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## From Surplus to Trillion-Dollar Debt Australia's Economic Reputation Squandered

By **STEVEN TRIPP**

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When Peter Costello left the Treasurer's Office in 2007, Australia was an economic standout. After inheriting a \$96 billion net debt "black hole" from Labor in 1996, the Howard-

Costello Government delivered ten surpluses from twelve budgets through relentless fiscal discipline. Line-by-line expenditure reviews forced ministers to justify every dollar as if it were their own, which

Costello recently recalled as an "enormous effort". Net Commonwealth debt was eliminated by 2006, saving billions in interest. Productivity surged, inflation remained low, and Australia

was the world's economic model. Two decades later, the contrast is damning. Federal gross debt has surged past \$1 trillion, with net debt now around 35-43% of GDP. *Continued on page 2.*



## Shane Warne & Australia's 20,000+ Excess Deaths

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## In Loving Memory of a WA Legend

From **The Light Australia (TLA) Team**

They say people come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Somehow, Paul Hilton was with us for all three, bringing a lifetime's worth of commitment to the few years we knew him, for one very specific reason: freedom.

Paul envisioned travelling Australia in a bus loaded with *TLA* newspapers and decked out with cover-page images, eager to share the uncensored truth. Whilst he found the perfect bus, life got in the way and Paul's epic plans were shelved.

Yet his desire to help—the driving force of his life—never wavered.

Paul pitched in at local and regional events, eager regardless of the task. He had a true gift for communicating and a genuine spirit of giving. Paul always carried love in his heart, and a jerry can of spare fuel in the boot—ready and willing to help.

We thank you, Paul.  
 Rest in peace.

Right: Paul Hilton.  
 Photo courtesy of Amy Holdsworth

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Australia entered the 2008 Global Financial Crisis with one of the lowest debt levels in the OECD, yet over the past decade its debt growth rate now ranks among the steepest. Revenue is at record highs, but expenditure has grown faster—outpacing inflation and population growth. Successive governments, Labor and Coalition alike, have embraced persistent deficits, stimulus, off-budget spending (NBN, Snowy Hydro 2.0), and creative accounting.

Peer nations tell a different story. Sweden and Denmark have stabilised or reduced their debt burdens since Covid, while Australia's continues climbing. Australia's per-capita debt load

has more than doubled in the past decade.

Government has swollen to its largest share of the economy since World War II, while alarmingly productivity has stalled and a growing share of Australians relies heavily on government payments and services.

The human cost is unmistakable. A full-time minimum-wage worker can afford just 0.5% of available rental properties. Electricity prices spiked 37% in the 12 months to February 2026 after rebates ended. Headline CPI inflation sits at 4.6% in the year to March 2026—well above the long-term 2.5% average.

Real disposable household incomes have suffered the steepest decline in the developed world, according to the OECD. Young

Australians face a far worse position than their parents did, burdened by debt that demands higher taxes.

*"It's heartbreaking," Costello lamented recently. "We worked so hard... We were strong. We were admired... Australia stood out." He warned that true intergenerational equity means living within our means—not loading future generations with debt and then raising taxes. "We lost our way. We lost the sense we could be special."*

In conclusion, Costello said, *"We have wonderful natural endowments. We could recover it. But gee, we've got to change direction."*

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## Small Business Smashed as Governments Lock Up Economic Opportunity Behind Costly Red Tape

IPA media release from  
**CIAN HUSSEY**

Date: 8 April 2026

■ *Cian Hussey is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.*

"Years of reckless government policies like net zero, rising energy costs, and red tape have smashed small business and shifted economic power increasingly towards big business and smothering entrepreneurialism," said Cian Hussey, Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

New research released today shows that the number of small businesses (employing between one and 19 people) in Australia has declined in each of the past three completed financial years. The analysis finds:

- There has been a net loss of nearly 33,500 small employing businesses since June 2022.

- In 2024-25, the negative business environment spread to medium-sized employers with counts of all categories of businesses employing less than 200 people declining.

"Economic power is increasingly being shifted away from family businesses and entrepreneurial young Australians and toward large corporates and foreign-based multinationals. This has been a deliberate economic strategy of our political and bureaucratic elites," said Mr Hussey.

"This is not only bad for our economy, but corrosive to our society and our way of life. Australia is supposed to be a country where you can start a small business and have a chance at creating some success for yourself and your family by working hard. But increasingly this

is out of reach. Our political class heap costs and pressures upon small business with little regard to the effect."

**The IPA analysis, based on data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, builds on previous research which found that 400,000 businesses were never created between 2005 and 2019 as a result of Australia's growing red tape burden.**

"Australia now has a small business crisis on two fronts: fewer new businesses are created as governments have destroyed the entrepreneurial spirit, and more businesses are closing, strangled in growing red tape and cost burdens."

**The analysis also highlights data from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission showing a spike in corporate insolvencies after the Albanese government was first elected in May 2022. In 2025, some 14,649 companies became insolvent. In February 2026 alone 1,260 companies became insolvent.**

"Small businesses have been smashed in recent years. In the months leading up to the Iran war, thousands of Australian businesses became insolvent. With sky-rocketing fuel prices and the prospect of fuel rationing, along with broader supply chain pressures, things are only going to get worse for small businesses in the coming weeks and months. Until governments adopt radical policies to slash the costs of running a small business, we are going to see even further entrenchment of economic power among large corporates and multinationals," said Mr Hussey.

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**RIP Paul Hilton**

# Australia's Fuel Crisis Was a Choice

By **GEORGE SR**

■ *George SR is a Brisbane writer, independent researcher, and Christian who stands for truth where institutions and commentators prefer silence.*

The country is running out of fuel. Not because of bad luck. Not because nobody saw it coming. Because the people trusted to protect us chose not to. They knew. They were warned. They chose this.

Hundreds of petrol stations are reporting outages. Diesel is the hardest hit. Farmers cannot get fuel during planting season. Tankers bound for Australia have been cancelled or diverted. Defence analysts have been calling our preparedness pathetically inadequate for over a decade. Supply disruptions are now threatening to push food prices higher. And one of our last two refineries, Viva Energy Geelong, caught fire in April and is running at reduced capacity.

The Prime Minister's response: cut the fuel excise for three months, lower fuel quality



Image courtesy of George SR

**Australia has breached its mandatory 90-day IEA fuel reserve obligation every year since 2012. Fourteen consecutive years. We are the only member nation on Earth that does not comply.**

standards so dirtier fuel can be sold to motorists, and release reserves Australia burns through in roughly a month. Then fly to Singapore to beg a city state a fraction of our size to keep selling us our own energy security.

In 2000, Australia had eight refineries. Six have since been closed under governments of both major parties, while every agency, every review, and every military exercise warned the loss would leave the nation strategically indefensible. They were warned. They proceeded anyway.

Australia has breached its mandatory 90-day IEA fuel reserve obligation every year since 2012. Fourteen consecutive years. We are the only member nation on Earth that does not comply. Nobody fixed it.

In 2002 we held over 300 days of reserves. Today we hold roughly 29 days of diesel.

This is not a crisis that arrived. It is a crisis that was built. And every last one of them knew.

# Mortgage Math No Longer Works

By **MICHAEL ARBON**

The average ordinary time earnings for full-time adults in Australia is \$106,657 per year.

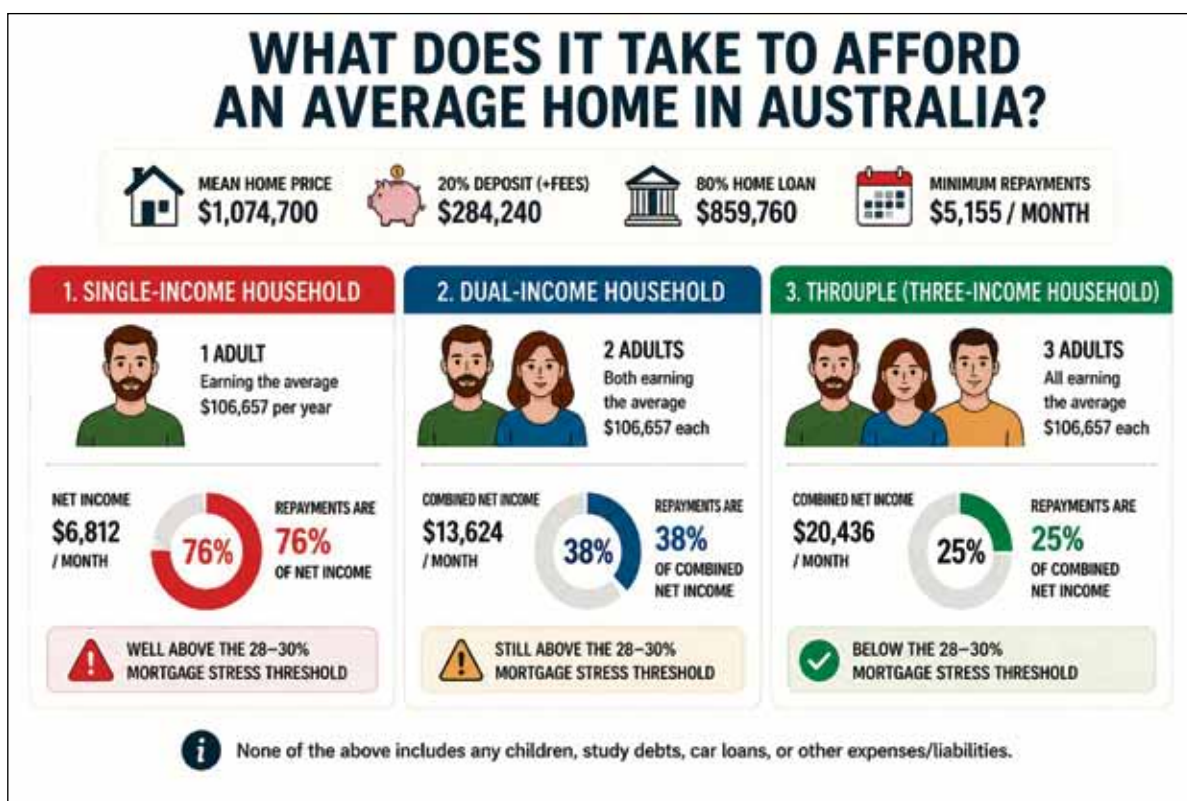
The mean price of a residential dwelling is \$1,074,700. A 20% deposit (+ fees) comes to \$284,240. An 80% home loan equals \$859,760. Minimum repayments on that loan are about \$5,155 per month.

The average net income is \$6,812 per month.

That means mortgage repayments alone consume 76% of net income and 63% of gross income.

Spending more than 28–30% of pre-tax income on a mortgage is generally considered 'mortgage stress'.

A bank is unlikely to approve



a borrowing request that exceeds 4–5 times gross income.

Run the same numbers for a dual-income household where both adults earn the average, and repayments still consume around 38% of combined income.

Only with three average incomes (a throuple) does the repayment ratio fall to roughly 25%.

And none of the above includes any children, study debts, car loans, or other expenses/liabilities.

Something has to give, and it must not be yet another round of taxpayer-funded, demand-side stimuli that inflates prices for the benefit of a small group of buyers (and all existing owners).

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# Australia's Supermarket Squeeze: Families and Suppliers Wear the Pain While Coles and Woolworths Hold the Power

**Editorial Update (14 May 2026):**

Since original publication the Federal Court has found Coles misled shoppers with non genuine discounts; the Woolworths case remains before the court.

By **ADMIN SUN AUSTRALIA**

Australians know the weekly grocery shop has changed—and not for the better.

The trolley that once fed a household for \$150 can now push well past \$200 without much effort. A few basics, some fruit, meat, bread, milk, cereal, cleaning products, and suddenly the total feels like a small financial event.

This is not just perception. It is backed by the numbers.

According to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, grocery prices in Australia rose **24% over the five years to 2025**. The ACCC said rising supplier costs were part of the story, but so too were expanding margins among major supermarkets.

For households already paying more for rent, mortgages, electricity and insurance, food inflation has become one more unavoidable hit.

And at the centre of it all sit Australia's two supermarket heavyweights—Coles Group and Woolworths Group.

## The Checkout Shock Is Real

Australians do not need an economist to tell them groceries cost more. They see it every week.

Official figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show food and non-alcoholic beverage prices were still **3.1% higher in the year to February 2026**. Some categories rose far faster:

- Beef and veal: **+13.5%**
- Lamb and goat: **+12.9%**
- Coffee, tea and cocoa: **+11.4%**
- Meat and seafood overall: **+4.5%**

So while headline inflation may be easing, the items people actually eat and drink are still marching upward.

That matters because groceries are not discretionary spending. Families can delay a holiday or cancel a streaming service. They cannot cancel dinner.

## What It Means for Real Households

A 24% rise in groceries over five years means a household spending \$250 a week on food in 2020 could now be spending around **\$310 for the same basket**, before even accounting for brand changes or reduced quality.

That is roughly **\$3,000 extra per year**.

For a family already stretched by mortgage increases or rent



The Old High Cost of Living by Clifford K. Berryman, 26 April 1920.

**The ACCC launched legal proceedings against Coles and Woolworths alleging misleading discount pricing practices affecting hundreds of products. The regulator claimed some items were temporarily increased in price before later being promoted as discounts, potentially misleading consumers about savings. Both companies denied wrongdoing.**

hikes, that money has to come from somewhere else:

- fewer takeaway meals
- cheaper brands
- less meat
- no treats
- postponed bills
- less savings

This is why supermarket prices spark such anger. People feel them immediately.

## Coles and Woolworths Dominate the Market

Australia's supermarket sector is heavily concentrated. Coles and Woolworths together hold the majority share of grocery sales nationally, which gives them enormous influence over pricing, promotions and supplier access.

The ACCC's supermarket inquiry described the sector as highly concentrated and said the major chains hold entrenched positions in many areas.

In plain English: for many suburbs and regional towns, shoppers are choosing between Coles and Woolworths, not between dozens of strong competitors.

That tends to be good for the sellers, less good for everyone else.

## Suppliers Are Being Squeezed Too

Households are not the only ones under pressure.

Farmers, growers and food manufacturers have been warning for years that dealing with the major chains can be brutal. If a supplier loses shelf space with Coles or Woolworths, it can be commercially devastating.

The ACCC's supermarket inquiry found many suppliers felt they had limited bargaining power, with concerns raised around fear of retribution, difficulty negotiating price increases, and dependence on access to major supermarket shelves.

Recent media reporting also highlighted increasing supplier cost pressures tied to freight, wages, energy and packaging, with producers seeking higher wholesale prices to remain viable.

That means many producers are trapped in a nasty equation:

- input costs rise
- supermarkets resist increases
- margins shrink
- viability suffers

Meanwhile, consumers still face higher shelf prices.

Someone in the middle is doing alright.

## The "Specials" Problem

Price pressure becomes even harder to swallow when shoppers question whether discounts are genuine.

The ACCC launched legal proceedings against Coles and Woolworths alleging misleading discount pricing practices affecting **hundreds of products**. The regulator claimed some items were temporarily increased in price before later being promoted as discounts, potentially misleading consumers about savings. Both companies denied wrongdoing.

For families relying on specials, that allegation cut deep.

Australians are not chasing yellow tickets for fun. They are trying to save enough money to cover school lunches, petrol or next week's power bill.

## Shoppers Are Adapting

Consumers are responding the only way they can: by becoming tougher, smarter and less loyal.

CHOICE's June 2025 grocery basket comparison found:

- ALDI Australia: **\$55.34**

- Coles: **\$56.75**

- Woolworths: **\$57.20**

- IGA: **\$65.56**

The difference between ALDI and Woolworths in that basket was modest, but over a year it adds up. Across larger family shops, those savings can become significant.

That is why Australians are:

- splitting shops across stores
- buying more home-brand goods
- comparing unit prices
- ditching brand loyalty
- cutting waste ruthlessly

## Why This Debate Is Only Growing

Supermarket pricing has become a political issue because everyone feels it.

When petrol rises, people notice. When power bills rise, they notice later. But when groceries rise, Australians get reminded every single week.

And when two dominant retailers keep holding the best cards in the game, public frustration is inevitable.

## The Big Two Keep Getting Bigger

While households trim spending, the major chains continue to generate enormous revenues.

Woolworths Group reported **\$67.9 billion in sales revenue** for FY2024, while Coles Group reported

**\$43.7 billion in revenue** for the same period. Both companies also remained profitable despite softer consumer spending conditions. (Company annual reports)

Those figures do not automatically mean wrongdoing. Large businesses make large numbers. But they do highlight why many Australians question whether enough competitive pressure exists when families are cutting basics while supermarket giants still deliver multi-billion-dollar turnovers.

Scale matters. So does market power.

## More Price Rises Could Be Coming

The pressure may not be over.

Recent supplier reporting and retailer commentary suggest fresh upward pressure remains in the system, particularly from:

- higher transport and logistics costs
- wage increases
- electricity and refrigeration expenses
- insurance premiums
- weather damage to crops
- global commodity volatility

In April 2026, industry commentary reported Coles, Woolworths and IGA suppliers warning of "hidden cost pressures" that could flow through to shelf prices later this year.

For households already stretched thin, the prospect of another round of grocery increases will land badly.

Australians understand that businesses need to make money. They understand droughts, floods, freight costs and global supply shocks.

What they struggle to accept is this:

- households are cutting back
- suppliers are under pressure
- trust in specials is damaged
- competition is limited
- yet the major players remain dominant

That is why the supermarket squeeze is no longer just about groceries.

It is about fairness—and right now, many Australians believe they are the ones paying for a system that works better for everyone above them in the chain than it does for the people at the checkout.

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# Protest Rules Tested, Freedom Grows

By **STUART CHAPMAN**

■ *Stuart Chapman has worked across a wide range of fields, including construction engineering, business ownership, property development, pastoral ministry, the military, teaching, and school leadership. He is married and has five children and six grandchildren.*



Stuart Chapman (pictured)

By early 2024, anti government protests had dwindled from the tens of thousands seen during COVID-19 restrictions to a few hundred participants. Despite this decline, I felt compelled to continue organising protests. My concerns centred on ongoing booster recommendations, unresolved legal matters, and the persistence of vaccination compliance requirements imposed by organisations such as Silver Chain as a condition of employment.

Protest organisers commonly applied for permits from the Western Australia Police Force (WAPOL) under the Public Order in Streets Act 1984. Although not always legally required, City of Perth by laws imposed separate fees of \$100 per person for holding signs or using amplified sound without a WAPOL permit. For any sizeable gathering, the cost became prohibitive.

To avoid this, I applied for a WAPOL permit. Unfortunately, I was met with conditions I considered unreasonable: bans on amplified sound, musical instruments, distributing leaflets to minors, and protesting outside Government House. One communication even stated that no amplified sound could be used to address participants or the public.

The only avenue to challenge these conditions was through the State Administrative Tribunal. However, WAPOL refused to process applications more than one month in advance, while Tribunal reviews typically took



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several months. This made timely challenges practically impossible and may explain why such conditions had never been tested previously.

I first challenged this procedural barrier. The Tribunal ultimately ordered WAPOL to accept applications three months ahead. I then pursued further applications, successfully overturning additional conditions in four separate matters.

At the same time, I tested enforcement by holding protests without permits. On several occasions, City Rangers called police, but when officers attended and assessed the situation, and took no action, noting the protests were peaceful and non obstructive.

Most recently, on Easter Saturday, I held a protest in the Perth CBD without any permits at all. Police observed. Rangers attended. No intervention occurred.

After years of refusals—more than 800 permit applications rejected—persistence has finally shifted the ground. The boundaries of protest regulation in Western Australia have been tested, and, in practice, a measure of freedom has been won.

## Spain Wants to Ban Social Media for Kids. It Won't Work. Australia's Experience Shows What Happens When Governments Play Online Parent

By **REEM IBRAHIM**

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“Social media is a failed state,” proclaimed Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez last week, before announcing plans to ban social media entirely for kids 15 years old and younger. “Today, our children are exposed to a space where they were never meant to navigate alone: a space of addiction, abuse, pornography, manipulation, and violence,” Sánchez said at the World Government Summit in Dubai. “We will no longer accept that. We will protect them from the digital Wild West.”

The ban still needs parliamentary approval, which could be discussed this week. It's unclear exactly what platforms would be covered by the ban, but in his speech, Sánchez was especially critical of X and TikTok.

If approved, Spain would become the first European nation to ban social media for minors, but it is unlikely to be the last. Greece will soon unveil a ban similar to Spain's, reports Reuters. The idea also has traction with a sizable coalition of the European Union, including France and Denmark,



A concerned citizen holding a sign opposing censorship in Australia.

and at the end of last year, the European Parliament passed a nonlegislative report urging the proposal of “a harmonised EU digital minimum age of 16 for access to social media.”

Despite the current political consensus that social media harms children, there is no conclusive evidence that this is the case. An Oxford University study of nearly 12,000 children showed no correlation between screen time (including on social media) and mental well-being. Even where the participants had high rates of digital engagement, there was no evidence of impaired function in

the brain development of children. Meanwhile, a study published in JAMA Pediatrics last month found that “moderate social media use” in fourth- through 12th-graders “was associated with the best well-being outcomes, while both no use and highest use were associated with poorer well-being.”

Not only are bans on social media unlikely to improve teen mental health, but they could put more children in harm's way. In Australia, which implemented the world's first social media ban for minors last year, teens have been able to circumvent the new heavy-handed social media laws. As 14-year-

old Sarai Ades told The Guardian earlier this month, she knew “circumventing the ban was going to be possible, but it was so much easier than we could have expected”.

After creating an account with a fake birthday, Ades has retained her social media access.

“Now that the platforms think I'm over 18 I have completely unfiltered access to all the content that might have been previously left out of my feed because of content restrictions,” she told the paper. “I definitely have more videos coming up on my feed around geopolitical instability and more violent coverage. It was really shocking at first and I wasn't at all prepared. Sometimes I set my own restrictions to avoid sensitive content because it gets a bit much.”

The ban has also taken away a critical source of community for Australians in rural areas.

For instance, 15-year-old Breanna Easton, who spends her summer holidays mustering cattle on the family's station in the sparsely populated outback, told the BBC that social media is how she interacts with her friends who live several hours away. “Taking away our socials is just taking away how we talk to each other,” she said.

Beyond the negative impacts on teens' mental health, overarching bans raise serious privacy issues. In Australia, the government has

said platforms cannot rely on users declaring their own age, or on parents vouching for their children. The legal responsibility for verification means that social media companies are effectively forced to require everyone to prove their identity with government IDs or video selfies. Measures like these have been susceptible to leaks of sensitive information. Last year, Discord revealed that hackers had stolen “at least” 70,000 images of government IDs that the site had used for age verification. In September, Politico reported that “an age verification provider is potentially leaking information about people visiting pornographic websites.”

It's not just Europe and Australia that are blaming the youth mental health crisis on social media and Big Tech. Several states in the Union have enacted bans or restrictions on social media sites. Last month, a landmark trial began in California to determine if Meta, Google, and ByteDance had deliberately designed their platforms to lead to addiction in children.

Sánchez says he wants to protect kids “from the digital Wild West.” If that's the case, a social media ban is a poor way to achieve this objective.

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# The Day the Earth Stood Still

## When Technocratic Science Fiction Invaded Climate Science

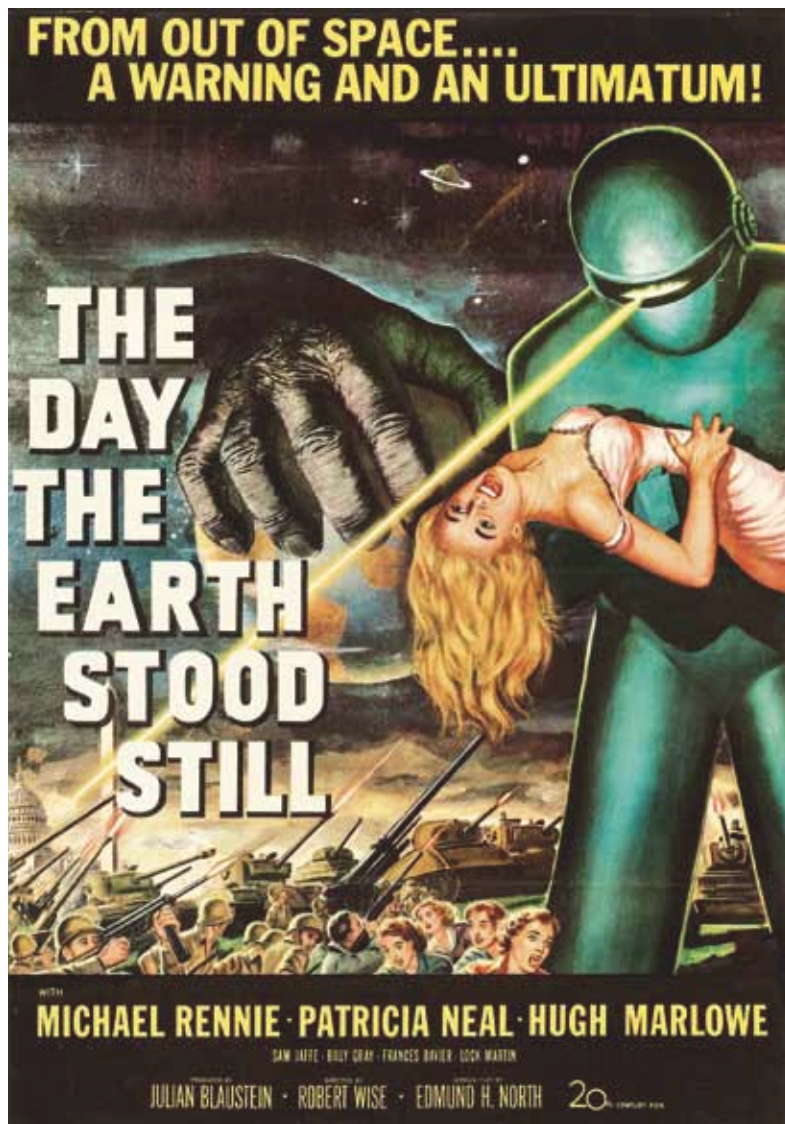
By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

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Make no mistake: the headline above is a metaphor from the 1951 sci-fi film, hereby applied to the modern climate scam and how, by the early 2000s, the earth's temperature embraced an inconvenient hiatus (a pause). The earth's temperature stood still, and the globalist technocrats were forced to switch their PR from global warming to climate change. Yes, the fear-mongering predictions of global incineration collapsed, and the sea levels remained the same, as did the earth's (alleged) melting ice caps. The polar bear population today is thriving, and the bears continue roaming the Arctic ice hunting seals as they did for centuries. The final nail of the climate-change coffin was Al Gore's mockumentary *An Inconvenient Truth* being inducted (metaphorically) into science fiction's hall of fame.

The original, *The Day the Earth Stood Still* is a classic however, and stars a humanoid alien named Klaatu and his powerful robot Gort who land their spaceship in Washington, D.C. They warn humanity to abandon the nuclear arms race or face destruction by an invading superior interstellar civilisation. It's all a tense 1950s parable about peace and fear born in the midst of the Cold War. **It's All About the Globalist Architecture — All Roads Lead to Rome**

These days the globalists remain clinging to their mantra—“the real enemy is humanity”—and I refer to the origins of the climate scam via the Club of Rome, a globalist think tank (with its highly selective membership from the political, corporate, and financial world). In 2018 they released “*The Climate Emergency Plan*” calling climate change an “*existential threat to humanity*”. This stems from a well-known passage in their 1991 report “*The First Global Revolution*” that discussed the need to find a “*common enemy*” to



Film poster: The Day The Earth Stood Still

foster their agenda. This particular passage states: “*In searching for a common enemy against whom we can unite, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill.*” The passage concludes with the famous quote, “*The real enemy then is humanity itself.*”

Thus “global warming” became the blueprint for industrial change—via the so-called greenhouse effect—where gases like CO<sub>2</sub> (0.04 percent of the atmosphere) and methane get trapped in the atmosphere (allegedly) cooking the planet. The ultimate goal is bringing in global carbon taxes, the 15-minute city, the social credit score, digital IDs, censorship and all the stuff Orwell long warned us about—essentially linking a carbon tax and trading scheme to itemised greenhouse emissions. Patrick Wood is a noted author and researcher who has long

**“I have said for years that Technocracy does not need a revolution. It needs infrastructure. Build the systems, control the data, manage the resources, administer the populations. Consent is not required. Ownership is not required. Elections are not required. What is required is control of the architecture.”**

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exposed this technocratic agenda—the hidden driver behind globalism and its resource-based economic system of control. Here in his article of 19 March 2026, “IMEC: Trump’s War With Iran Is About Global Trade. Period.” he sums up the methodology:

“I have said for years that

*Technocracy does not need a revolution. It needs infrastructure. Build the systems, control the data, manage the resources, administer the populations. Consent is not required. Ownership is not required. Elections are not required. What is required is control of the architecture.”*

### The Day Denmark Stood Still

Wood’s description of the globalist plan is indeed quite Orwellian (i.e.: a boot stamping on a human face forever) and fortunately this agenda has recently stalled. Any doubts about the insanity of this globalist agenda—one needs only to look at Denmark’s sci-fi remake, where in 2025 the Danish government made it compulsory to feed their cows ‘Bovaer’, a chemical additive to combat climate change by... (wait for it)—reducing cow farts. Danish farmers were threatened with heavy fines for non-compliance and upon feeding their livestock Bovaer they found their cows “poisoned”, suffering lower milk yields, sickness, fertility issues and even dying. Something is rotten in the state of Denmark, and thankfully Norway and Sweden, watching the debacle cancelled their own Bovaer mad-cow experiments.

Yes, in 2026 the climate-change agenda—the top-down, alarmist push for net zero transitions, massive subsidies, fossil fuel phase-outs, and international wealth transfers—is effectively dead in its previous form. Subsidised windmills bought from China and teenage Swedish gnomes sneering at us about their lost childhood won’t revive it. The era of climate change as a globalist crusade is over as the Trump administration gutted U.S. federal regulations, repealed the (Obama-era) CO<sub>2</sub> Environmental Protection Agency’s endangerment finding, withdrew from the Paris Agreement (again) and slashed “Green New Deal” funding. They also derailed the UN and International Maritime Organization’s carbon tax on shipping emissions in October 2025. Bill Gates, a proponent of cow-fart remedies must have seen the writing on the wall and a few weeks later scaled back his rhetoric saying, “*climate change will not lead to humanity’s demise.*” I can picture Gates (with that whiny voice) and wonder if he ever really feared the rupture of cow farts, especially now as they continue to defy the globalists by shooting laser beams of methane that echo across the Danish countryside.

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# Cancer Linked Contamination Lawsuits

By **COURAGE IS THE CURE**

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Three household brands—**Colgate, Starbucks and Chobani**—are now facing lawsuits in the United States over allegations that some of their products contain chemicals linked to increased cancer risk. While none of the claims have been proven in court, the cases highlight growing public concern about hidden contaminants in everyday consumer goods.

Colgate-Palmolive is confronting multiple class actions alleging that several children's toothpastes, including products in the *hello kids* range, contain elevated levels of lead and other heavy metals. Lead is a well established neurotoxin, and long term exposure is associated with developmental harm and increased

cancer risk. Regulators have not issued recalls, and Colgate denies wrongdoing, but the lawsuits argue parents were not warned about potential contamination.

Starbucks is facing a separate lawsuit claiming that its Decaf House Blend contains volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as benzene and methylene chloride—chemicals recognised by international health agencies as carcinogenic at sufficient exposure levels. The suit alleges independent testing found concentrations above recommended safety thresholds.



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Starbucks disputes the findings, and no court has determined whether the levels pose real world health risks.

Yoghurt maker Chobani is also under legal scrutiny after a class action alleged that its plain Greek yoghurts contain phthalates, plastic

derived chemicals that can leach from packaging. Some phthalates are classified as probable human carcinogens. The case centres on claims of misleading “natural ingredients” marketing rather than proven health harm, and a court has signalled it may dismiss the suit.

For Australian consumers, these cases are not distant issues. The specific Colgate toothpastes, Starbucks decaf products and Chobani yoghurts named in the lawsuits are all sold locally, meaning the outcomes may influence expectations around labelling, packaging and chemical disclosure in Australia as well.

Although unresolved, these cases reflect a broader shift: consumers are demanding transparency, and courts are being asked to decide how far companies must go to ensure safety and honesty in the products people use every day.

## AUSTRALIA SUES: Covid Vax Class Action Is Alive and Moving Forward

After three years the vaccine-injured have one of Sydney's top silks fighting for them and Dr Melissa McCann couldn't be happier

By **ALISON BEVEGE**

**Alison Bevege is an independent Australian journalist who previously wrote for News Ltd, Reuters and Daily Mail.**

Joy, hope, relief. Thousands of Covid vaccine-injured Australians have been given new strength today [24 April 2026] after the Federal Court of Australia discussed dates for their class action to proceed.

It has been a long road for the bereaved. They were pushed aside by the government at every turn, and they struggled with repeated submissions in their attempts to get justice through the courts since April 2023.

In April last year, Justice Anna Katzmann gave their crowd-funded class action one last chance to overhaul its pleadings with a new legal team.

Queensland GP Dr Melissa McCann re-invigorated the case with Dominic Villa SC, who represented the injured at their case-management hearing in Federal Court today before Justice Nicholas Owens.

The New Chambers barrister is the leading Sydney silk who helped Queensland police and ambulance staff challenge the Covid vaccine mandates in 2022, as reported here. And they won.



Dr Melissa McCann with Romen, injured by Pfizer, at the Law Courts Building in Sydney, 24 April 2026. Photo courtesy of Alison Bevege

In a brief, no-nonsense session, dates were discussed for the next court appearance: either for July 23 and 24, or, if that is not possible, September.

Hope and positivity radiated from Dr McCann outside the Law Courts Building on Friday, now the case is alive and moving after three years. “You can see everything’s been done properly and it’s a new beginning,” she said.

More than 2,500 people have signed on to the class action so far. Some have lost relatives and others

were maimed by taking the shots. The joy on the faces of the injured outside court said it all.

Romen Savesk, 39, who suffered heart damage after taking Pfizer’s Covid product was visibly relieved. “I’m fighting this,” he said.

Anthony Rose, 49, whose name headlines the case, braved a packed elevator up to room 19B, but like many he still struggles with his injuries and had to leave. Just getting there had been a victory for him, he nearly turned back twice. “It’s great to see the support,” he said.

The father-of-two from Sydney took one shot of Moderna’s mRNA vaccines on 8 October 2021 and suffered severe cognitive impairment, chronic fatigue, altered cardiac function and vision changes, among other problems.

Many of the injured were trying to watch the session via livestream, but it wasn’t working. High-profile cases including radio hosts Kyle Sandilands and Jackie O, and Hollywood star Rebel Wilson, were chewing up the attention, creating media chaos around the court.

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The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) says reports do not necessarily mean the product is responsible for the injury. This is true, but the voluntary system is also known to be under-reported, and the TGA does not investigate the reports to determine the cause. Many medical professionals acknowledge that the reported cases are just the tip of the iceberg.

The Federal Government pushed the novel gene-vaccines on the public during the Covid panic and gave the manufacturers indemnity, taking on the liability for any injuries.

It then restricted compensation to a narrow claims scheme, now closed, that only acknowledged 10 injuries out of hundreds of possible conditions. This excluded most of the injured from accessing the help they desperately needed.

Pfizer had told the TGA of more than 1,200 different conditions in people who had taken BNT162B2 Comirnaty across 1.3 million case reports that it received worldwide by 16 April 2022.

Australians injured by the poorly tested products were unable to raise the alarm during the Covid panic. Social media platforms used AI to censor them, and mainstream media refused to tell their stories for fear it would discourage others from taking the shots.

Doctors, threatened by AHPRA and the Medical Boards in a March 2021 directive, were often dismissive towards the injured. The Covid Vaccine Class Action is one way that people can help the injured and hold the government to account so that it doesn’t happen again.

**For more on this story, see Letters From Australia on Substack: [lettersfromaustralia.substack.com](http://lettersfromaustralia.substack.com)**

# AUSTRALIA'S EXCESS DEATHS: THE 20,000+ QUESTION

## Shane Warne and Australia's 20,000+ Excess Deaths

By **SCOTT JOHNSON**

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Jackson Warne, the son of the late Australian cricketer Shane Warne, recently discussed his father's death on the 2 *Worlds Collide* podcast hosted by Sam Bamford (12 April 2026). Shane Warne was Australia's legendary cricketer who died on 4 March 2022 at age 52 in Thailand—the official post-mortem attributing his death to heart disease. In the interview Jackson Warne expressed his belief the COVID-19 vaccine played a role in his father's death, "I definitely think that it [the vaccine] was involved. I don't even think saying that is controversial anymore. Even if dad had underlying health issues, I think this brought it straight to the surface."

Reflecting on first hearing of his father's death he stated, "My first impression, as soon as I hung up the phone—I instantly blamed the government. I instantly blamed Covid and the vaccine." Jackson Warne made numerous references to the 'acceleration issue' stating, "If dad had underlying health issues, maybe he was going to have a heart attack at 65, 70, but I think this just brought it all to the surface."

**The Acceleration Issue: "the vaccine accelerates coronary heart disease"**

This wasn't the first time that accusations emerged that Shane Warne's death was caused by the Covid jabs, and in June 2023 I conducted two interviews concerning his death. One was with renowned cardiologist Dr. Aseem Malhotra (from the UK) who stated he had examined Warne's medical records and the other was with Ed Dowd (from the US) a former BlackRock

executive who analysed the global excess-death rates associated with the vaccine rollouts. Dr. Malhotra confirmed that COVID-19 vaccines can accelerate heart conditions stating, "To be honest the evidence for heart disease progression and sudden cardiac death is just with 2 jabs. And Shane Warne, we know for sure, less than within 9 months of when he had his cardiac arrest, had 2 jabs. So, for me, that's more than enough information, especially with his post-mortem findings, which were publicised in the news, saying it was coronary artery disease as cause of death. So, for me, someone at that age, even though yet his lifestyle wasn't great, he was overweight, he smoked, we get all that, but he shouldn't be presenting with sudden cardiac death... and the vaccine accelerates coronary artery disease. So, let's say he had a bit of mild furring that may not have caused him a problem till he was 70-plus."

**The Primary Driver of his Death**

Dr. Malhotra had just gone public with this bombshell the day before and reiterated his medical opinion, "for me it's quite clear that at the very least the Covid mRNA vaccine was a contributory factor to Shane Warne's death. And at best or at worst, it's likely the primary driver of his death."

Ed Dowd—a self-described "Wall Street guy"—was at the time of the interview a financial advisor to Robert F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. He discussed his findings about the death rates that spiked globally with the vaccine rollout - with specific reference to Australia stating, "Australia is interesting. You had minus 2% in 2020. So, you had less deaths than normal. Then in 2021 you went up to 4%. In 2022 it's gone off the rails. It's at 16% for the total population."

**Australia's 20,000+ Excess Deaths**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics reported Australia's

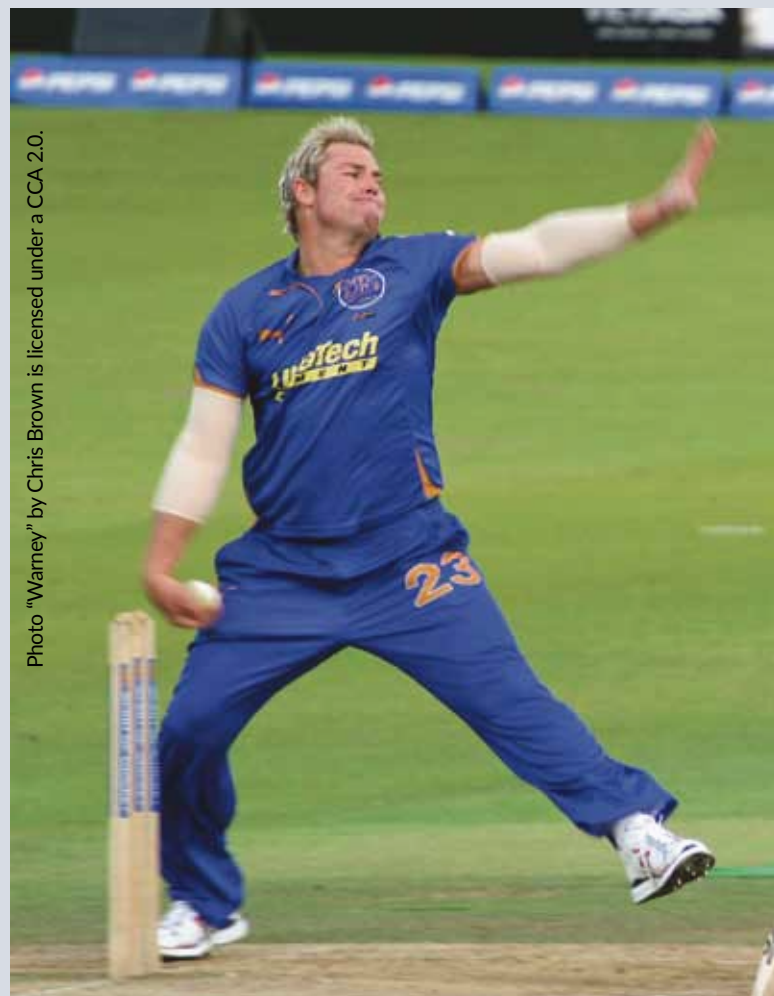


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excess mortality for 2022 was 11.7% above expected levels (nationwide) with specific highs of 18.4% in the Northern Territory. During the first eight months of 2022 excess mortality was reported at 14.1% higher than expected. The Actuaries Institute (the peak body for actuaries in Australia) reported a 12% increase in excess deaths for 2022 with a total figure of +20,200 deaths.

While the Australian media remains largely silent about these excess deaths, a few brave Senators raised this issue in the Australian Parliament—namely Senators Ralph Babet, Gerard Rennick, Malcolm Roberts, and Matt Canavan. The Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) claim today that only 14 deaths were caused by the COVID-19 vaccines—but this

in limbo, but Ed Dowd offered a glimmer of hope during his interview, stating, "There was a, someone I know on Wall Street who was a famous healthcare hedge-fund investor who said to a friend of mine in the summer of 2021, within 5 years Pfizer will be bankrupt for crimes against humanity. So smart people who know the deal are predicting that will happen. I think it will happen eventually, but it will take time."

**The First Domino?**

On 28 April 2026 former National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases employee and advisor to Anthony Fauci, Dr. David Morens, was indicted by the US Department of Justice for crimes relating to the origins of COVID-19. Specifically, he was charged with; *conspiracy against the United States; destruction, alteration, or falsification of records in federal investigations; concealment, removal, or mutilation of records; and aiding and abetting.* It is noted that US Senator Ron Johnson has referenced 38,607 deaths associated with Covid vaccines and long criticised government bodies of downplaying the risks of experimental vaccines. US Senator Rand Paul responded on X to the Morens arrest stating (30 April 2026) "Fauci is next." Thus, Dowd's five-year timeframe is upon us, and I'll conclude with his question he posed for the Australian public during his interview, "At the very least, what your health authorities did is a disaster and you need to ask questions."

■ *See YouTube: 2 Worlds Collide podcast 12 April 2026—Jackson Warne: This Is Why Australians Are Losing Trust In The Government.*

■ *See Rumble: Primary Driver and Shame the Yanks (Excess Deaths, Pfizer Knew, Shane Warne's Death)—interview with Dr. Aseem Malhotra and Ed Dowd on Scorpion Media Group's channel.*

figure is questionable, as we now know dying with Covid and dying from Covid are quite different issues and false positives from testing procedures are common. Australian journalist Alison Bevege reported that 35 Australians actually died the same day they got the jabs and that over 300 died within a week of getting the jab. Of the 20,000+ excess deaths in 2022 some 10,000 of these are claimed (by the Actuaries Institute) to be from Covid and some 2,900 are "related deaths"—but that still leaves some 7,000 unaccounted for and it begs the question: What did these 7,000 Australians die of?

**Dowd's Five-Year Timeframe for Justice (2026)**  
Overall accountability for the excess deaths and injuries from Covid vaccines seems to be mired

## Elon Musk Reveals COVID Vaccine Injury After Former Pfizer Official Admits Shots Likely Killed Tens of Thousands in Germany

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According to Sterz, the Paul Ehrlich Institute, Germany's regulatory and research institute for vaccines and biomedicines, has received 2,133 reports of death following Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.

He said, "These spontaneous reports likely have a high number of unreported cases due to underreporting. The true number is therefore much higher."

"In the U.S., it is assumed that there is an underreporting factor of 30 by which the registered cases would have to be multiplied. For Germany, this would

correspond to 60,000 deaths from the vaccination," Sterz said.

Sterz told the German commissioners that Pfizer's post-marketing report mentioned 1,200 suspected deaths within just two months of the shot's approval.

"At that point, Comirnaty should have been withdrawn from the market," Sterz said. **Pfizer skipped key safety studies due to 'time constraints'**

Sterz also testified that "due to time constraints," Pfizer didn't conduct vital safety checks on its COVID-19 vaccine before rolling it out to the public. For instance, the vaccine maker skipped carcinogenicity studies that would have examined whether the shots had cancer-causing properties. Pfizer also failed to study the vaccine's impact on pregnancy.

Sterz called for a new and independent scientific review of the COVID-19 vaccines' long-term effects. "We need proper independent safety studies to understand what really happened. Without full transparency, people will not trust the conclusions," he said, according to GB News.

He said the high number of negative side effects associated with the vaccines warrants pausing them, and other vaccines that use similar technology, until independent studies show they are safe.

**"Deeply disturbing is an understatement"**

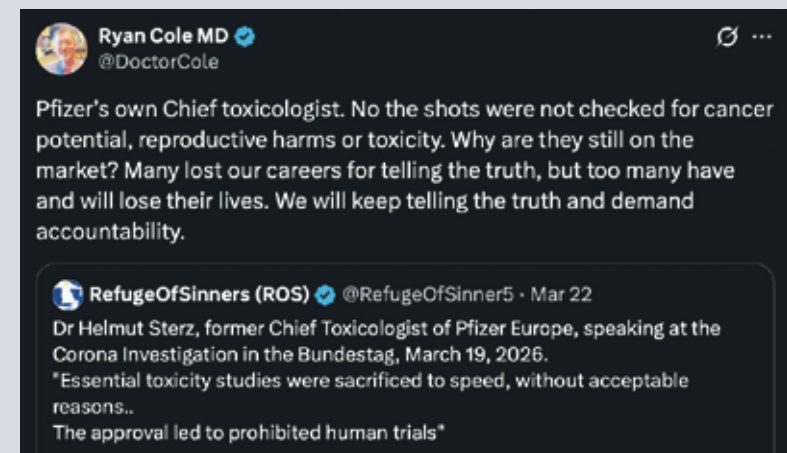
Many Germans who were injured by the COVID-19 shot have difficulty getting compensation in court for pain and suffering because the courts maintain that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has a positive risk-benefit ratio, according to one commissioner who asked questions during the inquiry.

The commissioner asked Sterz if the benefits of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine seem to outweigh the risks. Sterz said no.

According to Sterz, the mathematician Robert Rockenfeller, Ph.D., from the



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University of Koblenz, estimates there are 25 severe side effects from Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for one severe course of COVID-19 infection that the shot allegedly prevented.

Commenting on Sterz's testimony, Dr. Aseem Malhotra, a prominent British cardiologist and public health campaigner, wrote on X, "Deeply disturbing is an understatement."

Dr. Ryan Cole, head of medical and scientific affairs for the Independent Medical Alliance, a national coalition representing more than 12,000 independent physicians and clinicians, asked why the COVID-19 vaccines are still on the market.

Peter Imanuelson, a Swedish journalist and political

commentator, posted on X that Sterz's remarks should be headline news everywhere. Musk's comments that went viral included a repost of Imanuelson's post.

**Over 39,000 deaths following COVID vaccination reported to VAERS**  
As of Feb. 27, there were 39,050 deaths following COVID-19 vaccination reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), according to OpenVAERS.

Of those, 24,586 deaths were following Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. The true number of deaths following COVID-19 vaccination is likely much higher, given that a 2011 Harvard report found that less than 1% of all adverse events were reported to VAERS. Federal health officials knew that the statistical tool they relied on to look for COVID-19 vaccination safety signals in VAERS was "mostly useless," according to internal documents obtained last month by Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) and analyzed by scientists at Children's Health Defense.

On March 11, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) launched a new vaccine injury tracking system that the agency said will increase efficiency and transparency.

The Adverse Event Monitoring System, which merges the FDA's previously separate adverse event reporting systems for drugs, vaccines and other products, aims to provide the public with real-time data for the first time. However, some critics told The Defender the new database does little to solve long-standing problems with the federal government's follow-up and verification of adverse event reports.

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# Silence The Doctors, Harm the Children?

## When Ethics Becomes Dissent

By **KARA THOMAS AND DR ANDREW MCINTYRE**

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Medicine was never meant to follow ideology. It was meant to follow evidence, ethics, and the simple promise: first, do no harm. Yet across Australia, many doctors and nurses now feel that promise is under threat, not from a lack of science, but from a culture where questioning policy can cost you your career.

In a national survey of more than 18,000 health professionals, almost all respondents said medicine has become politicised, and most do not feel safe engaging in good-faith, evidence-based debate. That should concern every Australian. When clinicians are afraid to question policy guidelines, medicine stops being science. It becomes compliance.

Regulators exist to protect patients. But increasingly, practitioners see a shift away from investigating unsafe clinical care toward policing professional speech and government guidelines. The regulatory action against



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Queensland psychiatrist Dr Andrew Amos, and concerns raised in cases involving clinicians such as Dr Jillian Spencer, reflect a system that appears to punish debate, even where no clinical patient harm is alleged.

This matters because science

depends on disagreement. Without open debate, evidence cannot evolve, mistakes cannot be corrected, and patient safety suffers. When regulators begin deciding which views are acceptable, they risk replacing scientific evidence with political ideology.

History offers a warning. Medicine is not immune to political capture. The erosion of ethical safeguards has never begun with atrocities; it begins with conformity. When dissent is discouraged and professional judgement is sidelined, medicine drifts from asking, "Is this in the patient's best interests?" to asking, "Does this align with public health policy?" That shift is dangerous.

This concern is not theoretical. Internationally, major reviews are now questioning the evidence base for medical interventions in gender-distressed minors. The UK's Cass Review found the evidence for puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to be weak and uncertain, leading to restrictions while further research is undertaken. These treatments carry serious risks, including infertility, sexual dysfunction, bone density loss and impacts on brain development.

Children deserve compassion. But they also deserve caution. They cannot fully grasp lifelong consequences, and medicine has always recognised the need for stricter safeguards in treating minors. Yet clinicians raising these concerns are increasingly investigated, punished or publicly criticised for doing so, in what seems to be actions designed to silence dissent.

Suppressing debate does not build public trust, it creates the illusion of safety. A manufactured consensus allows policymakers, bureaucrats and activists to claim the science is settled, while those

who question it are too afraid to speak. That is not medicine. It is coercive control.

The Hippocratic duty is not to follow political ideology. It is to protect patients. That means questioning evidence, challenging assumptions, and speaking up for safety when harm is possible.

This is not dissent for its own sake. It is the foundation of ethical evidence-based care.

At the same time, serious concerns about patient harm in other areas of the health system continue to emerge, sometimes with limited regulatory action. If resources are diverted toward policing speech instead of investigating clinical risk, the system begins protecting itself rather than the public.

Doctors and nurses who speak out are not the problem. They are the warning system. The canary in the coal mine.

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# Mercy – When Machines Decide

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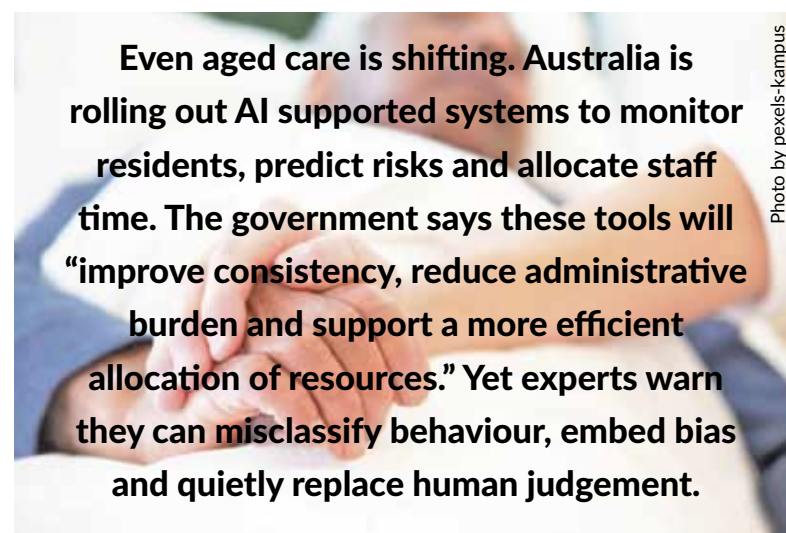
A man is strapped into a chair. An artificial intelligence is about to decide whether he lives or dies. No judge. No jury. No human voice. Only an automated system built to remove bias and emotion—pure logic, pure efficiency. At least, that was the promise.

The film *Mercy* shows what happens when justice becomes a calculation. Evidence is processed, probabilities assigned, outcomes delivered. But the system breaks the moment it meets ambiguity—when truth has more than one shape, when a life cannot be reduced to data. The man survives not because the machine is wise, but because he understands



something it cannot: human life is complicated. Fairness without judgement becomes something else entirely. Perfectly unforgiving.

The film is fiction, but the direction of modern systems is not. Across the world, decisions once made by people are now handed to automated processes. Bank accounts



**Even aged care is shifting. Australia is rolling out AI supported systems to monitor residents, predict risks and allocate staff time. The government says these tools will "improve consistency, reduce administrative burden and support a more efficient allocation of resources." Yet experts warn they can misclassify behaviour, embed bias and quietly replace human judgement.**

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freeze when algorithms detect "risk". Insurance claims fail because a form doesn't validate. Compliance systems issue penalties because a data field triggers a response.

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time. The government says these tools will "improve consistency, reduce administrative burden, and support a more efficient allocation of resources." Yet experts warn they can misclassify behaviour, embed bias, and quietly replace human judgement. Efficiency sounds reassuring, but what happens when

a system built for optimisation meets a human being who doesn't fit the pattern.

Artificial intelligence accelerates this transformation. Machines can analyse patterns at extraordinary speed, but they cannot recognise something civilisation has always depended on: mercy.

Civilisations survive through living systems—soil, food, families, communities. When institutions become rigid, it is the living world that keeps continuity alive. History shows that when large systems fail, survival comes from those who still hold practical knowledge: farmers who grow food, families who care for one another, communities who steward land, seed, and water. Machines can enforce rules, but they cannot nurture life. That work has always belonged to people who keep tending the soil and each other.

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# On The Road with Cafe Locked Out

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Cafe Locked Out (CLO) is on the road again—well, actually, they live permanently on the road—traveling and sleeping in a bus called “Florence” while capturing Australian stories across the country.

CLO is an Australian independent media platform and podcast community founded by Melbourne-based playwright

Michael Gray Griffith. CLO emerged during the COVID-19 era after Griffith was cancelled by the theatre industry for refusing to segregate audiences based on Covid vaccination status, which he called a “cancer” on society’s soul.

The project records uncensored stories and interviews with people—many from the “Freedom Tribe”—who felt silenced by mainstream narratives, censorship and the Covid era mandates. It has grown into a hub for free-speech advocates, collaborating with various podcasters, reaching millions via social media and live shows.

Recently he and his partner (and co-worker) Kelli hit Western Australia, and I caught up with

them in suburban Perth where they and videographer Max Freedom were interviewing a local, Colin Holly.

Colin is a 70-plus-year-old self-proclaimed Freedom Fighter who first met Michael at Camp Epic in 2022, when tens of thousands of Aussies descended on Parliament House in Canberra protesting the Covid mandates. Colin, an Aussie larrikin by nature, had numerous stories filled with a range of humorous expletives reserved for the authorities who were responsible for pushing the un-Australian mandates on the population.

■ *For more on Cafe Locked Out and Michael’s book Goodbye Road, visit <https://cafelockedout.com/>*



Above: Kelli and Florence, the bus.

Below left: (pictured left to right) Max Freedom, Colin, Kelli and Michael Gray Griffith. Courtesy of SCORPION MEDIA GROUP.

Below right: Michael Gray Griffith and Florence, the bus.



# True Pearls: Mark Twain 1835 - 1910

By **RICHARD HOUSE**

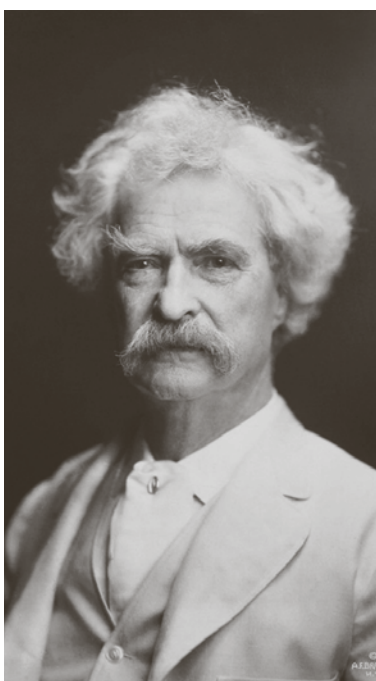
**Mark Twain, 1835–1910**  
American essayist and humourist

**Note:** it is notoriously difficult to ascertain whether quotations commonly attributed to the great Mark Twain did indeed originate from him. We’ve done our best here to ensure that the quotations below are indeed his own, and not erroneously attributed.

- How easy it is to make people believe a lie, and how hard it is to undo that work again!
- If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.
- The truth hurts, but silence kills.
- It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.
- The trouble with the world is

not that people know too little; it’s that they know so many things that just aren’t so.

- Just because you’re taught that something’s right and everyone believes it’s right, it doesn’t make it right.
- We have the best government that money can buy.
- Reader, suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself.
- No man’s life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
- I was educated once – it took me years to get over it.
- I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
- If you want to change the future, you must change what



Mark Twain (pictured)

you’re doing in the present.

- Irreverence is the champion of liberty and its only sure defence.
- If ignorance is bliss, why isn’t the world happier?
- If you have no will to change it, you have no right to criticise it.
- There are laws to protect the freedom of the press’s speech, but none that are worth anything to protect the people from the press.
- We regret the things we don’t do more than the things we do.
- An open mind leaves a chance for someone to drop a worthwhile thought in it.
- It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool, than to open it and remove all doubt.
- If we were meant to talk more

than listen, we would have two mouths and one ear.

- Never miss an opportunity to shut up.
- In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.
- Don’t dream your life, but live your dream.
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# inTRANSigence: Gender Ideology, Social Contagion, And the Scandal of Youth Gender Medicine

A book review by  
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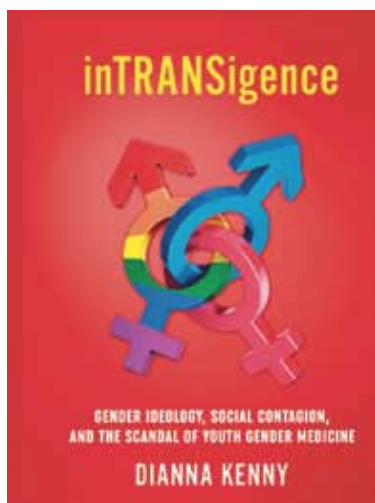
For the first time, in the 2016 census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) included a question on gender diversity. It reported that 1,260 people in Australia identified as "sex and/or gender-diverse," of whom 240 stated that they were transgender (0.0000098% of the population).

Fast-forward 10 years, and we have what can only be described as a social pandemic of young people declaring themselves transgender. In the 2022 ABS census, 178,900 Australians aged 16 years and over (0.9% of the population) identified

as transgender or gender-diverse: 0.3% (n= 67,100) as trans men, 0.3% (n=52,500) as trans women, and 0.3% (n=58,500) as non-binary. Young people aged 16–24 years had the highest proportion (1.8%) of trans or gender-diverse identifying groups partitioned by age.

There is very strong evidence in other fields of adolescent medicine that social contagion is an empirical determinant in youth suicide, non-suicidal self-harm, eating disorders, juvenile delinquency, and drug use. However, the trans lobby categorically denies its existence and refuses to countenance social contagion as explanatory in the staggering increases in numbers of young people declaring themselves transgender and demanding irreversible medical and surgical gender transition, demands with which a sycophantic medical profession is only too willing to comply.

The transgender propaganda machine has been spectacularly effective in infecting not only young people with a fatally flawed and fallacious gender ideology that states that you can be born in the



wrong body, and that men can be women and women can be men, but which has also infiltrated our social, legal, medical, political, and educational institutions responsible for the care and protection of children.

The wokeism of gender ideology endorses policies of extreme political correctness, viciously silences dissenting voices, engages in cancel culture, and even criminal

prosecution of braver souls who continue to state the obvious scientifically true facts—for example, that sex is dimorphic, that you cannot change sex, and that transwomen are not women.

Gender ideology has colonised purportedly intelligent minds—including those that have passed nonsensical conversion-therapy ban legislation and charged people with the crime of vilification for using terms like social contagion and rapid-onset gender dysphoria or stating that men cannot give birth or breastfeed. Children can be removed from parents who "misgender" them or use their "deadname."

We have travelled back to George Orwell's 1984 which describes with chilling irony a dystopian world based on totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and the repressive regimentation of the population. It is time to call out gender politics. Will you join me?

■ *For a deeper analysis of youth gender medicine, see my book inTRANSigence: Gender Ideology, Social Contagion, and the Scandal of Youth Gender Medicine, available at <https://www.amazon.com.au/dp/B0FP8LWT6B>*

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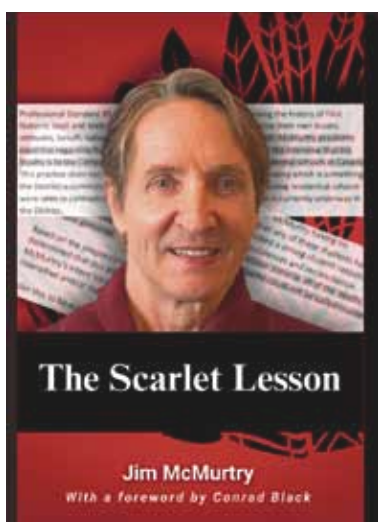
## The Day Kamloops Hysteria Ended My Teaching Career

**Editorial Update:** The following piece is an adaptation from Jim McMurtry's book *The Scarlet Lesson*. It has been condensed for publication, but the author's views, tone, and factual claims remain unchanged.

By **JIM MCMURTRY**

■ *Jim McMurtry is an award-winning teacher and former principal from Surrey, B.C. He is the son of a teacher and a chief justice, the husband of a high-school vice-principal, and the father of three lawyers, with five young grandchildren. He lost his job in Abbotsford in 2021 for speaking off-script during Peak Woke, and has since refused to be cancelled, building a large following on X. His work now focuses on restoring academic values in schools, beginning with the right to speak freely.*

On May 31, 2021, while I was teaching at a Canadian high school, news spread feverishly among students and across the country about the supposed discovery of



the "remains" of 215 children in a "mass grave" at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. After the morning bell, the principal used the PA system to instruct teachers to halt regular lessons and address the disturbing reports.

It was a math class, and several students were bored or indifferent to my historical explanation. One girl said the schools represented "cultural genocide." I agreed that

Western-style schooling became mandatory for Indigenous children after 1920, with roughly one third attending residential schools, another third day schools, and the rest receiving no education at all.

The discussion seemed ordinary—some students engaged, others on their phones—until one student, flushed with anger, reacted to my comment that most children who died while enrolled in residential schools succumbed to disease. She insisted the Christian staff at Kamloops—Oblate priests, brothers, and Sisters of St. Ann—were "murderers who tortured students to death by leaving them out in the snow." I replied that no murder had ever been established

in any Indian Residential School in Canadian history. Within minutes, two male administrators entered, ordered me to gather my things, and escorted me out in front of my class. Walking to my car, I sensed my career was over. My offence was questioning the false narrative of mass murder on a day when most of the school wore orange shirts, wristbands, and even face paint.

The country was in the grip of a performative ritual of remorse. The Liberal government later lowered the national flag for half a year, MPs unanimously declared Canada a genocidal state, and Parliament adopted UNDRIP—all enabling Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other woke politicians to posture

as saviours of an oppressed group.

Outside my classroom, students produced murals and posters; others wandered the halls with a self-righteous air, glaring at me as if I were an enemy. Progressive DEI driven schools seemed to be manufacturing young, gullible, orange-shirted Social Justice Warriors in imitation of Hitler's brownshirts. I recall a group of affluent, shiny-dressed mean girl types lingering outside my door, torn between indignation and the thrill of skipping class, eventually roaming the corridors like a street gang.

The atmosphere felt surreal and orchestrated. How had everyone known to dress in orange? How were posters ready so quickly? I later learned the district had spent the previous Friday preparing principals to turn schools into wailing walls for Monday. Two full school days were devoted to pantomime born of fake news—all in the name of Truth and Reconciliation.

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# Global Snapshot

## An Overview of International News



### AUSTRALIA: AIRPORT ARREST OF WAR HERO

Ben Roberts-Smith is Australia's most decorated living soldier and a Victoria Cross recipient who was arrested on 7 April 2026 by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) at Sydney Airport. The 47-year-old former SAS corporal was arrested in front of his family and charged with war crimes that allegedly occurred between 2009 and 2012. Roberts-Smith remains on bail and called his arrest a "deliberate, sensational" and "an unnecessary spectacle". This coincided with the AFP releasing footage of the arrest to the media and allegations they tipped off media outlets to his arrest. It is noted that former commando Heston Russell of 2nd Commando Regiment successfully sued the ABC in 2023 for fabricating evidence against him by adding five extra gunshots to footage, making it appear as if he was shooting at unarmed Afghans. Federal Court Justice Michael Lee ruled the ABC reports were defamatory and awarded Russell \$390,000 plus court costs.

### MYTH-BUSTING BIGFOOT?

Myth-busting information was recently recirculated in 2026 regarding the existence of the legendary Bigfoot or Sasquatch. Back in 1976, Oregon's Bigfoot Information Center sent the FBI around 15 hairs attached to skin that was suspected to be from the famous creature in hopes to prove its existence. The FBI's lab had analysed the samples in 1977, concluding the hairs were from the deer family and not an unknown creature. This information came from a 22-page declassified FBI report that was first publicly released in 2019.

### TRUMP ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

On 25 April 2026, a high-stakes assassination attempt occurred during the White House Correspondents' Dinner at the Washington Hilton. The suspect, 31-year-old Cole Tomas Allen, bypassed security checkpoints near the ballroom armed with a shotgun, pistol, and knives. As Allen tried storming into the event a gunshot was fired striking a Secret Service agent in his ballistic vest. Agents immediately swarmed the suspect and evacuated President Trump, who was seated at the head table. Trump was unharmed, though the event descended into chaos as 2,600 guests sought cover. Allen was arrested and later charged with attempted assassination.

### LYME DISEASE & (CIA) OPERATION MONGOOSE

Dr. Robert Malone—physician, biochemist, and scientist known for his early contributions to mRNA technology—alleges that the CIA and U.S. military bioweapons programs during the Cold War contributed to the emergence of Lyme disease. He cites declassified documents showing 1960s experiments releasing over 282,000 radioactive lone star ticks in Virginia along bird migration routes as part of Project 112 (a biological weapons program by the U.S. Dept. of Defense) involving insect-vector research. Malone links this to open-air tick studies at Plum Island Animal Disease Center, near Lyme, Connecticut, where the disease was first identified in the 1970s. He suggests accidental escape or spread of infected ticks from these programs, possibly tied to CIA efforts like *Operation Mongoose* using ticks as biological warfare against Castro's Cuba.

### CHINESE BIO-SMUGGLER USED WOMAN'S UNDERWEAR

On 7 April 2026, a 32-year-old Chinese citizen named Youhuang Xiang and former biology researcher at Indiana University, USA, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana having pleaded guilty to smuggling biologic materials (E. coli plasmid DNA) into the U.S. from China. The materials were concealed in a package falsely labelled as women's underwear and shipped to his residence. Xiang received over four months in prison, a \$500 fine, was placed on supervised release and ordered to be deported. The Court noted he had also lied to immigration authorities about his Chinese Communist Party membership.

### IRAN EXECUTIONS

As of late-April 2026, Iran continues executing civilians related to the January 2026 anti-government protests and the ongoing war with Israel and the U.S. *Time Magazine* reported as many as 30,000 were possibly killed in January 2026 alone. Amnesty International reports that in 2025 authorities carried out at least 2,000 executions, many conducted by hanging. In early 2026, hundreds more have been reported with a sharp increase in political executions of protesters and dissidents. Recent cases include public hangings of teenage Olympic wrestler Saleh Mohammadi and others in March 2026, plus

executions of demonstrators like 18-year-old Amir Hossein Hatami in April 2026.

### MYSTERIOUS DEATHS & DISAPPEARANCES OF NUKE/AEROSPACE SCIENTISTS

Reports of mysterious disappearances and deaths among nuclear and aerospace scientists have surged in the U.S. since mid-2024, sparking national security concerns and media speculation. Between 8–12 individuals linked to sensitive programs have vanished or died under puzzling circumstances. Cases include former Los Alamos employee Anthony Chavez disappearing during a walk in May 2025; aerospace engineer Monica Reza vanishing on a hiking trail in June 2025. Others involve unexplained deaths or shootings of experts in nuclear fusion, astrophysics and classified defence projects, including a retired Air Force Major General William McCasland tied to advanced research, who vanished from his home. The clustering around nuclear and space programs has fuelled theories of specific targeting and espionage with President Trump stating in April 2026 that the FBI is investigating.

### CIVIL COURT CASE AGAINST GATES, BOURLA (PFIZER) & DUTCH GOVERNMENT

Update: The civil lawsuit filed in 2023 in the Leeuwarden District Court by seven Dutch citizens (one has since died) claiming injuries from COVID-19 vaccines continues. Defendants include Bill Gates, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, former Dutch PM Mark Rutte, the Dutch state, public health officials, and media figures totalling around 17 parties. The plaintiffs allege misleading statements on vaccine safety, lack of informed consent and harm (some framing the injections as a "bioweapon"). The court ruled it has jurisdiction over Gates (an American) and ordered him and Bourla to appear in person to testify. An appeal hearing in Amsterdam on 9 March 2026, sought to allow expert witnesses and as of mid-May 2026, the case is ongoing with the main hearing expected by October 2026. The defendants deny the claims.

### POPULAR AS GONORRHEA—US SENATOR NAILS STARMER WITH HIS SOUTHERN CHARM

Senator John Kennedy, a Republican U.S. Senator from Louisiana famous for his sharp wit and southern folksy style commented on UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's popularity stating on Fox News/Rob Schmitt Tonight,

*"What my Democratic colleagues really like is Keir Starmer who's the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom who is just to the left of Lenin. He's very unpopular with the people of the UK. He's polling right up there with gonorrhoea I don't know how much longer he can last, but this guy, he would give Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez a run for her money in terms of his loony, woke ideas."* Recent polls in mid-May place Starmer's popularity as abysmal with approval ratings in the lows around 19% and over 60% disliking him.

### COVID CRIMES: THE FIRST DOMINO?

In April 2026, U.S. federal prosecutors indicted Dr. David Morens, a former senior advisor to Dr. Anthony Fauci, on several felony counts. The charges centre on a conspiracy to subvert federal record-keeping laws and obstruct investigations into the origins of COVID-19. The specific charges include: Conspiracy against the United States, Destruction, alteration, or falsification of records and concealment, removal, or mutilation of records. Prosecutors allege Morens intentionally deleted emails and used "back-channels" to shield communications from FOIA requests. These actions were allegedly intended to protect Fauci's reputation and suppress the COVID-19 "lab leak" theory. Morens also faces allegations of accepting "illegal gratuities" from Peter Daszak of EcoHealth Alliance in exchange for scientific influence. U.S. Senator Rand Paul responded positively to the arrest on X stating "Fauci next". (Please don't keep us waiting!)

### OBITUARY: THE POPULATION BOMB – PAUL R. EHRLICH AUTHOR (1932–2026)

Paul Ehrlich, the influential biologist and author of the groundbreaking 1968 book *The Population Bomb*, died on 13 March 2026 (age 93) of cancer in California. He co-authored the book with his wife Anne that warned of the catastrophic consequences of unchecked population growth, including global mass famine and environmental collapse. It sparked global debate and heavily influenced the modern environmental movement however, Ehrlich's alarmist predictions virtually all failed to materialise. He was a Stanford professor emeritus however, his (failed) doomsday predictions were

heavily criticised, much like the fearmongering associated with the modern climate change agenda.

### WAR CASUALTIES: GAZA & UKRAINE/RUSSIA

As of early May 2026, the Gaza Health Ministry reports around 72,000–73,800 Palestinian deaths and over 170,000 injuries with totals (including Israelis) reaching approximately 75,800 killed. UN Women, a United Nations entity, reports that over 38,000 women and girls were killed in Gaza between October 2023 and December 2025. Regarding the Ukraine/Russian war—The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights reported since the war began in 2022 that civilian casualties were 60,659 (44,809 injured and 15,850 killed) in Ukraine by the end of April 2026. Total battlefield casualties (from both sides) are estimated to be around 1.7–2 million persons.

### MYANMAR (BURMA): WORLD'S LONGEST WAR

While Myanmar (Burma) has experienced ongoing internal conflict since before World War II, the post-2021 phase of the conflict saw ethnic armed groups and pro-democracy forces seizing large parts of territory, while the military regime was left controlling around 30% of the country. Recent efforts to topple the military regime have stalled, with the regime conducting offensives to recapture territory previously lost to resistance forces. The offensive coincides with reported military and financial assistance from China. This complicated war, with over 20-armed ethnic groups and interference by China, suggests no quick resolution is in sight. The UNHCR reports the country has around 3.7 million internally displaced persons, and refugees number in the hundreds of thousands.

### IRELAND & EXCESS DEATHS

On 1 May 2026, former UK MP Andrew Bridgen cited Waterford, Ireland, as an example of the Covid vaccine failure stating on X: *"The most vaccinated place in the world is in Ireland. It's a place called Waterford. They had the highest vaccination rate in the world. Then they suffered the highest Covid rate in Ireland. And then they had the highest excess deaths."* Bridgen added that excess deaths reached 85% at one point. Hmm...

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