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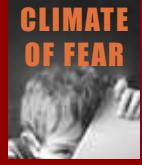
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# The Great Climate Retraction

By IAN MCCOY

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In simple terms, back in April 2024, an influential science journal called *Nature* published a study titled “The Economic Commitment of Climate Change” which would become a major blueprint for the global climate agenda. It was written by researchers from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany: Maximilian Kotz, Leonie Wenz, and Anders Levermann. They looked at weather and economic data from over 1,600 places around the world over a 40-year timeframe.

**Their scary prediction?** Climate change from past pollution would cut global income 19% by 2049—that’s like losing \$38 trillion every year in what the world earns. By 2100, if emissions stay high, the world’s total economy (measured as GDP, or Gross Domestic Product—the value of all goods and services) could shrink by 62%. They blamed rising temperatures, wild weather swings, and changing rain patterns, hitting poor countries hardest. The study claimed these losses were six times bigger than the cost of fighting climate change. But here’s the main point: This study was deeply flawed and got retracted—meaning pulled back and discredited on December 3, 2025. Why? Major mistakes in data and methods that made the warnings way too extreme. Critics from a contrarian viewpoint (those who question mainstream climate alarmism) see this as a prime example of how hyped-up science pushes governments and banks into bad decisions, wasting billions or even trillions of dollars on unnecessary rules and projects.



Contrarians argue this isn’t just a whoopsie—it’s a pattern of biased research fuelling a massive money grab. The study quickly influenced huge organisations. For example, the U.S. Congressional Budget Office used it to plan government spending, the OECD (a group of rich countries) used it for economic forecasts, the World Bank for helping poor nations, and the UK’s budget office for national plans. These shaped decisions on aid, roads and energy that cost trillions overall.

Even worse, the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)—a club of over 130 central banks like the Federal Reserve—plugged the study’s exaggerated damage numbers into their “stress tests” for banks. This led to stricter rules on loans and investments, forcing billions into “green” projects based on junk data. Sceptics call this outright policy hijacking, where unproven doomsday scenarios justify overregulation that hurts everyday

people through higher energy bills and job losses. The Fed even quit NGFS in January 2025, partly due to this kind of backlash against rigged inputs.

**Imagine: Policies costing hundreds of billions were built on sand, propping up a climate industry that benefits activists and bureaucrats while ignoring real-world fixes.**

The retraction came after experts in August 2025 pointed out huge errors. The biggest? Weird data from Uzbekistan between 1995 and 1999. This was right after the Soviet Union fell, so the country’s economy was in chaos—factories closing, jobs vanishing not mainly from climate. But the study treated those wild GDP drops as “climate damage,” blowing up global predictions. Removing just that one country’s data cut the scary 2100 GDP loss by two-thirds, making it match calmer studies. Plus, the researchers downplayed uncertainties (like how regions connect economically) and ignored

stats basics, making their results basically meaningless. *Nature* said the fixes needed were too big for a simple correction—they had to retract it fully, even yanking links and citations to stop its spread.

**Contrarians fumed at the delay:** Flaws were spotted 18 months earlier, but the paper lingered, embedding in policies. This screams of slow-walking to protect reputations in a field riddled with groupthink. The team released a revised version as a “preprint” (not yet checked by experts), toning down to a 17% income hit by 2049 (\$32 trillion yearly) and 23% GDP loss by 2100. They still say the basics hold: Losses are big, mostly from heat, five times mitigation costs, and unfair to poor countries. But critics like Christof Schötz say it’s still biased junk, adding nothing trustworthy. News outlets reacted differently. *The Wall Street Journal* highlighted the data mess and Uzbekistan goof. *Retraction Watch* listed the errors—it was *Nature*’s

sixth retraction that year. *Fox News* called it proof of climate “con jobs,” especially with Trump-style scepticism back in play. *Euronews* admitted numbers are lower but still pushed for cutting emissions. Expert Roger Pielke Jr. ripped the slow fix and rushed policies, but noted science can self-correct—if we shift to practical steps like better tech instead of fear-mongering models.

This mess lays bare the dangers in climate economics: overblown claims twist policies, wasting public money on hype over help. Contrarians say it shreds trust in science by exposing activist agendas dressed as facts, sparks doubt in green financing (like ditching NGFS or pausing bond sales), and slows real policy progress amid growing cynicism.

**Critical Takeaways:** First, don’t bet trillions on one study—demand proof from many sources. Second, speed up checks and retractions to stop bad ideas from spreading. Third, open all data for anyone to poke holes in, curbing biases. Fourth, mix in sceptic voices on panels to avoid echo chambers. Fifth, focus policies on affordable, proven wins like efficient energy, not economy-crushing mandates. Finally, this retraction should trigger audits of other alarmist studies—because if one big one flops this hard, how many more are propping up flawed agendas? By demanding better, we can build smarter, fairer climate strategies that actually work for everyone.

**See the article *Nature* retracted: “The Economic Commitment of Climate Change” <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-024-07219-0>**

**See Ian McCoy’s Substack <https://substack.com/@ianmccoy910356>**

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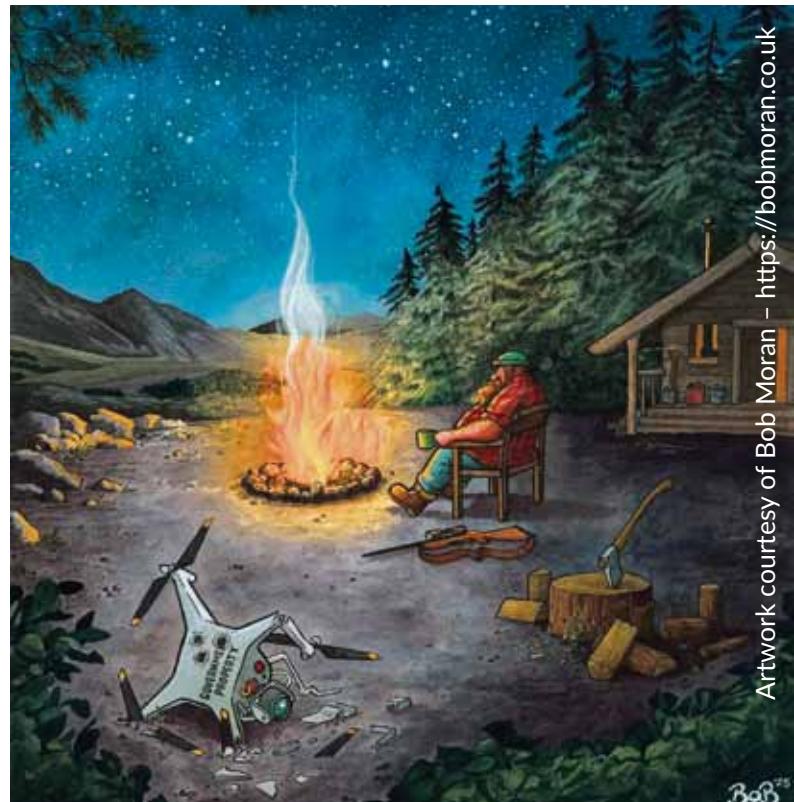
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# Australia's E-Karen is a No-Show for US Congress

By SCOTT JOHNSON

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Julie Inman Grant (US-born and dual citizen) is Australia's eSafety Commissioner and as of late-January 2026, refused to testify before US Congress as requested in November 2025 by US House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Jordan. Rep. Jordan, an advocate for free speech who described Inman Grant as a "zealot for global takedowns," is concerned over Australia's internet censorship plans (the Under-16

Social Media Ban) extending to Americans and their right to free speech. While being the senior public servant responsible for enforcing this policy, Inman Grant, however, is a dual US/Australian citizen and has been widely dubbed "the E-Karen" in the media. The Australian Labor government cites the ban as a measure to protect children by banning under-16s from social media. However, critics see this as a stepping stone to complete internet censorship noting that porn sites are not included in the policy. Other examples include

the self-publishing platform Substack which has introduced age-verification requirements thus prompting some writers to leave the platform. As of late-January 2026, there have been no further enforcement actions from Rep. Jordan about Inman Grant's failure to attend US Congress (subpoenas or contempt proceedings) however, the matter remains a point of controversy over the right to free speech. Australian Senator Alex Antic has opposed the Australian government's Under-16 Social Media Ban and described it as "not a win for anyone." Stay tuned...



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## Fishing Ban Takes its Toll on WA

By SENATOR TYRON WHITTEN

Without any warning, the Western Australian demersal fishing ban was announced on 3 December 2025, with commercial fishing bans beginning on 1 January 2026. It has left our commercial fishermen high and dry, bankrupting generational family businesses and their employees. The ban covers the 900 km stretch from Kalbarri to Augusta, including Perth's metropolitan waters. The restrictions target WA

dhufish and pink snapper, whose numbers are assessed by government modelling as critically low, though many fishermen are questioning the reliability of the modelling compared to reality. The sudden shutdown is inexcusable, contributing to significant mental-health strain across coastal communities that are already struggling. Fishermen have lost their jobs and their boats on the whim of a government that simply doesn't care. West Aussies will now be eating imported fish or none at all.

Fishermen have been promised compensation but just ask our farmers if they have seen one cent of the compensation that was promised from the live-sheep export ban. It seems very convenient that there won't be any fishing boats in the water while the seismic surveying for the offshore wind turbines takes place off the WA coast.

■ *Senator Tyron Whitten – One Nation Senator for Western Australia [https://www.onenation.org.au/tyron-whitten](http://www.onenation.org.au/tyron-whitten)*

## Fast-Tracked Laws Alarm Experts

Parliament has passed two related but separate laws [*Combating Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism Bill 2026 & Firearms Prohibition and Buyback Bill 2026*] dealing with hate and extremism, and firearms and a gun buyback. Although often framed as targeting violent extremists and dangerous weapons, the laws were rushed through after closed-door negotiations with limited public consultation and

scrutiny. Some of the most extreme provisions in early drafts were removed, but the hate and extremism law that passed still extends beyond banning violent groups and affects how speech and expression are regulated, including online. Australia already had powers to ban violent organisations and exclude extremists, raising questions about necessity. Voting patterns show that concerns were not confined to one

party or ideology, and many legal and human-rights experts remain uneasy about the process, scope and long-term impact on ordinary Australians.

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# Troubling Data: Incentives Equal Outcomes

By SCOTT JOHNSON

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The controversy surrounding vaccines seems never-ending and since the great Covid panic began in 2020 it has only escalated to a point of confusion. Big Pharma seems resistant to admit any abnormality about vaccine safety, but they just might have an incentive to keep quiet and allow the profits to keep rolling along. Thus, I refer to a quote attributed to Charlie Munger, the right-hand man to Warren Buffett. As a billionaire investor and vice chair of Berkshire Hathaway you could say that "Charlie knew something about business," and his particular quote is, "Show me the incentive and I will show you the outcome". Hence Charlie's quote may explain the motivation to overlook

safety while pushing profit-based vaccines. After all every child in the US (except the Amish) seems to need the recommended 72 lifetime vaccine injections.

Recently the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) admitted at least 10 children (in the US) "died after and because of receiving COVID-19 Covid vaccination". This information came through a leaked memo by Dr. Vinay Prasad (Director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research) that circulated in November 2025. Dr Prasad wrote, "There are unique financial incentives for vaccine makers. Covid-19 vaccines earned 100 billion dollars globally. The annual US vaccine market is estimated to be over 30 billion dollars, projected to pass 50 billion in a decade, and a single new vaccine for pregnant women has industry analysts estimating 1 billion a year

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in annual returns."

There is other troubling data on vaccines emerging and a December 2025 report from Children's Health Defense stated, "Depending on which vaccines they received, vaccinated children were between 29%–74% more likely to die than unvaccinated children" and "The highest infant mortality rates were seen when children received all six of the recommended vaccines in one visit."

In Australia, journalist Alison Bevege reported back in 2025 that over 300 Australians died within a week of being injected with COVID-19 vaccines and "35 people dropped dead the day they got the shot". On 16 February 2023 at a Senate Estimates hearing, Senator Alex Antic questioned the (then) head of the Therapeutic Goods Administration about the deaths of two Australian

children, aged 7 and 9 who died from heart attacks after getting COVID-19 vaccines. As head of Australia's medical regulatory authority Dr. John Skerritt's reply to Senator Antic wasn't particularly reassuring stating, "As I've said before, we have almost 1,000 reports of deaths temporally around the same time as Covid vaccination, of which 14 have been determined to be related to Covid vaccination."

That was a couple of years ago and I've since spoken to Australian Senators Malcolm Roberts and Ralph Babet on this very subject with both stating the Australian Government's 2024 COVID-19 Response Inquiry was inadequate. Yet there is hope however, with breaking news in the US as federal officials announced sweeping changes to the childhood immunisation schedule by

reducing routine vaccination types from 17 to 11. Furthermore, in December 2025 U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. enacted a policy change *removing financial incentives* for doctors conducting childhood vaccinations. Hopefully, Australia will take notice as there also exists a *moral incentive* in seeking reform especially when it concerns health policies that led to the deaths of children.

■ For more information see Brenda Valetti, PhD, "Deeply Troubling: Higher Mortality Rates Detected in Vaccinated 3-Month-Olds Compared With Unvaccinated Infants." *Children's Health Defense*, 23 December 2025.

■ Brenda Valetti, PhD, "Breaking: HHS Makes Sweeping Changes to Childhood Vaccine Schedule." *Children's Health Defense*, 5 January 2026.

**"Show me the incentive and I will show you the outcome". Hence Charlie's quote may explain the motivation to overlook safety while pushing profit-based vaccines.**

## Climate Bureaucrat Added to Australia's Top Security Table

By MICHAEL ARBON

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has serious questions to answer. In 2024, Australia's most senior climate change bureaucrat, (Mr Fredericks) was given a regular seat at the National Security Committee

of Cabinet, while the heads of ASIO and ASIS were removed from their permanent spots. When asked how often or why Mr Fredericks attends the committee, Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen declined to respond. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet also

dodged questions, saying it does not comment on national security matters. This silence fuels public concern about the government's priorities and its natural tendency towards secrecy.

Is this why the Prime Minister was reluctant to establish a royal commission into the radical

Islamic-inspired Bondi terrorist attack? Australians have also not forgotten the government's refusal to hold a Royal Commission into its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That decision denied the public a full and independent examination of what was, for many Australians, the most egregious

example of government overreach and human rights abuse in living memory. Transparency is not optional in our democracy. Fail to provide it, and voters will respond accordingly.

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## Unprecedented Mass Migration Surge Confirmed by ABS

IPA media release from KEVIN YOU

Date: 18 December 2025

■ Dr Kevin You is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

"The latest ABS data reveals that the Albanese government has let in almost 1.3 million migrants on a net basis over the past three financial years – equivalent to 1,160 per day – blowing all previous records out of the water," said Dr Kevin You, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

Today, the Australian Bureau of Statistics updated its *national state and territory population* database for the reference period June 2025, which shows:

■ Net overseas migration in the 2025 financial year totalled 305,569. This was the third highest annual intake on record, with the previous two records taking place in the previous two years.

■ In the three full financial years of the Albanese

government, net overseas migration totalled 1.27 million people – the highest three financial years on record.

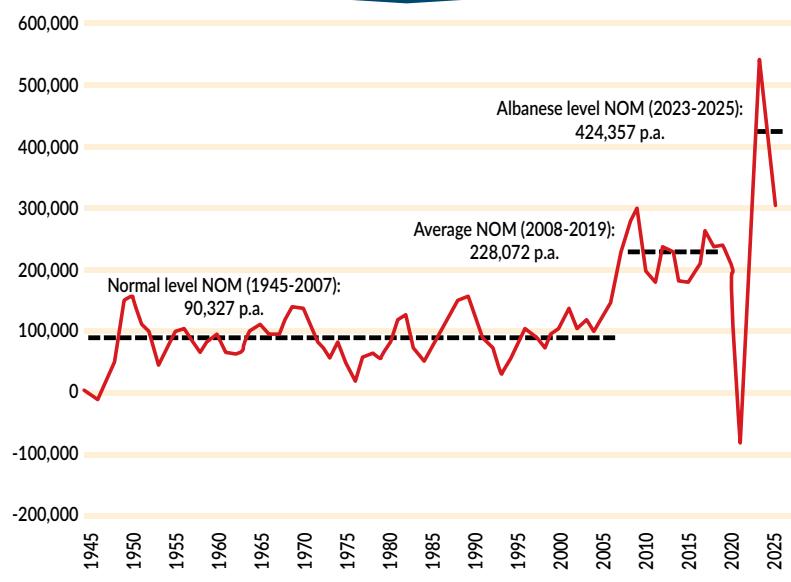
■ For context:

- From 1945 until the end of the Howard government, average annual net overseas migration was just above 90,000 per annum.
- In the three full years of the Albanese government, the annual average was over four times this long-run postwar average at 424,357.

"This is uncontrolled mass migration on steroids, pure and simple. It is causing social division, sectarian strife, and is making mainstream Australians poorer," Dr You said.

"Today's figures end the argument, once and for all, that mass migration to Australia has been cut. In the three full financial years of the Albanese government, intakes have been the highest on record and four-times the post WWII average."

### Australia's Annual Net Overseas Migration



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"The current mass migration-driven surge in Australia's population is unsustainable. As the Bondi Massacre showed, the federal government has no regard for the integration and assimilation of new migrants into the Australian way of life," Dr You said.

"This mass migration experiment, being forced on the Australian people by the Albanese government, is making Australians poorer and is dividing our society. It must end."

"Australia has always been a welcoming country, however, a successful migration programme must be properly planned for, have the consent of the community, and be targeted toward areas of economic need. The federal government's approach to migration is failing on all three counts," Dr You said.

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# Australians MUST Be Given a Say on Immigration – The Politicians Have Failed Us

By STEVEN TRIPP

■ **President of Australians for Better Government.**

“We will decide who comes to this country and the circumstances in which they come.” This was the famous quote by then Prime Minister John Howard at his 2001 election campaign launch. Many took it as a statement of defiance; the line in the sand to say that Australia alone will decide its immigration intake and the character of the migrants we allow into the country. Unfortunately, what Howard was really saying was that ‘we the politicians’ decide, not everyday Australians. The Australian people have never been given a say on whether they accept the mass immigration and multicultural policies that have been implemented in the last half century.

Despite this, politicians, academia and the media celebrate migrants and have pushed ahead with a multicultural Australia that they view as morally and internationally right, with no regard for any potential public pushback. Late last year, when celebrating the benefits of multiculturalism, South Australian Premier Peter Malinauskas said, “Think about living without



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*multiculturalism. It would be SO BORING! The food would be all the same ... I couldn't think of anything worse.*” While many would not argue that migrants have enriched Australian society, the reality is that all policies have consequences. Sir Robert Menzies was aware of these consequences when he said in a 1955 2UE radio interview, “We ought to aim at having a homogeneous population. I don't want to see reproduced in

*Australia the kind of problem they have in South Africa or in America or increasingly in Great Britain.”*

The racial tension that Menzies was warning against was evident with the Bondi massacre in December. The aftermath of the shooting should have been a soul-searching moment for the nation; questioning the reality of what our society has become and the trajectory that our country is headed. Instead, politicians and the media scrambled to command the narrative they were feeding to the public in a tragic politicisation of the shooting. In a clear example of the saying, ‘never let a good crisis go to waste’, NSW Premier Chris Minns has continued the authoritarian streak that arose during the pandemic by passing stricter gun laws, restricting

protests and openly celebrating our lack of free speech. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese is looking at a gun buy-back scheme to use gun owners as a scapegoat.

In all this noise, the focus on immigration policies has become a fleeting voice. Australians for Better Government, of which I am President, defied this by calling for the Australian people to be given the power to set immigration levels. Under ABG’s proposal, immigration intake would be determined by a public plebiscite.

The cultural tensions that we saw on graphic display in Bondi have been imported to Australia without the consent of the Australian people. Some Australians may accept this as a trade-off for the many positive aspects that diverse cultures bring to our society, while other Australians may not. Like with so many issues, the politicians need to get out of the way, and the Australian people need a greater say.

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# Australian Interests First: Building a Nationalist Movement That Can Endure and Succeed

**A critical analysis of the rhetoric and strategic choices shaping Australia's nationalist movements.**

**Editorial Note:** This article is an opinion piece and reflects the views of the author. It examines the rhetoric and strategic positioning of nationalist groups in Australia. References to terminology used by such groups appear solely for the purposes of analysis and critique.

By JACK DELANEY

■ **Awake for over ten years, I have spent the last five focused on Australian history and discovering the tentacles of our ever-increasing trajectory to full subjugation under a global world order that we never voted for.**

Nationalist movements across the Western world face a recurring and often self-inflicted vulnerability: the tendency to define themselves through opposition rather than construction. The National Socialist Network (NSN) in Australia provides a pertinent case study in how strategic missteps—particularly an overemphasis on historical aesthetics and single-issue fixation—can undermine



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long-term viability and invite swift suppression.

The appeal of 1930s German optics to a Generation Z audience is understandable. It offers a potent, visually striking language of rebellion and order in an era perceived as chaotic and degenerate. However, this choice comes with immense strategic baggage. It allows hostile media and government entities to instantly frame the movement as a foreign import—a mere replica of a historically

defeated ideology—rather than a unique response to Australia’s contemporary challenges. This framing is a powerful tool for delegitimisation, making it easier to justify surveillance, legal action, and social ostracisation against its members. The movement inadvertently hands its opponents the very weaponry needed for its own destruction.

\*This problem is compounded by a frequent focus on the “Jewish question” as a central tenet.\*<sup>1</sup> While it is a factual observation that various lobbying groups, including those advocating for Israeli interests, exert significant influence over Australian politics and media, making this the defining issue is a critical error. It reduces a broad-based nationalist philosophy—which should prioritise Australian sovereignty and the well-being of its people—to a single-axis criticism. This not only alienates potential supporters who are sympathetic to nationalist economics or cultural preservation but recoil from ethnic-focused conspiracy theories, but it also ensures the movement will be permanently categorised and neutralised as a “hate group.”

**Opposition is then based on the merit of policies and their impact on the nation, not the ethnicity or religion of their proponents. This approach denies opponents the easy accusation of bigotry and forces a debate on the substantive issue of sovereignty.**

A more resilient strategy draws from historical precedents where dissident movements succeeded. The Reformation did not triumph by directly assaulting the Vatican’s walls; it persevered by safeguarding and disseminating its core knowledge, while the legitimacy of the corrupt Catholic hierarchy gradually eroded on its own. The lesson is that endurance often trumped immediacy. For modern nationalists, this means concentrating on building parallel institutions, fostering community

resilience, and articulating a positive vision for the nation’s future.

The overarching philosophy must be Australian interests first. This provides a consistent, defensible framework to critique all subversive influences, whether they originate from lobbies allied with Israel, China, global corporations, or Islamist organisations. Opposition is then based on the merit of policies and their impact on the nation, not the ethnicity or religion of their proponents. This approach denies opponents the easy accusation of bigotry and forces a debate on the substantive issue of sovereignty. A movement that is building, creating, and proposing solutions is far harder to suppress than one that appears solely defined by what it is against. The goal should be to make Australian nationalism undeniable, not just audible.

■ ***\* Editorial clarification: This term is historically associated with extremist ideology and is referenced here solely for the purposes of analysis and critique.***

# The World's Longest War: Burma (Myanmar) and Kamikaze Drones 'Made in China'

By SCOTT JOHNSON

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The war in Burma (Myanmar) drags on with over 70 years of bloody conflict and totalitarian rule. There are a number of historical flashpoints including deceptive ceasefires, coups and political shenanigans including the military coup of 2021, but it suffices to say the entire country has experienced unending warfare since World War II.

Today in 2026 the UN reports there are over 3 million internally displaced persons across Burma. Hundreds of thousands more reside in refugee camps in Thailand and Bangladesh while the diaspora includes tens of thousands living in Australia, Canada, Norway, Malaysia, India and the US. Within its borders there are regular airstrikes by Burma's military against civilians and ongoing clashes with ethnic armies. The conflict is historically brutal, case in point being a 2024 video that circulated on social media of two ethnic Karen men being roasted alive by Burmese soldiers. Villagers can be seen in the background, forced to watch as the two victims, bound and hung over a fire, screamed in terror. It was reported they were killed to deter villagers from resisting the government. Such reports are not new and in 2024 the Burma regime enacted a conscription law forcing men and women over 18, into the army. Combined with air power (jet fighters, helicopters and drones) this has so far kept the regime alive, noting there is also a China connection helping the regime. The interesting fact is the Burma military in 2026 only controls around 30% of the country and the rest, some 60–70 % is controlled by the ethnic resistance.

In December 2025 I visited Karen State, inside Burma with one of the 20-plus ethnic resistance forces operating in the country—the Kawthoolei Army (the KTLA). It is here that General Nerdah Bo Mya has one of his base camps. He is the son of a legendary Karen leader Bo Mya and now operates the KTLA along the Thai–Burma border. Kawthoolei is the Karen word meaning “land without darkness”, the name of their ancestral homeland. The Karen are predominantly Christian or Buddhist and have been at war with Burma since 1949. They primarily live in eastern Burma with a population around 7–8 million people. One night around 1:30 AM a series of Kamikaze (suicide) drones struck near our camp and the closest exploded a few hundred metres away. The explosions woke us from our slumber, and I ran with



Above: General Nerdah Bo Mya (third from left) and soldiers of the Kawthoolei Army standing with wreckage of a Kamikaze attack drone that struck near their base camp in December 2025. Below: Karen Soldiers with the Kawthoolei Army. Left: Wreckage from the Drone Attack "Made in China".

Karen soldiers from our huts and crouched in our trenches as three more drones struck the area.

One important factor in understanding the Burma war is that the regime is a business enterprise with the military leaders as profiteers and its soldiers as enforcers who exploit both the Burmese and ethnic populations. The demographics are confusing and the term Burma, also refers to a race of people—the Burmese or Burmans who make up around 30–40% of the population. However, some 60–70% of the country's population are *non-Burmese* ethnics who speak their own languages. They include the Arakan, Chin, Kachin, Shan, Karen, Karen and Mon. There are also Ta'ang, Kokang and Rohingya (and others). Some like the Wa live in autonomous territories and have connections to

neighbouring China.

The social complexities of Burma contrasts to neighbouring India that had developed a caste system, and Burman society developed a racially dominated culture with the ethnic Burmese being the ruling demographic. The Burmese are (generally) concentrated in the lower centre of the country while the surrounding mountainous areas are home to the *non-Burmese* ethnics. For decades the Burmese acted as dominant rulers and post-colonial attempts to unify the ‘country’ were doomed as the two groupings (the Burmese and various ethnics) grew to be ancestral enemies. All this changed however, after the 2021 coup when the military ousted Aung San Suu Kyi from power.

The dissatisfied Burmese soon saw the ethnics in a new light as the regime brutally cracked down

on dissent. Experiencing what the ethnics had long endured, an awakening began and the Burmese began aligning with ethnic resistance forces—in fact they joined their ranks forming ‘People’s Defence Forces’. Today the regime remains largely isolated with both Burmese and ethnic populations opposing them. Analysts soon projected the regime would collapse as ethnic armies and PDFs went on the offensive making territorial gains, from Kachin State in the north to Karen and Karen States along the eastern Thai border. The Chin in the northwest also opened up a front against the regime. The Ta’ang, Kokang and Arakan formed *The Brotherhood Alliance* and today the Arakan Army has captured over 80% of Arakan State.

Unfortunately, the offensive began to stall around 2024. A report by *Jane’s Defence*

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Weekly highlighted the regime’s survival as a result of the massive conscription drive and influx of support and weapons from China. With Beijing’s support the situation is as convoluted as ever.

In the morning after the drone attacks, I went with the KTLA soldiers, and we located two of the drone crash sites. One was a short distance away in a cornfield among scorched earth and pieces of the exploded drone. Looking closely at the remains one could clearly see the markings ‘Made in China’. The Karen said the drones were launched from the one remaining enemy camp in their area. It was some miles north of our position and occupied by hundreds of regime soldiers. In our camp there was also 20 or so Burmese army prisoners who were captured or had defected to the KTLA. They all stated they would remain with the Karen and even fight with them against the Burma government.

General Nerdah later remarked to me about the drone attack, “*By the grace of God we are still safe, no problem and we have to keep moving forward, brother*” and on 5 January 2026 in a jungle ceremony the KTLA declared independence from Burma. The announcement caused a stir across the Burma diaspora and regional media. The war, however, continues and it remains to be seen if the West will intervene in the world’s longest war... or if attack drones ‘Made in China’ will keep the conflict going.

■ *See YouTube: Tribal Action Group, Corners of Asia Episode 12, Welcome to Kawthoolei - Revenge of the Drones: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DISdxoluFbw>*

■ *Author’s Note: The term ‘Myanmar’ is the regime’s name for the country enacted in 1989, hence many associated with the resistance, like myself, continue to use the name, ‘Burma’.*

# Was Covid Always a CIA Plot?

By BROWNSTONE INSTITUTE

- Articles by Brownstone Institute, a nonprofit organisation founded in May of 2021 in support of a society that minimises the role of violence in public life.

According to newly released emails, the United States Intelligence Community, led by the CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, held regular meetings with Dr. Ralph Baric, one of America's leading coronavirus experts, since at least 2015.

Senator Rand Paul's office has worked for years to obtain the documents.

Baric has been accused of engineering the Covid-19 virus in his lab at the University of North Carolina, but he has never had to testify about his role in the pandemic despite his well-documented collaboration with the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The newly released emails reveal that the CIA hoped to discuss "Coronavirus evolution and possible natural human adaptation with Baric" and that Baric held quarterly meetings with members of the Intelligence Community.

These emails are just the latest additions to the suspicious amalgamation of facts implicating the US Intelligence Community's role in the origins of the pandemic, as discussed in *The Covid Response at Five Years*.

A very brief overview of the timeline suggests that the CIA and the Intelligence Community are implicated in the creation of the virus, a lab leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and censorship to evade any public scrutiny for their role in the pandemic.

- 2015: The Intelligence Community held quarterly meetings with Dr. Ralph Baric and discussed "possible human adaptation" to coronavirus evolution.
- 2019–2020: The CIA had a spy working at the Wuhan Institute of Virology doing "both offensive and defensive work" with pathogens, according to Seymour Hersh. That asset reports in early 2020 that there was a laboratory accident that resulted in the infection of a researcher.
- March 18, 2020: The Department of Homeland



Dr Anthony Fauci with former US President Biden in 2021.

**2020: Dr. Fauci began holding secret meetings at CIA headquarters "without a record of entry" in order to "influence its Covid-19 origins investigation," according to a whistleblower. "He knew what was going on...He was covering his ass and he was trying to do it with the Intel community," the whistleblower told Congress."**

Security replaced Health and Human Services as the lead Federal Agency responding to Covid, as explained in depth in Debbie Lerman's *The Deep State Goes Viral*.

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- 2021: Scientists in the Department of Defense compiled significant evidence suggesting Covid emerged from a lab leak, but President Biden's Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines, banned them from presenting their evidence or participating in a discussion on the origins of the virus.
- 2021: CISA, an agency within the Department of Homeland Security, implemented a program known as "switchboarding," where officials dictated to Big Tech platforms what content is permissible or prohibited speech.
- 2022: The Department of Homeland Security announced it will establish a "Disinformation Governance Board." The Ministry of Truth is only discontinued when the absurdity of its chief censor, Nina Jankowicz, receives sufficient blowback from the public.



was among them. But perhaps it was. After all, Anthony Fauci frequently warned of a coming pandemic, and intelligence worked with universities and corporations for years and on multiple occasions to game out pandemic exercises (Event 201 and Crimson Contagion).

What we have here are new breadcrumbs pointing to a genuine coup attempt, one that grew as each stage in the deployment failed, culminating in relentless media campaigns, lawfare, and even assassination attempts. The newest evidence further reinforces the existence of a ruling class willing to engage in sadistic policies that compared with the worst of the last years of the Roman Empire.

Of course, this was not just about politics in the US. Populist movements had come alive the world over, from Europe to the UK to Brazil. Fully 194 countries were locked down over several weeks, with the claim that the problem would be fixed with universal human separation followed by injection of a compliant population. The scenario being built here through these releases is nothing short of terrifying.

Where are the investigations, hearings, commissions, and courts? At the very least, and in any case, Baric and members of the Intelligence Community must testify under oath about their role in gain-of-function research, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and the cover-up that began in 2020.

- [Link to 15 November 2025 article](https://brownstone.org/articles/was-covid-always-a-cia-plot/)  
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# Mark Sexton vs Operation Talla

## The Fight Over Pandemic Policing

By COURAGE IS THE CURE

**Courage Is The Cure** is an independent Western Australian content creator.

Retired UK police constable Mark Sexton has become one of the most relentless voices challenging how the United Kingdom handled policing during the COVID-19 war—and at the centre is Operation Talla, the national command structure that coordinated police activity throughout the pandemic. Sexton argues that Talla didn't just organise logistics, it reshaped policing in ways that restricted civil liberties, suppressed complaints, and shut down scrutiny.

Sexton and UK lawyer Ian



Retired UK police constable Mark Sexton (pictured)

Clayton recently circulated a public notice outlining allegations that police forces across the country were instructed—formally or informally—not to accept or record crime reports relating to COVID-19, vaccines, or government decisions. Their document asserts that more than 400 statements from victims, experts, whistleblowers, and medical professionals were submitted to police, yet “not one” was contacted for follow-up. They point to the Speirs Directive, dated 25 January 2022, which told forces to reject vaccine-related crime reports.

On 3 December 2025, two key documents were formally released—Constitutional Correspondence (18 November 2025) and the Supplemental Evidence File (1 December 2025). These files state that Crime Reference Number 6029679/21 was closed without investigation, despite the volume of material submitted.

According to Sexton, the timing of a major crime report closure aligned with national commands issued under Operation Talla, suggesting that the operation acted as a filter—or a barrier—for certain categories of complaints. His argument is that Talla created



a policing environment where politically sensitive issues were quietly deprioritised.

Operation Talla introduced a centralised command structure that gave national bodies unprecedented influence over local policing. This resulted in:

- **Restrictions on civil liberties**, with officers enforcing rules that often blurred the line between guidance and law.
- **Suppression of protest and dissent**, including the dispersal of demonstrations questioning government policy.
- **Disproportionate impacts on certain groups**, including protesters, minority communities, and young people.
- **Long-term trust damage**, with many perceiving policing as politicised during the pandemic.

Sexton argues that these structural features made it easier for police to ignore or dismiss complaints that challenged the government's pandemic narrative.

His campaign has gained traction in alternative media and even internationally, though UK authorities have not opened any public investigations or confirmed his allegations. Supporters say he is demanding transparency in a system that operated under emergency powers. Critics argue he is interpreting policy decisions as criminal acts.

Sexton has brought Operation Talla back into public debate—and reopened questions about how policing, power, and accountability collided during the pandemic.

**Constitutional Correspondence (18 November 2025.)** Read the full public release of the correspondence issued by Ian Clayton and Mark Sexton at [https://ethicalapproach.co.uk/redacted Constitutional Correspondence sent\\_18112025.pdf](https://ethicalapproach.co.uk/redacted Constitutional Correspondence sent_18112025.pdf)

**Supplemental Evidence File (1 December 2025.)** Read the evidence pack released alongside the correspondence at [https://ethicalapproach.co.uk/evidence\\_file\\_supplemental\\_to Correspondence\\_18112025.pdf](https://ethicalapproach.co.uk/evidence_file_supplemental_to Correspondence_18112025.pdf)

# Port Arthur and The Wasp Files

## Reflections on a Nation's Tragedy

By DAVID THRUSSELL

**David Thrussell** has written for *Fortean Times*, *New Dawn* and numerous other publications. He is the creator of recordings (*Snog* and *Black Lung* among others) and film scores.

Beginning in early 2025, The Wasp Files is an influential YouTube channel created by actor, musician and entrepreneur Paul Moder. Focused on the anomalies and lingering questions around the April 1996 Port Arthur Massacre, the channel has drawn comment in the Victorian parliament, nervous mainstream media smoke, censorship, ‘shadow-banning’ and yet lively discussion from an Australian public hungry for clear-sighted information about the tragedy.

Interviewees have included (publicly or sometimes anonymously) survivors of the shootings, disgruntled police, insightful cultural figures, and inmates—including the supposed shooter, Martin Bryant—in Tasmania’s Risdon Prison. Host Moder has generally eschewed



Commemorative plaque honouring those who lost their lives in the Port Arthur Massacre.

excessive speculation and let information ignored or sidelined by mainstream sources tell its own story.

Indeed, as the channel’s

popular comment sections illustrate, viewers are comfortable challenging conventional narratives and flimsy official conclusions. Outside of the

comatose mainstream media wastelands, a dogged cadre of Australians have spent many years expressing entirely justified doubts about the stunning accuracy of the supposed shooter, Bryant, his mental capacity, the media and official haste to declare Bryant the guilty culprit and the striking absence of appropriate inquiries, Royal Commissions or even a standard trial.

Across a remarkable pair of episodes dubbed ‘The Alternative Story Of The Port Arthur Massacre’ (both recorded July 2025), Moder lays out his hypothesis of what may actually have possibly happened during the horrific event, plugging many of the numerous holes in the official account and answering some questions that have nagged sceptics for decades.

Moder tellingly highlights numerous glaring anomalies in the official story, from the extremely delayed police and tactical response, to the ‘coincidental’ pre-preparedness of the state purchasing an oversized mortuary truck just before the event, to the

evidence suggesting more active shooters at the site and much more.

In light of the dubious historical circumstances that The Wasp Files presents, and other more recent events that cast further strange shadows, a sizeable minority of Australians are starting to question the very fundamentals of the public’s relationship with authority and government itself.

If Machiavellian forces can, apparently, use the soothing facade of public institutions, bureaucracy and the levers of media and state power to consistently manipulate, mould and even murder, perhaps it is time to reassess the very nature of that seemingly abusive and broken relationship.

While some declare themselves uncomfortable with re-examining the Port Arthur tragedy—surely the innocent men, women and children who died needless, cruel deaths deserve nothing less than a determined and tireless quest for the truth.

**Visit The Wasp Files YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@TheWaspFilesVideoPodcast>**

# Has Orwell's 1984 Become Reality?

By BERT OLIVIER

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To some readers it may seem like a rhetorical question to ask whether the narrative of George Orwell's dystopian novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (or 1984), first published in Britain in 1949, has somehow left its pages and settled, like an ominous miasma, over the contours of social reality. Yet, closer inspection – which means avoiding compromised mainstream news outlets – discloses a disquieting state of affairs.

Everywhere we look in Western countries, from the United Kingdom, through Europe to America (and even India, whose 'Orwellian digital ID system' was lavishly praised by British prime minister Keir Starmer recently), what meets the eye is a set of social conditions exhibiting varying stages of precisely the no-longer-fictional totalitarian state depicted by Orwell in 1984. Needless to stress, this constitutes a warning against totalitarianism with its unapologetic manipulation of information and mass surveillance.

I am by no means the first person to perceive the ominous contours of Orwell's nightmarish vision taking shape before our very eyes. Back in 2023 Jack Watson did, too, when he wrote (among other things):

*Thoughtcrime is another of Orwell's conjectures that has come true. When I first read 1984, I would never have thought that this made up word would be taken seriously; nobody should have the right to ask what you are thinking. Obviously, nobody can read your mind and surely you could not be arrested simply for thinking? However, I was dead wrong. A woman was arrested recently for silently praying in her head and, extraordinarily, prosecutors were asked to provide evidence of her 'thoughtcrime.'*

*Needless to say, they did not have any. But knowing that we can now be accused of, essentially, thinking the wrong thoughts is a worrying development. Freedom of speech is already under threat, but this goes beyond free speech. This is about free thought. Everybody should have a right to think what they want, and they should not feel obliged or forced to express certain beliefs or only think certain thoughts.*

Most people would know that totalitarianism is not a

desirable social or political set of circumstances. Even the word sounds ominous, but that is probably only to those who already know what it denotes. I have written on it before, in different contexts, but it is now more relevant than ever. We should remind ourselves what Orwell wrote in that uncannily premonitory novel.

Considering the rapidly expanding and intensifying, electronically mediated strategies of surveillance being implemented globally – no doubt aimed at inculcating in citizens a subliminal awareness that privacy is fast becoming but a distant memory – the following excerpt from Orwell's text strikes one as disturbingly prophetic, considering the time it was written (1984, Free Planet e-book, p.5):

*Behind Winston's back the voice from the telescreen was still babbling away about pig-iron and the overfulfilment of the Ninth Three-Year Plan. The telescreen received and transmitted simultaneously. Any sound that Winston made, above the level of a very low whisper, would be picked up by it, moreover, so long as he remained within the field of vision which the metal plaque commanded, he could be seen as well as heard. There was of course no way of knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment. How often, or on what system, the Thought Police plugged in any individual wire was guesswork. It was even conceivable that they watched everybody all the time. But at any rate they could plug in your wire whenever they wanted to. You had to live – did live, from habit that became instinct – in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.*

Before adducing compelling instances of the contemporary, real-world surveillance equivalents of 1984's 'telescreen', which have become sufficiently 'normal' to be accepted without much in the form of protest, and to refresh your memory further, here's Hannah Arendt, in *The Origins of Totalitarianism* (New edition, Harcourt, Brace Jovanovich 1979, p. 438):

*Total domination, which strives to organize the infinite plurality and differentiation of human beings as if all of humanity were just one individual, is possible only if each and every person can be reduced to a never-changing identity of reactions, so that each of these bundles of reactions can be exchanged at random for any other. The problem is to fabricate something that does not exist, namely, a kind of human species resembling other animal species whose only 'freedom' would consist in 'preserving the species.'*



As Italian thinker Giorgio Agamben would say:

totalitarianism reduces every singular human being to 'bare life;' nothing more, and after having been subjected to its mind-numbing techniques for a certain time, people start acting accordingly, as if they lack the capacity to manifest their natality (unique, singular birth) and plurality (the fact that all people are singular and irreplaceable).

The final blow to our humanity comes when totalitarian rule's *coup de grâce* is delivered (Arendt 1979, quoting David Rousseton conditions in Nazi concentration camps, p. 451):

*The next decisive step in the preparation of living corpses is the murder of the moral person in man. This is done in the main by making martyrdom, for the first*

*time in history, impossible: 'How many people here still believe that a protest has even historic importance? This skepticism is the real masterpiece of the SS. Their great accomplishment. They have corrupted all human solidarity. Here the night has fallen on the future. When no witnesses are left, there can be no testimony. To demonstrate when death can no longer be postponed is an attempt to give death a meaning, to act beyond one's own death. In order to be successful, a gesture must have social meaning...'*

Surveying the present social scene globally against this backdrop yields interesting, albeit disturbing results. For example, Niamh Harris reports that German MEP Christine Anderson and British politician Nigel Farage have both warned that globalists

are frantically trying to establish a fully fledged surveillance state 'before too many people wake up' to this state of affairs. Anderson – whose caution is echoed by Farage – points to the irony that people are waking up precisely because globalist efforts to hasten the installation of a totalitarian surveillance state are accelerating and becoming conspicuous. Hence, the more the process is ramped up, the louder critical voices become (and protests are likely to occur), and correlatively, the more anxious the neo-fascists become, to close the net around citizens of the world. She warns that:

*'Digital identity [is] not so your life is easier. It's so government has total control over you.'*

*'Digital currency [is] the crème de la crème of all control mechanisms... What do you think*

*is going to happen the next time you refuse to take an mRNA shot? With the flip of a switch, they just cancel your account. You cannot buy food anymore. You cannot do anything anymore.'*

Given these warnings, a case in point concerns well-known globalist Tony Blair's recent attempt to assuage people's fears about digital ID-systems. Needless to point out, his commendation of the system (because of its 'amazing benefits'), in conjunction with AI and facial recognition capacity, is disingenuous in the extreme, as is palpable evident from his words (quoted from Wide Awake Media on X):

*'Facial recognition can now spot suspects in real time from live video... [It] helps identify suspects quickly in busy places like train stations and events.'*

advent of the network society of electronically mediated actions and behaviour – such surveillance and control are at a level of efficiency and pervasiveness that Big Brother could only dream of. This is unmistakable when one peruses reports such as this one, which alerts one to the fact that, in Britain today, surveillance technology enables the neo-fascist authorities to identify, arrest, and imprison individuals for so-called 'crimes' which echo the thoughtcrimes of Orwell's 1984, except that, by comparison, they seem trivial to the nth degree. As the article in question states,

*'Following a number of high-profile arrests for speech-related crimes, Britain is seen as far as the White House as a realm of tinpot, two-tier woke tyranny, where authors of errant tweets can expect to spend more time in prison than sex pests and paedophiles and which commentators and comedians should avoid — lest they be whisked straight from arrivals to a holding cell having offended Left-wing orthodoxy.'*

Of course not. For one thing,

older people have the same right

to life as anyone else, and many of one's most productive, and

enjoyable years come after 60.

Hence, there is absolutely no

ground for accepting or justifying new technology as 'beneficial,'

simply because it is supposedly

'more efficient.'

Yet, everyone of globalist

persuasion seems to believe that, to persuade the 'sheeple' to enter the corral of digital imprisonment, all they need to do is to glorify

the technology involved – lying through their teeth, of course. But lest I forget, according to the 1984 playbook, which all

and sundry among the globalist

neo-fascists seem to have adopted

(stupidly believing that no one

would notice), everything we

have been taught in the world

that preceded the attempt to

establish their vaunted New World

Order, has been turned on its

head, so that 'falsehood' (lying)

has now become 'truth.' If this

sounds far-fetched, take a look at the globalists' disingenuous pronouncements through the lens of 1984 (p. 6):

*The Ministry of Truth—Mintrue, in Newspeak—was startlingly different from any other object in sight. It was an enormous pyramidal structure of glittering white concrete, soaring up, terrace after terrace, 300 metres into the air. From where Winston stood it was just possible to read, picked out on its white face in elegant lettering, the three slogans of the Party:*

*WAR IS PEACE  
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY  
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH*

The 'Newspeak' of today does exactly the same thing, as anyone who frequents the alternative media easily discovers. Hence, if those among us who cherish our freedoms wish to preserve them, we had better be wide awake to any and all the continuing attempts to impose terminal limitations, or should I say, permanent termination, on them, all in the name of putative 'benefits, safety, and convenience.' If we don't, we shall have only ourselves to blame if legislators of various stripes succeed in imposing them on us by stealth.

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*See <https://brownstone.org/articles/has-orwells-1984-become-reality/>*

# Is Humanity in the ER?

## Carbon, Control, and the Machinery Behind the Calm Language

By BRONWYN HOLM

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Emergency rooms aren't chaotic; they're places where systems are overwhelmed and normal regulation has failed. Across energy, food, finance, data, health and governance, we are not facing apocalypse but systemic overload.

Tasmania shows this clearly. Through the Marinus Link project, it is being turned into a renewable "battery island", exporting electricity to Victoria and, ultimately, into regional markets. The deeper logic is export capacity. Tasmania's hydro, wind and land are being absorbed into an energy system feeding data centres, heavy industry and offshore demand, especially in

Southeast Asia. Singapore, short on land and energy but rich in financial and data infrastructure, becomes a key beneficiary. Tasmania bears the environmental cost; the financial return largely flows elsewhere.

This infrastructure relies on capital. Australia's major superannuation funds now treat energy projects as core assets, creating a closed loop where advisory, legal and governance roles circulate within the same networks. Returns to ordinary members remain diffuse and long-term, even as workers have carried compulsory contributions for decades with limited hardship access. Increasingly, super funds deploy capital offshore into large US infrastructure and energy projects—equity exposures supporting foreign growth, foreign jobs and foreign returns. The issue

is not legality but consent and understanding.

Energy is not the end goal. Data is. AI processing, digital identity systems, surveillance infrastructure and behavioural analytics require constant power, water and centralised control. A biometric society cannot run on backyard solar. As identity, payments, health records and compliance move fully digital, the system must be fed.

Data becomes behaviour. Behaviour becomes billing. Carbon accounting is emerging at the consumer level as platforms model spending, movement and consumption. Once behaviour is priced, it becomes controllable.

Banking data enrichment systems, biosecurity mandates and regulatory fog compound the overload. Overloaded populations are easier to manage.

If humanity is in the ER, the

**The response is rebuilding life where life works: soil, food, water, skills, local resilience and biological intelligence that require no permission, passwords or scoring. Healthy ecosystems do not need carbon accounting. Living systems do not require surveillance. You do not need to fight the machine. You need to starve it of relevance.**

answer is stabilisation. Carbon credits are symptoms of broken biological systems. When soil dies, food weakens; when food weakens, health collapses; control fills the vacuum.

The response is rebuilding life where life works: soil, food, water, skills, local resilience and biological intelligence that

require no permission, passwords or scoring. Healthy ecosystems do not need carbon accounting. Living systems do not require surveillance. You do not need to fight the machine. You need to starve it of relevance.

■ *See Bronwyn's Linktree at <https://linktr.ee/yourearthfood>*

# Banks To Choose What You Can Buy

## Report Reveals Structure for Financial Compliance

By ESCAPE KEY

Imagine that your payment for a product doesn't go through until a third party confirms that the item meets certain criteria. That could be your carbon footprint, social credit score, medical compliance, whatever. Not a voluntary check you choose to make, but a programmed condition built into the payment itself.

The infrastructure to make this work is being built right now by the world's most powerful financial institutions, and they are surprisingly explicit about it. It's no longer just pilots and prototypes; parts of this system are already operational.

On June 20, 2023, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) published its Annual Economic Report 2023, Chapter III (Blueprint for the future monetary system), proposing a unified ledger: a programmable financial market infrastructure combining central bank digital currencies, tokenised deposits, and tokenised real-world assets.

What they propose is a single programmable platform where tokenised money (central bank

digital currencies) and tokenised assets (carbon credits, digital product passports, securities) interact automatically. The BIS frames this not as one option among many, but as a fundamental design principle.

It said: 'Any application of the unified ledger concept should adhere to a number of high-level guiding principles. First and foremost, any application should be fully integrated with the two-tiered structure of the monetary system. In this way, the central bank could continue to support the singleness of money by providing settlement in wholesale CBDC, and the private sector could continue to innovate to the benefit of households and firms.'

This does not describe a possibility – it mandates an architecture. Control flows downward: the wholesale layer of international banking sets the rules and the retail layer enforces them.

This architecture has precedents. The 'positive money' movement has long advocated for central bank digital currency as the monetary base, removing commercial banks' ability to create



There will be restrictions on what we spend.

money through lending. Under positive money, the central bank becomes the sole issuer – CBDC isn't just settlement between banks, it's the actual currency.

The two-tier structure enables this; wholesale CBDC provides the monetary foundation; retail intermediaries execute transactions within that framework; commercial banks become service providers, not money creators.

The deeper parallel is to Technocracy Incorporated's 1930s proposal for energy certificates – centrally controlled units where economic access is mediated through programmable allocations. The concept was identical: replace market driven currency with a centrally managed system that can enforce conditions at the transaction level.

This is not ultimately about making payments faster. The

BIS explicitly states the goal is 'composability', meaning a carbon credential can automatically interact with a conditional payment without human intervention. The document specifically names 'green' (environment-related) financial contracts as a primary use case.

The BIS is surprisingly explicit: 'tokenisation – the process of recording claims on financial or real assets that exist on a traditional ledger on a programmable platform – introduces two important capabilities. First, by dispensing with messaging and the reliance on account managers to update records, it provides greater scope for composability, whereby several actions are bundled into one executable package. Second, it enables the contingent performance of actions through smart contracts, i.e. logical statements such as 'if, then, or else'.'

'The latter relates to establishing a programmed set of events (should transactions clear or not) involving the former. In short, it enables the flow of finance to be programmable: "if this action clears then honour this contract, otherwise the other one". At the retail level, that could be understood as "if the employer pays your monthly salary today, buy steak, otherwise buy chicken".'

But that's not all. On the unified ledger architecture, this is what the BIS had to say: 'The full benefits of tokenisation could be harnessed in a unified ledger... designed to be programmable so as to support contingent actions. A unified ledger transforms the way that intermediaries interact to serve end

users. Through programmability and the platform's ability to bundle transactions (composability), a unified ledger allows sequences of financial transactions to be automated and seamlessly integrated.'

The unified ledger further relates to the tokenisation of various asset classes (digitisation of all physical assets, eventually). These transactions initially relate to wholesale (interbank, not retail) transactions, but the scaling to retail is already baked into the pie.

The BIS says: 'For example, a payment between two individuals, executed via a smart contract, would bring together the users' banks (as providers of tokenised deposits) and the central bank (as provider of CBDC). Should the payment be *conditional on some real-world contingency*, that information would also be included.'

They are, in short, building the technical rails so that when you try to buy something, the payment system can automatically check its carbon passport and other credentials, and if it doesn't pass, the transaction doesn't complete.

Not as a theoretical future but as the stated design goal. The BIS explicitly describes payments that execute only when external conditions validate at the retail level. The Annual Economic Report 2023 is highly explosive and is well worth a read.

■ *Visit [www.bis.org/publ/arpdf/ar2023e.htm](http://www.bis.org/publ/arpdf/ar2023e.htm)*

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# National Curriculum Designed to Fuel Climate Anxiety Among Australian Children

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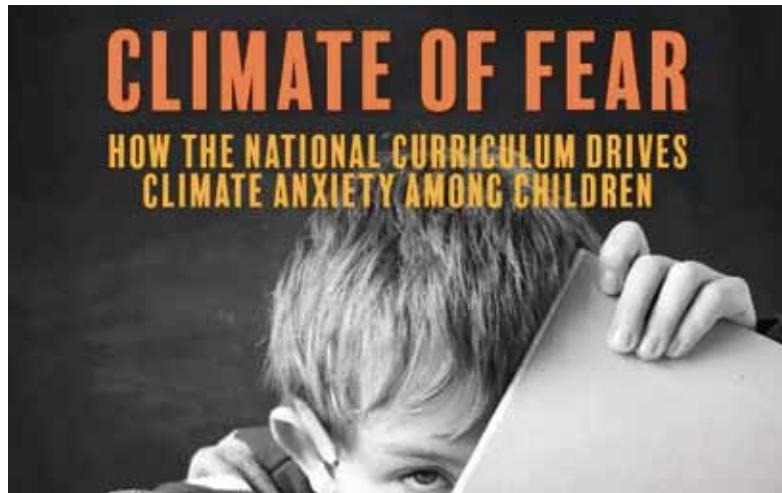
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■ *Colleen Harkin is the Director of IPA Schools Program and Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.*

“It is irrefutable that the National Curriculum has been designed to sow fear into the minds of children. We are creating a generation of Australians who are both academically underprepared and psychologically burdened by climate activism,” said Colleen Harkin, Director of the Institute of Public Affairs’ Schools Program.

Today, the IPA released a new report into the climate anxiety crisis afflicting young Australians, *Climate of Fear: How the National Curriculum Drives Climate Anxiety Among Children*. The research found:

- The National Curriculum is skewed towards ideological environmental instruction through the mandated cross-curriculum priority of sustainability.
- The sustainability cross-curriculum priority enables third-party providers, such as Cool. org, the World Wildlife Fund,



and the ABC’s Behind the News program, to disseminate a range of alarmist teaching materials.

- Emotionally charged lessons are being forced upon students as young as five years old, well before they possess the cognitive or emotional maturity to understand and process these issues.

“From the moment children enter the education system, they are taught to be anxious about the future of the planet and the climate,” Ms Harkin said.

Educational psychologist and

Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs, Clare Rowe, said she was deeply concerned by how early and how frequently children are being exposed to alarmist and emotionally charged climate messaging in primary schools.

“What this report clearly shows is that climate content is not being taught in small doses, nor in an age-appropriate way. It is embedded across the curriculum – in art, humanities, English, even into early literacy tasks – and much of the third-party material used by teachers is explicitly alarmist,” Ms Rowe said.

“We delay teaching children about war, terrorism, cancer, or adult political issues for a reason. We have guidelines for everything else – screen time, online safety, playground equipment, explicit content. Yet we have no guardrails around the emotional impact of climate education on young minds.”

While precious classroom time is dedicated to climate activism, NAPLAN results reveal a third of children in both grades 3 and 5 are failing to meet minimum expected benchmarks in literacy and numeracy.

“Urgent reforms are needed to safeguard both student wellbeing and academic integrity. This requires removing the Curriculum’s politically motivated cross-curriculum priorities, prioritising essential literacy and numeracy skills, and restoring subject integrity,” Ms Harkin said.

The IPA’s report highlights the serious public policy failure our education system has become. The report recommends:

- The sustainability cross-curriculum priority in the National Curriculum be abolished.

■ The introduction of emotionally charged topics be delayed until (at least) secondary school.

■ Climate-related instruction be confined to science classes at the appropriate year level to ensure subject integrity.

■ The introduction of national guidelines on age-appropriate environmental education.

■ Prioritising literacy and numeracy in class, as well as auditing non-core subject areas for ideological content.

“Exposing children to complex global problems and catastrophic scenarios before they have the emotional maturity or cognitive capacity to understand them risks long-term emotional harm,” Ms Harkin said.

“It is no wonder children are coming out of the school system as climate activists; our school system teaches them it is the only way to save not only their own lives but future generations.”

■ *Visit <https://ipa.org.au/>*

## Addiction: Cancer Of the Soul

### Take Back Control by Reaching Out for Help

By **HENRY WIDDAS**

A lot of self-help gurus fail to properly address one of the most destructive forces in the universe – something that possibly billions of us are facing each day.

Walking barefoot on the grass, creating goals and eating/sleeping well will not be able to cure those who are suffering with what is best described as a cancer of the soul. It has to be treated first. This cancer is also known as addiction – if you have never experienced it, then the odds are you are lying to yourself and are addicted right now and need to do something about it.

Caffeine, gambling, nicotine, pornography, doom scrolling, heroin, crack, and – arguably the most dangerous of them all – alcohol – can all lead to addiction. For those who have experienced it themselves or through a loved one, they will testify that it can rapidly turn a good person evil, drastically shorten lives, destroy the lives of others, and rip away our most

#### Some of the most common addictions

##### Are you addicted to any of these?

Nicotine	Caffeine	Food
Alcohol	Gambling	Shopping
Drugs	Internet	Porn
(illegal and prescription)	Social media	Video games

**Former addicts will tell you how their newly found freedom and the return of their self-respect were the most-treasured gains of breaking free**

valuable commodities: time, love, health and money.

It is interesting that something so fundamentally dangerous that affects so many is not talked about more often. Like with any health problem, an individual’s addiction sits on a spectrum, but the one common factor for those who are afflicted is that they are all heading

in the same direction – downwards.

Perhaps there is no quick-fix, one-size fits all solution to the problem, but one essential step to take is to admit there is an issue to be addressed. And there is hope for us all. For all the billions addicted, there are billions more who have broken free. And many will say the ending of their addiction brought

two unexpected gifts – even more valuable than the return of time, love, health and money.

They will tell you how their newly found freedom and the return of their self-respect were the most treasured gains of breaking free. There is help out there, so find out what works for you and go for it. The only thing we should be addicted to is taking steps towards quitting our addictions, if we have not already beaten them.

Being addicted is nothing to be ashamed of; nearly all of us are doing something each day or

week that we know is not good for us. So be open about it, discuss your addiction with close friends, family or anonymously. There is help out there to cure this most deadly of hidden mental problems.

Addiction is cancer of the soul, and it is within your power to defeat it. You must want it, believe it, and live it, then one day you will be free and look back at the nightmare and smile, knowing that it no longer holds power over you.

■ *This article first appeared in The Light UK, issue 63, page 21.*

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# The Uncensored Truth in Hobart

By COURAGE IS THE CURE

**Courage Is The Cure** is an independent Western Australian content creator.

Hobart local, Kate Eagles, was interviewed by Courage Is The Cure about volunteering as a Light Australia distributor and why she believes independent media matters more than ever.

Kate describes herself as "a former print journalist, one of the old-school types who believe that newspapers should take the part of the people, not be part of the propaganda." She says that background shaped her commitment to supporting independent media and staying

connected with her local community.

Her motivation to distribute the paper began "during and after the Covid pandemic," when she felt compelled to reach out to people who were "being pressured to get products to keep their jobs and feed their families." She says she was horrified that institutions such as government, mainstream media and the health system "could no longer be trusted," and wanted to encourage people to research information for themselves. "The Light Newspaper, with its quality articles, seemed to be the way to do it."

For Kate, the most rewarding part of volunteering is "talking to people" and offering perspectives



Kate Eagles (pictured)

she believes mainstream outlets ignore. On suitable days, she and a friend set up a small display near the Salamanca Markets, where they meet locals dealing with "the fallout from the products marketed as 'vaccines'" or those who "dodged the jabs" and stayed well.

Kate believes The Light offers "a different perspective" aligned with the values of "thinking Australians," and encourages others to get involved to help keep those conversations alive.

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# Stand Up Now Australia Seeks Accountability in A-CDC Powers

Stand Up Now Australia is a grassroots movement empowering everyday people to demand fairness, transparency, and genuine democratic participation through community-driven action and people-powered advocacy. Following are excerpts from their current A-CDC campaign:

On January 1, 2026, the Australian Centre for Disease Control began operation, centralising public-health power at the federal level with limited mechanisms for parliamentary oversight or public accountability.

The Australian Centre for Disease Control Act 2025

establishes a new statutory authority inside the Department of Health and Aged Care. It is presented as a coordinating body for pandemic response and "health protection".

Behind that language sits something entirely new: a permanent federal bureaucracy

with sweeping powers to collect, share and control health data, to partner with foreign bodies, and to override other laws without parliamentary oversight.

We call on Minister Mark Butler to:

1. Establish a standing Parliamentary Oversight Committee for the CDC.

2. Table and review all data-sharing declarations and international agreements.
3. Guarantee Australians' right to privacy and consent under the Privacy Act 1988 and all health-record legislation.

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# True Pearls: John Pilger (1939-2023)

By RICHARD HOUSE

**John Pilger (1939 - 2023)** was an Australian journalist, activist and award-winning documentary filmmaker. These are some of his most enduring words.

"The space for independent journalism has now all but closed, and independent journalists have gone to the internet, or to a metaphorical underground."

"It really grieves me that so many of my fellow journalists can be so manipulated that they become really what the French describe as functionaires, *functionaries*—not journalists."

"It is not enough for journalists to see themselves as mere messengers, without understanding the hidden agendas of the message and the myths that surround them."

"Secretive power loathes

journalists who do their job: who push back screens, peer behind façades, lift rocks. Opprobrium from on high is their badge of honour."

"Many journalists now are no more than channellers and echoers of what Orwell called 'the official truth'. They simply cipher and transmit lies. Some of Orwell's satirical writing looks like reality these days."

"Whenever a journalist says to me, 'I'm impartial, I'm objective,' I can decode it immediately. It means he channels the official truth."

"Be brave and stay brave. Defy the thought police. War is not peace, freedom is not slavery, ignorance is not strength."

"Real journalists act as agents of people, not power."

"The major Western democracies are moving towards corporatism. Democracy has

become a business plan, with a bottom line for every human activity, every dream, every decency, every hope."

"The main parliamentary parties are now devoted to the same economic policies and the same foreign policy of servility to endless war."



John Pilger (pictured)

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"Impartiality" and "objectivity" have been taken over. They now mean the establishment point of view."

"There isn't a war on terror, there is a war of terror."

"If Barack Obama had a theme at all, it was the renewal of America as a dominant, avaricious bully... Obama was one of the most violent U.S. presidents."

"Israel is the representative of the United States in the Middle East. Its policies are so integrated with American policies that they use the same language."

"In Ukraine, the U.S. is dragging us towards war with Russia. [quote from 2014]"

"Should the CIA stooge Guaidó and his white supremacists grab power, it will be the 68th overthrow of a sovereign government by the United States, most of them democracies."

"That both Assange and Snowden are fugitives is indicative of the retreat of liberal democracies from principles of freedom and justice."

"The British establishment has always used the passive voice. It's been a weapon of discourse so those who committed terrible acts in the old empire could not be identified."

"I suggest we look beyond this virus and ask how our current state of fear and its mass obedience will be exploited in future."

"I have never made the facts fit an agenda, unlike the corporate media. If I didn't annoy all the right people all the time, I'd be very upset."

"It's only when journalists realise they can't be both independent, honest journalists and agents of power, that things will begin to change."

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# Global Snapshot

## An Overview of International News

### AUSTRALIA: TERRORISM AT BONDI BEACH

On 14 December 2025, two gunmen, identified as father and son Sajid Akram and Naveed Akram, carried out a mass shooting at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, targeting a Hanukkah celebration of around 1,000 people. The attackers killed 15 people and injured dozens more. Authorities declared it an antisemitic attack inspired by Islamic State ideology. Police shot and killed Sajid at the scene while Naveed was critically injured and subsequently charged with 15 counts of murder. A heroic bystander Ahmed al-Ahmed, who disarmed one of the shooters (captured on video) was reported as recovering in hospital from five gunshot wounds. On 21 December 2025, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese was booed and heckled by a large crowd at a memorial vigil on Bondi Beach, and after weeks of pressure the government announced it would establish a Royal Commission (federal inquiry) into the incident.

### UK'S SOCIAL MEDIA GULAG

Luke Yarwood, a 36-year-old man from Dorset, UK, was sentenced to 18 months in prison on 17 December 2025, at Bournemouth Crown Court for posting on social media. He pleaded guilty to two counts of publishing anti-immigration comments on X related to a deadly car attack in December 2024 at a Christmas market in Magdeburg, Germany. These specific posts received only 33 views, and the UK court imposed an immediate prison sentence. The case has sparked further debate over free speech in the UK and Parliament has reported that around 30 people are arrested every day in the country for posting on social media.

### EPSTEIN FILES: BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!

On 19 December 2025, the U.S. Department of Justice partially released thousands of files related to its investigations into Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted sex offender who died in controversial circumstances in custody at a U.S. prison in 2019. The release follows the Epstein Files Transparency Act, signed by President Trump in November 2025, mandating full disclosure of all remaining unclassified materials. The release included previously unseen photos of Epstein with figures like former President Bill Clinton, Ghislaine Maxwell, Noam Chomsky, Michael Jackson, Kevin Spacey, Diana Ross, Chris Tucker, Walter Cronkite, Bill Gates, and others. Stay tuned as the US Justice Department reports it has over 5 million pages of Epstein files left to review.

### GAZA DEATH TOLL

The ongoing war between Israel and Hamas (the Gaza conflict) began on 7 October 2023 when Hamas militants launched attacks from Gaza into Israel, killing around 1,200 people (mostly civilians) and taking over 250 hostages. Israel responded with a large-scale military campaign in Gaza, though a fragile ceasefire took effect in October 2025 with U.S. involvement. As of mid-January 2026, reports indicate over 71,000 Palestinians have been killed and over 171,000 wounded since October 2023. Save The Children reports that over 20,000 Palestinian children have been killed by Israeli forces. On the Israeli side, around 1,200 were killed on 7 October 2023, plus several hundred more military and civilian deaths occurred during the ongoing conflict. The situation remains tense and ongoing violations of the ceasefire are reported in the media.

### THAILAND V CAMBODIA (BORDER WAR)

On 7 December 2025, renewed border clashes erupted (again) along the Thailand-Cambodia border, breaking a previous ceasefire brokered in July 2025. The December clash involved Thailand conducting airstrikes with both sides engaging in ground operations using artillery, rockets, and small arms. The conflict displaced over half a million people on both sides with various reports indicating over 100 soldiers and civilians had been killed. A fragile ceasefire was signed on 27 December 2025. The root cause of the conflict stems from longstanding territorial disputes over ancient temples and colonial-era border demarcations.

### VENEZUELA: MONROE DOCTRINE REBORN (DON-ROE DOCTRINE)

On 3 January 2026, the United States conducted a large-scale military intervention codenamed Operation Absolute Resolve against Venezuela. U.S. forces launched airstrikes on military and infrastructure targets in Venezuela involving over 150 aircraft. Delta Force captured President Nicolás Maduro, and his wife Cilia Flores, and they were flown to the U.S. to face charges of narco-terrorism and drug trafficking. Initial reports indicate around 40 Venezuelans killed and a few U.S. soldiers were injured. U.S. rationale includes drug trafficking networks and security threats by the Maduro government. Condemnations emerged from Cuba, Russia, China and Colombia while the intervention was welcomed by El Salvador and Argentina. Venezuelan opposition

leader María Corina Machado, a 2024 Nobel Peace Prize winner welcomed the U.S. military operation declaring, "*Venezuelans, the hour of freedom has arrived!*" Back in 1823 U.S. President James Monroe enacted a grand strategy (The Monroe Doctrine) to confront European expansionism in the Americas, with some pundits dubbing the recent Venezuela action being reborn as the 'Don-Roe Doctrine'.

### SWEDEN: TEENAGE GIRLS AND GRENADES

Sweden has experienced a long-running surge in gang-related violence including shootings, use of hand grenades and explosives, primarily linked to organised crime, drug trafficking and gang rivalries. These attacks involving bombs and grenades, have increased dramatically since the mid-2010s with hundreds of incidents annually, including over 30 bombings in January 2025 alone. Recently, some notable cases involved teenage girls (aged 14, 16 and 17) arrested for throwing grenades at houses of rival gang members. Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson acknowledged back in early 2025 that "*we do not have control over the wave of violence.*"

### TOMAHAWKS FOR CHRISTMAS: NIGERIAN AIRSTRIKES

On Christmas Day 2025, the United States military conducted airstrikes using Tomahawk missiles against suspected Islamic State (ISIS)-linked militant camps in northwestern Nigeria's Sokoto State. President Donald Trump announced the operation, describing it as a "*powerful and deadly strike*" against militants he accused of primarily targeting and killing Christians. The conflict has seen millions of Christians displaced, tens of thousands killed over the years - with over 7,000 reported killings in 2025 alone. The strikes were carried out in coordination with the Nigerian government which confirmed the operations was an international partnership in fighting terrorism.

### IRAN: CIVIL UNREST AND MEDIA BLACKOUT

In early January 2026, Iran experienced nationwide protests that began in December 2025. The protests were initially sparked by economic hardship and soaring inflation but soon escalated into widespread anti-government demonstrations across the country. Participants included merchants, students, workers, pensioners, and youth, with public protests chanting anti-regime slogans like "*Death to the Dictator.*" Security forces responded with repressive

tactics (tear gas, live ammunition, arrests) and the government enacted a media blackout. Reports indicate thousands of protesters have been killed (ranging up to over 30,000). In late January U.S. President Donald Trump announced that a "massive armada" (US Naval Fleet) is heading towards Iran with pundits predicting war and/or a possible regime change.

### GREENLAND AND THE COLD WAR

In January 2026, U.S. President Donald Trump re-announced plans to take control of Greenland - the massive Arctic island that's an autonomous territory of Denmark (a NATO ally). The reasons offered include national security, namely by preventing Russia and China from gaining influence of strategic shipping lanes in the Arctic and North Atlantic. Greenland also hosts the US Pituffik Space Base, an installation for missile warning and space monitoring. Resources are also a motivation as Greenland has vast untapped rare earth elements and critical minerals vital for technology and defense of which reducing dependence on China is a U.S. strategic priority. Trump has threatened military force, annexation, or economic pressure however, Denmark, Greenlanders, and European allies oppose any takeover, and this issue has strained NATO ties - stay tuned.

### MYANMAR: GENOCIDE CASE BEGINS

In January 2026, the UN's top court, the International Court of Justice began the trial of Myanmar, accused of violating the 1948 Genocide Convention. The case concerns allegations that Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya Muslim minority in Rakhine State (in Western Myanmar) particularly during the brutal 2017 military "clearance operations" involving mass killings, rapes, arson, and forced displacement of over 700,000 Rohingya to Bangladesh. The African nation (The Gambia), filed the case in 2019 alleging Myanmar demonstrated genocidal intent to destroy the Rohingya group in whole or in part. Myanmar rejected the claims as unsubstantiated. The case is widely seen as a significant test for international accountability in mass atrocity situations; however, a final ruling could take months or even years.

## Letters to the Editor



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Dear Editor,

Following many major events, the disinformation machine moves before facts are even known.

Suppression, outrage cycles, and algorithm-driven echo

chambers keep the public divided, distracted, and easy to manipulate. The manufactured "left vs right" divide acts as the greatest political decoy of our time, turning neighbours against each other while corruption, corporate power, and elite immunity continue unchecked. Most people want the same basic things: freedom, fairness, safety, stability. What we reject is censorship, double standards, and systems that protect the powerful while punishing everyone else.

Suppression always signals weakness. Disinformation

is the bait. And if you don't understand how this machinery

works, you'll keep falling for it.

Sincerely, Jayne, VIC.

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