotubes.

The mix delivered an all-carbon transistor printable on paper using conventional printing technology at room temperature.

The resulting paper transistor remained stable for six months in tests and worked about as well as a conventional semiconductor in a range of uses, the researchers reported.

To break down the gadget and reclaim its components, the engineers submerged it in a series of water baths and vibrated it gently with sound waves. The water bath containing the dissolved elements was put through a centrifuge, which separated the components.

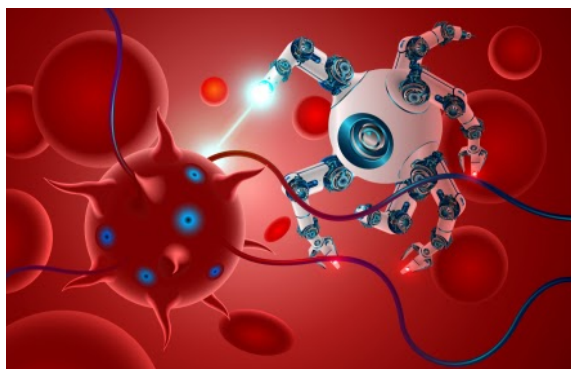
The carbon nanotubes and graphene are almost 100-percent recoverable, the group found, to re-use in making more paper transistors; the nanocellulose and paper underlayment can be recycled using conventional methods.

TRENDPOST: *With an Internet of Everything in the offing, demand for transistors – and the resulting heaps of e-waste to follow – will continue to grow relentlessly. Making biodegradable electronics and recycling parts that can be will be recognized as an urgent necessity as devices break down, become antiquated, and we run out of places to pile them.*

The use of stable cellulose chips and environmentally benign inks is a breakthrough that could make reclaiming and recycling transistors practical, a big step in reducing the 60 million tons of electronic waste humans turn out annually, with less than 15 percent being recycled now.

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NANOTECH DEFEATS COLON CANCER



Colon cancer – the third most common cancer and the second deadliest – is normally treated with a drug called Capecitabine (CAP), but it's a shotgun treatment: the drug swarms not only

tumors but also healthy tissue, leaving patients with side effects ranging from severe pain in hands and feet to dermatitis to nausea.

Researchers in Australia and India have found a way to zap the tumors and skirt the side effects by loading CAP into designer nanoparticles.

The particles are made of porous silica with an outer coating that fits key-in-lock fashion onto receptors on tumors' surfaces.

Once attached, the CAP moves through the particles' pores into tumor cells, inflaming them and disrupting their ability to replicate normally.

In rat tests, the treatment produced fewer and milder side effects because the drug dose bypassed most of the healthy tissue but was just as effective in shrinking and killing tumors.

TRENDPOST: *The same approach can be applied broadly across other forms of cancer and, once approved by regulators, could subject a range of malignancies to a relatively straightforward cure.*