How a Conservation Easement Ruined the Owner of a 4th-Generation Farm

Anne Hohenstein's family settled on the Hudson River south of Albany, NY, four generations (~100 years) ago. Anne's grandmother and Anne's infant daughter are buried in the small family graveyard on the property, near an old farmhouse and barn, where Hohenstein and her family kept horses and goats.

Oregon's Wildfire Mapping Has Everything to Do With Property Rights

When Global warming became unprovable, the name was replaced with Climate Change but the plan remained the same —to deconstruct the world. In 2022, the Rockefeller Foundation announced that it would make the fight against climate change central to all of its work. At the same time, Governor Kate Brown took significant executive action to address the climate crisis, and Oregon adopted a revised Climate Protection Program in November 2024.

Supreme Court Rules Utah Doesn't Have a Right to Its Own Land

For well over 80 years our government has used methods that are not compatible with free state operations — and it has accelerated over the last 10 years, weakening the states abilities to deal with the 10th Amendment.

Hang Onto Your Seats! The Curtain is Being Pulled Back Everywhere

Now, Trump and DOGE must get rid of this reinvented government and put us back to a Constitutional Republic. That is the only correction that will put America back where it belongs — with individual freedom and property rights. Unless they do, we do not stand a chance.

Continuing Threat of Animal Rights Fraud: A Personal Note

to Ted Nugent

People are waking up, but they need direction. You, Ted, are famous. I'm just a writer. But both of us need to do what we can to wake more of the people today — they are ready. They just need to hear from someone they trust. I ask that you remember your words to me and help me get this back in high gear.

Either You Own Property, or You Are Property

That was done in 1969. Most people today think that we, who have been telling them about the global "elite" plan, have made it all up. Yes, it was made up, but not by us — it was made up by them to wrest control of the entire world and control all of us.

Illegals, Come One and All, We'll Give you Thousand\$ to Kill and Rape

It has been almost 10 years since 5-times deported illegal immigrant Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez murdered Kate Steinle in San Francisco. The country was outraged. Today, we are

inviting this behavior — on a scale that is unfathomable.

Why We Need Freedom Pods NOW!

This election showed us very important information — that America is, for the most part, conservative, that Americans want the government our forefathers fought for and so diligently and wisely put together for us. Trump won both the electoral vote and the popular vote, something not done since George Bush in 2004.

It's Now Down To THEM or US; There is No middle ground in This War of Cancel Culture

We don't accept slavery. Our nation's Founding Fathers designed the nation to protect natural rights rather than dictate what our rights may be. The Founders also advocated private property rights as the most important right held by individuals that must be protected at all costs.

Why is the U.S. in the U.N?

Did the United States join in with the other world leaders to build a safe and altruistic organization? Only if your definition of safe and altruistic is akin to believing your mother is the tooth fairy.

Regretfully, DEI Isn't as Useless as Tits on a Boar Hog

Raunchy title, do you think? It's got nothing on DEI — Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. At least those appendages on the boar hog affect nothing; the dedicated Marxists — useful idiots for the globalists and Deep State — are using DEI to destroy the greatest culture that graced God's Earth.

Scary Fairy Tales Have Replaced Sound Science; It's Time for an Accounting

When the Globalists realized that a New Ice Age wasn't going to fly, that it was too obvious that we weren't going to be wiped out by glaciers, even in the long-distant future, they knew they would have to come up with a somewhat-believable bogeyman.

The Second Great Colorado Land Grab

Right now, there is a battle going on in Colorado. One side wants President Biden to use the 1906 Antiquities Act to designate over 400,000 acres of land in Mesa and Montrose Counties as a national monument. This would, among other things, limit future oil and gas leases, mining claims, rights-of-way, and utility infrastructure.

City of "Yes, I Want to Be a Slave"

Carbon neutrality is just one of the thousands of weapons being used against us in this asymmetrical warfare of Cancel Culture. To fight better, we need to be working together. Join a Freedom Pod today, at AmericanPolicy.org, or start one in your neighborhood so you can better counter these attacks on our God-given constitutional rights.

Competing Titles: Tennessee

House Falls Victim to 'Agenda 21' Conspiracy Theory vs Tennessee Bans Agenda 2030

In 2012, while Agenda 21 (now 2030) had been around for two decades, because we had a misinformation press even back then, the number of people who had understanding of what Agenda 21 i.e., Sustainable Development was about, was very small comparatively. And many of the tools and tactics of Agenda 21 had not been out in the open back then.

Stakeholder Capitalism: A global economy that works for the global elite

Schwab and the rest of the global elite/deep state do intend to replace the current picture of the global condition. But, in order to do that, they had to produce the global upheaval, unsustainability, and uncertainty to destroy the free-market capital system, the agricultural system that fed much of the world, and the sound political governance that was a beacon to the rest of the world.

The University of Tennessee Uses Our Taxes to Advocate Radical Energy Agenda. I Took Them to Court

Why would I want to see these documents? What business is it of mine? As a candidate for president once said, "I paid for this microphone." The emails would inform the taxpayer 1) how and why the engineering school sought to use taxpayer resources to promote an ideological plaintiffs' and media campaign in a breathless write-up pitched to outlets worldwide.

DOJ Ignores 2nd Amendment

Less than a week ago, I published an article titled "When Your Red State Governor Dresses in Blue" about Tennessee's governor trying to sneak in a RED FLAG law now. Today, March 23, 2024, the Department of Justice (DOJ) "launched" an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Resource Center.

When Your Red State Governor

Dresses in Blue

This underhandedness that I am writing about today is in Tennessee, but that is just today. If it hasn't come up in your state, don't relax — it's coming, no matter how Red your state is, no matter that you have Democrats who believe in our 2nd Amendment rights and the government's responsibility to protect our God-given right to own firearms and protect ourselves and our families.

YIMBYs, Workforce Housing, and Community Land Trusts: All Means to an End to Private Property

There is a drive on to invade the sanctity of your home by forcing you to share it with illegal aliens. For decades our housing rules and regulations have been thrust on us via federal grants from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation, (DOT, and other departments — all set up to reinvent government.

The Transportation Highway to

Dystopia

But this plan is not just for Tennessee, it is for every state. Multiple departments of the federal government have put this plan together, and they certainly aren't about to write a different one for other states. Look into your local general plan, and you might just see these edicts spelled out there.

Immigration or Invasion? Cancelling the Greatest Culture in the World

What is happening today is not new. It has been going on in many places in the world for decades. When I was in Cologne, Germany, in the early '70s, I had a conversation with a local couple who were very unhappy with the Turks that had been brought in for much-needed labor. The gist was that the Turks did not have the same values as the natives and were not impelled to comply with German laws and mores, but weren't about to leave when their work was finished.

Canceling Culture with Foul Tax Laws

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scared. The Supreme Court of the United States is hearing oral arguments on a case that reads like a trip to Dante's hell. But if this case takes a wrong turn, we all will join Dante Alighieri there.

Cancel Culture: Do you like Your Home? Do You Want to Keep It?

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Climate Justice, Nonsense on Steroids

This is just another tool in the arsenal of Cancel Culture. What we are facing is a raft of programs that are attacking our proven successful system of private property, free markets, and personal life choices. It must all be "transitioned" into social justice — the doublespeak of sustainable/socialism.

Climate Justice, Nonsense on Steroids

Yep, the climate is different for different people — even if they live in proximity. The rich, and even the middle class, have decent to great weather, while the poor are inflicted by smog and other man-made evils. Basically, smog is the only man-made evil mentioned on the CCJ site, so the other climate problems — hurricanes, drought, and floods — that are impacting those communities that are the targets of CCJ's benevolence are the focus of Climate Justice.

Where Have All the Good Men and Women Gone?

What this says is that we are almost down to the bottom line. Even though many of us have been explaining what is coming — rushing — down the pike at us since 1992's Rio Earth Summit, few have listened, and fewer have cared enough to do something. Now, we must tackle this at the local level. I hope you will be one of us now.

Cancel Culture Using the Pseudo-Ailment, to Cure Non-Existence of Manmade Global Warming/Climate Change

The American Psychology Association (APA) describes ecoanxiety as "the chronic fear of environmental cataclysm that comes from observing the seemingly irrevocable impact of climate change and the associated concern for one's future and that of the next generations".

It's Now Safe to Say That Home Ownership is Evil

Let's face it. The American dream is becoming a myth, but not because the middle class owns their own homes. It is because they are being taxed, regulated, and generally being driven out of their private property. It is past time to put a stop to this. The "shelter" those in power would like to see us in belongs on the gulag archipelago.

Republican Governor Using

Stealth to Put Through Red Flag Gun Confiscation

My dear friend, Lucinda Sheth, who is politically active, but not a radical in any sense, has addressed the recent Tennessee issue of a "Special Session to push for an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)", better known as Red Flag Law. This session was called by Governor Lee because his ERPO was shot down during the normal Legislature session. This is another sneaky way our governments (local, state, and federal) are making laws without going through the proper channels).

Science, Agriculture, City Planning, and Global Control

Yet, some of the world's largest producers of meat signed on to this commitment — US, Brazil, Argentina, and Australia. Why? The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the organization many in the beef industry trusted to represent them, climbed into bed with the World Wildlife Fund, a UN nongovernment organization (NGO), a leader of UN Environmental Program (UNEP).

Scaring the Myth right out of you

The Global Elite are going to use this tool, scaremongering, to the max now that they have seen how effective it is and how many people had been dumbed-down enough in our educational system to make them easy targets. Scare the 'you-know-what' out of them and they will do anything; anything except stand up and fight back. The ideal communist citizens.

One Health, Another Tool in the Cancel Culture Arsenal to Control Your Health

"One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach—working at the local, regional, national, and global levels—with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment."

Scaring the Myth Right Out of You

Think about it. Almost everything you read/hear in mainstream and social media, in schoolbooks, even in "juried" scientific

and medical papers is a lie. Wrap your head around that — you don't need a virtual reality machine; your brain has been programmed to be one. And all this was put into overdrive once the first Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was released.

UNESCO and Red Flag Laws

We cannot go back and undo all this Marxist/One-World evil and destruction. What do we do? We take back our country one town, one city, one county, one state at a time. If you want your freedom — and your grandchildren's freedom, you are going to have to work for it. We can do it; we have right and truth on our side.

A German Tells It Like It Is, Listen!

The enemy today no longer shows himself. The enemy today is already in your house — and you didn't even notice it. Not only that, the enemy is already in your mind. And you didn't notice that either. You are still intoxicated by the illusion of being a free person. In reality you have already surrendered. you are a slave.

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

The lies our governments feed us are so far greater than many of us can imagine. It is sad that it has taken so long for so many to wake up. Tom and I have been the tinfoil-hat wearing nuts out there telling people that our world is coming to an end — if we don't stand up and take it back. There were many people far earlier than we who were declaiming the truth.

Net Zero and the Carbon Capture Pipeline: Renaming Things to Condemn Them

A pipeline is being set up to transport carbon dioxide (CO2) captured from ethanol, fertilizer, and other agricultural industrial plants to North Dakota and Illinois where it will be sequestered permanently. Three companies partnering with Wolf Carbon Solutions...

Don't Let the Eve Become the Day

Late last year, I wrote a two piece article title The Eve of Destruction. I guess that '60s song has been on my mind, so I looked up the full lyrics and gulped. These lyrics fit way too

Cancel Culture Coming to a Conclusion?

All the components I am talking about are frauds, and not even well-disguised frauds. They don't need to be legitimate. Those promoting them lie all the time (and have been for decades). They know that, because most people have been "educated" in our national system and watch/read mainstream media, they have been brainwashed to believe the lies. And spread them.

Is Governor Bill Lee's Examples For Tennesseans or the Globalists?

When did promoting the drive to communism become the flagship of the Right? Governor Bill Lee of Tennessee may not be driving that train, but he's on it and giving directions.

ESG = Environment, Social, Governance, NO Entering Slavery Gladly

For over 100 years, the PE have been working on every front to destroy those values, to brainwash us into believe we are greedy and evil to hold to those values, and to instill in us values they would never put up with themselves but are determined to force on us — if we don't willingly accede to them. I do not exaggerate.

Cancel Culture Cures

While many tried to wake people up over the past 75 or so years, the power elite and Deep State had, from early on, been able to control the narrative by using the media to spread lies as truth and truth as evil, and having the governing bodies quash any exposure of unconstitutional behavior in Congress or the Executive.

On the Eve of Destruction Part 2, Sociology

Besides destroying (or attempting to destroy) Christianity by merging all religions and beliefs together into the United

Nations pot called the World Council of Churches, the second key to overthrowing moral absolutism is education — again through Sociology.

World Demanding Freedom, What Is happening to America?

Even the workers who are paid to keep the Chinese people locked in their building are protesting — because they aren't being paid. Nevertheless, the feel comfortable? strong? Enough to stand up to the powers that be in China.

Overton Window: How Politicians Define the Spectrum of Acceptability

Not so long ago, maybe a decade, the Overton Window was a relevant measure of what was acceptable in America. Not today. Today it is just another tool in the arsenal of Cancel Culture.

On the Eve of Destruction, Part 1

Today, we are under enormous pressures to replace our political, educational, and religious (social) structures that were set up to protect the individual, to educate our children with the necessary knowledge, and give them the ability to understand and contribute to the continuation of our way of a life of liberty.

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Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Long Time Passing

What was our crime? What did we do to sic all the major environmental groups on us and that the world's major corporations needed to fund them? Supposedly, we were trashing the planet — killing birds and animals, tearing up the Earth,

tearing down all the trees, despoiling the rivers, and polluting the skies.

Woke: the Culmination of the Marxist Education System

Social justice is not justice at all. The Cambridge English Dictionary defines justice as: "the condition of being morally correct or fair". Social justice is neither morally correct nor fair. Like most things Woke, it might hold a grain of truth, but any truth in it is twisted to benefit the "victim" du jour — which changes with the climate.

The Ideal Communist American City

According to Smart Cities Dive, a website for everything having to do with Smart Cities,[1] thanks to the COVID-19 outbreak and the lock-down, people loved it so much they are going to lock themselves down permanently in the ultra-smart cities being built.

The Three Es of Agenda21/2030 or Eugenics, Eviction, Enslavement

What we are seeing in social justice is being made into slaves by our fellow citizens who are going right down that road with us — they just don't realize it. Don't pity them, they deserve it. We don't.

If Disney is "Woke" may I sleep forever

I am so thankful that my children are grown and were exposed to very little of the Woke world (comparatively speaking). Back then, it was political correctness which hadn't reached even close to Woke yet! But we are well down that road.

Blue Ovals and Infrastructure Boondoggles Are Targeting Tennessee

Earlier this year, local activists in Tennessee, along with Mississippi and Arkansas, fought off the Global Public/Private Partnership (GPPP) of "RegionSmart Development District that

would cast a net of control over portions of all three states. Now we are looking at another big GPPP incursion into the Volunteer state.

What Part of Agenda 21 Didn't You Get?

It is time to get to work, to get the silent majority speaking out, building freedom pods, organizing their neighbors to be a bulwark against the aggression that will soon be upon them. Our civilization can only survive if we stand up en masse and in time.

Being BlackRocked = Being Cancelled by a Global Public Private Partnership

While most of us thought that we had a government of the people, by the people and for the people, we do not and have not had one for many decades. The transformation has been in the works for over 100 years, but the final weapon to take us to a one-world government was the two-part President's Council on Sustainable Development/National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

Cancel Culture is Cancelling itself

They, the Globalists, are telling us meat, milk, tuna fish (and anything else natural, except centipedes) are killing us. So, we need to eat bugs to be healthy. Uh huh. I laughed. Even many deeply duped Leftists are gagging on that. How many cockroaches does it take to supply one gram of protein? And will they expect us to eat termites?

We the People Just Stopped WHO — For Now

"We the People" threw a sabot into the machinations of the WHO, the World Health Organization, stopping them from setting up a system that would grossly infringe on our national and individual sovereignty.

The Birds, Bees, Fish, and Liars

What do we do? What we do for all the other abuses being rained down upon us — take it local. Take back your city and

county attorneys, and elect only those people to any office you have verified are willing to stand on and for the Constitution.

The Biggest Con the World Has Ever Seen

We are at a crucial point right now. I want to say we are at a turning point, but instead, we are approaching the point of no return. For over a century we have been going down the "Fabian Freeway"[i]. The Great Reset, with its concomitant tools of pandemics, scheme of turning over sovereignty to the genuinely evil World Health Organization...

The International Treaty That Will End the Great American Dream — If We Allow It

And while we are doing all of these things, we must continue to clean out the Swamp, get this country back to a civilized (non-moral relativity) state, and bring our constitutional republic back to following the Constitution and acting as a Republic.

Distractions

Let them understand that if they do not protect our property rights, we will vote them out of office. As Tom DeWeese put it so well, we awake and patriotic Americans are "dedicated to the ideals of limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty.

Who Controls China, Controls the World

We have read many articles seen many videos recently saying that America could be at war with China soon. If that is so, it would be straight out of George Orwell's 1984, where we are fighting with other areas of the world just to keep our citizens afraid and in line. And yesterday, it was sent home to me.

Black is Black and White is White — There Ain't No Grey

It's been almost a year, and in spite of the fact that most people were watching their televisions almost non-stop on

January 6 and 7, 2021, most did not understand they were watching a false flag operation. They saw what the Deep State/Globalists (DS/G) wanted them to see — an attack on the Capitol by Trump supporters.

Cancel Culture: Reinventing Government

You have disgraced your office, all of you. You have committed treason! You swore to protect the Constitution, then, by your silence, you helped destroy it. Many of you claim to be Christians. Those who are, need to be down on your knees praying that God will forgive you. Many Americans never will.

Cancel Culture: Psychiatry, Education, and Moral Relativism = Today's Children

If you have read many of my articles, especially my most recent ones on Cancel Culture, I have pointed out that, according to the Marxists of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, for Marxism to succeed in taking over the world, Christianity must be crushed because it is the basis of America's founding documents.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution = Planned Dystopia

Kimberly Amadeo, President of World Money Watch defines fascism as: "a brutal economic system in which a supreme leader and their government controls the private entities that own the factors of production. The four factors are entrepreneurship, capital goods, natural resources, and labor. A central planning authority directs company leaders to work in the national interest, which actively suppresses those who oppose it".

Cancel Culture: We Have Met the Enemy — Our Own Government

I'm often quoting Sun Tzu's "know your enemy". Great advice, but when you realize the enemy is your government, it can make you wonder if you are crazy. Especially when said government is being the hailed as the savior of both the world and western culture, and, at the same time, is handing over everything to our supposed archenemy, Soviet Russia.

Christianity, Savior of Western Culture or Casualty of Cancel Culture? Part 6

And all this time, the Right, conservatives, and libertarians were either asleep at the wheel or already succumbing to the siren lure of the Left. Even after having been told the truth, in the Dodd Report to the Reece Commission, for one, as well as the Interviews of Yuri Bezmenov, an ex-KGB officer and Soviet defector. Many books have exposed the cultural Marxist goal...

Cancel Culture — Part 5: Schools, the birthing place of Cancel Culture

What has it taken that we have almost reach this state now? The cultural Marxists have put enormous amounts of time, money, and effort into molding the American people — as well as much of the rest of the world — into compliant, submissive, spineless, empty-headed beings. Key foundations here in the U.S. took charge of un-educating our children.

Cancel Culture: Social Justice, Political Correctness, and the Woke Menagerie, Part 4

We are in a battle, one of wits, words, and betrayal. Soon it will become even more deadly than it is now. We must win this war, because there will be no room for a do-over if we lose. The loss will not only be homes and lives, but the flame of freedom across the entire world.

Cancel Culture, Part 3: Asymmetrical Warfare

I am not exaggerating. When I got into the Animal Rights (AR) battle, because my children were being brainwashed in their science classrooms by ARs from People for the ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) who were invited to indoctrinate the students, I was livid. I went on a crusade to counter their anti-human claptrap with truth.

Cancel Culture, Part 2 The

Coming of the Second Prehistoric Period

Shaming is encouraged, getting people to call out their neighbors, people they encounter in stores, schools, and at work. It isn't about correcting mistakes or behaviors, it is about taking revenge on those who are not woke, but often awake to what is going on. It is to erase those who are awake, and to condition those who are unaware of the collapse of their world to be good little Marxist soldiers.

Cancel Culture, Marxism, Christianity and the Great American Experiment

The destruction of our statues, the re-naming of buildings, streets, and even towns, and the burning of books to erase our history. All this is being done for two reasons, 1. To erase our culture, and 2. To push us until we won't take any more and stand up — thus kicking off the civil war the Left has been pushing for over the past several years, since Ferguson.

Australian Report Discloses

the Economic Destruction of the Global Warming Fraud

Australia is, in many ways, a country like the United States; and both were used as places to settle convicts. When the US Revolution stopped Great Britain's transport of convicted prisoners here, they deported them to Australia. The Commonwealth (federal government) of Australia was established on January 1, 1901, after approval of a draft constitution by Australian voters.

Killing Them Softly, With A Mask

A friend texted me this morning this morning, telling me she just saw a mother with her two children waiting for the school bus. They were all wearing masks. Outside. Near no other people. My first response was 'killing them softly, with a mask'.

Cancelling Western Culture Without Guns

Western Culture is being taken down without a shot being fired. It is being canceled. And most of us don't even see or

understand what is happening. By the time we can comprehend it, it will be far too late.

The three Es of taking your property

What did I miss? To be sure that I've left nothing out, let me say that everything in our lives will be controlled by social equity/justice. And just remember, your body and your mind are your property. The powers can take your body, but not your mind. So those that are still here with a functioning mind, we must be using them now if we are to keep our bodies, our property, and our republic.

The American Public Is Being Played — What's It All About?

The American public is being played. Played, not by virtuosi, but by those who want to bring, not just America down, but the whole of Western Culture. Now that there has been enough time for people to dig deeper into the Wuhan flu, the shutdown of the economy to 'protect lives', the protests/riots, and the corruption in the Swamp and Deep State, bright minds and conscientious people are exposing the lies — lies that are meant to bring down a nation.

The Wildlands Project and The Biodiversity Treaty — Agenda 21

The Treaty was withdrawn from the Senate calendar and has not yet been rescheduled for a vote. It is not dead. It can be rescheduled whenever the Senate Majority Leader wishes to reschedule it. Perhaps this account of activities will help prepare others for the next appearance of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Bed With Torturers

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has said they need a seat at the table with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in order to protect beef's interest. You have to ask yourself, why would the NCBA, a meat producing organization, want to be aligned with an organization which has stated that "to save the Earth it is demanded that we change human consumption habits away from beef."

Whiskey Is For Drinking And Water Is For Fighting

In the mid-90s, before the Internet, the U.S. government held a meeting via satellite link between Washington, D.C., and cities and towns across western Montana, Idaho, eastern Washington, and Oregon. The subject was the Columbia River Basin.

Public/Private Partnerships: Redistributing Our Wealth By The Billions

It is one thing to spell this out. At least it gives you a foundation for what Public/Private Partnerships are. But until you are exposed to an actual project (or rather the 'conceived' project), you cannot fathom the intricacies of deceit, collusion, and theft of taxpayer money with which these entities are swindling us, the people.

American Beef Industry, World Wildlife Fund And The Green

New Deal

If none of that convinced you that the American beef industry shouldn't be in bed with the World Wildlife Fund, how about this: "Anti-poaching guards backed by the World Wide Fund for Nature have gang-raped women and tortured villagers by tying their penises with fishing lines, according to the charity's own investigators.

World Religion, The Last Piece Needed To Establish A World Order

As the New Age movement has spread around much of the globe, the easing of social mores, and a 'let it all hang out' attitude in movies and songs, a melding stew pot of churches seems to be a natural outcome. Yet it is unfolding, not by any symbiotic interaction, but by great scheming, planning, and seduction.

Red Flag Laws — Double Speak For Gun Confiscation

In reality, the Red Flag laws are being driven by emotion, not reason and logic. Gun owners, gun supporters, and freedom

lovers need to stand up and bring common sense back to the dialog.

Replacing The Everyday American City With The 'Ideal Communist City'

Several years ago, I wrote a series of articles for NewsWithViews, explaining Sustainable Development. Today two of them are popping up regularly in the media. Back when I wrote these two articles, people would not believe that all this planning and organizing could have been dreamed up by the Power Elite, let along set down as part of the blueprint for Agenda 21.

Taxing Rain Water Coming To Your State

"Just when frustrated residents of New Jersey, one of the most heavily taxed states in the US, thought Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy had already brought the state into the ninth circle of taxation hell with new taxes to save the state's ailing pension system, middle class voters in one of the least affordable states in the country have now been given one more thing to complain about: A tax on the rain."

The rainwater runoff fee (tax) is based on the amount of imperious surface on a property (rooftops, parking lots, driveways, etc.) that does not allow rainfall to penetrate into the ground, but instead causes it to runoff into our streams and rivers. It means that if you have sheds or other out buildings, patios, anything that prevents immediate ground absorption, you pay. In Knoxville, the previous city mayor was pushing for the fee (tax), but it would also have included determining any grade change in your property —a fee would have been determined by the percentage of the grade.

In 2018, more people fled New Jersey than any other state. Why? Perhaps because it is one of the highest taxed states already and Governor Phil Murphy is preparing to sign it into law over the objections, not only of state's Republicans, but a lot of the over-taxed property owners. Under this law, each of the 565 municipalities could set up a public stormwater utility to "build and manage sewer systems to treat pollutant-filled stormwater runoff". (I didn't know rainwater was so nasty, neither did a judge you will hear from later.) The utilities would also have the power to levy "steep fees" on properties. Oh, and by the way, the state would snatch up five percent of the proceeds. Hmmm.

I don't understand why this is such a big deal now. States have been using this tax/theft since 2012. Are we finally seeing the straw of taxation that broke the camel's back? I'd like to hope so, but the American people don't seem able to get worked up enough about the loss of property rights and freedom to get off their duffs and phones long enough to notice a new form of theft, let along get worked up enough about it to do something.

Now, please don't think this is just a New Jersey thing. In 2010, President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency ordered states whose rivers and streams flow into the Chesapeake Bay to drastically cut sediment pollution, so Maryland was the first state to jump on the rain tax in 2012,

with a law that really ticked off the taxpayers.

"Maryland is the only state in the Chesapeake Bay watershed that decided to tax impervious surfaces to raise the necessary revenue for the federal stormwater management projects. This rain tax has damaged the economy because it forces businesses to pay yet another tax—one that, in some cases, is larger even than their property taxes.

"Maryland has taken a page from the federal government's playbook and forced this unfunded mandate on the state's ten most populous jurisdictions, including Baltimore and Harford Counties. To pay for the projects, the designated jurisdictions must impose a tax based on the square footage of residential and commercial land covered by impervious surfaces, which cannot absorb water. Impervious surfaces include parking lots, roofs, driveways, and pavements. Arguments were made to give the local governments the option to choose how they would pay for this fee; however, in the end the legislature voted to make the rain tax mandatory."[1]

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But Maryland taxpayers didn't have to put up with it forever. In 2015, Larry Hogan became Governor, running on the promise to repeal the 'rain tax'. Since 2012, many states have jumped on to this theft by taxation tool. Some have beaten it off. "Virginia fought the EPA storm water mandate arguing that the

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In New Castle, Pennsylvania, an attorney, Susan M. Papa, is "suing the city of New Castle over a stormwater runoff fee (tax), ordinance she claims violates state law. "Papa claims that the mayor and city council engaged in a political process in direct contravention of the principle of due process, notice and public comment, and that the city violated the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code by not properly advertising, providing notice of the introduction of the ordinance, by not holding and conducting public meetings and, by omission and private negotiations with unknown entities, and that the city committed various procedural irregularities in the ordinance adoption, the paperwork states." We'll see how that works out.

In Horry County, S.C., "a commercial property owner with a 96,000-square-foot lot pays about \$225 per year. A typical car dealership has a bill of just under \$730 per year and an outlet mall's fees are over \$5,200. Ocean Lakes Campground pays the highest stormwater fee (tax), in the county, about \$25,000 per year." [4] And they are looking at a proposed increase of 32 percent, which would apply to all stormwater rates.

Probably every state has counties with rainwater runoff fees (tax). In San Francisco the plan is to 'gently' add this tax by starting with people who have vacant lots. Hmmm. Unless they are using the gradation charges, a vacant lot doesn't have much impermeable land to have rainwater runoff. "When it rains, it pours — and that has San Francisco water officials looking into charging property owners a new 'storm-water fee' to help with the upkeep of the city's aging sewer system.

"The first target will be the owners of vacant lots.

"'It's a tax on rain,' fumed **Jason Sanders**, who was just notified that effective July 1, he will be assessed \$31.46 a month for runoff on his vacant lot on Ashbury Street."[5]

I would bet that every year, in every state, county, and city (and let's not leave out the feds), lawmakers will pass legislation that increases an existing tax rate or levies a new fee (tax) on its constituents. As Tom DeWeese says, the American people, and their every action, are being ruled, regulated, restricted, licensed, registered, directed, checked, inspected, measured, numbered, counted, rated, stamped, censured, authorized, admonished, refused, prevented, drilled, indoctrinated, monopolized, extorted, robbed, hoaxed, fined, harassed, disarmed, dishonored, fleeced, exploited, assessed, and taxed to the point of suffocation and desperation.

Just know that your governments will be thinking up new taxes while you sleep.

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From State Sen. J.B. Jennings:

Governor Larry Hogan Introduces Legislation To Repeal "Rain Tax"

Governor Larry Hogan held a press conference on Tuesday announcing his legislation to repeal the "rain tax". This repeal will instead give local governments control of how they will pay for the stormwater management mandate.

Maryland's legislature passed the rain tax in 2012 in order to fund a federally mandated stormwater management program. The program aims to curb the environmental impact of stormwater runoff, which carries contaminants such as motor oil and pesticides into the Bay and its tributaries. The goal is to reduce pollution enough by 2025 so that the Chesapeake Bay can be taken off the nation's list of impaired waterways. Maryland's share of the bill to fund these remediation projects will cost the state upwards of \$14.8 billion.

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Government property is exempt from the tax, but religious and nonprofit organizations are subject to it. A bill to exempt nonprofits — including environmental organizations — was proposed but failed.

MarylandReporter.com writes that Senate Republican Leader E.J. Pipkin noted the "irony of ironies": Environmental groups tried to obtain an exemption from the tax that they themselves were pushing as a means of improving the environment. "He said

that the groups' stance was particularly galling, since much of the money raised through stormwater fees would benefit them by subsidizing <u>conservation projects."</u>

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Given the financial pressures the water department finds itself in, critics suspect that a fixed drainage rate was simply devised to fill a revenue gap.

It "really had nothing to do to correlate with drainage," said Peter Hammer, director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne State University, "but was really just a crass calculation to say, how are we going to maintain our head above water?"

And this is where the ongoing legal challenge comes into play.

Opponents of the rate, like Russ Bellant, a former water plant operator, argue that the calculation is not only crass, it's an unconstitutional tax.

"The drainage fee meets all three definitions of a tax, and if it met just one of them, it would be a tax," Bellant said. "But it's a tax, a tax, and a tax."

The Albemarle County Farm Bureau has come out against the fee, dubbing it a "rain tax" that would use aerial photographs to calculate the area of roofs of houses, barns and sheds,

driveways (including gravel ones, as well as packed dirt farm roads), and parking lots on a parcel and impose a fee—not a tax, because that could not be imposed on tax-exempt properties such as churches, schools, or public properties such as fire or rescue squad stations.

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Most Radical Environmental Group In America Now Controls The Beef Industry

Going After Our Food Supply

A couple weeks ago, Tom DeWeese sent out a letter about the World Wildlife Fund and beef. It reads in part:

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is one of the top three most powerful, radical, anti-free enterprise, UN environmental groups in the world.

<u>And WWF has succeeded in taking over the American Cattle industry!</u>

The WWF has forced cattlemen to follow radical Sustainable rules through the establishment of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef.

They are getting away with this industry grab because the National Cattlemen's Beef Association is now under the control of the World Wildlife Fund.

And the WWF's Sustainable Roundtable now controls the beef packing industry which in turn controls the entire beef retail market. Cattlemen either toe the WWF dictates or are cut out of the industry.

That means cattlemen must follow massive regulations in order to produce American beef.

These rules ignore that fact that American cattlemen have always produced the highest grade of beef in the world — simply by using a process that has been used by their forefathers for generations.

The real result of these rules isn't to produce a better beef product — but to destroy small producers and drive the industry to the massive corporate farms that can afford to play ball with the World Wildlife Fund.

Eventually, the WWF goal is to destroy the entire beef industry.

The World Wildlife Fund has openly stated its opposition to beef production. They insist that to "Save the Earth it is demanded that we change human consumption habits away from beef."

Here is what they said in a recent WWF report:

"Meat consumption is devastating some of the world's most valuable and vulnerable regions, due to the vast amount of land needed to produce animal feed."

This is the growing threat of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development and its stated purpose to "reorganize human society."

And this is how they do it — one industry at a time.

In 1992, I wrote the following article for Putting People First, an organization I founded to combat the lies and aims of the animal rights movement. Animal rights is a false front; it is an attack on humans while pretending to care about animals. The leaders have no use for animals other than to change our culture and control our food supply. Many environmentalists and animal rightists go back and forth across the line that might separate them. For example, Paul Watson looked into the eye of a dying whale and saw that the whale "had pity for us." Many ALF (Animal Liberation Front) ELF (Earth Liberation Front) members are the same people; terrorism on behalf of animals is as comfortable for them as on behalf of Gaia/mother earth.

"ANIMAL RIGHTS" HIDES UNDER ENVIRONMENTALISM

During the past two years, Putting People First has reported on arsons, bombings and attempted murder by "animal rights" activists. Our exposure of their terrorism has helped awaken the public to the true agenda of what we call the animal cult.

But as the morally bankrupt ideology of animalism has been exposed, its apologists have gone to ground, seeking cover under the more publicly-acceptable guise of "environmentalism."

Most members of Putting People First consider themselves

environmentalists, because we support wise use and conservation, and oppose environmental destruction (just as we support animal welfare and oppose animal abuse).

However, we also oppose attempts to remove people from the natural equation. We believe that only man can use science, reason and common sense to husband animals and other resources to the benefit of people, animals, and our common environment.

And the difference between conservation and "environmentalism" is no less than the difference between animal welfare and "animal rights."

Jeremy Rifkin's new vegetarian manifesto *Beyond Beef* hides its message behind a pseudoenvironmentalist facade. The supposedly "mainstream" Chesapeake Bay Foundation shared the podium with PeTA at "Vegetarian Expo '92." The radical Humane Society of the United States now calls its school-infiltration arm the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education. And the terrorist manual *A Declaration of War* by "Screaming Wolf' is subtitled "Killing People to Save Animals and the Environment."

I think the clearest example of the unity of environmentalism and animalism is the close relationship between the terrorist Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and the "ecotage" group Earth First! These groups have been working together at least since 1987, when arsons at a California meat processing plant and livestock facility were claimed as joint ALF/Earth First! actions.

Since then. *Earth First! Journal* has published several laudatory articles about ALF, including one featuring Rod Coronado, the FBI's leading suspect in several recent arsons. The March 1992 issue carried a terrorist "how-to" article with the ALF byline. The *Journal* is best known for trying to recruit "terminally ill AIDS patients" for "eco-kamikazee missions."

Earth First! founder David Foreman is the former chief lobbyist for the Wilderness Society. He says, "Mankind could go extinct and I for one would not shed any tears." Regarding the Ethiopian famine, Foreman gave this advice: "The worst thing we could do in Ethiopia is give aid. . . . The best thing would be to just let nature seek its own balance, to let people there starve."

"As radical environmentalists, we can see AIDS not as a problem, but as a necessary solution," says Foreman. "AIDS is a good thing, because it will thin out the population," he adds. "If the AIDS epidemic didn't exist, radical environmentalists would have to invent one." And indeed, *Earth First! Journal* has solicited donations toward the development of what it calls "a species-specific virus to wipe out the human race."

Foreman's magazine Wild Earth recently opined that "phasing out the human race will solve every problem on Earth, social and environmental." Foreman is not alone in this opinion. "Somewhere along the line—at about a million years ago, maybe half that—we quit the contract and became a cancer. We have become a plague upon ourselves and upon the earth," writes David Graber, a biologist with the National Park Service. "Until such time as Homo Sapiens should decide to rejoin nature, some of us can only hope for the right virus to come along."

Earth First! is best known for tree-spiking, although four of its leaders were recently convicted of conspiracy to sabotage a nuclear power plant in Arizona. Two Earth First! members, Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney, were seriously injured when a bomb they were transporting exploded prematurely in Bari's car in Oakland, California. Bari and Cherney's legal fees were paid by Greenpeace, on whose board sits Earth First! cofounder Michael Roselle.

Sierra Club lobbyist David Brower openly defends Earth First!,

saying, "They're not terrorists. The real terrorists are the polluters, the despoilers." Brower argues that childbearing should be "a punishable crime against society unless the parents hold a government license." All potential parents, he says, should be "required to use contraceptive chemicals, the government issuing antidotes to citizens chosen for childbearing."

According to Brower, "I founded Friends of the Earth to make the Sierra Club look reasonable. Then I founded the Earth Island Institute to make Friends of the Earth look reasonable. Earth First! now makes us look reasonable. We're still waiting for someone to come along and make Earth First! look reasonable."

Just as "animal rights" terrorists and their apologists infiltrated and took over many traditional animal welfare groups and local humane societies, so have anti-human "Greens" infiltrated and taken over many traditional conservation groups.

It is time to flush these varmints out. We have had great success educating the public about the difference between animal welfare and "animal rights." Now it is time to educate them about the difference between conservation and "environmentalism."

In 1992, the National Cattlemen's Association (NCA) was run by true pioneers and American patriots. Like many organizations that represent meat, milk, circuses, rodeos, zoos, medical research, wool, leather, fur, silk, and pet ownership, the NCA has been co-opted one way or the other to turn it's back on those who they represent; those who built and feed America.

As you can see, both animal rights and the so-called environmental movement are not friends of humans, animals, or the earth. But they are double-teaming us to take away our rights and freedoms.

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She has been Vice President of American Policy Center since 2000 and is on the board of SARE Solutions, an organization exposing animal rights. She was a contributing writer and researcher for Freedom Advocates, and her articles appear on numerous websites.]

Snowflakes Or Reasoning Adults — It's The Parents'

Choice

Our nineteenth-century legal theory (individual rights, contract, 'a man can do what he likes with his own,' etc.) was based on the conception of the separate individual. Mary Parker Follett, <u>The New State</u>

What is more important to people than their children? If people aren't willing to stand up and fight for their children, we cannot expect them to care enough to stand up for anything else. Anyone who is not homeschooling their children, or working with them daily to undo the brainwashing done at schools, is giving his or her children over to be, at best, useful idiots. You don't believe this is being implemented now? UNESCO's Education 2030, goal 4.7: By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, . . and the promotion of global citizenship.[1]

All those who are complaining about what is wrong need to stand up and do something about it. They don't have to do it alone; there are organizations out there fighting to get schools back to teaching instead of indoctrinating, others that are working to stop Agenda 21/2030, and those protecting property rights. Every issue has organizations working against the globalism being inculcated on every level of society. But parents must be parents; they must protect their children. Parents need to grow up and man up now, or they must accept the responsibility when their children becomes snowflakes, because that is the only product coming out of our schools (other than those addicted to the drugs prescribed them for ADD, ADHD, etc., brought on by the 'teaching' methods).

Our schools are the breeding ground for anti-individualism.

Throughout the whole cycle of public education the child's

relationship with his family complements and guides his relationship with his peers and school.

When the child is in preschool, his contact with his parents will be fairly intensive. The parents will actively participate in his education and spent considerable time in the institution itself. For this reason the institution should be close to the parents' residence.

During that time of the child's education in the general 's school community, the relationship with his parents changes in character. Contact becomes less frequent (only a few times a week) and is related to holidays. Hands the interaction of children and their parents make take place either with in the educational institution or in the parents' home. In either case, it requires a specific and yet to be defined spatial organization. To some up: the first foundations of Communist personality are established in nurseries through the relationship of children with their peers and preschool groups the personality further develop some primary groups during the earliest grades. These are excellently suited to foster the unfolding of all aspects of a child's potential.[2]

While millions of Americans now homeschool their children, too many more Americans have no idea why these parents are going to the trouble when there are 'perfectly good schools in every neighborhood'. Twenty years ago Charlotte Iserbyt wrote The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America, in hopes of waking up all of America to the mind controlling, morally relativistic, and bringing about radical change to the our educational system.

The system is working exactly as planned; the problem is that the American public has been fooled into thinking the plan is to <u>educate</u> our children. Oh, no. The plan is, as Iserbyt says, ". . . the gradual transformation of our once academically successful education system into one devoted to training children to become compliant human resources to be used by

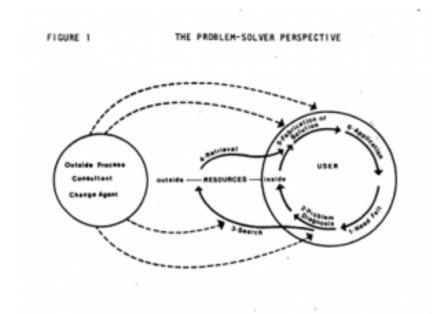
government and industry for their own purposes."[3]

We are evolving now a systems of ethics which has three conceptions in regard to right, conscience and duty which are different from much of our former ethical teaching: (1) we do not follow right, we create right, (2) there is no private conscience, (3) my duty is never to 'others' but to the whole.

Man cannot live by taboos; that means stagnation. But as one taboo after another is disappearing, the call is upon us deliberately to build our own moral life. It is we by our acts who progressively construct the moral universe; to follow some preconceived body of law — that is not for responsible moral beings.

Teachers no long educate, they are now change agents teaching what the powers-that-be want our children to believe is reality when it is anything but. Again from Iserbyt, "The reason Americans do not understand this war is because it has been fought in secret—in the schools of our nation, targeting our children who are captive in classrooms. The wagers of this war are using very sophisticated and effective tools:

- Hegelian Dialectic (common ground, consensus and compromise)
- Gradualism (two steps forward; one step backward)
- Semantic deception (redefining terms to get agreement without understanding)."[4]



Hegelian dialectic:

a n interpretive method, originally used to relate specific entities or events to the absolute idea, in which assertable proposition (thesis) i s necessarily opposed bν its apparent contradiction (antithe

sis), and both reconciled on a higher level of truth by a third proposition (synthesis). from the Free Dictionary. Basically, it is like our Congress now — there are two 'opposing' sides who pretend to be bitter enemies looking for the best mediated answer. But that answer is where those two sides had decided to end up, but knew that it was not good for the citizens, just themselves, so they did this little dance to distract us from reality.

This war has been going on for over 150 years — talk about 'gradualism'! From John Dewey, "Upon the ethical side, the tragic weakness of the present school is that it endeavors to prepare future members of the social order in a medium in which the conditions of the social spirit are eminently wanting."

And John D. Rockefeller, "I don't want a nation of thinkers. I want a nation of workers."

As to semantic deception, I'm sure every thinking person can identify it every day as we listen to MSM. It is the NewSpeak of today.

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The Kavanaugh Bread And Circuses

Advice and consent — Under the Constitution, presidential nominations for executive and judicial posts take effect only when confirmed by the Senate, and international treaties become effective only when the Senate approves them by a two-thirds vote. U.S. Senate Glossary Term.

Watching the circus with Kavanaugh and Ford, I marveled at what was going on. You don't have to play 3-D chess to see the machinations taking place. First, we had Kavanaugh, Trump's pick for the SCOTUS, someone the Dems would go for (his history shows that) before the mid-term elections. A quick confirmation would look great for Rs in the election. But right away that was turned upside-down by the Christine Blasey Ford 'smoke and mirrors'. The whole focus was now on a supposed groping by a teenage Kavanaugh. His interpretation of the Fourth Amendment and other pertinent issues, which should have, and would have, been scrutinized were barely (or not at all) brought up. The whole three-ring circus kept the focus strictly on the prurient. What an incredible feat. Or not so incredible; the general public has been thoroughly conditioned to want the licentiousness we were subjected to thanks to Deep State machinations.

So there was no 'advice and consent', or should I say, no advice. Had there been, maybe both the Ds and Rs might have advised that Kavanaugh's views on the Fourth Amendment were beyond scary. And there was more than one case that showed his stance. In the 2005, United States v. Askew, that decided that the police violated the Fourth Amendment rights of Ulice Askew by, after a stop and frisk that produced no results, unzipping his jacket to search him. Kavanaugh, in his dissent, said that the action was justified as "a reasonable continuation to the stop and frisk." The majority disagreed, that his findings were "both contrary to the District Court's factual findings and unsupportable on any plausible reading of the record."

In Klayman v. Obama, a challenge to the federal government's bulk data collection program, where the government collected 'metadata', information on phone numbers called and the length of the calls. "is deemed "metadata" is often murky (such as subject lines and URLs) and context dependent—and not clearly distinguishable from content, which everyone agrees is protected by the Fourth Amendment. Second, and more important, even without listening in on a conversation, metadata reveals private information—sometimes more than would be revealed by content."[1]

And, "(a) federal district judge issued a preliminary injunction <u>against</u> the program in both 2013 and 2015, finding that the program improperly collected metadata on people not suspected of any crime. After the 2015 injunction was <u>stayed</u> on appeal by a three-judge panel, Judge Kavanaugh had the chance to state his views in no uncertain terms.

"While the full D.C. Circuit declined to review the stay order, in his <u>concurring opinion</u> Kavanaugh went out of his way to assert that the metadata program was "entirely consistent with the Fourth Amendment." Even in the absence of full briefing, Kavanaugh concluded that the alleged 'critical national security need' for the program 'outweighs the impact on privacy.'"[2]

"Kavanaugh argues that even if the government's collection of millions of Americans' telephony metadata did constitute a search it would nonetheless not run afoul of the Fourth Amendment:

Even if the bulk collection of telephony metadata constitutes a search, [...] the Fourth Amendment does not bar all searches and seizures. It bars only unreasonable searches and seizures. And the Government's metadata collection program readily qualifies as reasonable under the Supreme Court's case law. The Fourth Amendment allows governmental searches and seizures without individualized suspicion when the Government demonstrates a sufficient "special need" - that is, a need beyond the normal need for law enforcement — that outweighs the intrusion on individual liberty. Examples include drug testing of students, roadblocks to detect drunk drivers, border checkpoints, and security screening at airports. [...] The Government's program for bulk collection of telephony metadata serves a critically important special need preventing terrorist attacks on the United States. See THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT (2004). In my view, that critical national security need outweighs the impact on privacy occasioned by this program. The Government's program does not capture the content of communications, but rather the time and duration of calls, and the numbers called. In short, the Government's program fits comfortably within the Supreme Court precedents applying the special needs doctrine.[3]

There are more cases but, by now, you should see the writing not on the wall or the record because instead of a proper procedure for advice and consent, we had bread and circuses — again. As I noted in my article, "Political correctness, just one tool in the arsenal of Sustainability": look at this from the BSTEP program our government (Department of Health, Education, and Welfare) hired Michigan State University to design. "A small elite will carry society's burdens. The resulting impersonal manipulation of most people's life styles

will be softened by provisions for pleasure seeking and guaranteed physical necessities. Participatory democracy in the American-ideal mold will mainly disappear. The worth and dignity of individuals will be endangered on every hand. Only exceptional individuals will be able to maintain a sense of worth and dignity."[4]

The above is from "Behavioral Science Teacher Education Program, designed from 1965-1969 by Michigan State University with funding[5] by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. They have achieved their goal and it was demonstrated in the Kavanaugh hearings. Are we proud?

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