If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy.

Thomas Jefferson (1802)

NATE JACKSON

Data Center Opposition Leads to Stock Market Selloff

Voters clearly don't like data centers, and Democrats stoked fear and backlash, but that could have lasting implications beyond Thursday's market beatdown.

If you're invested in tech stocks, Democrats just took a hammer and sickle to your money. So much for affordability!

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 1,600 points on Wednesday before yesterday's 1,833-point crash. Also yesterday, the more tech-heavy Nasdaq fell 1,422 points, and the S&P 500 dropped 334 points. Overall, Thursday's collapse wiped out about $2.5 *trillion* in valuation. The Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P are all back up slightly this morning, and markets tend to go up in the six months after all midterms. Here's hoping...

For now, what's going on, and why do I lay the blame at the Dems' feet?

For what it's worth, President Donald Trump agrees, posting on Truth Social, "The Stock Market suffered one of the Worst Days in History based on the results of the Election.... Your 401(k)s have, therefore, dropped. Remember, it wasn't Republicans, it was Dumocrats."

In a subsequent post, he added, "So sad to see, you only have yourselves to blame!" Was that aimed at voters?

After Tuesday's blue tsunami, realization set in on one issue in particular: data centers.

Artificial intelligence — or "super intelligence" — is hugely important to the U.S. economy now, and it will only become more vital. To power that economic engine, and to stay ahead of Communist China, America needs data centers. The problem? A sizable majority of Americans don't want data centers in their proverbial backyard.

"Last year, 180 new data centers were constructed, marking a 170-percent increase from 2021," writes Evan Gardner at The Free Press. "Today, roughly 38 percent of Americans live within five miles of one, and seven in 10 oppose new ones coming to their communities."

Opposition has been building amid concerns about water use, electricity bills, noise pollution, and other factors.

Voters on Tuesday not only elected Democrats who oppose data centers but also overwhelmingly approved dozens of measures restricting or banning data centers. Only one jurisdiction — Harwood, North Dakota, population 800 — voted pro-data center. Development of data centers "stops when I'm governor," promised Texas Governor-elect Gina Hinojosa. Texas Democrat Representative Greg Casar supports a nationwide moratorium on new data centers, and he crowed, "The revolt against data centers was one of the top issues of the 2026 election."

He might not be wrong.

"Texas, Georgia and Ohio account for more than 40% of all planned data-center capacity in the U.S.," reports The Wall Street Journal, and all three just flipped from Republican to anti-data-center Democrat governors. Moreover, the Journal says, "About 56% of voters nationally said data centers were a crucial or major factor in their picks for Congress."

"There were few concrete details from Democrats elected on promises of everything from outright bans to more scrutiny," the Journal notes. "But slowing the rapid growth of properties that house the hardware for AI systems could upend one of the main drivers of U.S. economic growth."

The stock market responded accordingly.

Don't get me wrong — I'm not pushing for data centers in every town, near every school, or on every scrap of undeveloped green grass. Communities ought to have a say in zoning guardrails, and tech companies need to address public concerns about water, electricity, and noise pollution. But when Democrats are out there demanding the nationalization of Elon Musk's companies, I don't trust them for one second to have our national interests at heart on data centers.

Speaking of Musk, he posted on X early Wednesday morning, "Data centers in space looking pretty appealing right now."

He's not kidding, and his companies could do it.

Tech companies are innovating in other ways, too. One company, Gardner says, "has built a network of mini data centers that are small, quiet, and slide neatly into a customer's kitchen." Many larger new centers have addressed all the concerns about water, electricity, and noise mentioned above — *if* those concerns weren't overblown or outright Chinese propaganda in the first place.

The bad news is that tech companies lost the early PR battles. The good news is that Americans are generally a reasonable lot, and as long as the terms are fair, people can be persuaded. If tech companies want to build, they need to win over communities.

But if Bernie Sanders and the socialist leftists headed to Congress get their way, tech companies won't even get that chance. "Democrats *must* enact a national moratorium on AI data centers," Sanders insisted after the election.

Well, that is exactly the sort of policy that just cost millions of invested Americans trillions of dollars.

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Charlie Kirk's Missing Influence

The absence of the TPUSA founder was much felt in this midterm election after leftist violence claimed his life.

When life doesn't go your way, you tend to replay the events that led to the outcome, wishing for one small change that might have made everything turn out differently.

For many, Charlie Kirk embodies one such hypothetical. His assassination sent shockwaves throughout the entire political landscape and sent American conservatism as we knew it into a downward spiral.

Perhaps more than many realized, Kirk bridged various factions of the Republican Party. He possessed a unique connection with young Americans, MAGA populists, and traditional establishment conservatives all at the same time. In many cases, he was President Donald Trump's gauge of public opinion. As conservative commentator Allie Beth Stuckey puts it, he had a "unifying effect on the conservative movement, somehow unifying the Tucker Carlsons with the Ben Shapiros."

In that regard, he was effectively the linchpin of the Republican Party, and his assassination let the various factions split to their own respective islands.

Suggesting that Charlie Kirk's death alone cost the GOP a midterm victory is a gross oversimplification, but dismissing its impact is equally misguided. We don't know what he would have accomplished over the past year. The cracks in the Trump administration were already starting to show at the time of Kirk's passing, namely with the president having to deal with an inexplicably stagnant Congress and an army of leftist federal judges, and the midterms were already projected to be an uphill battle.

But you can't deny that Kirk filled a role within the Republican Party no one had occupied before him, and no one has filled since. Few representatives of the grassroots conservative movement can connect so closely with the party's top brass. That connection could have helped Republicans avoid some of the major mistakes they made over the past year. Back in the summer of 2025, Kirk warned Trump that striking Iran's nuclear facilities would alienate young supporters who had voted for him because of his antiwar stance. Trump went ahead with the strikes anyway, and that operation snowballed into the war.

Kirk's assassination also highlights the rising tide of political violence. Tyler Robinson absorbed so much leftist propaganda that he became an indoctrinated terrorist. Obviously, the Democrat Party condemns political violence on the surface, and I'm sure most Democrat voters in America do as well. The left side of the political aisle, however, knowingly and casually throws around extreme rhetoric, inspiring mentally deranged people to pull the trigger.

This enabling of extremists can only really be found on the Left in America. Conservatives rein in their extremists, but the Left stokes the flames. Despite what the media wants you to believe, nearly all politically charged shootings or assassination attempts in the past decade have come from the Left. Leftists also resort to rioting and aggression more often. The bullet that nicked Trump's ear killed an innocent bystander. A deranged leftist assassinated a healthcare CEO as a "symbolic takedown" of corporate greed. Just this past week, a supporter of Abdul El-Sayed attacked a conservative influencer in Michigan, threatening to kill her.

The violence has impacted conservative leaders as well as the conservative grassroots movement. Joshua Monnington at The Federalist accurately notes, "Prominent right-wing figures continue to live under the threat of leftists attempting to inflict physical harm, while even everyday conservatives also face risks, especially in Democrat strongholds such as college campuses and large cities."

Republicans attempting to teach and grow conservatism face threats to their personal safety and even their lives. Democrats may give the extremists a verbal slap on the wrist, but they won't go any further since they only stand to benefit from them. In fact, many left-wingers on social media continue to celebrate the death of Charlie Kirk and mourn the near misses on President Trump's life. This fundamental absence of any morality is a sickness on the Left. Few of them will pull the trigger, but many will cheer the assassins who do.

In Tyler Robinson's case, he acted alone, with no one aiding or directing his nefarious deed. Though the likes of Candace Owens claim otherwise, the CIA, the FBI, TPUSA, or anyone else did not kill Charlie Kirk.

But Robinson's actions did stem from the ideas Democrats put in his head, narratives that falsely brand Charlie Kirk a racist liar and label Donald Trump a fascist dictator. It wouldn't be a stretch to say political violence poses the greatest threat to our nation today. Kirk was vulnerable to the spear of the violent Left. Americans must do everything it takes to ensure this doesn't happen again.

All that to say, Charlie Kirk left a huge hole in the Republican Party and profoundly affected the conservative outlook. It may not have been as clear a year ago, but these midterms proved we need people who will unite the Right and present American conservatism in a positive light.

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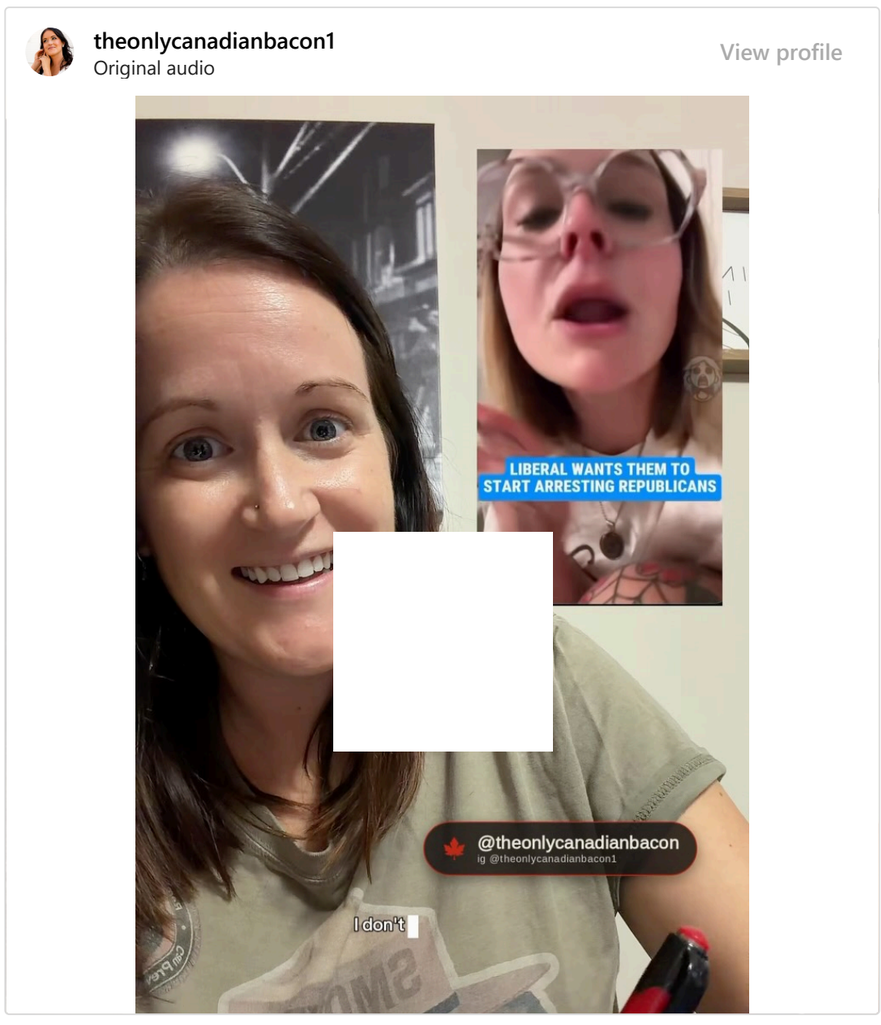
An Election Night for the Faithless

Those with no religion had the largest turnout in the midterms — and it shows.

Exit polling showed that 26% of Tuesday's voters were non-religious, and 77% of them were Democrats. As Not the Bee's Harris Rigby explains, "Sure, the faithful turned out in much higher total numbers, but the 'nones,' the people who might be spiritual but don't adhere to any specific religion, had the highest turnout as a percentage."

For the non-religious, Tuesday's election result feels like a justification for their soul sickness and a mandate to mete out deadly judgment on the rest of us who disagree with them. Case in point: Deranged leftists flooded social media with threats against conservatives, telling them to watch out because they're coming for them.

(Warning: video uses foul language.)



By contrast, Protestants displayed a severely depressed desire to vote this year. According to Axios, "White evangelical or born-again Christians accounted for 17% of voters Tuesday, down from 23% in 2024 and 24% in 2022."

And as political analyst Gary Bauer notes, "White evangelicals, a core conservative voting bloc, consistently make up about 25% of the electorate in presidential or midterm elections. This year, however, they accounted for only 17% of the electorate. That's a third fewer conservative Christians showing up to vote. If you run the numbers, it means we lost 8 to 10 million conservative votes. That's huge!"

Why? Some speculate Trump fatigue, the economy, or the war with Iran. It's probably some combination of all three. As a result, Christian values and the candidates who would help maintain the bulwark of those values were put in jeopardy.

What's even more tragic is that many of Tuesday's non-religious voters ushered in Senator-elect James Talarico, a seminarian in Texas, and Senator-elect Adam Hamilton, a megachurch pastor in Kansas. They join Georgia Senator and pastor Raphael Warnock in representing a "palatable" version of Christianity to the Left — which one can validly argue isn't Christianity at all.

Christians, by not showing up, ceded ground — not only by not sticking up for their own values but by allowing false representatives of our faith to have a platform at the federal level. Do you think any of these so-called "Christians" will stand up for preborn babies in the womb who have no voice? Do you think they will stand against the ideology of transgenderism that harms children? No, of course not.

We have the freedom to do with our votes what we want. But as Christians, failing to do our part to shape the political direction of our country by abstaining is a failure in our duty.

At the end of the day, God sits on his throne, and nothing surprises Him. We cling to his promises and his judgment. We pray continually for the renewal of our country; for the healing of rifts in our culture; and, most importantly, for God to continue giving us the opportunity to share the good news of Christ with all of our neighbors — including the nose-ringed ones who tell us on social media that they want to kill us. Our duty is to testify to them and let God do the rest.

BRIAN MARK WEBER

Ending Aid to Israel?

The criticism lives on, even though Israel cycles U.S. aid back into the American economy while building a booming economy of its own.

JOSH HAMMER

The MAGA Movement Forgot What Populism Is

The good news is that most of the necessary changes are easy.

TIM GRAHAM

Blue Wave Embarrasses Leftist Claiming Trump Would End Elections

Every conspiracy theorist who suggested the midterms were going to get canceled should ... get canceled.

MARK ALEXANDER

Profiles of Valor: Attack on the USS Liberty

"It's time that the state of Israel and the United States Government provide the crew members of the Liberty and the rest of the American people the facts of what happened..."

RON HELLE

Shoot Some Hoops

Hopefully, someone will have a better testimony of my life than "We shot some hoops together!"

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

U.S. added 165k jobs in October, shattering expectations
The Bureau of Labor Statistics released the October jobs report today. Wall Street forecasters predicted just 59,000 added jobs, but reality blew that prediction out of the water: The U.S. added 165,000 jobs, one of the strongest months this year. Professional services added 70,000 positions, far above the average of 15,000; healthcare added 42,000; transportation added 25,000; and manufacturing added 19,000. Even small businesses hired 4,000 more employees than usual. On top of that, the unemployment rate fell from 4.2% to 4.1%. Wages grew 0.4% over the month, a 14-cent increase. Labor force participation also continued to rise, and the federal government kept interest rates steady. Many voters named cost of living as a top concern in Tuesday's midterm exit polls.

Harmeet Dhillon resigns
In what may be the first of a slew of Trump administration resignations, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Harmeet Dhillon left on Thursday. Dhillon had served capably and boasts an impressive track record. "She has defended the civil liberties of every American and enforced the law without fear or favor," Attorney General Todd Blanche wrote. Dhillon successfully used the FACE Act to prosecute those who attacked pregnancy resource centers, cleared thousands of noncitizens from voter rolls, and sued schools that hid children's gender confusion from parents. She intends to return to private work with her Dhillon Law Group. Hopefully, the Trump administration can find a replacement just as capable.

Commission approves, judge immediately blocks Trump's arch
On Thursday, the National Capital Planning Commission approved President Donald Trump's proposed triumphal arch by a vote of 8–4. The planned location is between Arlington National Cemetery and the Memorial Bridge. Hours after the NCPC approved it, however, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan temporarily blocked construction in response to lawsuits filed by Virginia and DC. Chutkan reasoned that the plaintiffs likely have standing, citing the "tangible economic harms" the project would cause during construction. A few Vietnam veterans groups have also objected to the arch, which is intended as a monument to the nation's 250th anniversary due to its proximity to Arlington National Cemetery. (Maybe it's the shadows.) However, statements made by those objecting to the project appear to be primarily motivated by opposition to Trump.

Cornell 7 defendants sue to remove James from investigation
Four of the Cornell 7 defendants have sued to remove New York Attorney General Letitia James from the investigation. James was specifically chosen by Gov. Kathy Hochul to serve as a special prosecutor and will "prosecute any offenses arising from that investigation and present evidence to a grand jury." However, James evidently won't investigate or prosecute fairly, as the current narrative demands that the Cornell 7 be locked up forever, regardless of whether they actually committed the crime. The defendants' petition specifically notes a post that James made in which she already took the side of Jane Doe. New York prosecutors over the past few months have had a very spotty record, and a Letitia James-led prosecution will likely continue that trend.

Newsom commutes all death row sentences
Yesterday, California Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom moved forward on his highly controversial agenda and commuted the death sentences of the state's 548 death row inmates. Newsom defended his mass commutation, the largest in modern American history, stating, "State-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values, undermines the foundations of our legal system and diminishes each of us." (What about taxpayer-funded abortion?) Upon taking office, Newsom issued a moratorium on executions, which Governor-elect Xavier Becerra has promised to maintain. Victims' families blasted Newsom's decision, with the father of a kidnapped and murdered child, Marc Klaas, observing, "We're talking about absolutely the worst people in our society, without a doubt. And he's putting his energy into commuting these characters?" Meanwhile, three states that actually care about justice — Alabama, Florida, and Indiana — carried out executions of three death row inmates on Thursday.

Trump signs proclamation keeping the Oval Office untouched
The Oval Office, the Outer Oval Office, and the Cabinet Room will become a national monument as President Trump signed a proclamation protecting these areas. He aims to prevent future administrations from damaging, destroying, or otherwise changing the well-known symbol of the free world. "It won't be able to be taken down, destroyed, touched, or anything else," said Trump. "It's actually called a national monument. It's a federal landmark. When completed, it'll make it impossible for anybody ever to destroy this incredible space." Trump has engaged in an ongoing effort to repair, update, or build various structures and sites in Washington, DC, including the Reflecting Pool, White House ballroom, and a new triumphal arch near Arlington National Cemetery.

Jihadi-supporting org folds in Florida following court ruling
The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has ended its operations in Florida after a federal court turned down its appeal to block the state's designation of the group as a domestic terrorist organization. However, CAIR still has a pending lawsuit arguing that Florida's Domestic Terrorist Organization law violates its First Amendment rights as a "civil rights organization." The CAIR office in Temple Terrace, Florida, closed its doors and stopped accepting online donations from Florida residents. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed two bills into law in April creating a process for designating domestic terrorist organizations and levying criminal penalties for joining, supporting, or assisting a designated domestic terrorist organization. Florida also restricts public funding, contracts, and some campus activities. Florida's Department of Law Enforcement provided documents of CAIR's connection to Hamas and its identification in the 2008 Holy Land Foundation terrorism-financing trial.

Rainbow Mafia celebrates gender cult in Congress
After Democrats swept Tuesday's elections, winning both the House and the Senate, the Congressional Equality Caucus posted on X, "The 120th Congress will officially be the GAYEST Congress in history!" The comments ranged from surprise that the post wasn't a conservative meme to jokes that Senator-elect Abdul El-Sayed would push gay people off rooftops. Most Muslim-majority countries have laws against homosexuality with harsh punishments (Iran and Saudi Arabia have executed homosexuals). Two senators and 15 representatives openly celebrate their gender pathology. The two most outspoken Rainbow Mafia advocates are arguably Mark Takano, the chair of the Congressional Equality Caucus, and Tim "Sarah" McBride, the first transgender member of Congress.

DSA candidate wins LA mayoral race
Nithya Raman, an Indian immigrant who moved to the U.S. as a child, has won the Los Angeles mayoral race, defeating incumbent Mayor Karen Bass. Raman is among a swath of Democratic Socialists who have won elections in the last year, including New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani and U.S. Representative-elect Darializa Avila Chevalier. She ran a campaign similar to those of other DSA candidates across the country, promising to lower rent, build low-income housing, and make life more affordable. Whether Angelenos have just voted to jump from the frying pan into the fire remains to be seen. According to Raman, Bass has "given decades of her life to making this city what it is today," which in reality is an overregulated, debt-ridden, burned-down mess. But you get what you vote for.

Russia dominates global uranium supply
Russia officially only mines 4.5% of the world's uranium output, the critical fuel for nuclear power. However, a new study from London's Center for Strategic Advantage suggests that Russia may dominate as much as 36% of uranium resources within the next 15 years. Russia holds 8% of the world's uranium reserves, but 44% of the world's enrichment capacity. These figures are dismaying to those hoping to trade Middle Eastern oil instability for stable nuclear power, as such a move will likely require playing nice with the Russian bear.

Headlines

- Elizabeth Warren's power in new Senate is a Wall Street nightmare (WSJ)
- Election integrity scored big wins despite the blue wave (Daily Signal)
- DOJ pursuing criminal investigation into Supreme Court abortion decision leak (Christian Post)
- Former MIT professor wins huge payday in #MeToo case (Fox News)

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SHORT CUTS

From the Loony Left
"The American people have made their voices heard. The 120th Congress will officially be the GAYEST Congress in history! (that we know of)." —Congressional Equality Caucus

"We will not hesitate to go after the private corporations that are collaborating in all of the lawlessness with Donald Trump. And we've done it before and will absolutely do it again." —Maryland Rep. Jamie Raskin

"A body politic cannot recover until its harms have been treated and its wounds have been healed. Crimes against our people and our Constitution must be answered for." —Hillary Clinton

"Democrats across the country in federal, state, and local races ... must be ruthless in using every lever of power." —Kamala Harris

"Top of the Democratic agenda on day 1 needs to be a pause on advanced AI development, regulation of this out of control industry, and a ban on artificial superintelligence." —Arizona Rep. Yassamin Ansari

"We must enact a 5% wealth tax on billionaires so that we can provide every working-class family in the country, a family of four, with a $12,000 direct payment. ... Furthermore, with that tax on billionaires, we can build seven million units of low-income and affordable housing, we can make public colleges and universities tuition-free, and we can provide universal free childcare for 13 million children." —Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders

"I believe that the majority has the right to govern in this country. And the filibuster, which is not in the Constitution — it's a Jim Crow relic. It is leading to gridlock in our nation's capital." —Texas Senator-elect James Talarico

"You look at who's lost jobs in Trump's economy — 300,000 jobs lost by black women. And that's because structural racism still really does exist." —Michigan Senator-elect Abdul El-Sayed

"One of the more exciting parts of this election — among many — is the return of a religious left." —Ezra Klein

From the Reasonable Right
"To my Democrat friends, I am not discussing this election with you because your entire comprehension of our nation and American Liberty is distorted by so many layers of disinformation that trying to reeducate you would require a total factory reset of what is left of your brain. I will leave that reset to the coming consequences of your vote." —Mark Alexander

"The stock market, Wednesday: finally, the uncertainty of the elections is over! The stock market, Thursday: crap, the Democrats are gonna destroy the tech sector, aren't they?" —Dan McLaughlin

"Voters are angry about costs and whichever party is seen as in control gets crushed. The crazy thing is in 2026 voters put the arsonists back in control of putting out the fire they started in 2021." —Clay Travis

"It's not enough to just point at Democratic extremism and tell Americans to vote for you. Republicans must provide a cohesive and meaningful defense of the things that matter: truth and virtue; private property and free markets; strength and prudence abroad." —Ben Shapiro

"Sometimes history is to be celebrated; other times, it is to be mourned. Always, it must be reckoned with. ... We need to listen and respond. We need to champion economic policies that make a real difference in working people's lives, and we need to deal with the consequences." —Texas Sen. Ted Cruz

"The scale of the Republican defeat is so great that it makes the race for the GOP presidential nomination wide open. If the administration had won a big victory, Vice President J D Vance would have had an enormous argument to be the inevitable nominee. Now ... a good bit of the luster has come off the bloom." —Newt Gingrich

"There's no saviors in politics. I think people need top understand elected officials are supposed to be servants. You're not going to get salvation through an elected official." —Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis

"Democrats have bought into this insane lie that data centers use 17 quadrillion tons of water to process a single chat gpt entry and want to halt their growth when in reality almond farming literally uses 85x more water. The biggest winner in the end? China." —Caleb Hull

Belly Laugh of the Day
"As Democrats prepared to give Texas a drastic makeover, longtime conservative residents of the state packed up their most treasured possessions and prepared to flee in search of a better life somewhere south of the border." —The Babylon Bee