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Opinion

The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)



LETTERS

HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE ON THE HERE AND NOW

This is from a book by Richard Woodman, "Ebb Tide," on page 197. Keep in mind, this is from the early 1800s in Great Britain:

"One may surely disagree with the opinions of another without the risk of retribution? After all, it is the hallmark of civilization.

"The present woes of our country, with trouble in our unrepresented industrial towns, unemployment in our countryside and difficulties in trade, are matters close to all our hearts. ... The solution lies either with government or in revolution, for there are limits to the toleration of even the most passive and compliant people. But the problem seems to lie in what exactly one does to ameliorate dissatisfactions.

"One can hope something will turn up, but this seems to me damned foolish and most unreliable. ... One cannot throw over the cart without losing the contents and to do so runs the risk of bringing down a tyranny greater than the one formerly endured.

"On the other hand simply to obstruct all progress upon the principle of exclusion seems to me to be both dangerous and foolish. ... A policy of slow but steady reform, a policy which would be perceptible to men of every condition but which would allow due controls to be exerted.

"It is my experience that neither coercion nor bribery produce loyalty, though both may produce results, whereas some moderating policy would be wiser than sending in light dragoons to cut up political meetings that can have no voice other than in open fields."

—Dana Rodet
Florence

WHEN VACCINATION IS A NON-POLITICAL ENDEAVOR

Kudos to Albertson Corp. and Florence Safeway on their adminis-

tering COVID-19 vaccines.

The process for registering for vaccines from Albertsons/Safeway website was very easy. The personnel in the Florence Safeway were compassionate, informative and discrete in administering the vaccine.

Although their supply was small, it was distributed evenly among their stores with no regard to the size of the city.

This is what can happen when politics is taken out of the distribution.

—Robert Smith
Florence

CLIMATE CHANGE IS NONSENSE

The MSM claims that 97 percent of scientist agree that climate change is anthropogenic. Yet *not one* offers any incontrovertible mathematical proof. All parrot claims based on models they did not create. Ergo, not one can say with any degree of certainty climate change is anthropogenic.

Not one climate model is able to take current conditions and run backwards to past conditions. Ergo, the models are pure speculation.

Evidence abounds that the earth has a climate cycle of approximately 1,500 years ± 500 years. Romans ran around bare headed in togas; Britain had vineyards; 1,500 years later, Europeans wore heavy capes and warm hats; Otzi the Ice Man was buried about 5,000 [≈3 climate cycles] years ago. For him to be so well preserved, the Earth would have been warmer and then cooled rapidly — otherwise he would have deteriorated from exposure and predation.

CO2 contribution to atmospheric warming is approximately logarithmic. Hence 3,250 ppm is required to have a doubling effect relative to 1970. Current CO2 levels are logarithmically 13 percent higher relative to 1970, yet the global temperature has only in-

creased about 0.5 percent.

Clearly something other than CO2 is driving the change. Just as the MSM are wrong about CO2, they and their minions are just as wrong about climate change in general.

The U.S. average temperature has increased 1.5°C since 1895, but fallen for of the last five years while global CO2 increased 1 percent. Between 1897 and 1910, CO2 increased 5ppm [1.7 percent] but global temperature fell by 0.3°C.

Between 1935 and 1942, global temperatures increased at the highest rate in the 20th century while the world was in a severe global economic down turn. Between 1942 and 1950, temperatures fell at an equally steep rate yet factories were going 24/7/365 building planes, ships, tanks, etc.

Chicken Littles demanding we do something must lead the way. Eschew all petroleum derived products, heat and light their homes with renewable, non-CO2 producing energy only, park their cars and grow all their own food.

A good dose of reality might awaken them before their schemes kill the goose.

Time spent on risible resolutions and pointless posturing for the scientifically and mathematically challenged is an utter and complete waste. City Hall's job is to ensure we get the most bang for our buck.

Full stop.
—Ian Eales
Florence

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A couple of random thoughts: Wouldn't it be more efficient to eliminate the middleman and elect timber lobbyists directly to the Oregon Legislature?

And if antifa (anti-fascists) are bad, does that mean profa (pro-fascists) are good?

—Jim White
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