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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pressure for SA Councils to merge:

Adelaide Advertiser 31/12/14

There is hardly a month goes by without some call being made for more Council amalgamations. The year 1997 saw the biggest change in SA when 119 State-wide Councils were reduced to 68. Since that occasion, the main thrust has been upon Metropolitan Councils, where 19 Councils exist from Gawler in the north to the southern Onkaparinga Council, a distance of about 90 kms.

The Advertiser reports the formation of a group known as "The Industry Coalition Advocating Council Reform" which consists of Trade Unions, Hotel Assoc., Motor Trades Assoc., Real Estate Institute, Housing industry Assoc. and others.

This "Reform" group will be promoting amalgamation at all levels to create a climate where the public will presumably be more accepting of change.

The usual claims of red tape, duplication etc. causing higher costs to ratepayers are used to support their argument. However, no mention is made of the illusory benefits expected from the last round of mergers.

Would there be a ratepayer in one Council in SA who can

claim any sustained drop in rates or increased services since 1997? To a very large extent Councils operate under State Government requirements. It is Government rules about Planning, Health regulation, OH&S and similar matters which cause the red tape and duplication. Reducing Councils will have no effect on Council compliance with State demands. (But will fit in with the United Nations Agenda 21 for a New World Order!... ed)

Larger Councils have more employees which often leads to extra middle-management officers and so the claim for lower wage costs seldom eventuate. Local Government Minister Geoff Brock, has pledged a review of laws governing Councils.

One wonders (with considerable doubt) whether the ratepayers will get the chance to decide the amalgamation issue or will the Government demonstrate that it knows best?

It would be wise to contact your Councillors and State MPs now, before the issue gets out of hand.

- - Kenneth Grundy, Naracoorte South Australia

Readers should take note... Local Government

‘Amalgamations’ is ‘Centralisation’ of administration.

Local Government is not mentioned in The Australian Constitution because ‘local government’ is an administrative arm of the State Government. Opposition to amalgamation should be rightly taken up with elected state government representatives and grievances aired in the local press.

In depth understanding of the evils of ‘centralisation’ can be found here... (next column)

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<http://alor.org/Library/Butler%20ED%20-%20Moral%20Implications%20of%20Centralised%20Power.htm>

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DAVID PASCOE ASKS: FIGHT FOR QUEENSLAND, WHEREVER YOU ARE...

<https://www.facebook.com/OVHRepro>

He writes: If you want to know why we are so angry and so determined to make a difference, please watch this video of various news stories screened in Queensland over the past 2 years and 10 months (yes, we are counting). Once you do, you will start to understand why so many brave Queenslanders are risking everything and standing together to tell the truth to every single Queensland - and the Australian people.

VIDEO SOURCE: "LNP Uncovered"
<http://youtu.be/Cq2E0VbtI74>

"Campbell Newman promised to govern for all Queenslanders but in its first term, the LNP trashed democracy by undermining the judicial process, back flipping ..."

We are urgently asking for your support no matter where you are in the world, because you know people who know people in Queensland - and since the

Corporate Media has refused to tell the truth, this is the only way we can spread the message.

We started this battle to save our farmers, our prime farm-land, our water - and our children.

You see, we really wanted to leave the kids of Queensland the kind of state we loved: beautiful farmland producing our own fresh food, our own fresh water, a strong healthy balanced economy, trust in our Government, our courts, our police. We simply wanted a fair go for everyone.

Now we are fighting this fight for every single decent Queensland who deserves a better future than the one we face under these disgraceful dictators, tyrants and despots.

My wife and I are born and bred Queenslanders. We are both extremely private people who have absolutely no interest in political careers or celebrity:

we would rather have our simple, ordinary lives back.

Yet we believe it's now impossible for us to walk away. Our families have been here for five generations on the Darling Downs and four generations around Julia Creek in North West Queensland respectively. Our blood, sweat and tears have been invested in this ground.

We have helped to pioneer the place from the ground up - and this place has shaped the very essence of who we are. We love her in a way that's difficult to describe. She means the whole world to us. We have stuck to Queensland - and she has stuck to us. Now it's our turn to stand up for her. So we are calling all good men and women of Queensland - please step up and come on board.

**31 January. Independents Day.
Just do it.**

Campbell Newman and the LNP

WHY DOES THE ALOR PROMOTE DAVID PASCOE'S EFFORTS?

I think the answer to that question was summed up by C.H. Douglas over 70 years ago
"The Land for the (Chosen) People Racket": The Social Creditor, Vol.10 No.1, March 13, 1943

The primary characteristic of the slave is not bad treatment...

It is that he is without any say in his own policy

Douglas wrote: Judging from personal experience in persuasive activity, there is a widespread inability to recognise the futility of making suggestions which run counter to effective policy.

Equally, it has to be realised that not for thousands of years have the people of these islands been so completely enslaved as they are at present, and the primary characteristic of the slave is not bad treatment. It is that he is without any say in his own policy. The steps by which this situation has been produced are easy enough to enumerate.

By the tricks of the money system, an obviously inequitable distribution system has been installed and perpetuated. The control of this system has given control of the Press and other reading matter, supplemented more recently by broadcasting and the cinema (and of course in the 21st century by automated technology...ed).

Skilfully injected propaganda, always avoiding Finance, has fostered attacks on the 'haves' by the 'have nots' so that any economic independents, not the servants of Finance, might be stripped of their independence, under the name of Socialism. That is to say, Big Business and Socialism are the same thing, though some Socialists may not know it, and the present state of servitude could never have been brought about by Big Business alone. We owe our present position to brains in Big Business, and votes in Socialism. Stated otherwise, the coming of Socialism is the triumph of Big Business.

I have recapitulated this somewhat wearying aspect because there are many things which could be said about land management, if it were of use to enumerate them at this juncture. They are not discoveries; there is probably little in the situation which is not known

to any experienced-landowner, on the one hand, and the "Planners" on the other, in the intellectual sense of the word 'knowledge'.

If, in the main, the land situation is being mishandled, the cause lies in the realm of policy, and the cure must also begin in that realm. *Big Business, Monopoly, Socialism, State Capitalism, call it what you like, is in control and it is the Policy of Big Business with which we have to reckon. What is that policy?* (Emphasis added...ed)

The people of Queensland have now 'had enough' of Big Business, Monopoly, Socialism, State Capitalism, call it what you like, determining the policies under which they have become mere 'slaves' and now want their say on POLICY. That is how I understand the situation. The League has just given them 'another voice' through these columns.

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“TROLLING RUSSIA” by Israel Shamir, 19 January 2015

Here is my new piece written between Moscow and Israel: The edifice of the post-1991 world order is collapsing right before our eyes. President Putin’s decision to give a miss to the Auschwitz pilgrimage, right after his absence in Paris at Charlie festival, gave it the last shove. It was good clean fun to troll Russia, as long as she stayed the course. Not anymore. Russia broke the rules.

Until now, Russia, like a country bumpkin in Eton, tried to belong. It attended the gathering of the grandees where it was shunned, paid its dues to European bodies that condemned it, patiently suffered ceaseless hectoring of the great powers and irritating baiting of the East European small-timers alike. But something broke there. The lad does not want to belong anymore; he picked up his stuff and went home. Just when they needed him to kneel in Auschwitz.

The Auschwitz gathering is an annual Canossa of the Western leaders where they bewail their failure to protect the Jews and swear their perennial obedience to them. This is a more important religious rite in our days, the One Ring to rule them all, established in 2001, when the Judeo-American Empire reached the pinnacle of its power. The Russian leader duly attended the events. This year, they will have to do without him. Israeli ministers already have expressed their deep

dissatisfaction for this although it was Russia’s Red Army that saved the Jews in Auschwitz. Absence of Russia turns the Holocaust Memorial Day into a parochial, West-only, event. Worse, Russia’s place will be taken by Ukraine, with its Nazi-glorifying regime.

This comes after the French Charlie demo, also spurned by Russia. The West hinted that Russia’s sins would be forgiven, up to a point, if she joined, first the demo, and later, the planned anti-terrorist coalition, but Russia did not take the bait. This was a visible change, for previously, Russian leaders eagerly participated in such events and voted for West-sponsored resolutions. In 2001, Putin fully supported George Bush’s War on Terrorism in the UN and on the ground. As recently as 2011, Russia agreed with sanctions against North Korea and Iran. As for coming to a demonstration, the Russians could always be relied upon. This time, the Russians did not come, excepting the token presence of

the foreign minister Mr. Lavrov. This indomitable successor of Mr. Nyet had left the event almost immediately and went – to pray in the Russian church, in a counter-demonstration, of sorts, against Charlie. By going to the church, he declared that he is not Charlie.

For the Charlie Hebdo magazine was (and probably is) explicitly anti-Christian as well as anti-Muslim. One finds there some most obnoxious cartoons offending the Virgin and Christ, as well as the pope and the Church. (They never offended Jews, somehow). A Russian blogger who’s been exposed to this magazine for the first time wrote on his page: I am ashamed that the bastards were dealt with by Muslims, not by Christians. This was quite a common feeling in Moscow these days. The Russians could not believe that such smut could be published and defended as a right of free speech. People planned a demo against that Charlie, but City Hall forbade it...”

Continue reading here: <http://www.unz.com/ishamir/trolling-russia/>

The New World Order est mort. Vive the Future!

TODAY RUSSIA

CELEBRATES

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



N.W.O. ARCHITECTS DISPOSSESSED US OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

By Wallace Klinck.

Message received by a retired citizen, a lady of professional academic background:

"The huge increase in our condo assessment over last year's, despite our not having done any renovations, plus the civic tax increase, the threatened big increase in electrical costs, the talk now of adding a provincial sales tax: Where does it all end? I could weep, thinking of those many good people who were struggling to make ends meet before any of the above. Yesterday, they found the body of a homeless woman just yards from where we live. No mention in the Edmonton Journal. Had I not spoken to someone who knew what had happened, I would still be wondering why there were police vehicles and yellow police tape around the place where her body was found. Are these symptoms of this so-called 'New World Order'? This 'old world' started out with abundance, but it has been so frittered away with wars, financial manipulations, greed and a variety of other forms of mismanagement, as to literally place us on a 'tipping point' which this world has never seen before."

Wallace replied:

"Unfortunately, under the present rules of finance and cost accountancy, there is no end—not, at least, until the entire earth is subjugated under the centralized and enforced dictatorial administration of a Global Government. Whether that all-encompassing world administration is imposed as an open tyranny or as a misguided and delusional Utopian goal will make little difference concerning the lives of ordinary people. As Douglas warned, you don't solve a problem by extending its boundaries. You solve it rather by doing "the right thing" within your own jurisdiction.

"While sympathy is more than due, weeping will be to no avail. These people have never shown mercy in the past and there is no obvious reason to suppose that they will not show even less in the future. There simply must be an

informed cultural and political "insurrection" against these outrageous policies of de-culturalization, dispossession and centralization of wealth and power. Political parties are not a hopeful medium by which to effect the required action because as loci of potential power they quickly become infiltrated and controlled from the centre by saboteurs controlling bought, bribed, extorted—and/or not always intelligent—opportunists who succumb to perceived self-interest. The people have to stand up en masse and say: "You will do this or that or you will never retain or ascend to political office." The success of such an uprising must depend on informed and disciplined dissent. Anything less will fail ignominiously. Education, determination and integrity are the key elements of success. Today, we have the technological means to achieve these ends at minimal cost.

"I am certain that the increasing desensitization of society to suffering and tragedy as these become more "commonplace" is characteristic of, and indispensable to, the emerging World Order as an instrument for achieving submission to evermore oppressive policies. We must reject this attempted dehumanization of the human race.

"The architects of the New World Order have dispossessed us of the benefits of our Cultural Heritage not only by misdirecting our resources to wasteful and destructive ends but by imposing upon us a false accountancy which accounts our assets as liabilities and saddles us with endless compounding financial debt resulting in a continuous rise in the financial cost of living. From a physical as opposed to financial perspective we are increasingly and stupendously wealthy, actually and potentially, despite, even, the enormous tragedy of human effort and profane waste of two major world wars and

continuous ensuing wars. The "experts" predicted that World War II would not last very long because it could not be "afforded". In reality, the U.S. emerged from the protracted War with a plant capacity which was enormous and unprecedented. If the War Economy were ended in the U.S. their economy would collapse overnight not because of a shortage of production capacity but rather consequent to a shrinkage of consumer buying power, a monetary phenomenon inversely reflecting real or actual ability to produce.

"The true cost of production is consumption and with the inclusion of capital production (plant, tools, etc.) the ratio of the former to the latter is increasing rapidly. Realistic accountancy would reveal the basis of a rapidly falling price-level. We are charged for capital depreciation but not credited with our much greater capital appreciation.

The banking system has appropriated the communal capital and so stolen from us the benefits of the Cultural Heritage by imposing price-inflation, increasing taxation and ceaseless work - merely to serve endless fictitious financial debt.

As one writer has said, the suggestion that the full cost of capital should be accounted in current cost cycles would be laughed out of court by any informed businessman.

Yet when the principle is applied macro-economically to the economy as a whole it is accepted automatically without criticism or even the "blink of an eye." Unfortunately, these abstract matters are admittedly subtle and not readily comprehended by the average mind. This is a hurdle which must be overcome by increasingly widespread exposure and sound education directed to audiences at varying levels of comprehension. Efforts are being made and are rapidly intensifying."

MENDING A MORTGAGED WORLD

Our Australian readers will be interested in the paper "Mending a Mortgaged World" by the late Jeremy Lee who began his address with these words:

"I started preparing this address on the day of the inauguration of America's 44th President, Barack Hussein Obama. Anyone who listened to the opening and closing prayers, or the incoming President's speech to the nation must have been impressed by the fervent hopes for a new beginning and an era of peace. Only a few, however, understood that the ceremony took place on a battleground; not so much between nations - Iraq or Afghanistan; Georgia or Gaza; the Congo or Zimbabwe; but between two spiritual proposals for the future of this planet - God or Mammon. Our Lord told us a long time ago that none of us could serve two Masters. That truth is the essence of a crisis now engulfing the world, driving us towards a catastrophe which threatens to dispossess and enslave us all.

The key instrument in the hands of Mammon – the Money Power - is debt. Scripture warns us, "The borrower is the servant of the lender". Amschel Rothschild, founder of the Rothschild banking dynasty, put it another way: "Permit me to create the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws." Who creates - as distinct from lends - Australia's money? There's so

much evidence to answer this question that it is past any argument. The Australian Constitution, in Section 51, is clear that the responsibility belongs to the Federal Government and States – via their own State banking powers - in this country. Not the International Monetary Fund. Nor the World Bank or the Bank of International Settlements. To emphasise the point, in 1937 - in the middle of the great Depression - the Federal government set up a Royal Commission into Finance and Banking. In his summary, the Chairman, Sir Mellis Napier said:

"... That the Commonwealth Bank (i.e. at time a government-owned peoples' bank) can make money available to governments or to others on such terms as it chooses even by way of a loan without interest or even without requiring interest or repayment of principal..."

But, like every economy in the world, Australia has now transferred its constitutional power to create its own money into private hands. And the same

private hands have indebted Australians, and hold mastery over the people and their governments. To quote a former A.L.P. Federal Treasurer, one-time deputy Prime Minister Dr Jim Cairns, in his book "Oil in Troubled Waters":

"... I want first to explain how money is obtained or supplied in a capitalist economy. Banks certainly create credit or, more exactly, they create money. Creation of money by banks is a simple process... The banks, therefore, can create deposits by lending to customers... within very wide limits, the trading banks decide how much or little to lend and who to lend it to... Not only have the banks power to create money within wide limits, but they do so. As well as determining the total volume of money, the banks decide also to whom they will lend. It is obvious they will prefer rich and powerful people and the companies associated with them; they will prefer 'old customers', and they will not be too keen to lend to poorer people, to 'battlers', or to persons or even companies who may be competitive with their associates. The power to create money and to decide who should get it is a vast and significant social and economic power and for this reason, the Labor movement has always believed it should not be a privately owned power but be exercised solely by a public or peoples' bank..."

Read on here... <http://www.alor.org/NewTimes%20Survey/A+B%20Mending%20a%20Mortgaged%20World.htm>

FROM RECOGNITION TO A TREATY WITH "FIRST NATIONS" by James Reed

If we can believe them, "new research" shows that 63 percent of voters are ready for a referendum to recognise (or not) indigenous Australians in the Constitution and three in four of those people are willing to vote "Yes". (*The Australian* December 11, 2014, p.5)

What then can the great thinking masses expect once this is granted? Warren Mundine, the head of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council has called for a change in the way Aboriginal identity is established, especially Native Title cases, rejecting the condition that indigenous people be "accepted by the community". He believes that a continuous connection with the land should not be needed and that instead the existence of "Aboriginal Nations" should be recognised and the Federal government enter into agreements with them: "I want governments to dispense with the requirement for traditional nations to

establish a continuous connection to land and to simply recognise the native title rights of the groups in the areas we know they occupied before British colonisation". This proposal, as I see it, replaces one uncertainty with an even greater one, for how do we know that such groups did occupy those areas before the British in their wisdom and glory established what we now know as the nation of Australia? How is the existence of these 'first nations' established? How would territorial conflicts and disputes be resolved? And so on. An already problematic system would be replaced with an even more uncertain one.

Better yet, he supports a treaty-style agreement with the federal government: "People in Australia have been talking about a treaty between Australia and indigenous people for some decades now. But when you get beyond the broad concept, when you move past the

"thought bubble", it doesn't make sense to have a treaty between Australia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as one amorphous group. A formal agreement or declaration between Australia and its first peoples would need to be between Australia and each Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribal group, nation to nation".

As I see it, talk of tribal groups as "nations" is simply absurd; it is not an Aboriginal concept, just as the concept of "Australia" did not exist.

Do you see where all of this is heading? Constitutional recognition is just the beginning. It needs to be defeated and the matter needs to be seriously addressed by all thinking Australians because the consequences of defeat will be immeasurably great, especially if the anti-discrimination clause is enshrined in the Constitution.

PROPOSED 2017 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE by John Brett

John wrote the following out of concern for the seeming change of policy by 'conservative' groups:

Our constitution is totally inclusive, there is absolutely nothing exclusive about it. You should refer to Quick & Garran in their "Annotation of the Australian Constitution" who point out that our founding fathers were highly mindful of the tragic racial division in the U.S., where at the time our constitution was being framed, was not far from the end of the U.S. civil war, with all its lessons for us to learn.

Our founders deliberately wrote our Constitution as an inclusive document to avoid the conflict Abbot is about to endorse. If anybody should know better, it should be Tony Abbot. He will put in place what his opposition successors will be overjoyed to implement - in Abbots name, after he has gone. The same trick as was used for the "Global warming" fiasco and the Army Court Marshal change.

One Party writes it up, the next Party implements it and all racial groups suffer. There are no winners. All this indicates

how corrupt we have become ourselves, in the shadow of these shallow politicians. There is one valid point only to be made, that is, our present constitution is inclusive and never was exclusive. One would have thought that ACM would be making this point, they once did. Apparently they have been bought also!

At federation time there were probably more Chinese in Australia than Aboriginals. Certainly now, there are more Greeks and Italians than Aboriginals, with Asian numbers catching up to us! Will we be included in Abbots new constitution? If we let this happen we do not deserve the freedom our forefathers put in place for our benefit. This is the old Marxist-Leninist technique. One makes the bullets now, the other fires them later. One proposes the other imposes. The divorce in place and time that has led the revolutionaries to continuous success. Lately in Paris! It would seem we just cannot learn the easy way.

Note added by National Director...It is alarming to see people today disparaging the 'framers of the Australian Constitution' and spreading misinformation (read lies) in pursuit of a political agenda.

Many Indigenous Australians had voting rights with the individual States and these rights carried through to the Australian Constitution. Aboriginals also voted on the Australian Constitution before it was adopted.

The 1967 Referendum was a farce and NOT necessary. It might have fostered a 'feel-good' emotion in the majority of Australians but little else... look at the plight of Aboriginals today. How will tampering with The Constitution change their lot? Aboriginal injustice has become a 'political football' well played by politicians and highly paid bureaucrats. Surely we can do better! We **grew** a Constitution and our business should be to free it from the weeds that are choking it and to restore its power and effectiveness.

LIBERALISM GONE MAD:

THE 'HUMAN WRONGS' COMMISSION

By Chris Knight

It has been said that the world gets crazier by 12 percent each day – but was the wit who coined that piece of wisdom thinking explicitly of Australia? The Human Rights Commission has recommended that a refugee convicted of the manslaughter of his wife be paid \$350,000 and released into the community. The refugee bashed to death his de facto wife who was about four months pregnant at the time. He served a seven-year sentence in Queensland. After the sentence psychiatric evidence indicated a high probability of reoffending acts of violence. The government, acting sensibly for once, did not let him out onto the community, but put him in immigration detention. He could not be deported back to Indonesia being classified as a "genuine refugee".

The Human Rights Commission rejected such indefinite detention and wanted him in the community, with curfews, reporting requirements and travel residency restrictions. However this refugee had previously been convicted for breaching bail conditions. (*The Australian* January 9, 2015, p.3)

The Human Rights Commission has made previously generous recommendations with public money, and "recently recommended a \$300,000 payout for a convicted US fraudster held in detention while he launched vexatious legal arguments."

Here is an excellent and timely way to save money: close down the Human Rights Commission. The organisation sees refugees and criminals as victims of a "racist" general public, which all taxpayers should find offensive. Let's end this drain on the public purse!

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THE CHARLIE HEBDO STORY 'DOESN'T WASH'

Writes Paul Craig Roberts: The Charlie Hebdo story simply doesn't wash. If you believe it, you are no match for a Muslim. Some who think that they are experts will say that a false flag attack in France would be impossible without the co-operation of French intelligence. To this I say that it is practically a certainty that the CIA has more control over French intelligence than does the President of France. [Operation Gladio proves this.](#) The largest part of the government of Italy was ignorant of the bombings conducted by the CIA and Italian Intelligence against European women and children and blamed on communists in order to diminish the communist vote in elections.

Americans are a pitifully misinformed people. All of history is a history of false flag operations. Yet Americans dismiss such proven operations as "conspiracy theories," which merely proves that government has successfully brainwashed insouciant Americans and deprived them of the ability to recognize the truth. Americans are the foremost among the captive nations. Who will liberate them?

It Looks Like an Execution: Charlie Hebdo, Report from Europe- Paul Craig Roberts

Readers, with the exception of neoconservative William Kristol, appreciated the questions I raised about the Charlie Hebdo affair. Europeans sent me videos and news

Another video, which seems to be part of a news report, shows a large force of police waiting as the metal screen over the deli storefront rises. This is the deli in which Amedy Coulibaly is reported to be holding hostages. As the metal screen rises, police fire into the deli. There seems to be no return fire, and it is unclear who the police are shooting at. Perhaps it was the heavy firing by the police that killed the hostages. Police enter and turn to the right. Then Coulibaly appears from the same direction as the police entered. He is in a running stumble as if he has been pushed into the line of fire. There is no weapon in his hands, which appear to be tied together. He falls or is shot down at the door in front of the police, who then fire more bullets into the downed man. It looks like an execution. It most certainly is not a gun fight. Coulibaly was down and could easily have been captured and questioned. Instead, we have reports of pre-recorded confessions to take the place of capture and questioning.

The connection between Muslim murderous ire against French cartoonists and Coulibaly's alleged attack on a Kosher deli is asserted but not explained. If Coulibaly was incensed over cartoons drawn by French persons, why wasn't he with the killers in the cartoonists' office? Why pick on random patrons of a deli unrelated to the reason for the attack? **Once you look at this independently of**

reports. I can only report what the videos show visually. Also, the videos have come to me in forms that I do not know how to post. Those of you adept at Internet search possibly can find them. I would welcome for this website a report from Europe. I believe that a report from a knowledgeable and aware European about the official news reporting and public reaction to it, and the extent to which inconsistencies and loose ends of the official story are recognized and challenged, would be welcomed by readers of this site.

I have been left with the impression that informed Europeans are uncomfortable about diverging publicly from accepted opinion. As long as you let me know who you are, you can remain anonymous. We in America would just like to know if your reporting is different from ours and if the European public, except for the anti-immigrationists, buys the official story. The wars into which Europeans have been thrust by ambitious and deceptive leaders have been more devastating for European populations than the wars thrust upon gullible Americans. Perhaps Europeans are less willing to believe government assertions. If not, more war is a certainty.

Charlie Hebdo Update: The terrorist attacks, if that is what they are, are extremely convenient for Washington and Israel. France had just voted with Palestine against the US/Israeli position. French President Hollande had just stated

<http://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2015/01/13/charlie-hebdo-paul-craig-roberts/>

reports from Europe.

One video compares the car in which the killers escaped with the car in which the ID of one of the accused brothers was allegedly found and makes the point that the two cars differ. The car in which the ID was found apparently is not the escape car.

the official news presentation, there are problems everywhere.

In my day in order to qualify for the Ph.D. degree, the candidate had to demonstrate French and German reading skill. Time and scant use have taken their toll of my skill, so I cannot state with any assurance the conclusions of these

that the sanctions against Russia must end. Among Europeans sympathy was rising for the Palestinians, and support for Washington's and Israel's Middle East wars was declining. Now France is back under Washington's foreign policy umbrella, and European sympathy has shifted from the Palestinians to Israel.

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Read Parkinson's Law

Parkinson's Law briefly stated is that 'work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion.' If it doesn't seem that an entire book could be written about this thesis then you haven't encountered the imaginative genius and the stinging comic wit of C. Northcote Parkinson. He is able to use this little insight as an analytic tool to expose much

of what is wrong with organizations and why much in both business and government seems at odds with common sense. For example, why the British Colonial Office has grown in number of employees as the actual number of colonies declined - so that it employed more people when the number of colonies had been reduced to zero than when they were at their highest number.

Witty, brilliant and always right on the money, Parkinson can make what should be deadly dull - a description of bureaucracy - into a delightful excursion through the halls of pompous human folly. Really great stuff. This book is a classic and can be read and reread with great pleasure. Order from your library or buy online from www.abe.com **ND**

SCIENCE BURIED IN BUREAUCRACY AND CORRUPTION

From Joanne Nova website: Science buried in bureaucracy and corruption:

Office of Research Integrity director quits in disgust.

Bureaucrats have not only taken over much of the science world, but even the parts of the bureaucracy designed to hunt out corruption in science are incapacitated with bureaucracy-at-its-worst too. This is second order corruption — even the checks and balances on corruption are corrupted.

As James Delingpole points out: Science is rife with corruption, incompetence, dishonesty and fabrication—and now, thanks to a frank resignation letter by the US's top scientific misconduct official we have a better idea why.

Government science desperately needs auditing— or the free market solution, competition.

One in 50 scientists admitted to have fabricated, falsified or modified data or results at least once. It's not just about fraud; it's about bias, and statistical sloppiness. Up to 30% admitted other questionable research practices. When asked about their colleagues, 14% said other scientists falsified results, and 70% used other questionable research practices (Fanelli 2009). In the modern electronic science world, not only are many results not replicated, but the raw data itself is not even available for checking most of the time. Research shows that scientists who withhold data are more likely to have published errors (see below). Half of the papers in high-end journals contained some statistical error (Wicherts 2011).

What we're seeing here is how even government funded checks on government funded science don't work. Without free market competition and private funding, the layers of corruption and perverse incentives just build on the previous layers rather than neutralize them.

In this corrupt climate the need for independent checks is even more important

The director of the U.S. government office that monitors scientific misconduct in biomedical research has resigned after 2

years out of frustration with the “remarkably dysfunctional” federal bureaucracy. David Wright, director of the Office of Research Integrity (ORI), writes in a scathing resignation letter obtained by Science Insider that the huge amount of time he spent trying to get things done made much of his time at ORI “the very worst job I have ever had.”

Science Mag has the letter from David Wright: “The rest of my role as ORI Director has been the very worst job I have ever had and it occupies up to 65% of my time. That part of the job is spent navigating the remarkably dysfunctional HHS bureaucracy to secure resources and, yes, get permission for ORI to serve the research community. I knew coming into this job about the bureaucratic limitations of the federal government, but I had no idea how stifling it would be. What I was able to do in a day or two as an academic administrator takes weeks or months in the federal government, our precinct of which is OASH.

On one occasion, I was invited to give a talk on research integrity and misconduct to a large group of AAAS fellows. I needed to spend \$35 to convert some old cassette tapes to CDs for use in the presentation. The immediate office denied my request after a couple of days of noodling. A university did the conversion for me in twenty minutes, and refused payment when I told them it was for an educational purpose.

Wright describes OASH (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health) as “secretive, autocratic and unaccountable”. Third, there is the nature of the federal bureaucracy itself. The sociologist Max Weber observed in the early 20th century that while bureaucracy is in some instances an optimal organizational mode for a rationalized, industrial society, it has drawbacks. One is that public bureaucracies quit being about serving the public and focus instead on perpetuating

themselves. This is exactly my experience with OASH. We spend exorbitant amounts of time in meetings and in generating repetitive and often meaningless data and reports to make our precinct of the bureaucracy look productive. None of this renders the slightest bit of assistance to ORI in handling allegations of misconduct or in promoting the responsible conduct of research. Instead, it sucks away time and resources that we might better use to meet our mission. Since I've been here I've been advised by my superiors that I had “to make my bosses look good.” I've been admonished: “Dave, you are a visionary leader but what we need here are team players.” Recently, I was advised that if I wanted to be happy in government service, I had to “lower my expectations.” The one thing no one in OASH leadership has said to me in two years is ‘how can we help ORI better serve the research community?’ Not once. I'm offended as an American taxpayer that the federal bureaucracy—at least the part I've laboured in—is so profoundly dysfunctional.

Hidden Data

Data-sharing is a basic requirement of science, yet only 40% of the top journals even require the raw data to be shared as a condition of publication and of papers published in a journal with some kind of data sharing policy, less than half complied with the policy. [Scientific American] Only 10% of papers had their full primary data sets available upon publication. (Alsheikh–Ali, 2011) A different study claimed things are improving, but still only found 35% of gene expression articles with raw data available by 2009. (Piwowar, 2011) In psychology, one analysis found the utterly predictable and obvious implication. Scientists who are reluctant to share data are more likely to be hiding evidence that contradicts their conclusions and also more likely to have published errors (Wicherts et al 2011)

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