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- “In the Move to ‘Re-Educate’ Him, Jordan Peterson Will Meet Fire With Fire”
“Cancel culture is in its own way democratic. Woke mobs—social media jackals or institutional flacks—don’t care whether their target for immolation is male or female, famous or obscure, a leading intellectual light or a plodding time-server. All their targets have in common is an audience. A classroom, a Twitter account, a pulpit. The pilot light of their righteous wrath never sleeps. Perceived thoughtcrimes are their tinder. Targets run the gamut from weak to strong. The weak are limited in resources and support systems. Resistance seems futile. When they feel the heat, they confess to non-existent sins, hoping for mercy. Who can blame them?”
www.theepochtimes.com/barbara-kay-in-the-move-to-re-educate-him-jordan-peterson-will-meet-fire-with-fire_4969881.html
- “One Corporate Fights Back”
“Seeing a corporate step up to take on the woke warriors is good for all of us. It may even signal a new move to redress the imbalance of Leftist tyranny.”
www.corybernardi.com.au/posts/one-corporate-fights-back/?ref=the-weekly-dose-of-common-sense-newsletter
- “Woke Policies Backfire on Wall Street”
“The rapid rise and near dominance of the ESG (environmental, social, and governance) agenda in corporate boardrooms and executive suites is one of the more remarkable business transformations of the 21st century. ESG requires that directors and managers look beyond their traditional and singular focus on shareholder value creation, usually but not always found through profit maximization, to consider other nonfinancial “stakeholder” concerns, such as the global environment; creating more “equitable,” “inclusive,” or “diverse” organizations; and “the greater good,” for both local communities and society at large, whatever that may mean...As a practical matter, ESG has devolved into a radicalized ideology that’s particularly focused on the fictional but widely accepted narrative of a looming climate change apocalypse.”
www.theepochtimes.com/woke-policies-backfire-on-wall-street_5054479.html
- “Promising Signs That Gender Mania Is Losing Steam”
“Three utopian projects obsess the left: environmentalism, racism, and androgyny. Climate affects us all, racism affects millions of us, but genuine gender dysphoria is extremely rare. And yet the obsession of radical gender ideologues with de-sexing human beings, and the lengths to which its advocates are prepared to go—speech codes, science subversion, erasure of women’s sex-based rights, repudiation of parental rights in children’s health—has conferred the same importance and sense of urgency as that which surrounds climate and racism throughout the anglosphere. But a string of rapid successes has bred over-confidence, which in turn has led gender ideologues to mistake temporary compliance for doctrinal acceptance. In their continually escalating demands for special entitlements, trans activists have poked the sleepy bear of tolerance too often. Unpleasant aggression has eroded sympathy for a nebulous cause. Reasonable concerns for women’s and children’s eroding rights are growing. Most important, fear of being labelled “transphobic” is receding, a sure sign that gender mania is losing steam.”
www.theepochtimes.com/barbara-kay-promising-signs-that-gender-mania-is-losing-steam_5070182.html

- “The Dark Side of Unconditional Gender Affirmation”
“‘We bar kids ... from being able to drink or smoke cigarettes or buy marijuana or rent a car. I’ve been traveling a lot and sometimes I can’t even get a hotel room because I’m under the age of 21. And yet, I still was able to get my breasts removed when I was 15,’ says Chloe Cole. ‘I fell into the delusion that I was actually a boy just living within a girl’s body,’ Cole says. She began taking puberty blockers and then testosterone at age 13. She got a double mastectomy at age 15. And at age 16, she realized she had made a terrible mistake. Cole shares her story and why she is going to sue the medical group and hospital that facilitated and advised her and her parents on her medical transition.”
www.theepochtimes.com/chloe-cole-the-dark-side-of-unconditional-gender-affirmation_5062267.html
- “We’re Handicapping Children With Victimhood Narratives Instead of Teaching Them How to Succeed”
“If you say that there’s structural racism, institutional racism, systemic racism, then I have to insist on one other kind of racism. And that is surmountable racism,” says Ian Rowe, co-founder of Vertex Partnership Academies, a new network of character-focused, International Baccalaureate high schools in the Bronx... What we owe to young people is to tell them the truth about those behaviors that are far more correlated to success: education, work, faith, family formation, usually marriage before children,” Rowe says... All students at Vertex Partnership Academies take a special course called Pathways to Power. “There are no victims in our school, only architects of their own lives,” Rowe says.”
www.theepochtimes.com/ian-rowe-were-handicapping-children-with-victimhood-narratives-instead-of-teaching-them-how-to-succeed_5087162.html
- “Battle Between Religious Freedom and Post-Modern Moral Relativism”
“Tolerance in the classical understanding was based on the belief that competing religious views—even those considered to be false and absurd—should be endured as the free expression and debate of contesting ideas were central to the pursuit of truth. By contrast, contemporary assumptions based on post-modern theory hold that truth is relative and that truth claims are instruments of power and control. This may help us understand the present legal efforts to circumscribe religious freedom and associated freedoms of thought and expression to achieve political objectives such as diversity and tolerance.”
www.theepochtimes.com/battle-between-religious-freedom-and-post-modern-moral-relativism_5093984.html
- “How Schools Are Weaponizing; Inclusion; Empathy, and ‘Social Emotional Learning; to Indoctrinate Children”
“After watching the destructive impact that progressive policies were having in California, Alvin Lui packed up and relocated to the Midwest. But in Indiana, he saw the same ideology taking hold. “So I realized that if I didn’t try to at least do something ... that I can’t complain. And I have nothing to complain about because I grew up in the time where I might be able to do something about it, even if it’s just a couple of parents at a time,” says Lui. Today, Lui is president of Courage Is A Habit, which creates resources for parents to help protect their children from ideological indoctrination masquerading as education, from pronoun ideology to “social emotional learning.” “When you weaponize parents’ kindness against them to guilt them—to emotionally blackmail them so that they give up control of their kids—there’s no way that you’re the good guy,” says Lui.”
www.theepochtimes.com/alvin-lui-how-schools-are-weaponizing-inclusion-empathy-and-social-emotional-learning-to-indoctrinate-children_5007771.html

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