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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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THE FRAGILITY OF CIVILISATION By John Steele

This story illustrates how easy it would be for modern societies to spiral into chaos, given their staggering complexity, and hence lack of resilience:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/the_americas/in-brazil-a-truckers-strike-brings-latin-americas-largest-economy-to-a-halt/2018/05/25/fe3f06e6-6026-11e8-b656-236c6214ef01_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.f3f82707479a

“SÃO PAULO, Brazil — A truckers’ strike that has thrown Brazil into chaos entered its sixth day on Saturday, with protesters blocking traffic on hundreds of highways, supermarkets rationing fruit and gas station pumps running dry. São Paulo, Brazil’s financial center and home to 12 million people, declared a state of emergency on Friday. By Saturday, 11 airports around the country had run out of fuel. Uber drivers joined the strike and blocked trucks from exiting an oil refinery in northern Brazil. The government urged Brazilians to limit their water consumption, as uncertainty grew over how long the strike would last. President Michel Temer ordered the military to break up the strike, and the government said late Friday that 45 percent of barriers on the highways had been removed. But the truckers’ union said it still wouldn’t deliver any goods. A 50 percent rise in fuel prices over the past year sparked the strike. Truckers are demanding lower gas prices, as well as reductions in taxes and tolls.”

Food for modern cities primarily depends upon a non-stop flow of trucks, and the “just in time” supermarket system empties its shelves within days, or even quicker without the lifeblood of trucks. It is a good argument for having at least a few months, if not one years’ supply of goods on hand. You never know what way the winds of social chaos may blow your door down, or try to.

THE LATEST RACE VILIFICATION CASE By Ian Wilson LL.B

Freedom of speech has long died in Australia, because the so-called champions of free speech have not fought the good fight, merely sitting on their flabby hands. The issue now is how far the pendulum will go in the other direction: <https://thenewdaily.com.au/entertainment/tv/2018/05/29/sonia-kruger-racial-vilification/>

“High-profile TV star Sonia Kruger will face a directions hearing next month after failing to have a racial vilification complaint made against her dismissed.

On July 18, 2016, an emotional Kruger, 52, kicked off a social media storm by telling Nine’s Today show viewers that Australia’s borders should be closed to Muslims.

While discussing a newspaper article written by News Corp’s Andrew Bolt, Kruger said she agreed that the columnist “has a point here, that there is a correlation between the number of people who, you know, are Muslim in a country and the number of terrorist attacks”.

“Now, I have a lot of very good friends who are Muslims, who are peace-loving, who are beautiful people, but there are fanatics”.

“Personally, I would like to see [Muslim immigration] stopped now for Australia”.

“Because I want to feel safe, as all of our citizens do, when they go out to celebrate Australia Day.”

Kruger called attention to Japan, which she claimed has 100,000 Muslims in a population of 174 million: “We never hear of terrorist attacks in Japan.”

However, New South Wales thinks it has an answer to the problem: more of the same:

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jun/05/tougher-race-hate-laws-nsw-as-government-reverses-position-again>

“The New South Wales government has again reversed its position on reforming the state’s race hate laws, widely criticised as outdated and ineffective, announcing its intention to introduce tougher penalties for inciting violence.

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The attorney general, Mark Speakman, on Tuesday announced new penalties for public threats or incitements to violence made on the basis of race, religion or sexuality. Those who breach the proposed laws would face up to three years' imprisonment and an \$11,000 fine, replacing the current six-month prison term provided for in the Anti-Discrimination Act. The proposed new laws are the result of a concerted lobbying campaign from an alliance of 31 ethnic

THE WASTELAND OF THE MODERN UNIVERSITY By James Reed

I am not the only one deeply disturbed by the anti-Western position taken by our generally left universities. Here is some more common sense from Senator Cory Bernardi, "A Bridge Too Far for the ANU":

https://www.corybernardi.com/a_bridge_too_far_for_the_anu
"Choices have consequences. It's a simple message that sensible parents share with their children and that everyone will eventually learn for themselves.

In a sign of emotional immaturity, where a poor choice is made, some will seek to deflect blame onto others. They will rationalise and justify whatever they can to avoid responsibility themselves.

We have seen a stark example of that immaturity this week by some of those involved with the Australian National University (ANU).

ANU is our top rated tertiary institution that marks success by producing assorted leftists who perpetuate group-think and identity politics.

One young man I know lasted a single semester at ANU before transferring to a university that was less concerned with gender fluidity and other PC nonsense. He commented to me that, "Every day at ANU entailed being drip-fed radical Kool-aid that was undermining the country and poisoning my mind".

Now I know that is just one man's personal experience but we all gained an amazing insight into the culture of ANU when – under leftist pressure – it back-flipped on hosting the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, despite winning the competitive tender for the initiative. The Centre is funded by a massive bequest from the late philanthropist Paul Ramsay. With a \$30 million annual budget, it provides scholarships and degrees to inform and advocate for the pillars of Western civilisation. These are the very values and traditions that have underpinned our nationhood and make Western nations so attractive to those seeking a better life.

THE THREAT TO FREEDOM OF A CASHLESS SOCIETY By James Reed

It is good to see Ron Paul plunging into battle on the threat to freedom that a cashless society will bring. Many of us have said the same, but here is the take from across the lake:

"The crash of the dollar is not a matter of if...but

community groups in the state, which united under the umbrella organisation Keep NSW Safe."

Somehow, though, I do not feel safe, and if anything, see Australia falling apart. But, so be it.

The case discussed here needs to be taken to the High Court of Australia, and the legal case against section 18 C has already been presented in book form. All that remains is the necessary case to pursue, because section 18 C will not withstand High Court scrutiny:
https://www.connorcourtpublishing.com.au/No-Offence-Intended-Why-18C-is-Wrong_p_152.html ***

However, the advocacy of these values is too radical for the ANU, which rejected the centre. Unable to mount a credible rationale for the decision, the decision-makers chose to blame Tony Abbott. That's right, the leftists' 'in case of emergency break glass and blame Tony Abbott' defence was trotted out. The former PM's egregious sin - as a director of the Ramsay Centre - was to pen an essay stating that the Centre actually advocated for Western civilisation. Imagine the horror of such a statement that proved to be a bridge too far for the ANU.

This esteemed taxpayer-funded institution will host a centre for Arab culture and Islamic studies but not for Western civilisation.

It will accept money from an Islamic theocracy and state sponsor of terror like Iran but won't take a bequest from a wonderful Australian philanthropist. It is a shameful indictment on the state of some of our tertiary indoctrination institutions.

Remarkably, the Australian government is closing the door to many students from attending some more balanced universities through penalties in their fee HELP program.

Students who choose to attend one of the four private universities cop an outrageous government 'fee' comprising 25% of their total student debt – that's many thousands of dollars – for the 'sin' of studying outside the indoctrinating public university club. This unjustifiable inequality removes the opportunity for many young men and women to access a university more intent on delivering quality education, practical skills and employability rather than thought-compliance and other ideological agendas. It's time to end this unjustifiable financial bias against our private universities. If the government needed any reason to act then the ANU has given them a perfect one."

when! The *modus operandi* for the inner cabal of the global elite is, and always has been, to provide order out of chaos...sometimes the chaos happens organically and sometimes it has to be created.

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<https://goldsilver.com/blog/>

[dr-ron-paul-on-the-coming-dollar-crash-and-cashless-society/](https://goldsilver.com/blog/dr-ron-paul-on-the-coming-dollar-crash-and-cashless-society/)

One wonders whether libertarians will eventually see the light and make the transition to social credit,

which is a necessary condition for financial freedom, and in turn, individual freedom. I am always amazed that the libertarians who preach so much about freedom, do not see the obvious elephant in the room, that no man who is a wage slave, can be truly free. Too much of their freedom is just the freedom of mega-capitalism to rip us all off. ***

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to The Australian

The proposed new Independent Office for Aboriginal People (‘Echoes of Uluru as nascent office hailed for voice to parliament’, 7/6) is plainly another step in the ongoing plan to divide this continent into two nations. Those behind this campaign know that in any fairly phrased referendum the vast majority of Australians would oppose such a separation. Thus an approach of ‘Fabian gradualism’ is being employed.

WA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ben Wyatt ignores the great achievements of British Australia in the pioneering era of our national history and slanderously sums them up as motivated by ‘colonial racist and supremacist values’. There is every justification for most Australians to be deeply fearful about the more-or-less open destruction of our great Constitution that is happening. If only public opposition could become ‘relentless’, for continuing apathy will lead to disaster! - *Nigel Jackson, Belgrave, Victoria*

ToThe Age

Greens MP Lidia Thorpe is simply wrong in claiming that Aboriginal people still own Victoria (‘Aboriginal treaty must go further: Greens MP’, 7/6). Sovereignty of the state has long been vested in Her Majesty the Queen of Australia. The only correct way to change that situation would be by a properly conducted referendum as stipulated by our Constitution.

Radical agitators know that no such referendum would give them the result they want, so they are trying all sorts of spurious efforts of de-authorization of our nation, its history and government. Some states claiming without a thread of legal justification to have the right to enact treaties with ‘the Aboriginal people’ (a community not easily defined) is one such strategy. The Victorian state opposition is right that the making of treaties is a prerogative of the federal government. - *Nigel Jackson, Belgrave*

SHOULD EVERYBODY GO TRANSGENDER? By Mrs Vera West

I refer to Britain, which appears to have a transgender future, and of course, I am not permitted to say that this is a bad thing: <https://www.rt.com/uk/428749-trans-lgbt-nhs-increase-gender/>

“The UK must “be prepared” for more Britons to question their gender in the coming years. An NHS health boss has said that he believes up to three per cent of the population will contact transgender health services in the future.

James Palmer, the medical director for specialized services at NHS England, said at a conference on Monday that the expansion and improvement of NHS gender health services could cause demand to “accelerate”.

“We’ve got to be prepared to start thinking about designing a healthcare service that will allow somewhere around one to three per cent of the population at some point in their lives having a discussion about their gender. Referrals to adult services have increased by 240 per cent over the last five year period,” he said.

Based on current estimates, 1.97 million people across the UK would be using gender identity services.

Roughly 1.6 million of those would reside in England.

Palmer added “There are currently 7,500 adults waiting for an appointment with our services. No other specialist service has seen this growth, anywhere near. As a result there is absolutely not sufficient capacity in the system.” Palmer said that he thought such growth was “a good thing” that “people out there that want to explore their gender.”

The former consultant neurosurgeon added: “The fact that it’s in the younger age group has got to be a good thing. For a young adult, to be able to come forward, to seek that expertise, earlier [rather] than much much later in life, that’s got to be a good thing.”

So, the improvement of gender health services will cause demand to “accelerate.” That will produce a need for more services, causing more acceleration, and so on in infinite regression, until, the entire universe is transgender. I am not commenting upon whether that is a good thing or a bad thing, only on the logical and physics consequences of unending growth. Let’s not even start on cakes and baking; far too many political calories:

<http://www.breitbart.com/california/2018/06/04/nancy-pelosi-on-supreme-court-ruling-bake-that-cake-christians/> ***

LOSING YOUR MONEY TO BANKS AS THEY RECOVER LOSSES By Ken Grundy

Do readers recall the old saying, “It is as safe as money in the bank”? Well, that story may no longer apply since legislation now permits banks to remain solvent by accessing certain levels of funds from depositors’ accounts.

Known as the “bail-in” provision, it was first noticed in Cyprus and Greece during and after the Global Financial Crisis (GFC). Banks in those countries which had made poor investments experienced low liquidity and needed funds to stay afloat, so they simply stole the top ‘cream’ from depositors. It was called, ‘giving the accounts a haircut’.

It is true that they took the very top from accounts with big balances. Not all accounts were affected but a precedent was established and people fear the critical level of account where the ‘haircut’ could apply, may easily be reduced in difficult times and therefore more people would suffer.

Prime Minister Rudd attempted to calm Australian bank clients by offering a Government guarantee whereby all funds below \$250k would be safe. This meant a desperate bank could access accounts with more than \$250k and take amounts above that figure.

KNIVES ARE JUST TOO SHARP IN BRITAIN By John Steele

Another crazy item from the island of the multicult absurd. With an explosion of knife crime in multicultural Britain, the authorities are going after the real cause of the problem: sharp; pointy knives!

“A judge has proposed a nationwide programme to file down the points of kitchen knives as a solution to the country’s soaring knife crime epidemic. Last week in his valedictory address, retiring Luton Crown Court Judge Nic Madge spoke of his concern that carrying a knife had become routine in some circles and called on the Government to ban the sale of large pointed kitchen knives. Latest figures show stabbing deaths among teenagers and young adults have reached the highest level for eight years, and knife crime overall rose 22 per cent in 2017” <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/05/27/knives-sharp-filing-solution-soaring-violent-crime-judge-says/>

Ok, we get the point. Or, do we? Thus, we should not believe the gun grabbers when they say that they do not have an agenda. Yes they do. It is to create a defenseless population that can be subjected to the culling which is occurring in places like Britain and Sweden. As knives can be made from even scrap metal, even glass and plastic (apparently in prison, shanks are made from dried toilet paper), knives cannot be controlled.

It is the social mix and makeup that needs to be examined, but it is more convenient for the elites not to address real causes. ***

The general public felt reassured because very few of them had accounts in excess of \$250k. However every person with a Superannuation Fund entitlement stood the chance of being affected indirectly. Community faith in the banks reached an all-time low.

So, why do we see volatility in banks these days? I suggest the further centralisation of banking on a world scale, with the IMF, the World Bank and the Bank of International Settlements all exercising more influence and control over national banks has been a contributing factor. Another is the de-regulation which occurred in Australia under the Keating government. One aspect of the de-regulation permitted our banks to get involved in speculative functions like insurance and derivatives, both of which exposed the banks to high risk.

We come to the point that nobody wants to lose any of their money which had been deposited in good faith, with the local commercial banking institution. From a legal aspect, deposits with a bank may have been deposited in good faith but the depositor becomes simply another of the bank’s creditors who will rank equally with them all, when it comes to getting your money back when failure is imminent.

Surely there must be a moral issue to consider here!

TARGET FOR ACTION:

While the banks are in the public eye during the Royal Commission, it would be a good opportunity to contact MP’s and Senators (especially the cross-benchers). Ask them whether there is a 100% guarantee that no depositors’ account will be a funding source for the bank in its bid to remain solvent. If there is not the 100% guarantee, request they promote legislation to achieve such safety. —Nat Dir ***



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