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The Merger Of Big Government And Evil Empires

By Andy Caldwell

In nearly every midterm election, historically the party that is not in power picks up a sizeable number of representatives in Congress. In this current election cycle, the utter failure of “Dementia Joe” Biden’s empty promise to build back better and to unify America, along with historic inflation, and the political embarrassment known as Kamala Harris, all indicated the Democratic Party was dead in the water for all practical purposes except in very blue states.

Thereby nearly every conservative political pundit in America was predicting a red wave, or maybe even a red tsunami in the midterms, but as my friend Joe Armendariz quipped, “The GOP’s red tsunami turned out as partly sunny with a 10% chance of sprinkles”! How could that be? What happened?

Well, conveniently so, many of these same political pundits are now scapegoating Donald Trump as the kiss of death of the republican red wave. As pollster Frank Luntz said on CNN, for every one person who loves Donald Trump, there is one and one-half persons who thinks he is horrible even though he is still the number one Republican in America. The ugly truth? Whereas the one person that hates Donald Trump is certainly a democrat, the one-half person is an establishment republican!

This division in the republican party is nothing new. It goes back some thirty years ever since the Ronald Reagan era passed, as his statesmanship uniquely served to unite the various factions of the republican party to fight against big government domestically and evil empires abroad.

However, much has happened in the world in between the Reagan and Trump eras and that is the emergence of a truly global economy and the promise of a new world order via the so-called Great Reset. Trump sought to reverse course via his Make America Great Again campaign at the expense of these global interests long since entrenched in both parties in Washington, D.C., on Wall Street, not to mention the Silicon Valley, the media including Hollywood and social media, the education establishment, the European Union, and China- all of whom are in bed together.

Therefore, Trump’s egotism, bombast, and narcissism which surely turns off a great number of Americans is not the true reason the American and global political and economic establishment is still going after him with pitchforks. They hate him because he poses an independent threat to their agenda. What is their agenda? To simply stay in power as they broker political and economic deals around the world. And truth be told, these same people will go after DeSantis if he won’t do their bidding if he

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Government Is Accelerating Cycles Of Brokenness

By Andy Caldwell

California is spending billions attempting to eradicate homelessness after the fact instead of dealing with the primary origins of homelessness, three of which too often form a cycle of brokenness: fatherless homes, military service, and incarceration.

Frederick Douglass wrote, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Nevertheless, today, the lack of family (nuclear) formation first and divorce second has created a virtual Niagara Falls of broken children, a significant number of which will succumb to a lifestyle of drugs, alcohol, crime, poverty, and mental illness. Specifically, upwards of 85% of the youth in prison come from fatherless homes as do upwards of 70% of the adult male population in prison.

Eleven percent of homeless are veterans, many of whom are struggling with PTSD and drug and alcohol abuse. That number is hopefully in decline due to some successful programs to treat and house veterans along with the fact we have not been at war recently, as war churns out these struggling veterans in large numbers.

As for jails and prisons, upwards of 50% of the homeless were formerly incarcerated and the formerly incarcerated are 10 times more likely than the general population to be homeless.

Thanks to Governor Brown and duped voters, California has been dumping prisoners onto our streets in mass quantities. For instance, Assembly Bill 109, so-called prison realignment, amended some 500 criminal statutes to eliminate the possibility of state prison time. Hence, many of the criminals living on our streets should otherwise be in prison. AB109 reduced our prison population by more than 30,000 inmates over a two-year period.

Then, there were Propositions 47 and 57 which respectively eliminated prison sentencing for scores of would-be felons, while the latter released thousands of prisoners before their time is up, despite the fact, that most of them reoffended (by most counts, over 50%)!

Not to be outdone, Governor Newsom has announced increasing early release credits for 76,000 inmates, including violent and repeat felons, as he closes prisons in California. More than 63,000 inmates convicted of violent crimes will be eligible for good behavior



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credits that shorten their sentences by one-third instead of the one-fifth that had been in place since 2017. This will include nearly 20,000 inmates who are serving life sentences with the possibility of parole, or read that, the probability of parole. As usual, there is no plan to successfully reintegrate these people into society. They will come out with no job skills or prospects, no money for housing, and in too many cases (see above) no family to speak of.

Meanwhile, Gavin Newsom is closing the last facilities in our state juvenile justice system. In the 1990s there were 10,000 youth incarcerated in the juvenile prisons with another nearly 10,000 youth in the

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California Threatens To Ban Diesel Trucks, Worsening Supply Chain Backlogs

By Katy Grimes

California policies and politics are at odds with the rest of the country

The disconnect between California policies and politics are at such odds with the rest of the country, it's a wonder the other 49 states haven't excommunicated the Golden State from the union.

Today's headlines are the perfect example:

- Rail strike potential grows, threatening to worsen supply chain backlogs, inflation
- California Looks to Ban Diesel Trucks at Ports by 2035

California's Long Beach and Los Angeles ports process approximately 40 percent of container shipments coming through the U.S.

Does anyone in charge California care?

As the country's supply chain backlogs still exist and continues to plague many industries, California's nonsensical diesel regulatory rules threaten to worsen the supply chain – on top of a potential rail strike which could grind supplies throughout the country to a halt.

It's as if the international bad guy Dr. Evil is trying to destroy America's economy.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom is obviously aware of the problem. In October, he announced he was committing \$1.2 billion to support the state's ports and freight corridors – although he claimed the backlog was "pandemic-induced."

"Seventy percent of the program funding will go to projects that support goods movement through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach," Newsom's announcement said.

Good. The Long Beach port was already a problem.

But Newsom is ignoring his own California Air Resources Board's ongoing economy-restricting policies by doubling down in blatant policies opposed to business interests, particularly those of large-scale corporations. "The goal is to push more than 30,000 heavily-polluting trucks to clean energy by 2035," the Wall Street Journal reported.

California's diesel regulations were created during the

last administration under then-Governor Jerry Brown. Immediately upon enactment by the CARB, and installation by truck owners, the mandatory, faulty diesel particulate filters were exploding all across the state. Ironically, the filters even fail(ed) at cleaning the air.

The Alliance for California Business, a voluntary group whose purpose is to protect and promote business interests throughout California, told me in 2016 that Diesel Particulate Filters started more than 31 fires in just two years, including several in areas of the state parched by the drought. The Diesel Particulate Filters are the result of environmental regulations created by the California Air Resources Board, and were based on a deeply flawed study led by a CARB researcher accused of faking his Ph.D. credential. The CARB was not only aware of employee Hien Tran and his phony Ph.D. credentials and flawed research, yet the agency instead rushed head-on to meet its self-imposed schedule in creating the diesel regulations on truckers using the faulty science.

California's owners/operators of trucks, small business owners, and farmers and ranchers, whose livelihood is tied to having affordable, safe, and reliable trucks for transporting goods, were targeted by the California Air Resources Board, and required to install Diesel Particulate Filters in all commercial trucks.

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Poof! The California Surplus Is Gone

By Steven Greenhut

The latest figures suggest that California is heading from a massive budget surplus into a deficit situation, which might finally show if Gov. Newsom is up to a budget challenge.

SACRAMENTO — California's state budget has been awash in cash, as lawmakers this year enjoyed a \$97.5 billion budget surplus — an excess amount that's larger than the entire general-fund budgets of all but two states (New York and Texas). As a result, Gov. Gavin Newsom and his Democratic legislative colleagues have had the enviable task of playing Santa Claus and just showering money around.

"No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," Newsom boasted at a press conference in May. He gave a few nods to the potential for a future recession. Nevertheless, he eagerly adjusted his spending plans upward as the state headed toward a gubernatorial race. It's fun to have money to spend and a long wish list of programs — especially during election season.

"The massive surplus allows Mr. Newsom to sprinkle cash across the state," the New York Times noted. These include "rebates for nearly all Californians to offset the effects of inflation ... retention bonuses of up to \$1,500 for health care workers; expanded health care, in particular for women seeking abortions; three months of free public transit; and record per-pupil school funding." And that's just the beginning of the latest spending frenzy.

In 2021, the governor enjoyed an also-significant \$76-billion surplus. As the news site CALmatters reported, Newsom went on a "spending spree" in advance of a failed recall election: "He wants to spend \$12 billion to house the homeless ... \$3.4 billion to expand pre-school to all 4-year-olds ... \$1.5 billion cleaning up blight." He just happened to make each announcement at a relevant location for a photo opportunity. Go figure.

But change is in the air. "Under our outlook," the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office revealed this month, "the Legislature would face a budget problem of \$24 billion in 2023-24.... The budget problem is mainly attributable to lower revenue estimates." The LAO uses the word "problem" as a euphemism for

"deficit," in case you wondered. It urged the Legislature to squirrel away more money and pause or delay "recent augmentations" (i.e., spending plans).

In plain English: Poof. Now, the surplus is gone and California is facing a sizable budget deficit. The fun is over. A Politico story captured the weeping and gnashing of teeth in Sacramento, as Democratic leaders vowed to protect every penny of spending from the budget ax. None of this should have been a surprise, given that "warning signs have been flashing for months." The publication pointed to long-obvious falling tax revenues and layoffs at Bay Area tech companies.

Wild budget swings are nothing new in California thanks to our steeply progressive capital-gains-dependent budget. The state imposes such punishing tax levels on high income that the state Capitol is dependent on the billionaires its lefty lawmakers seem to despise. For the quarter century I've been here, lawmakers have discussed revamping that system to smooth out the boom-and-bust cycles — although some reform proposals really are just a means to further raise taxes.

There's a reason the state and school districts swing back and forth between spending sprees and layoffs. But they can't bring themselves to change it, largely because "punishing the rich" is a centerpiece of progressive ideology.

Lawmakers never can restrain themselves during boom cycles. The glistening billions pose an irresistible temptation. Former Gov. Jerry Brown would always trot out charts during his January and May

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The Expectation Of Failure Redux

By Andy Caldwell

As a favorite author of mine has written, “a half-truth masquerading as the whole truth becomes a complete untruth”. Accordingly, let’s discuss the criminal justice reform movement which is a euphemism to empty our jails of suspects and convicts, a.k.a., decarceration.

As the theory goes, every criminal is a victim of circumstances, including their race and financial status. The primary results being poor people end up with long jail and prison sentences because they don’t have money to post bail (which is why they want to eliminate bail entirely) and they can’t afford a competent attorney. Whereas there is some truth in these statements, the whole truth is the majority of so-called low-level crimes in our community are never investigated or prosecuted in the first place for a variety of reasons.

This has to do with the fact that the California criminal justice system has been eviscerated by a series of laws that emptied our prisons and forced our jails to severely limit the incarceration of suspects and convicts. The truth? Only felons go to either jail or prison. What’s worse, a slew of crimes that were formerly considered felonies have been downgraded to misdemeanors, meaning a number of people that would have gone to jail previously, are now released upon booking, or never arrested at all as they are merely handed a citation.

A significant aspect of the reform movement is to refrain from incarcerating suspects who have not yet been convicted. Instead, we seek to serve them by way of “pretrial services”. This, despite the fact that 20% of the accused who were not held in custody while waiting for their day in court failed to appear for their court hearing, while another 10-13% reoffended, and get this. The probation department *expected* these people to fail via the assessment they use for this program.

What to do? Send these no-shows to jail without passing go? No! Our woke probation dept believes custody time is “not appropriate” for these people. Instead, the probation department is instead intent on meeting their “unmet needs” such as counseling, childcare, employment, and housing. Where is the justice in that to the victims of crime? How is that making our community safer? Why not refer them to these services *after* they have served their time?



This failure to appear is the direct result of another failure to appear- at the polls! If you consider the number of adults who don’t bother to register to vote and combine that with the number of registered voters who fail to vote, that is ample explanation why our criminal justice system is failing, not to mention all the other problems facing society. That is, elections matter!

In this election cycle, democrats are staying home in droves. Why? While they can’t yet stomach voting for republicans, neither can they support their own party that has crushed our economy (inflation), crashed our public education system (school closures and plummeting test scores), and crippled our criminal justice system (as mentioned herein).

Strike while the iron is hot folks! Vote! For at the base of our liberty is common sense, a.k.a. self-evident truths, and the concept of a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, all of which requires the people to exercise their sovereign right to vote. Our government and our economy are reeling out of control because the critical and crucial, personally liberating and government-constraining concept of “consent of the governed”, is becoming extinct by reason of the failure to appear by the electorate. Sans the concept of consent, all we have left is a form of maniacal tyranny void of common sense, law and order, and decency.

Reforming The FBI

By Frank Vernuccio Jr.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was once one of America's most respected institutions. However, the increased politicalization of federal agencies in general and the FBI in particular to favor powerful Democrats and oppose Republicans has heavily eroded that trust.

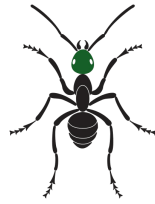
An Inspector General report issued in 2019 outlined instances of shocking bias within the nation's premier law enforcement agency, a reflection of the overall bias of the Department of Justice. As is now well known, false charges against the Trump campaign and Administration were encouraged, aided and abetted. At the same time, offenses committed by Hillary Clinton, and related process offenses such as her destruction of evidence went unprosecuted.

This isn't about whether one likes or dislikes Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton. It is about the inappropriate use of federal power for partisan political purposes.

It is also about censorship. It is now established that the FBI used its power and influence to censor at least one story that had the impact of altering the outcome of the 2020 presidential campaign, namely, the Hunter Biden Laptop issue.

Writing for Imprimis, Joseph diGenova notes that "FBI Director James Comey, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, FBI Deputy Director of Counterintelligence Peter Strzok, Strzok's paramour and FBI lawyer Lisa Page, FBI General Counsel James Baker, and DOJ senior official Bruce Ohr—perhaps among others—compromised federal law enforcement to such an extent that the American public is losing trust. A recent CBS News poll finds 48 percent of Americans believe that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Trump-Russia collusion probe is "politically motivated," a stunning conclusion. And 63 percent of polled voters in a Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll believe that the FBI withheld vital information from Congress about the Clinton and Russia collusion investigations.

Attempts to address the FBI's rather overt political



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bias in favor of powerful Democrats have not been successful.

A scathing report by the Republican members of the House Judiciary Committee reveals that "The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the stewardship of Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland, is broken. The problem lies not with the majority of front-line agents who serve our country, but with the FBI's politicized bureaucracy. The problem lies, for example, with the FBI hierarchy that spied on President Trump's campaign and ridiculed conservative Americans. The problem lies with FBI bureaucrats who altered and mischaracterized evidence to federal courts, circumvented safeguards, and exploited weaknesses in policies governing investigations and informants to target politically disfavored subjects and to protect favored ones. The problem lies with the FBI structure that centralizes high-profile cases in D.C., in the hands of politicized actors with politicized incentives. Quite simply, the problem—the rot within the FBI—fester in and proceeds from Washington."

Whistleblowers have described the FBI's Washington hierarchy as "rotted at its core," maintaining a "systemic culture of unaccountability," and full of "rampant corruption, manipulation, and abuse." Whistleblowers describe how the FBI has abused its law-enforcement authorities for political purposes, and how actions by FBI leadership show a political bias against conservatives.

The abuses weren't confined to the 2016 or 2020 presidential campaigns. Testimony has been presented that the FBI is artificially inflating statistics about domestic violent extremism in the nation. Whistleblowers have described how FBI leadership is pressuring line agents to reclassify cases as domestic violent extremism even if the matter does not meet the criteria. They also explained how the FBI is misrepresenting the scale of domestic violent extremism nationwide by categorizing January 6th-related investigations as or-

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Our Thanksgiving Transition From Pilgrims To Pirates

By Andy Caldwell

This Thanksgiving weekend, hopefully, more than a few families will give thanks for all that God has done for us and given to us. This is in accord with our traditional Judeo-Christian faith, heritage, and world view to live as one nation under God. That is, giving thanks and worshiping God is considered tantamount to life itself according to the faith that from God do all blessings flow.

Whereas our nation's motto is still "In God We Trust", we have fallen away from that truth in reality. Our nation has become nearly entirely secularized as humanism (having a human-centered world view), narcissism (being self-centered), hedonism (living for the pleasure of self), nihilism (the rejection of moral and religious principles), and materialism (the value of material possessions over spiritual values) have wrought devastation by way of an orgy of self which has waged war against the spirit and soul of America.

There were two great works written nearly a century ago that speak to the underpinnings of Western Civilization that make for a stable and prosperous society. First, the British anthropologist from Oxford, J.D. Unwin, studied some 86 societies and civilizations in his book "Sex and Culture". Unwin determined that society and culture either flourished or collapsed by way of sexual mores which served to either promote or destroy the social, familial, moral, and rational foundations of civilization, respectively. That is, when chastity, life-long monogamy, belief in God, and rational thinking disappeared from society, within three generations the culture collapsed.

Next, Harvard Sociologist Carle Zimmerman's "Family and Civilization" concluded that the monogamous nuclear family construct alone is the cornerstone of advanced civilizations. Zimmerman listed several signs of societal collapse which has always followed people divorcing, foregoing marriage in the first place and child rearing altogether, along with numerous forms of debauchery, all of which indicated that as the nuclear family disintegrated, the civilization collapsed.

Let us now consider the British empire, the source of our lineage and a predictor of our fate, which declined shortly after World War 1, having missed similar warnings. British pastor John Stuart Holden wrote in his book "The Confidence of Faith", during World War 1, that British society "is marked by flippant folly and vain, empty, and worthless living". Because Britain's

national mission in the world (starting in the family!) "was to resist evil, protect the weak, and to establish righteousness, that mission could not be accomplished until Britain's soul was recovered. Nothing but God's indwelling control can ensure unquenched hope, maintain unfailing inspiration, inspire undimmed faith, and create unsullied holiness." Ditto for America!

I have likened all this to sailing through life with a broken compass. We no longer understand our calling, nor do we accept our responsibilities, including self-control, required to fulfill our destiny. In the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, however, Captain Jack Sparrow possesses what could be considered the modern-day compass, it does not point to true north or to a just cause, instead it points to what Jack wants most. That may work for a pirate's life, but it spells disaster for the rest of society.

This reminds me of a piece I wrote, "When Prophets Visited Harvard". Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Charlton Heston respectively warned America about the coming catastrophe to our society and culture that came by way of forgetting God along with the commensurate duties to God and neighbor, along with the ensuing culture war which served to prevent us from separating truth from falsehood and right from wrong. Unless we turn this ship around and remember what has been forgotten and agree with Solzhenitsyn's plea to "live not by lies", our impending destination will be far off from that of our pilgrim and puritan forefathers.



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Analyzing The Strange Coincidences In Maricopa County During The 2022 Midterm Election

By Rachel Alexander

The Democrats, MSM and RINOs are complaining about voters' concerns over election fraud, saying "we need to move on," "quit living in the past," and "no one cares about it as an issue, you're hurting the Republican Party to continue focusing on it." There may be a grain of truth in all of that, but it's outweighed by the fact that we may never get another Republican president into office and more states will turn blue if we don't stop the fraud.

No one really believes deep down that Arizona rejected four top Republican candidates — three who were leading in almost every poll, including MSM polls — considering the breakdown of voter registration in the state. Republicans have a four-point voter registration advantage over Democrats in the state as well as within Maricopa County. Republican candidates swept the rest of the races around the state, leading many to believe only those four top races, which featured all Trump-endorsed candidates, were deliberately targeted.

Other than those four key races, Arizona Republicans performed exceedingly well in the election, reminiscent of 2020 when only Trump (and weak Senate candidate Martha McSally) lost. The GOP flipped Arizona's congressional delegation back to majority Republican, winning two open seats, took back a seat on the Arizona Corporation Commission that was lost in 2018, gained two seats on the Central Arizona Project board, kept both chambers of the Arizona Legislature, including getting an even more conservative Senate President, Warren Petersen. Numerous new conservative candidates were elected to school boards and the party appears almost certain to take back superintendent of schools from the incumbent Democrat. Several of the candidates in those races, including a couple of legislative candidates who won, were endorsed by Trump.

Voters are wondering how incumbent Republican State Treasurer Kimberly Yee received more votes than any of the other statewide candidates — about 100,000 more than Kari Lake — even though she had low name recognition, was not endorsed by Trump, didn't get the base excited, and conducted a relatively quiet, uneventful first term. It's not because Yee didn't have a significant opponent; State Sen. Martin Quezada is one of the most well-known and popular

Democrats in the state. On the other hand, Lake

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How The Government Union Machine Conquered California

By Edward Ring

With the November 8 election already ten days ago, we are now conditioned to accept that some final results will not be known until December 16, five weeks later. Counting proceeds at a crawl in counties up and down the state, and those among us with housebroken political sentiments are expected to be impressed at the diligent performance of our election professionals.

In truth, however, no major nation on earth takes this long to count ballots, and no state in America takes as long as California to count ballots. As of November 14, there were still 15 races for a seat in the U.S. Congress that remained undecided. Eight of them, more than half, are here in California.

What has happened to the election process in California is a travesty. For over 30 years, political power has steadily drifted towards what is now a one party state. Democrats control all the higher state offices, from Governor to State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and none of that will change. In the state legislature, Democrats control what is referred to as a mega-majority in both the assembly and the senate. Unlike a super-majority, where two-thirds of the seats in a chamber are occupied by members of a single party, a mega-majority means that three-quarters of the seats are controlled by one party. That, too, will not change once final results are announced.

The reason for this dominance by one party can be misleading, however, because it isn't a party so much

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as a political machine, controlled by government unions, that exercises power in Sacramento.

Years of closed shop government employment union dues have gone to supporting campaigns to elect politicians obedient to these unions. After SCOTUS in a 2016 ruling relieved government employees of mandatory payment of union dues (or "agency fees"), union membership is down, but remains formidable, enforced by intimidating in-house peer pressure by union operatives. Union dues now average over \$1000 per government employee, and with over a million state and local government employees still belonging to government unions in California, these unions have over a billion dollars per year to work with. As the government workforce grows, so grows the financial underpinning of even more union domination.

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Reforming The FBI *Cont.*

ganic cases stemming from local field offices, instead of all related to one single incident. In both ways, the FBI is fueling the Biden Administration's narrative that domestic violent extremism is the biggest threat to our nation.

One of the most disturbing revelations is that the FBI is abusing its counterterrorism authorities to investigate parents who spoke at school board meetings. Whistleblowers disclosed how, shortly after the National School Boards Association urged President Biden to use the Patriot Act against American parents, the FBI Counterterrorism Division set up a special "threat tag" to track school board-related

cases. Whistleblowers provided evidence of how the FBI opened investigations into one mom for allegedly telling a local school board "we are coming for you" and a dad simply because he "rails against the government" and "has a lot of guns."

The abuse of law enforcement for partisan political purposes is the most dangerous threat to freedom imaginable. Tough reforms must be quickly enacted.

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budget releases showing that tough budget years outnumber flush ones. But even he increased the state budget 50 percent in his last terms. This new crowd largely skips the pretenses and just spends.

Brown faced the last major budget deficit (\$27 billion) in 2011, which he handled in laudable and troubling ways. Regarding the former, he eliminated the state's redevelopment agencies (local central planning fiefdoms that diverted funds from traditional public services) and instituted a modest but noteworthy pension-reform law (the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act, PEPR). But he also championed 2012's Proposition 30 tax increase.

The only time California lawmakers ever seriously reform anything or reduce spending is when their backs are against the wall. Had California enjoyed a large surplus in 2012, lawmakers and the governor would have had no incentive to reform pensions or halt redevelopment. Sure, they also convinced gullible voters to raise other people's taxes, but the Legislature always is pushing tax hikes.

Even in the midst of the recent budget fat times, the Legislature sought more tax revenue. The California Tax Foundation reported that during the 2021–2022 session, lawmakers sought nearly \$199 billion in new taxes and fees. They seek higher taxes in good times and bad because, well, their appetite for taxing and spending is insatiable.

The good news is that tough economic times and

dwindling budgets will force California's leaders to make tough choices. It will also test Newsom's mettle. He has possible designs on the presidency, so Americans can finally watch him do something other than spend free money.

The bad news, though, is that Newsom and his colleagues blew a historic opportunity to fix some of California's long-standing infrastructure, tax, and debt problems. Instead, they largely squandered the surplus on dubious programs. Now, the money is gone — and it's anyone's guess whether we'll get a similar opportunity again.

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brought out thousands to huge rallies and was considered a Trumplike sensation across the state, with huge name recognition due to being a longtime popular news anchor in the Phoenix market.

One of the main theories going around in Arizona is that since bad actors knew Republicans were going to vote heavily on election day, they focused their efforts there instead of on mail-in ballots. They speculate that someone on the inside, likely a tech inspector, was paid a large amount of money to incorrectly adjust the settings on printers located in heavily Republican precincts the night before, after the final tests of equipment were performed, throwing in a handful of blue precincts for distraction. Well over 350% more Republicans than Democrats voted in person on election day in Maricopa County.

There are many reports accumulating of the misread ballots being commingled with ballots that had already been tabulated correctly at the vote centers, stored in "black satchels" instead of secure "Door 3" boxes as promised, lacking a chain of custody, or not tabulated when voters went to check the status of their ballots afterwards at beballotready.vote. The Lake campaign is readying lawsuits, compiling stories from voters who believe they were disenfranchised.

Arizona law provides for a new election if there is evidence of illegal votes or a candidate did not receive enough to win. However, unless there is a super smoking gun, like a bad actor coming forward and admitting bribery — and who wants to do that and go to prison — the courts are not likely to do anything about it, as we've learned from previous experience.

Election fraud experts tell me it's part of a plan by Democrats to take over states one by one. First they started with states like California, Washington and Oregon. They moved on to states like Colorado and Nevada. Arizona happens to be their latest target. One election fraud expert in California believes there are actually rather close numbers of Republicans and Democrats in that state, but due to years of election fraud there, no one bothers investigating anymore, allowing it to become rampant.

What can we do? In Arizona, with Democrats almost certain to control the top state offices of governor,

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In particular, the growth of SEIU along with the teachers unions has created the two primary sources of the political destruction of California, funded by our own tax dollars to work against us. We voted for “education,” and empowered the teachers union to destroy curricula in favor of indoctrinating a generation of young Californians to resent their nation, reject hard work, mistrust one another based on the color of their skin, and acquire narcissistic self-esteem instead of marketable skills. We voted for humane social services, and instead we got insatiable, inefficient SEIU hiring.

These unions move in unison, threaten one and the entire machine moves against anyone who dares to take them on.

Giving California away to government unions was phase one in the destruction of California’s democracy. Winning elections that might otherwise be competitive has devolved into a formulaic contest where only one political machine has the money and manpower to participate; the government unions. Phase two was already underway as we entered a new decade in 2020, but the COVID pandemic enabled its full implementation in a matter of months. The “reforms” enacted rest on four fundamental changes: universal mailed ballots, early voting, same day voter registration, and ballot harvesting.

If early voting trends show the union backed Demo-

crat is facing an opponent whose voters are turning out in stronger than anticipated numbers, they immediately invest more money in ballot harvesting during the weeks before election day. The ballot harvesters, using apps on their cell phones that are tied into proprietary databases, know which household residents have registered with which party. Early voting lets them know how many votes they will need, and ballot harvesting lets them control how many votes they will get. It’s all legal.

In cases where an election remains close in the final days prior to the election, same day registration is the next weapon deployed by the machine. Even though in the just completed election the last day to register to vote as a traditional voter was October 24, paid and volunteer operatives could assist people with same-day registration as a “conditional voter” right up until and through Election Day, November 8. They know exactly who to register.

For example, the teachers union has ensured that the vast majority of young voters are thoroughly conditioned to vote for Democrats, and to despise Republicans. The machine has a profile for every eligible voter in the state. It knows where every person under age 30 is living, and if they’re not registered, it sends operatives to get them a same-day registration and a provisional ballot, which they can then harvest. And it’s all legal.

Such is the reality of elections in California today. Yet no one is allowed to question the ethics of ballot har-



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secretary of state and attorney general, nothing will be done to improve election integrity. Arizona State Rep. Jake Hoffman gave me some hope, suggesting increasing the number of observers and those working at the polls in 2024. Many credit Virginia's red turn in 2021 to all the observers. The RNC said it trained 3,500 observers for Virginia's election. In Democratic counties, the poll watchers were 2-1 Republicans. The year before, some of those counties had no Republican observers at all.

No one wants to talk about election fraud anymore because they risk being sued or even prosecuted, kicked off big tech platforms, or shunned by powerful Republicans with money, who are often referred to as RINOs due to their heavy conflicts of interest. In order to keep their money flowing in, these powerful players have to keep up many alliances and contracts with people who don't share conservative values. There's no easy solution there, because without funding, who's going to pay to get the conservative message out? There aren't enough millionaires and billionaires who can operate outside of those entanglements.

So many people just nod and wink and pretend there's no election fraud in order to keep their funding, labeling anyone concerned about it as "crazy" or "conspiracy theorists," which often destroys their reputations and careers and makes them question their sanity. Stories of mass election fraud, like the type 2,000 Mules exposed in Yuma County, go ignored. The focus needs to be on figuring out how to turn this type of messaging around, vindicating those who question the obvious instead of ridiculing them.

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emerges as the next major contender for the White House.

America is not in trouble because of Donald Trump and neither did the red wave fail because of him. It is in trouble because the proponents of a global economy and a new world order are out to destroy our spirit by way of eroding our foundations and fracturing our union. It is as simple as the notion to divide to conquer. They weakened our economy via the covid shutdowns and obscene levels of out-of-control spending, our criminal justice system by accusing it of being racist, and our foundations including our Judeo-Christian heritage and Western Civilization as if that is a euphemism for white supremacy.

DeSantis is popular because he is fighting the establishment in a more civil and demur manner than has Trump. Nevertheless, some of the biggest supporters of DeSantis are from the same republican establishment that sought to destroy Trump from day one. DeSantis had better watch his back because unlike Trump, he will need to reach into the establishment's pocketbook to succeed, while they implement an age-old strategy among the elite power broker class to "rent to own" him.

Government Is Accelerating Cycles Of Brokenness *Cont.*

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California Youth Authority's parole system. Just as Brown's realignment sent scores of state inmates to county jails, these juveniles were sent to county juvenile detention facilities. In both cases, these state inmates pushed out those that would have otherwise been incarcerated in local detention facilities.

Closer to home, county supervisors are foolishly closing the Los Prietos Boys Camp that has been successfully helping youth since 1945. How so? By providing male authority, discipline, and leadership in a remote setting to boys who need father figures in their lives.

The alternatives to the once stable nuclear family construct are working just as well as the so-called criminal justice reform movement, which seeks to avoid jail and prison altogether, in that both have become a societal disaster leaving criminals, addicts, and derelicts roaming our streets with little to no chance for redemption. Moreover, government is throwing a house (via the housing first policy) at the homeless when what they really need is a home- something government can't provide.

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vesting, or the accuracy of the registered voter database from which ballots are mailed to everyone, or the injustice of taxpayer-funded government unions recruiting candidates, paying for their campaigns, and using their massive political machine to scientifically ensure their victory."

To have a fair election, Californians must return to time tested methods. If you want to vote, you have to register six weeks or more before the election. Then on election day, you go to a polling center, present an ID, and receive a paper ballot. You mark the ballot manually to ensure the markings actually reflect what you were voting for or against. Then all these ballots are tabulated at the precinct and county level, reported at the end of the night, and saved for future audit. That is a corruption-proof voting process.

Instead, we wait for weeks to get results that used to be ready in hours. All the while, we hope against all odds that the ideas our favored candidates fought for attracted enough voters to beat the machine.

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California Threatens To Ban Diesel Trucks, Worsening Supply Chain Backlogs *cont.*

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And when CARB made this regulation, it kicked thousands of independent truckers out of this business. Many large and small truckers could not afford to retrofit their trucks and fleets and were forced out of business. The truckers still in business had to spend \$20,000 to \$50,000 per truck retrofit with the CARB's expensive, mandated Diesel Particulate Filter, or they had to buy newer model trucks to meet the new regulations. New trucks are hugely expensive.

Many of those truckers and trucking companies who could afford the retrofit or new trucks reported exploding trucks thanks to the CARB's 'Truck and Bus Regulations' to control emissions from diesel engines.

The Diesel Particulate Filter devices were hailed by CARB, in countless public statements and Executive Orders, as an inexpensive, easy to install, device that could be implemented on all diesel powered engines throughout the State of California within just a few years. The CARB claimed the use of the filters would thereby improve air quality in the Los Angeles and San Joaquin basins.

Nothing could have been further from the truth.

It took some time, but CARB finally publicly acknowledged (barely) that the Diesel Particulate Filter is expensive to install and maintain, mechanically unreliable, and the warranties were inadequate both as to time, mileage and scope of coverage.

But even worse, the Diesel Particulate Filter clogged, causing engine fires. These engine fires erupt, and have caused numerous very serious and even deadly accidents, as well as devastating property damage.

The CARB's solution was to double down on stupid and imposed a ban on diesel trucks, forcing more and more California truckers out of business.

As the state attempts to wean (force) drivers off gas and diesel-powered vehicles, pushing commercial fleets of vans, long-haul trucks and buses to transition to zero-emission vehicles, "the trucks tend to cost two or three times as much as diesel trucks, which retail for about \$150,000. Most electric trucks today have a range of between 100 and 200 miles between charges, making longer trucking routes impractical," WSJ reported.

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