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[The people] are in truth the only legitimate proprietors of the soil and government.

Thomas Jefferson (1813)

THOMAS GALLATIN

Greta Returns to Her Climate Grift

The world's most annoying leftist activist has gone back to lambasting the West for climate change.

Greta Thunberg has been a climate alarmist since she was a teenager. After a foray into anti-Israel activism, she's at it again, this time in the Turkish seaside city of Antalya, where the UN is meeting for its annual climate conference, COP31.

The 23-year-old, who last made headlines leading a flotilla of boats on a "humanitarian" mission to deliver supplies to Gaza to protest against Israel and its fight against the jihadi terrorists of Hamas, arrived in Turkey to express her indignation and hysteria over the world's refusal to bend to her insane climate demands.

"It's a hypocrisy every year that the host countries are given an opportunity to whitewash themselves, and we know that these negotiations are filled with lobbyists, paid by the very destructive industries which are benefiting from our extremely violent status quo," Thunberg lectured upon her arrival. "Our political and economic systems have become incompatible with human nature."

What has actually become incompatible with not just human nature but also social and scientific reality is Thunberg's climate extremism. Of course, to be fair, it was always incompatible. History has repeatedly proven this because Thunberg's activism ultimately promotes not environmental protection or conservation but socialism.

In short, it's a version of the red-green alliance, which is the only way to make any sense of Thunberg's Gaza flotilla escapade. (In this case, the greens are both the antisemitic Islamists *and* the ecofascists.)

Now she's hopped back onto the eco-green side, warning COP31 attendees that climate change is still the big baddy, warning that it is "threatening everything" and that "everything and everyone we love is at stake." Hyperbolic much?

"[Earth] is being killed by the very same people thought to come to our rescue," Thunberg asserted. "We are heading towards a future of more genocides and more ecocides and the complete compromise of our basic rights and where basic necessities become luxuries. It's more clear than ever in spaces like these that the situation could not be any less under control. The planet is not dying, it is being killed."

But she gave the game away when she contended, "We should act to protect and benefit people rather than constantly sacrificing the global majority and the very planet we are all living on, for a fortunate few to keep making unimaginable profits and maintaining geopolitical power." In other words, socialism is the only answer to climate change.

All this is fearmongering for the sake of deceiving people living in democracies into handing over their freedoms and free-market-based economies to a small cabal of globalist elites who self-identify as do-gooders.

The great irony in this red-green alliance is that the claimed purpose motivating each group — the "saving" of the climate and the broad sharing of economic wealth — is the opposite of what will occur if they get their way.

A good example of this scenario at play is Thunberg's objection to the Trump administration's "Pax Silica" initiative. Since China cornered the market on rare earth minerals, which are essential for the future development of AI systems, the Trump administration aims to create an AI supply chain independent of China.

The U.S. is partnering with a long list of nations, including Argentina, Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the European Union, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, the Philippines, Qatar, South Korea,

Singapore, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

Beijing, of course, sees this enterprise as a threat to its own control of AI development.

So, why is Thunberg objecting? Does she want China, the world's largest emitter of carbon emissions, to effectively control the global market not only for AI development but also for much of the tech and materials that make renewable energy generation possible?

Well, according to Thunberg, "Pax Silica is a U.S.-led initiative to secure critical minerals and technology supply chains," but she demands to know, "Whose interests does it really serve?"

Apparently, the world's freest economic system, which literally sets the global standard for individual human rights and freedoms, needs to be resisted because socialists hate such progress. Thunberg is little other than a convenient mouthpiece for the socialist globalist elites who don't believe in protecting individual freedom.

The remaining question is, does anyone actually take Thunberg seriously anymore?

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HUDSON BALDWIN

Rubio Asserts America's 'Moral Right to Exist'

Secretary of State Marco Rubio gave an excellent speech about American values, self-governance, and the greatness of the American experiment.

We at *The Patriot Post* hold American values dear. These values, rooted in Judeo-Christian principles, have brought to life an exceptional nation of people who want to be great and prosperous, and we defend that at every turn.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio shares these sentiments. Recently, he gave a speech at the Federalist Society's National Lawyers Convention about our nation's ideals.

After humoring the crowd a bit, Rubio noted that our 40th president, Ronald Reagan, faced a situation similar to President Donald Trump's today. In 1982, a recession and growing tensions abroad made Reagan unpopular. However, The Federalist Society was founded that same year so lawyers could steer the legal profession where the Founding Fathers would have wanted: "checking federal power, protecting individual liberty, and interpreting the Constitution according to its original meaning."

Rubio used this story to make the point that power is not concentrated solely in government.

"Power also lives in the universities," he said. "Power lives in the press. Power lives in the whole expanse of civil society, all of the institutions that define and shape our understanding of ourselves as a nation and as a people. Every society has an elite, has a ruling class. And in ours, that class resides not just in the White House, not just in Congress or the courts; it also resides in academia, in powerful nonprofits, and in nongovernment organizations. It resides in corporate boardrooms and C-suites and think tanks and journals, in foundations and in mass media, stretching across the commanding heights of business and education and culture."

He's right. Whereas Republicans have focused on the houses of government, Democrats have built influence elsewhere, such as in public schools and universities, the mainstream media, the entertainment industry, and major nonprofits.

These institutions have been commandeered by people who uphold globalist ideals that threaten the U.S.'s ability to be an exceptional nation.

"The ultimate question of our time is whether Americans have a moral right to exist as a distinct nation and a distinct people, and thus to demand a government that defends and pursues our interests above all else," Rubio said. "Those who tell us that we are living on stolen land, for example, that our nation was founded and built upon slavery and genocide and oppression, are telling us clearly that they do not believe that we do. They would have us think that America — and more broadly, that the West — are uniquely burdened by guilt, guilt that we can only atone for through total surrender — by opening our borders, by renouncing our laws, by retreating from the world, and allowing them to remake our society in their image."

Rubio accused the International Criminal Court and the United Nations of subjecting us to laws, conventions, and ideals that we didn't consent to and don't agree with. Because the Trump administration recognizes this and thus acts with its nation's best interests in mind, it draws the ire of global governance and, thus, the Left. In response, Rubio invoked an old quote from Roman general

Pompey: “Stop quoting laws to people who have swords.”

After reiterating the concept of institutional synergy, Rubio noted that building and maintaining this nation has never been easy, pointing to George Washington and his Revolutionary Army’s fight against the British, which looked hopeless at times. Like our ancestors, we fight for our freedoms, for our future, and to help leave this nation better for our children than we found it.

Rubio is not going anywhere and might even “reluctantly” make a run for the White House in 2028. His responses to questions were arguably even better than the speech itself. He’s well positioned to unite the entire Republican coalition where nobody else can, and he’s got as good a shot as anyone on the Right.

His final message was simple yet profound. At the end of the day, the whole point of American politics is to serve the American people. The government must act in the best interests of Americans. We have a right to self-govern. We must fight for that right, and if we do, we will triumph.



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EMMY GRIFFIN

James Talarico’s Politics of Division

The newly elected Texas senator preaches against division, but his “virtues” have rather unvirtuous effects.

Texas Senator-elect James Talarico gave his victory speech to resounding applause. This fraudulent seminarian not only ran on a platform of more funding for public schools, universal healthcare, and affordability, but his slogan was “Love Thy Neighbor.”

“We just showed that a politics of division is no match for a politics of love,” Talarico began.

However, he immediately moved the goalposts, blaming billionaires and trillionaires for dividing us through their influence. “The real fight in this country is not Left versus Right,” he stated. “It is top versus bottom.” By which he means rich versus not-so-rich.

Isn’t *he* dividing us with class warfare? Is the rich man not also thy neighbor? How is this the “politics of love”?

So many questions and so few articulate answers from the Lone Star State’s newly minted legislator.

Talarico also packaged his rhetoric in language that makes himself the purveyor of love. He alone has heard the cries of the people of Texas. He alone is fighting for the teacher, the nurse, the farmer, the parent, and the child. It’s demagoguery at its finest and reminiscent of former President Barack Obama’s campaign of “Hope and Change.”

Love and hope are great virtues that everyone longs for, but in the wrong hands, they can have unvirtuous effects.

Obama’s time in office rekindled our country’s racial division and strangled the economy. Hope in what? Change for whom? If only voters had asked those questions at the time.

Democrats are playing the semantics trick yet again today because they learned it was a winning formula. Promise a virtue like love, but define it broadly based on the follies of mankind. Call cultural degeneracy “loving,” but slander as bigots those who hold the line on Biblical values and traditions.

Leftists attack the successful in the name of “fairness” while promoting policies that condemn everyone to poverty. They demand universal healthcare without understanding or caring about the practical realities of such a proposition. Canada has universal healthcare, and yet people there are dying before they can even get an appointment. God forbid you have a health emergency, which is oftentimes a death sentence. And then there are Canada’s *actual* medical death sentences via medically assisted suicide.

In other words, Talarico’s “politics of love” aligns completely with the Marxism espoused by the Democratic Socialists of America.

In the late 1990s, Harvard economics professor Jeffrey D. Sachs explained the foundational error in every socialist's thinking. "Marx fundamentally misunderstood that economic value is created not only by labor, but also by entrepreneurship, saving, and technological progress," Sachs wrote. "Marx's most deadly legacy, indeed, was the interpretation that gaps in income between rich and poor are caused by exploitation rather than differences in productivity."

Demonizing one group (the rich) and perpetuating a victimization narrative for another (the not-so-rich) sets up a politics of resentment and a battle cry of greed. How is that loving thy neighbor?

If love is the slogan, then where are the fruits? Which party's members are disowning family members and not visiting for Thanksgiving? Which side of the political aisle has threatened and/or carried out political assassinations? Which political ideology is so intolerant of differing opinions that it tries to cancel, shut down, or coerce people to bend to their will?

Spoiler alert: It's the Democrats.

Leftists will market a set of political positions under something noble like love, and they will even claim unity, but it's all merely a skinsuit. Their end game is to make America fall by enlarging its fissures.

MICHAEL SWARTZ

Democrats Have Radical Agendas at the State Level, Too

Their midterm victories handed them control of 28 state governments.

SAMANTHA KOCH

The Problem Isn't Traditional Marriage; It's Extremism

Does the tradwife movement truly represent traditional Christian values, or has it taken those values to a degree that can do more harm than good?

DOUGLAS ANDREWS

On Those Dire 'Death of Democracy' Predictions

A New York Times article breathes a deep sigh of relief that perhaps just maybe their worst fears were a bit overblown.

GEN B.B. BELL (USA, RET.)

Looks Like George III May Be Winning After All

Well, it's almost over: America 250. Our semiquincentennial birthday party may end with the return of tyranny.

ALLEN WEST

The Pitfalls of Populism

Popular policies are nice until they are no longer popular, hence why we witnessed a massive shift in electoral demographics in this last midterm election cycle.

THE EDITORS

Reader Comments

"President Trump correctly predicted that the price of gasoline would drop sharply after the election."

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

United Airlines suffers system outage

Just days after the FAA lifted its nationwide ground stop, United Airlines reported a "widespread system outage" that continued to disrupt travel for the major legacy airline. Fortunately, the outage has since been resolved, but the setback continued to delay flights by hours on a schedule already hampered by the weekend ground stop. When questioned about its cause, United said, "There is no indication that it was a cybersecurity-related issue." The outage specifically affected United's ability to give the aircraft's exact weight at departure time, which is a major safety hazard for large commercial flights. Technology issues such as this have led to calls to modernize air traffic control infrastructure as well as other critical FAA systems. Given the possibility of a cyberattack, shoring up technological weaknesses should be the quickest course of action for the FAA and other potential targets.

Bank outages allegedly weren't caused by cyberattacks

Three major U.S. banks acknowledged user outages yesterday. Account holders were unable to access online services at Chase, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo for some time on Monday, fueling concerns about cyber warfare after last week's Microsoft outage and Friday's FAA ground stop. A Chase Bank spokesperson said a technical bug was causing transactions to take longer than usual to complete, but customers still had access to their accounts, and it was not a cyber issue. DHS

Secretary Markwayne Mullin echoed that sentiment. “Breathe,” he said. “The homeland is secure. Our banking system is secure.” Nevertheless, cyber warfare is common, and the American people may feel that official sources have a vested interest in denying our adversaries’ successes.

Trump arrives in Asia for week of foreign policy talks

President Donald Trump touched down in the Philippines this morning, his first trip overseas since June. This week, he plans to ink trade deals and meet with several prominent leaders to discuss denuclearization, Iran, and Ukraine. Crucially, he will visit China for a historic summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Trump suggested that he “may meet with Kim Jong Un also,” but whether the North Korean dictator would come was “up to President Xi.” Additionally, Trump will meet with the Philippine president, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the leaders of the Quad (an Indo-Pacific security pact that includes the U.S., Japan, Australia, and India). Trump’s trip follows the Nvidia scandal, which puts pressure on the global AI industry. CEO Jensen Huang resigned after several affairs, including one with a Chinese spy.

Clancy’s March 2027 retrial

Lindsay Clancy strangled her three little children, Cora, Callan, and Dawson, three years ago. The monthlong trial ended in September in a mistrial after one holdout juror refused to bow to intimidation. Eleven jurors voted to find her not guilty by reason of insanity, while that one juror disagreed. On Monday, prosecutors said they would pursue first-degree murder charges a second time. The judge set the retrial date for March 29, 2027. Clancy’s lawyer, Kevin Reddington, said Clancy would not plead guilty in exchange for a lesser sentence. In the first trial, he argued that she did kill her children but couldn’t be held criminally responsible because of postpartum psychosis. Prosecutors argued she planned the killings and seek a life sentence without parole. Reddington and the prosecutors will present their cases to an entirely new jury.

SCOTUS declines addressing “sensitive places” gun ban for now

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up a Second Amendment case challenging Maryland’s ban on firearms in so-called “sensitive places” such as state parks, museums, schools, and locations selling alcohol. While agreeing with the decision to reject this case, Justice Clarence Thomas urged the court to eventually weigh the constitutionality of “sensitive places.” “These restrictions stand on questionable historical ground. And, their cumulative effect is to prohibit firearms wherever people gather for eating, drinking, recreation, amusement, and free speech — an affront to the right of ‘law-abiding citizens’ to ‘carr[y] arms in public for’ their ‘ordinary self-defense,’” Thomas observed. “The lower courts have largely blessed these ahistorical ventures.” Thomas is clearly seeking a court review of this Second Amendment-infringing issue sooner rather than later.

SCOTUS refuses two culture war cases

The Supreme Court also decided yesterday not to hear a case that would reinstate a policy allowing the government to bar federal funding for research that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Trump administration says it comes down to choosing spending priorities, but a lower appeals court contends it is viewpoint discrimination that tramples researchers’ constitutional rights. Furthermore, the high court declined to hear a case challenging the Colorado legislature’s gender pronouns policy. Two people, one a member of Gays Against Groomers, attempted to speak against a bill that would make it easier for gender-confused felons to change their names, and they refused to use preferred names and pronouns. They were cut off and their words stricken from the record. The Institute for Free Speech, representing the two challengers, noted that Coloradans “must still choose between using government-mandated gender terminology and being silenced.”

House Oversight chairman announces bid for KY governor

With Kentucky holding its gubernatorial election next year and current Democrat Gov. Andy Beshear term limited, Republican Rep. James Comer, who chairs the House Oversight Committee, announced his gubernatorial bid on Monday. “Families are worried about losing their children and grandchildren to other states with better opportunities, and communities, both urban and rural, are struggling to provide basic services and maintain infrastructure,” Comer argued. “Kentucky needs a leader whose policies will lead to growth and good-paying jobs.” Kentucky presents a prime opportunity for Republicans to flip a Democrat-held governorship — both of the

state's U.S. senators are Republicans, as are five of its six U.S. representatives. Sen. Rand Paul believes Comer has a "reasonable chance" of running unopposed for the Republican nomination. Two Democrats have already jumped in, including Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and former state Rep. Rocky Adkins.

EU nations make plan to deport their migrants to Rwanda

Europe is ever-so-slowly adapting its approach to the unsustainable migrant invasion over the last decade and more. Greece, Germany, Denmark, Austria, and the Netherlands collectively announced a plan on Monday to deport rejected asylum seekers to Rwanda. The plan applies only to asylum seekers who have exhausted every legal avenue to stay in Europe but will not return to their home countries. The pilot project will start with 100 to 200 deportees and is already drawing criticism that Rwanda will not sufficiently protect human rights. Rwanda is friendly to deportation deals, with the UK developing a similar plan in 2022 before London judges shot it down. The U.S. has previously used Rwanda as a third nation for deporting illegal immigrants.

Commerce Dept. blocks China's use of third-party data centers

After the scandal surrounding Jensen Huang and Nvidia, the Commerce Department announced a rule that would effectively prevent China from using third-party data centers to access American technology and intelligence. Much of the scandal surrounding Huang centers on the likelihood that he funneled advanced Nvidia chips to China and divulged sensitive information to his Chinese spy mistress. The department's proposal would restrict American exports to any high-capacity data center overseas. "These restrictions will undermine the ability of companies headquartered in countries of concern from using U.S. advanced Super Intelligence (SI) semiconductors to train advanced SI models." Given that China could have made major gains through its Nvidia ties, Washington must not give our Asian rival any more inroads.

Ukraine takes out Putin's favorite bridge

On Tuesday, Ukrainian forces destroyed a section of the bridge that connects Crimea and Russia in response to Russian drone and missile strikes against bridges in Ukraine. Russia struck two major bridges over the Dnipro River in Kyiv on Monday. In an attempt to stop Ukrainian grain exports to Europe, Russia has been targeting bridges along the Dnipro River, which separates Ukraine's east and west and could cut the country in two. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote on social media that Ukraine has "repeatedly offered Russia de-escalation steps, but we have only received loud rejections." So, it countered by striking the Crimean Bridge, which links Russia with Crimea and is a major artery for military logistics and civilian traffic as well as a symbol of Putin's annexation of the occupied territory in 2014.

Headlines

- Third U.S. aircraft carrier arrives in Middle East as Iran rules out UN nuclear inspections (Fox News)
- Incoming House Oversight chair expressed little concern on ethics as Long Beach mayor (Daily Signal)
- Abigail Spanberger rips school choice tax credit away from families (Breitbart)
- Wes Moore's Bronze Star excuse is a lie, too, pictures show (Free Beacon)

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SHORT CUTS

From the Loony Left

"What you're seeing is the wages of what Elon Musk did — where he just gutted an entity." — Connecticut Rep. Jim Himes regarding Friday's FAA ground stop

"[Donald Trump] placed filling the pockets of billionaires above the plight of the flying public." — Texas Rep. Al Green

"There is momentum around the country for reparations. ... It's time Democrats deliver for black America. Reparations now." —Massachusetts Rep. Ayanna Pressley

"I want to give every American family a $1700 check to make them whole for the war in Iran." — California Rep. Ro Khanna

"We need to make sure that a very unsexy group of people are thinking very hard about how to Trump-proof the government going forward." — Michigan Sen. Elissa Slotkin

“It’s as though the blue wave has washed away the poisonous cloud that we’ve been living under for 10 years.” —Hillary Clinton

“When I see somebody that says they are MAGA, and especially if they tack on the MAGA Christian ... I immediately think pedophiles.” —Jennifer Welch

From the Reasonable Right

“The routers that were experiencing issues — those routers were purchased in 2001, they were obsolete in 2006, and we still use them in 2026, just to underscore how old the network is. And the mission we have is to fix it.” —Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy

“The government can’t even run air traffic without it crashing and you want to put them in charge of healthcare?” —Brilyn Hollyhand

“A curious progressive might start to wonder, if the benefits of single payer were so obvious, why no blue state has enacted that program yet.” —Jim Geraghty

“Elon [Musk] is like the inverse of government. When he employs a hundred thousand people, it’s very visible and obvious what they actually do...and they’re very good at it.” —Spencer Pratt

“[Incoming Democrats are] acting like prosecutors. They’re acting like they’re going to cut subpoenas left and right, and they’re going to investigate, and they’re going to have a trial and a conviction — and that’s absolutely not their job. That’s never been their job.” —Attorney General Todd Blanche

“Mistaking election results — even lopsided ones — for endorsements of an ideological agenda is a common error. Overreach and disappointment are sure to follow. ... When politicians take victory as license to do as they please, they pay for it at the next election. That’s the lesson of 2024. It could be the lesson of 2026.” —Matthew Continetti

“If there is a true lesson to be learned from this midterm election cycle, it is this: an American, real American, political leader must have a governing philosophy rooted in our founding principles, and possess the ability to express such. Popular policies are nice until they are no longer popular, hence why we witnessed a massive shift in electoral demographics in this last midterm election cycle.” —Allen West

“One election does not settle the future of the American Republic. Nor does history guarantee that the next election will reverse this one. Recovery requires something more demanding than waiting for the political winds to shift. It requires citizens willing to pray when they are discouraged, vote when they are disappointed, and stand for truth when doing so is costly or unpopular.” —Tony Perkins

“There is no Electoral College problem. It works exactly as intended. The ‘problem’ is that people have been convinced that direct democracy is preferable.” —David Harsanyi

“Great things that last are built in decades, not election cycles.” —Secretary of State Marco Rubio

Belly Laugh of the Day

“All of the technology in the entire United States has failed within 48 hours of firing just one Asian guy.” —The Babylon Bee

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