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- **“The Triumph of the Administrative State”**

“One year on, what is the legacy of the trucker convoy protests? Why have so many people bought into the idea that a society and its problems must be managed and controlled by so-called experts? And why are laws that pursue equity fundamentally at odds with a society based on the rule of law? “If the government has a license to treat people differently depending upon their identity, then they now have a license to punish and reward as they wish,” says Bruce Pardy, the executive director of Rights Probe and a professor of law at Queen’s University in Canada... “In many ways, the most disappointing thing about this experience during COVID was the fact that a great many people supported the regime, and they didn’t seem to have very much appreciation for the aberration that it represented,” says Mr. Pardy. ”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/bruce-pardy-the-triumph-of-the-administrative-state-5429979

- **“People Will ‘Obey’ Future Lockdowns, Says ‘Nudge Unit’ Official”**

“People have been conditioned to accept totalitarian policies they likely would have never gone along with in the past. And this social conditioning could make it easier when forcing the public to comply during the next pandemic—at least, that’s what officials in the United Kingdom are saying. Professor David Halpern is the chief executive of the Behavioral Insights Team, also known as the “Nudge Unit.” The organization is based in the UK and works with governments on social engineering, psychology, and tactics to get citizens to comply with policies.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/people-will-obey-future-lockdowns-says-nudge-unit-official-5378995

- **“The WHO Is a Real and Present Danger”**

“Our governments intend to transfer decisions over our health, families, and societal freedoms to the director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), whenever he or she declares it necessary. The success of this transfer of power depends on public ignorance of its implications, and of the nature of the WHO itself and its recent pandemic policy reversals. When the public understands, then its leaders are more likely to act in their interests rather than against them.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/the-who-is-a-real-and-present-danger-5392768

- **“WHO Building Global Censorship Apparatus to Silence the People”**

“There is a war on truth being waged in the United States, and by international powers. New systems are being established that could soon determine what can be discussed and what cannot be discussed. In the United States, it turns out government agencies have been involved in a campaign of censorship by proxy, and a judge has momentarily put a stop to this. Abroad, the European Union is paying visits to American social media companies to coerce them into censoring their users, in accordance with foreign laws. And even beyond these battles over truth and who defines truth, there is a looming system that could soon create standards for global censorship.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/who-building-global-censorship-apparatus-to-silence-the-people-5394494

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- **“A Careful Look at the UNDP’s New iVerify Tool”**
“The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has quietly announced the rollout of an automated anti-disinformation tool, iVerify, this spring. The instrument, initially created to support election integrity, centers a multi-stakeholder approach spanning the public and private sectors to “provide national actors with a support package to enhance identification, monitoring and response capacity to threats to information integrity.” The UNDP demonstrates how iVerify works in a short video, where anyone can send articles to iVerify’s team of local “highly-trained” fact-checkers to determine if “an article is true or not.” The tool also uses machine learning to prevent duplicate article checks, and monitors social media for “toxic” content which can then be sent to “verification” teams of fact-checkers to evaluate, making it a tool with both automated- and human-facilitated elements.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/a-careful-look-at-the-undps-new-iverify-tool-5437489
UN REPORT: www.undp.org/digital/iverify
- **“Mapping and Analysis of Efforts to Counter Information Pollution in Europe and Central Asia Region ”**
“Information pollution is affecting the citizens’ capacity to make informed decisions. The report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression identifies the correlation between information pollution and democratic backsliding around the world. Disinformation, misinformation, and mal-information together with the growth of hate speech and propaganda, especially online, are inciting social divisions and creating mistrust in public institutions. The report also states that information pollution (disinformation) “is not the cause but the consequence of societal crises and the breakdown of public trust in institutions”.”
 * www.undp.org/eurasia/publications/information-pollution
- **“Banks Take Lead in Establishing Personal Social Credit System, Critics Charge”**
“Large money-center banks appear to be in the vanguard of a movement to build a system of personal social credit scores. This week, British bank Barclays became the latest to be accused of shutting the accounts of its customers for political or religious reasons. That followed revelations in April that Coutts, a private bank owned by UK bank NatWest, was alleged to have closed the accounts and publicized personal information of conservative politician Nigel Farage, one of the foremost Brexit advocates and a supporter of the policies of former U.S. President Donald Trump. Meanwhile, British banks aren’t alone. Many say that the largest U.S. financial institutions are in lockstep with UK banks in establishing political and social criteria for their customers and punishing those who don’t comply.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/article/banks-take-the-lead-in-establishing-personal-social-credit-system-critics-charge-5430726
- **“Man spends \$22,000 to become a rough collie dog”**
“A Japanese man who spent more than \$20,000 to become a dog has finally taken his first walk and immediately made some canine friends. Known only as Toco, the man spent two million Yen (A\$22,000) on a hyperrealistic rough collie costume to fulfil his lifelong dream of “becoming an animal”. ”
 * www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/man-spends-22000-to-become-a-border-collie-dog/news-story/ced5e61487e73f28c2cbcc257e4ff746
- **“The Great Resignation: Why Gen Z and Millennials Are Quitting in Droves”**
“There was a time when it was normal for employees to stay at the same company for their entire careers. Quitting jobs often was something that employers frowned upon. It was seen as a sign of inconsistency, unreliability, and lack of loyalty. But notable changes came in the early 21st century, as the economic turmoil in 2008 resulted in millions of people losing jobs, and new technologies exerted significant impacts on the workplace. For millennials—born between 1980 and 1996—job hopping was the new normal. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2022 showed that workers between 25 and 34 stay at a company for an average of 2.8 years, compared to 9.8 years for workers between 55 and 64.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/world/whats-behind-gen-z-and-millennials-quest-for-greener-pastures-5423560
DATA: www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/tenure.pdf
REPORT: www.pwc.com/gx/en/news-room/press-releases/2023/pwc-global-workforce-hopes-and-fears-survey-2023.html

- **“A Global ‘Emergency Platform’ Could Be the UN’s Next Tool to Establish Global Tyranny”**
“In September 2022, the U.N. General Assembly adopted Resolution 75/1, which contains a declaration emphasising ‘the need to improve ... preparedness for not only health-related crises but also other challenges and crises.’ That being so, in September 2024, the organisation will be hosting ‘The Summit of the Future,’ where member states will be invited to adopt an agreement that further consolidates globalist policy reforms offered over the past two years, including the notorious U.N. 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement. ‘Our Common Agenda’ is the United Nations’ vision for ‘strengthening global governance for present and future generations.’ ”
[* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/a-global-emergency-platform-could-be-the-uns-next-tool-to-establish-global-tyranny-5426240](http://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/a-global-emergency-platform-could-be-the-uns-next-tool-to-establish-global-tyranny-5426240)
POLICY PAPER: jordan.un.org/en/222601-our-common-agenda-policy-brief-2-strengthening-international-response-complex-global-shocks-
- **“Plastic recycling is a minefield. Here's why it's so difficult and how we can make it easier”**
“Why is it that after nearly 40 years of kerbside recycling in this country, figuring out which plastics can and can't go in your recycling is still so difficult? A major problem is that plastics just aren't plastics. PET is different to HDPE, which is different to PVC, PP and PS, and then soft plastics (LDPEs) are something else altogether. There's also no unified national standard for dealing with plastic — the processing facilities and guidelines vary from council to council. To that end the best we can do is give you a rough guide to what's in and what's out when it comes to your recycling bin. Because of their different chemistry, some types of plastic are pretty easy to recycle, whereas until something changes, landfill is the only destination for others.”
[* www.abc.net.au/news/science/2023-07-26/plastic-pet-numbers-recycling-is-minefield/102506914](http://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2023-07-26/plastic-pet-numbers-recycling-is-minefield/102506914)
- **“New ‘Misinformation’ Law Gets the Balance of Power All Wrong”**
“In June, the Albanese Labor government released an exposure draft of a dystopian proposed legislation that will empower a government body, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), to police online ‘misinformation’ and ‘disinformation.’ The ‘Mis/Dis Bill’ is accompanied by a guidance note with little transparency and an invitation to make a submission by the first week of August.”
[* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/australias-misinformation-bill-gets-the-balance-of-power-all-wrong-5418124](http://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/australias-misinformation-bill-gets-the-balance-of-power-all-wrong-5418124)
- **“Power Companies Could Remotely Switch Off EV Chargers to Reduce Grid Stress”**
“Energy providers could have the option to switch off home EV charging stations remotely to reduce pressure on Queensland's electricity grid. The proposal is part of the Australian state's Queensland Electricity Connection Manual (QECM), which provides a framework for the grid's operation. Section 8 of the QECM proposes that EV charging equipment may be limited or switched off by operators Ergon Energy and Energex (distributed network service providers or DNSPs) if it has an output of more than 20 amps—a standard domestic single-phase EV charger uses 32 amps.”
[* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/world/power-companies-could-remotely-switch-off-ev-chargers-to-reduce-grid-stress-5420285](http://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/world/power-companies-could-remotely-switch-off-ev-chargers-to-reduce-grid-stress-5420285)
Queensland Electricity Connection Manual: www.talkingenergy.com.au/qecm2023
- **“The Lockdown Files - Truth and Untruth from the Government and Media”**
“Institute of Public Affairs’ Senior Fellow John Roskam speaks to British journalist Isabel Oakeshott about her decision to make public more than 100,000 WhatsApp messages between government officials and politicians about the management of Covid during 2020 and 2021, which became known as the ‘Lockdown Files’. John and Isabel discuss how during Covid the British government prioritised its own political interests, misled the public, and manipulated the media.”
[*youtu.be/2ZlCPx1s_8I](https://youtu.be/2ZlCPx1s_8I)
- **“Rare Disease Erupts in Peru; WHO to Authenticate Health Records; Surprising Habits That Damage Liver”**
“The Peruvian government declares a national health emergency due to a rise of a rare autoimmune disease. The Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is a known side effect of some vaccines, including the COVID-19 shots. Peru is one of the highest vaccinated countries in the world against COVID. So what are they doing about GBS? And what does the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have to say? ”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/rare-disease-erupts-in-peru-who-to-authenticate-health-records-surprising-habits-that-damage-liver-5415511

- **“The Time Is Now to Thoroughly Reject Marxism in Its Modern Guise”**

“The Marxist ideology wherever it has been practised in government has left a trail of oppression and economic stagnation. Millions of martyrs bear witness to that fact as did millions who succumbed to unnecessary starvation. Be it in the USSR, China, Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea, or Venezuela, it has never provided freedom and economic prosperity as enjoyed in the West. There is a reason for that outcome.”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/the-time-is-now-to-thoroughly-reject-marxism-in-its-modern-guise-5411091

- **“The Deadly Impact of the ‘George Floyd Effect’”**

““In the last few years, Jan, there are literally thousands of people who have been victimized by violent crime who otherwise would not have been victimized if the police had not been cowed into not doing their job. ... And the people who are now hurt because of this excess crime and excess deaths are the very black and brown people that people in the left claim that they care about,” says Larry Elder. We discuss the Ferguson effect or ‘George Floyd’ effect, what Larry Elder calls the epidemic of fatherlessness, and why he has decided to run for president.”

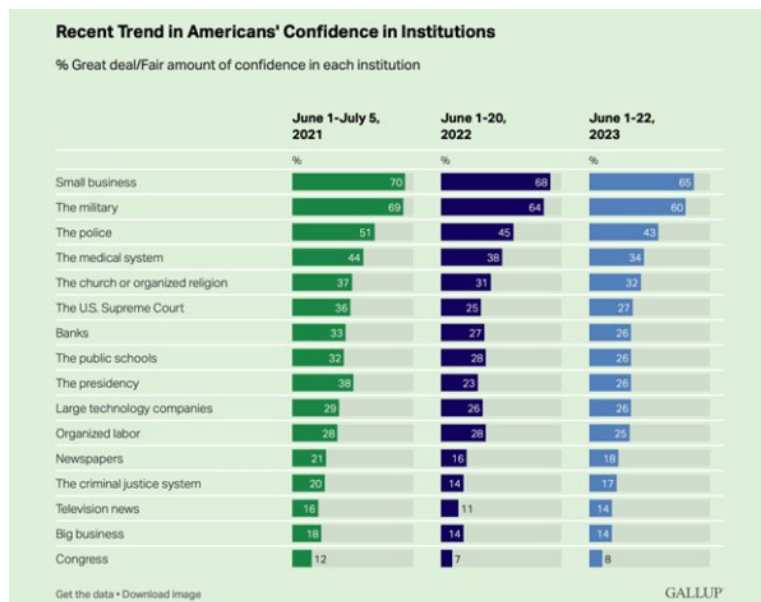
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/larry-elder-the-deadly-impact-of-the-george-floyd-effect-atlnow-5402393

- **“How Did the Medical System Lose Its Credibility and the Public’s Confidence?”**

“Only one-third of Americans now have a “great deal/fair amount of confidence” in the medical system and only one-quarter in the presidency. Yet the medical system is what all hospital-born Americans—or 98.4 percent of us—are thrust into at birth, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From delivery by gloved hands, under the white coats backlit by fluorescent tubes, and jabbed the same day for a sexually transmitted disease, hepatitis B, and an insanely large dose of synthetic vitamin K, with aluminum poisoning in both of those shots, it’s a backhanded greeting of: Welcome to the world, baby!”

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/health/how-did-the-medical-system-lose-its-credibility-and-the-publics-confidence-5389731

REPORT: news.gallup.com/poll/508169/historically-low-faith-institutions-continues.aspx



- **“What’s Behind the Push to Stop Eating Beef?”**

“Across the Western world, we’re hearing growing calls to stop eating meat—and especially beef—to combat climate change. But is this really about saving the planet? “They’re trying to take the animal and the soil out of our consumption model, and turn it into basically something that’s grown and produced in the labs,” argues Texas Slim, founder of The Beef Initiative. The campaign against beef is just one part of a radical transformation that both our food and our health have been subjected to over the last half-

century, says Texas Slim. A study in 2018 showed that 88 percent of American adults are metabolically unhealthy. What are the root causes? And how do we turn this situation around?"

* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/whats-behind-the-push-to-stop-eating-beef-texas-slim-5399281

- **“NZ Teachers Shocked Physics, Chemistry, Biology Missing From New Science Curriculum”**
“Central concepts in physics are absent. There is no mention of gravity, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, mass or motion. Chemistry is likewise missing in action. There is nothing about atomic structure, the periodic table of the elements, compounds or molecular bonding,” he said of the draft. Rather than physics, chemistry, and biology, the document proposes teaching science through four contexts that appear to draw from fundamental principles of the United Nation’s Agenda 21²: climate change, biodiversity, infectious diseases, and the water, food, and energy nexus.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/world/nz-teachers-shocked-physics-chemistry-biology-missing-from-new-science-curriculum-5383390
- **“Stella Morabito: Technocratic Totalitarianism, The Impulse to Conform, and AstroTurf Mobs Versus Organic Protest”**
“In this episode, I sit down with Stella Morabito, a senior contributor at The Federalist. She’s a former CIA intelligence analyst who studied the psychology behind Soviet Union propaganda. “It doesn’t even matter how fringy an idea is. If you keep injecting it into public discourse over and over and over again, you create this cascade of public opinion. And people will go along with it, primarily for reputational reasons,” says Ms. Morabito. “It all depends on who speaks ... and who remains silent.” We discuss her latest book, “The Weaponization of Loneliness: How Tyrants Stoke Our Fear of Isolation to Silence, Divide, and Conquer.””
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/stella-morabito-technocratic-totalitarianism-the-impulse-to-conform-and-astroturf-mobs-versus-organic-protest-5385193
- **“The Global De-dollarization Movement Is the CCP’s Next Big Power Grab: Alex Newman”**
“The Chinese Communist Party is pushing for a multipolar world order with a global movement for other nations to drop the U.S. dollar as their reserve currency. This would greatly undermine American influence in world affairs.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/the-global-de-dollarization-movement-is-the-ccps-next-big-power-grab-alex-newman-5385416
- **“China’s Economy Is in Big Trouble”**
“China has been playing hard to get for the last several months and they would not talk. Now, they sort of relented. And so, they agreed to talk with American high-level cabinet members on matters that are vital to both nations’ economies. The reason why they relented is because China’s economy is in big trouble, and they need the West much more than the West needs China.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/chinas-economy-is-in-big-trouble-miles-yu-on-janet-yellens-trip-to-china-5379598
- **“iPhone Surveillance: Government Can Spy On You Through Your Camera and Microphone”**
“The French leadership under Emmanuel Macron used the recent riots to usher in new policies of mass government surveillance. News headlines in France have said that every phone in the country can now be used as a spying device by police. But this actually goes further—the measures include computers and other devices as well. France is now grappling with difficult laws to regulate difficult powers. But in reality, what it’s facing is a question that most of the world may soon have to face: the surveillance systems already exist. They exist wherever these devices exist. The data is already being collected. This holds true just as much in France as it does all through Europe, and all throughout the United States. It’s mainly held by private businesses right now. It’s sold to advertisers and big data networks. But that could change ”
* www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/iphone-surveillance-government-can-spy-on-you-through-your-camera-and-microphone-5381170

- **“Online Marketplace for Companies Supporting Conservative Values to Go Public”**
“A “parallel” online marketplace aiming to provide a solution for Americans who want to shop with businesses aligning with conservative values is looking to go public. Colombier Acquisition Corps, a publicly traded acquisition company, has announced plans to merge with online marketplace PublicSq, according to a June 30 press release. “We have witnessed the pronounced need for the values of Main Street to be represented on Wall Street. PublicSq provides that solution for an emerging parallel economy full of patriotic consumers that are ready to spend their money with companies that respect and share their values,” said Michael Seifert, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of PublicSq.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/article/online-marketplace-for-companies-supporting-conservative-values-to-go-public-5373193
WEBSITE: publicsq.com
- **“World Economic Forum Goes to China”**
“The World Economic Forum is back in China. The globalist organization, which is pushing for the “Great Reset” agenda, is partnered on the economic side with the United Nations Agenda 2030 program to remake the world. And that vision of what the new world should look like revolves around the “17 Sustainable Development Goals,” which read like a socialist wishlist that would make Vladimir Lenin blush.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/epochtv/world-economic-forum-goes-to-china-5362334
- **“How Should We Humans Cope With AI?”**
“Artificial intelligence (AI) keeps surging to the fore, commanding more and more attention. I wouldn’t be surprised if, by year-end (if not already), it’s one of the 10 most common topics covered by the media. The most elementary question some people ask about AI is, is AI good? Perhaps here we should remember Shakespeare’s line, “There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.” A corollary of the Bard’s wit and wisdom would be that no technology is inherently good or bad, but how humans make use of technology can be beneficent or wicked.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/opinion/how-should-we-humans-cope-with-ai-5356866
REPORT: www.csmonitor.com/Business/2023/0621/Test-for-humans-How-to-make-artificial-intelligence-safe
- **“ This Caused Dr. Jordan Peterson to Change His Political Thinking ”**
 * youtu.be/CNzpriXhAJc

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