



25 Mistakes Our Country has Made in Policy and Practices, and How to Correct Each One

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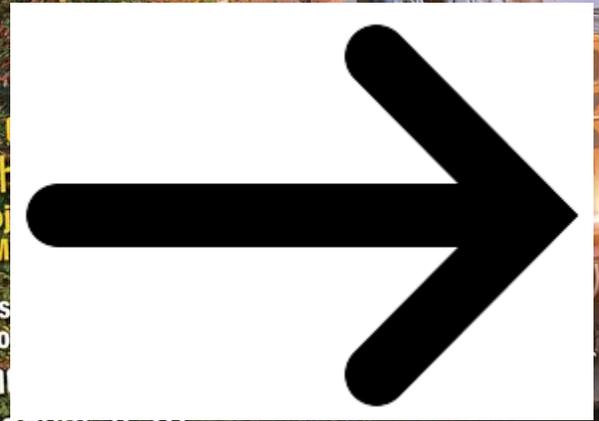
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SAVE UP TO 74%



13 biggest blunders in railroading

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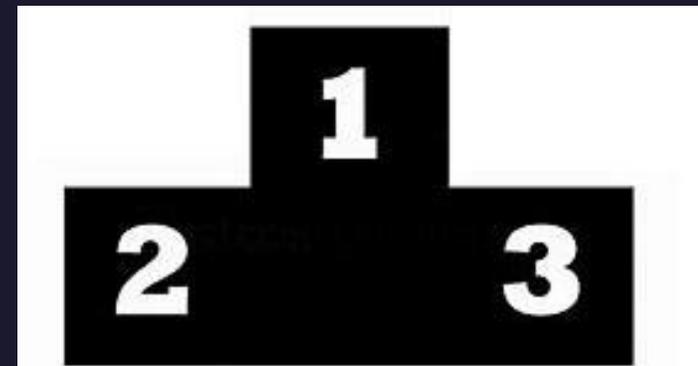


We must maintain a receptive attitude towards that sort of change and complication which is sometimes called progress



The United States has come to regard itself as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations

What follows however are matters that merit attention...



Please note that a number of the British colonies that did not foster revolutions, and remained instead in the Commonwealth, have public policies superior to those in the United States.



General Issue / Area of Concern

Social Justice:	Indian treatment and treaties
Resource Mngt:	Deforestation by the Lumber industry
Economic Policy:	Investing in China vs Central and South America
Ecology:	Reorganize cities and states into Bio-Regions e.g., Great Lakes Basin
Governance:	Putting Certain States under Federal government Control
Urban Planning:	Re-configures all Communities as Eco-villages
Gen Welfare:	Eliminate all commercial, for-profit, private sector farm / food operations
Transportation:	Restore the Streetcars / Light Rail / Interurban Network
Transportation:	Abolish private ownership of automobiles
Commerce:	Restore to Service the Miles of Abandoned Railroad Tracks and Consolidate into One Nationwide System
Commerce:	Prohibit All Long-Haul Freight Trucking
Healthcare:	Deny the existence of, or assigning equal status to, Alternative Medicine as valid



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- Gen Welfare:** Industries considered essential to the well being of the country should be nationalized
- Elections:** Only individuals who demonstrate the necessary “Knowledge, Skills and Abilities” (KSA) should be allowed to vote, and will be required to vote
- Education:** Access to education and the American Dream should be available to all on the basis of merit, and not privilege
- Immigration:** The United States should offer “immigration incentives”
- Elections:** The Democrats cheated in 2020, Joe Biden should resign and be replaced with Bernie Sanders
- Education:** The US Department of Education should establish a greater presence on the internet / social media, as the voice of America, federally mandated curriculum
- Labor:** Any group of employees should be able to organize
- Labor:** Enact legislation to preserve, protect, reward and recognize the federal employee workforce
- Commerce:** Establish the Fixed Calendar for All Commercial activity





- Ecology:** Adoption of a Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Policy vs Climate Change
- Economics:** Regulating or Replacing Wall Street (+ entire business sector) with investments for the people
- Governance:** The US government has concealed from the public retrieval of an alien spacecraft on July 8, 1947 in Roswell, NM
- Justice:** #1 Mistake Failure to Arrest and Jail Donald Trump

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North American Indian treatment and treaties

Ethnic minority or
afforded separate
nation status?







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Deforestation

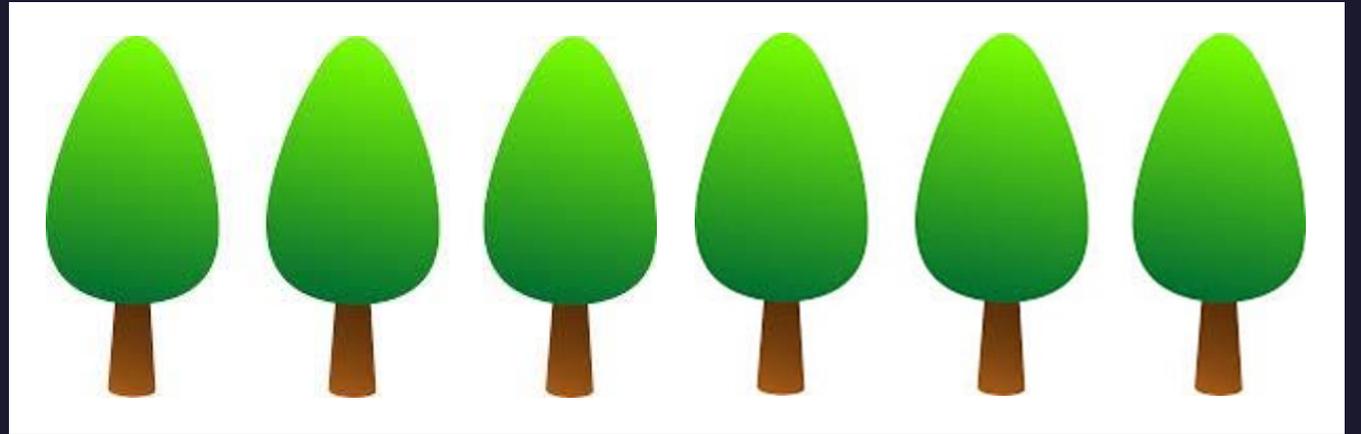
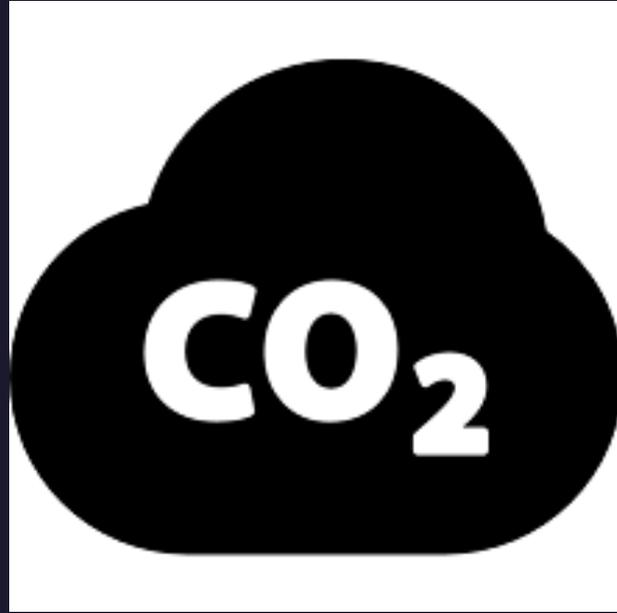
Preserve / restore the habitat of a primitive, elusive species living in the forests of the US

Either recognize as hominids or list as an endangered species





Effect an
immediate
moratorium on all
lumber harvesting
for a 5 to 10 year
period pending a
national
assessment by BLM



3



Investing in Asia instead of Central and South America



commence a western vs
a Spanish colonial
culturalization process

The US should have pursued a policy of colonization of all the Americas (central and south) beginning with Panama





Gov't land grants of large range rancheros



“Empire Colonialism”

Settler Colonialism resulting in annexation

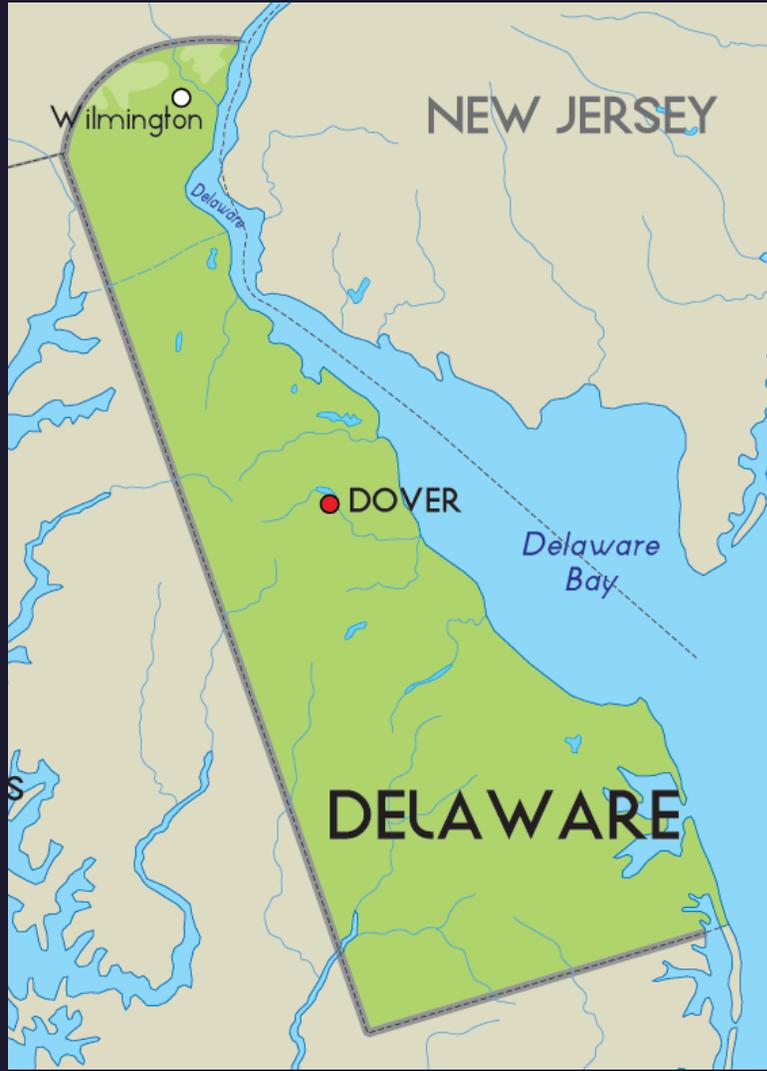


There are multiple railroads with "Pacific" in their names, although their routes never reached the west coast

Union Pacific; Southern Pacific; Northern Pacific; Missouri Pacific; Texas & Pacific; Western Pacific; Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad; Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific; etc



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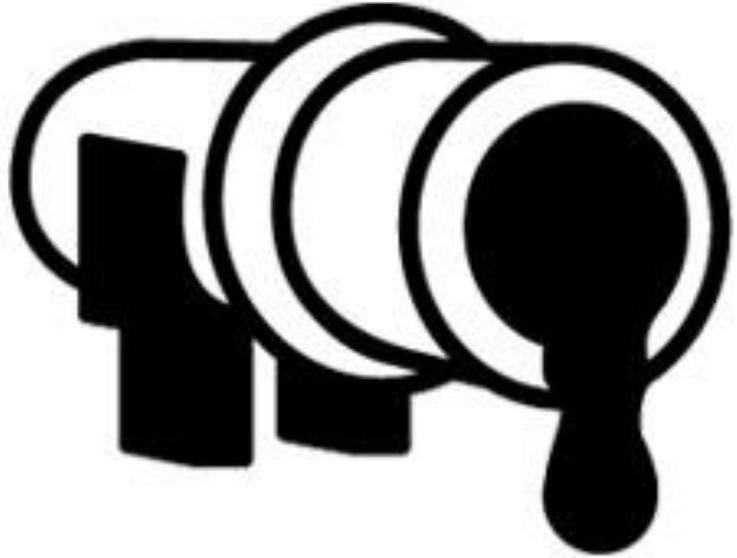
Reorganize cities and states
into Bio-Regions
e.g., Great Lakes Basin





Demographically
the Chicago
metropolitan area
is presently
broken up and
administered by
4 states

**Each bio-regional gov't
agency will have
absolute authority in
eco-matters, including
seizure and expulsion
of polluting companies**



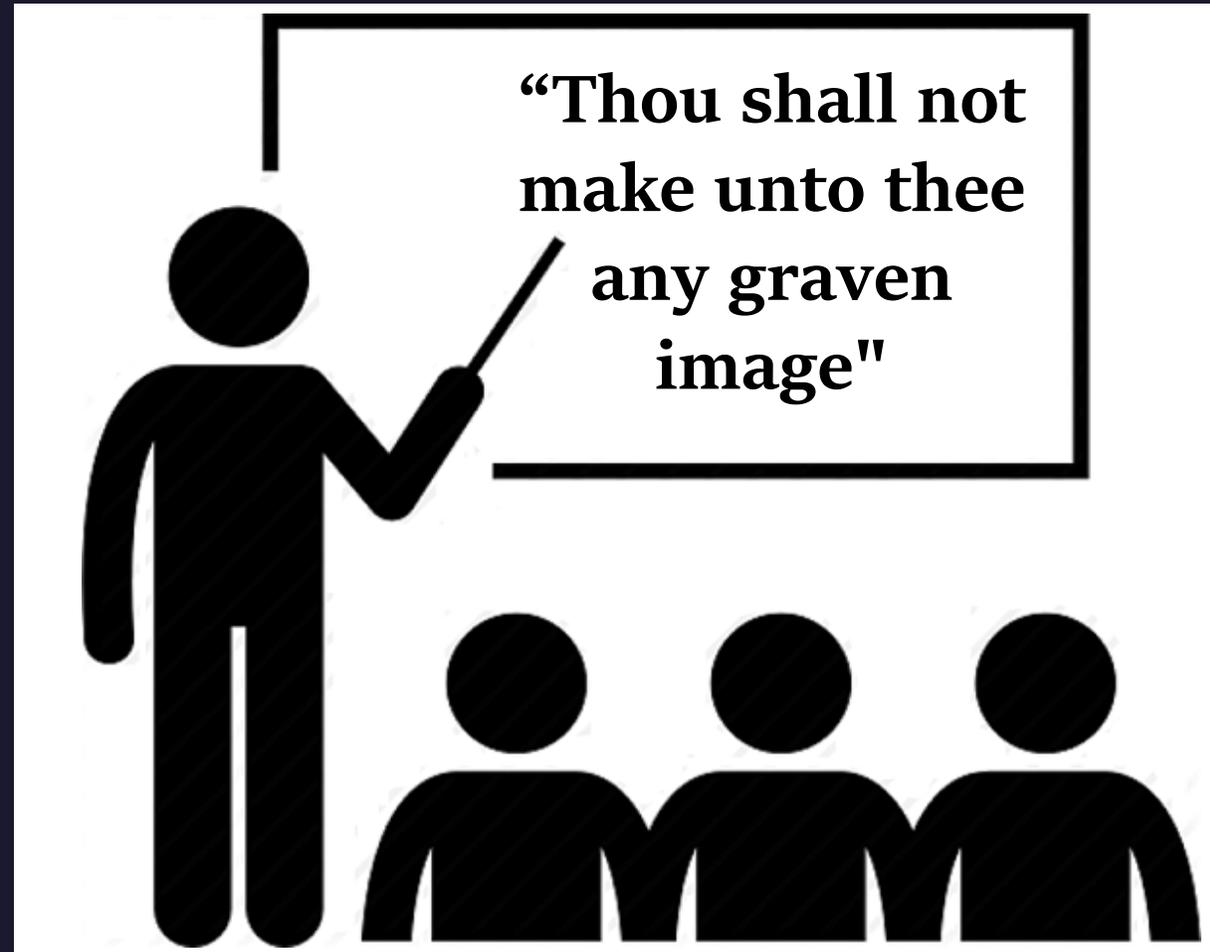
5 Self-Governance of certain states should be rescinded, and put under federal control, as territories, for failure to meet minimal rule of law standards



Louisiana Requires Ten Commandments to Be Displayed in Every Public Classroom

and these must be copies of "the state's officially approved version of the Ten Commandments"

In 2022 the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a football coach who was fired for praying after games.



6 Urban Sprawl / Re-configure All Municipalities Neighborhoods into Eco-Villages

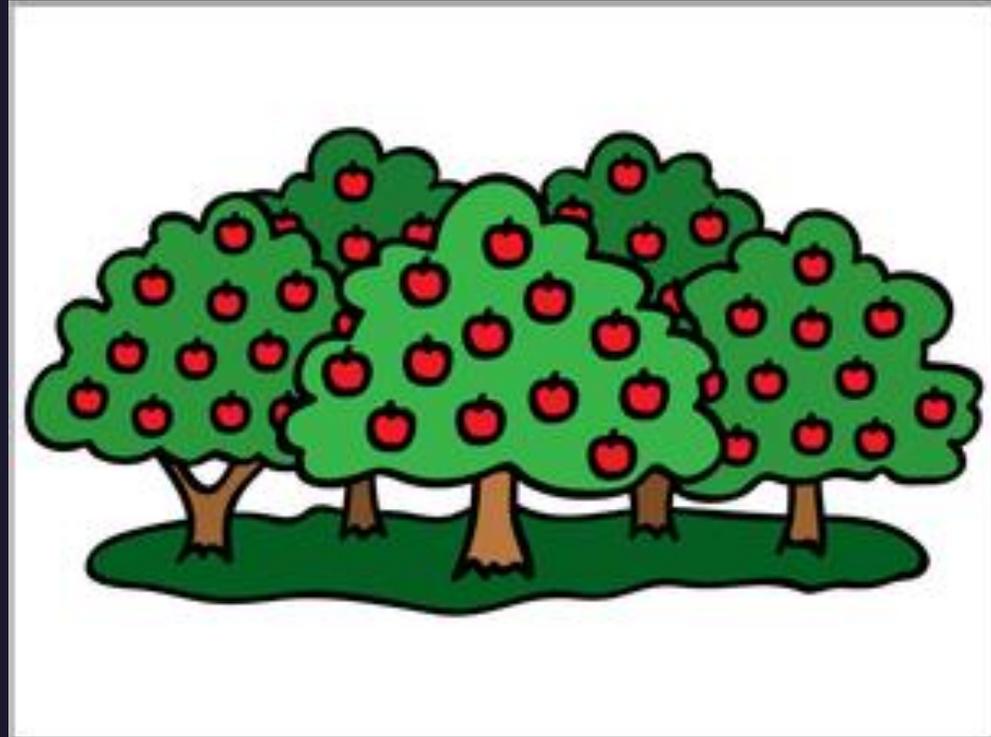


Authorization is required to reside outside of one, and you have to show you have adopted a low-consumption life-style

Public Orchards

a collection of fruit trees shared by communities and growing in publicly accessible areas such as parks and schools

The government should declare eminent domain in order to create “greenspaces”

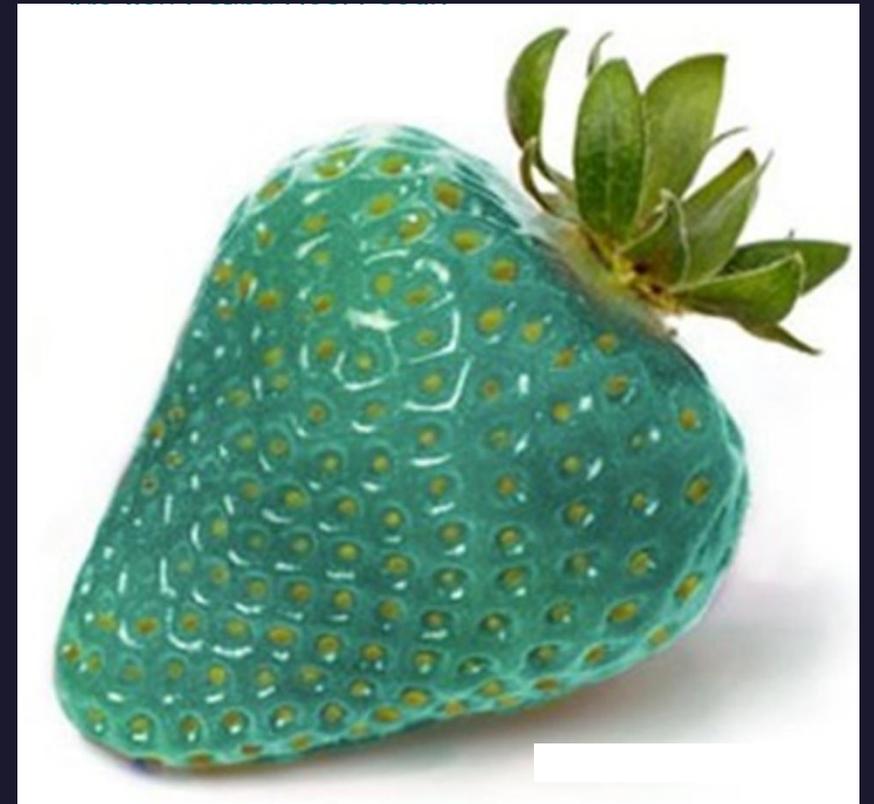


7 Eliminate all commercial, for-profit, private sector farm / food operations





Foster research by USDA in developing GMO crops for higher yields per acre, with higher nutrient value, pest and disease resistance, and climate resilience





GMO Trees



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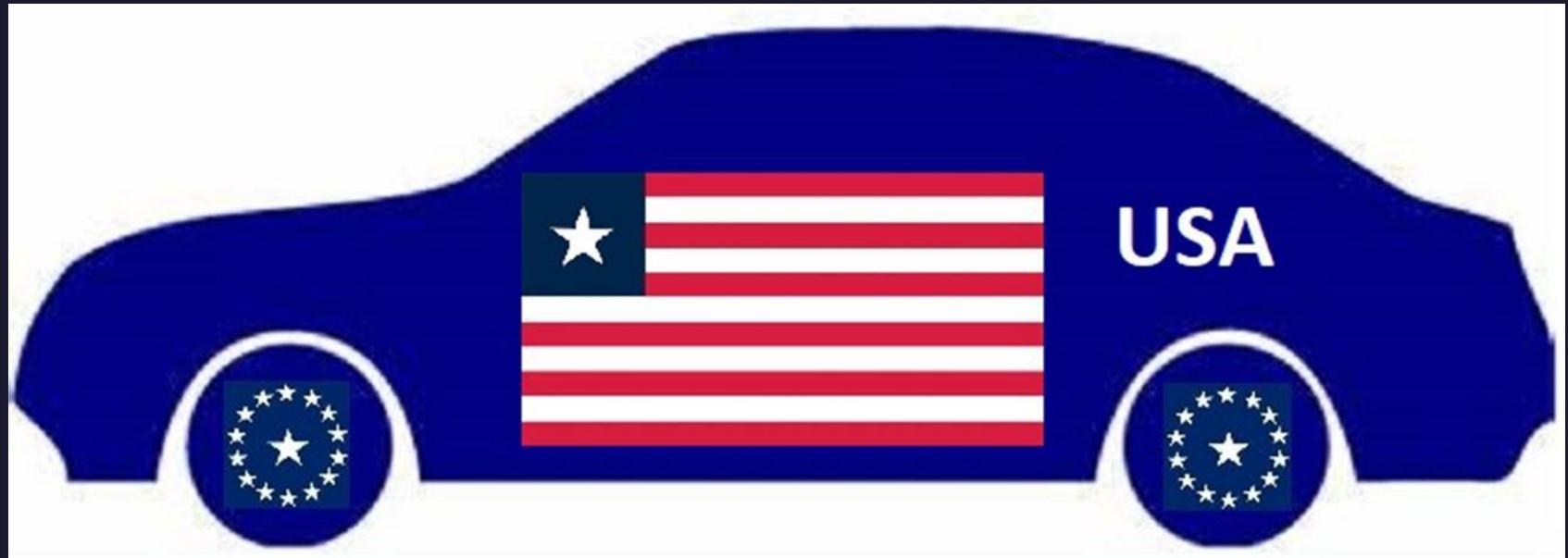
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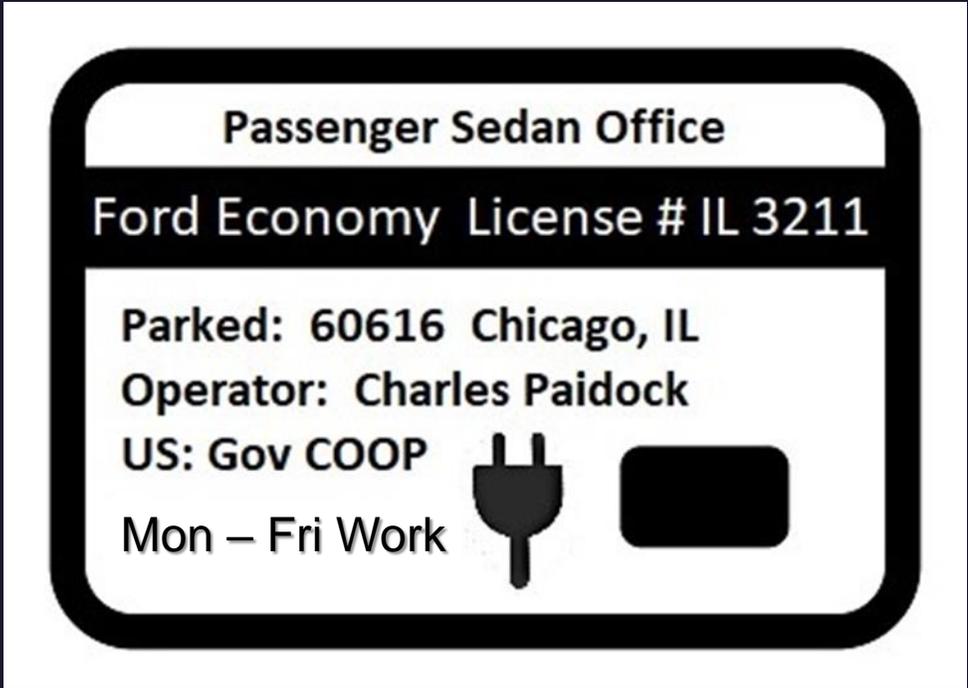
Across the Nation
Connecting
Small Cities



9 Abolish private ownership of automobiles, apply fleet management concepts, limit types and number of vehicles in use at any given time to prevent congestion, and avoid parking problems

100%
Made and
Maintained
in the USA
using bio-fuel
with high mpg
or batteries





**Status of availability
and authorized use of
a vehicle can be found
in real-time on any cell phone**

**Central Mobility
Determination**

**Ticket must be
Purchased to Use
this Transportation
Mode**

10 Restore to Service
the Miles of Railroad
Tracks Abandoned
Across the Country



Consolidate the Class 1 Railroads
into One Nationwide System



Prohibit All Long-Haul Freight Trucking over 25 miles from Point A to Point B

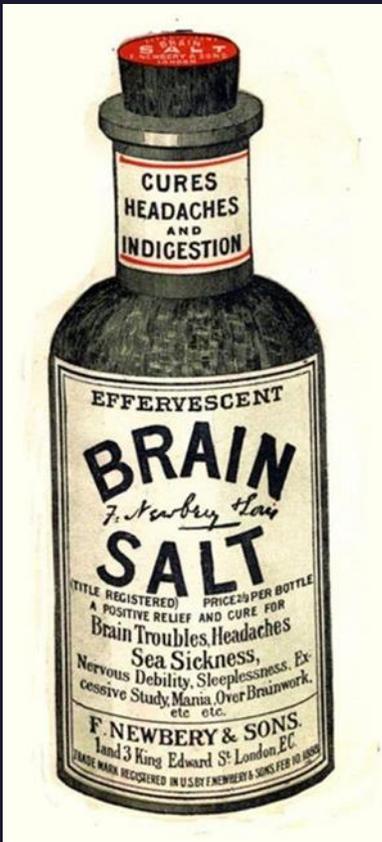
Hub and
spoke
transport

trains
with
200+
cars



11 Assigning equal status to “Alternative Medicine” as valid, recognized and established healthcare

A traveling salesman offered two patent medicines: one was “High Popalorum,” which was made from the bark of a tree from the top down, and the other was “Low Popahirum,” which was made from the bark of a tree from the bottom up.



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A Guaranteed CURE FOR RHEUMATISM WHETHER ACUTE, CHRONIC, BOIATIC, NEURALGIC OR INFLAMMATORY 50c a Bottle.



PREPARED FROM PURE RATTLESNAKE OIL.

THE ONLY COMPANY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT MAKES THE GENUINE ARTICLE. 50c a Bottle.

SNAKE-OIL LINIMENT

RELIEVES INSTANTANEOUSLY AND CURES HEADACHE, NEURALGIA, TOOTHACHE, EARACHE, BACKACHE, SWELLING, SPRAINS, SORE THROAT, SWELLING OF THE THROAT, CONTRACTED CORDS AND MUSCLES, STIFF JOINTS, WRENCHES, DISLOCATIONS, CUTS AND BRUISES.

It quickly takes out the Nervousness and Inflammation from Cerebrum, Spinal Cord and Nerves.

The best External Preparation for RYUCLISTS and ATHLETES. It makes the Nerves supple and Releases the Cords. Loosens the Joints and gives a feeling of Freshness and Vigor to the whole System.

SNAKE-OIL LINIMENT CURES ALL ACHES AND PAINS.

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If You Are Afflicted With DEAFNESS
Get Our Specialty Prepared
PURE Rattlesnake Oil

WHAT A PROMINENT BUTCHER OF COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, SAYS
The Young Brothers Co., Dear Sirs—Please send me by express, \$1.00, one bottle of your Rattlesnake Oil Liniment, I have used one bottle of the LA CASSEA and one of your liniment and am greatly pleased with the results. It did not cure

There are currently 17 countries that offer single-payer healthcare



The US needs a National Health Service



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The federal government should fund research in technology and invention that would improve the quality of life
(vs weapons)



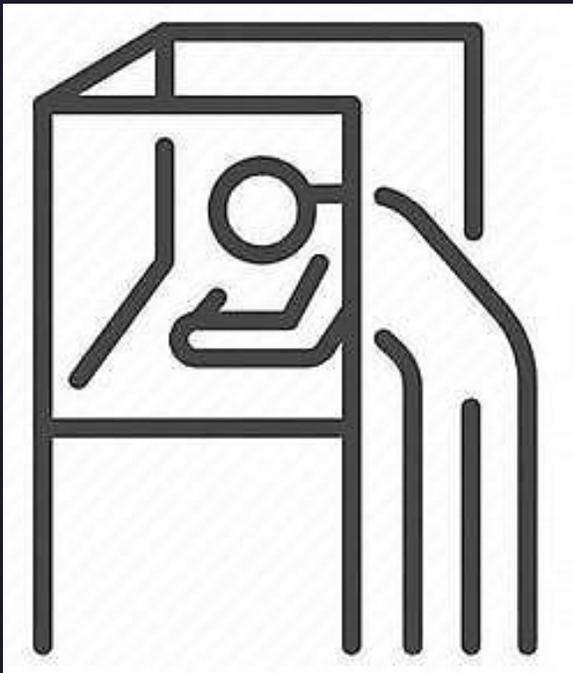
13 Industries considered essential to the well being of the country, to meet the needs of the people, should be nationalized, and placed under government control

Example:
standard “Garage
Oxford” shoes
produced in
government
factories at cost



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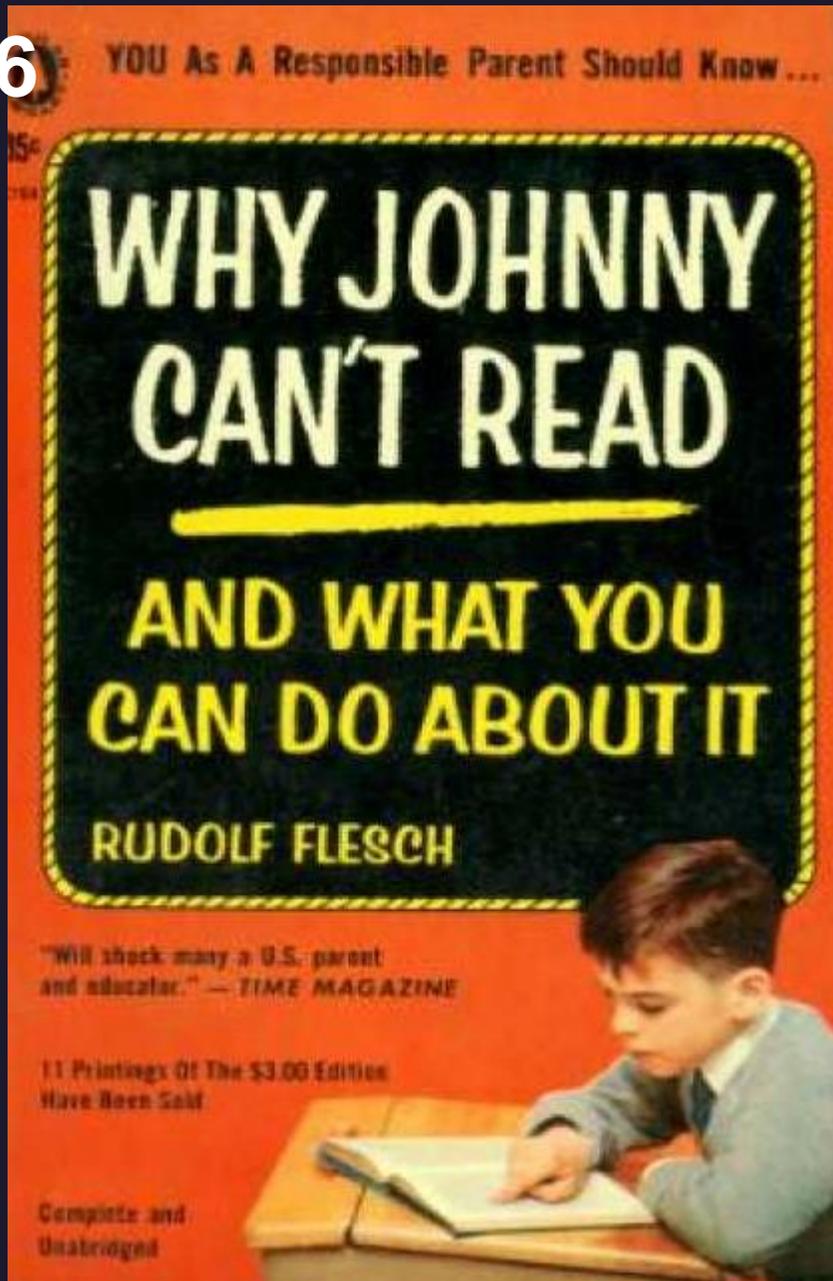
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One Enrollment Policy for All Academic Institutions: access to education and the American Dream should be available to all on the basis of merit, and not privilege





Failure to Educate or Inculcate the Young with American Values

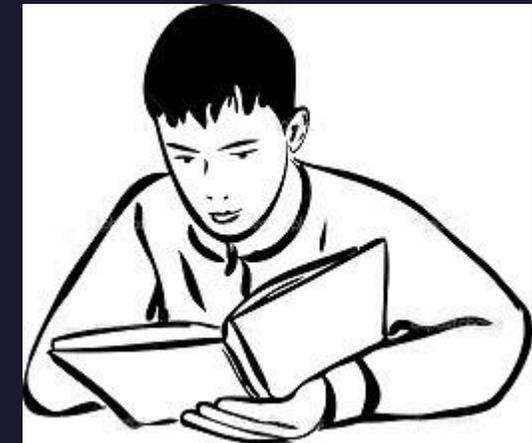


Among Americans aged 18-24, only 42 percent have a positive view of capitalism

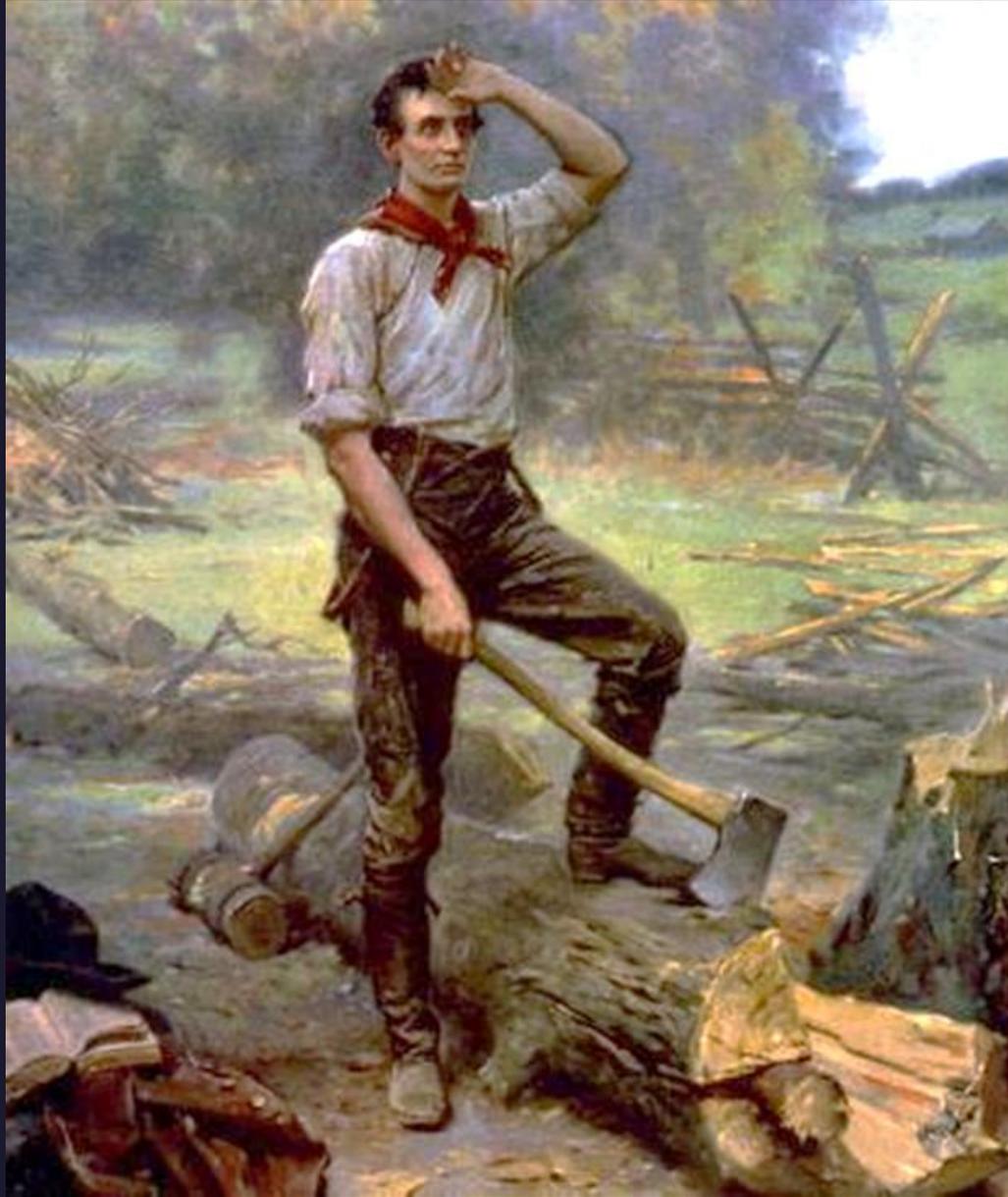
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Federal control
and oversight of
curriculum



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Young adults
should be taught
the value of
work within
their station for
the national
collective

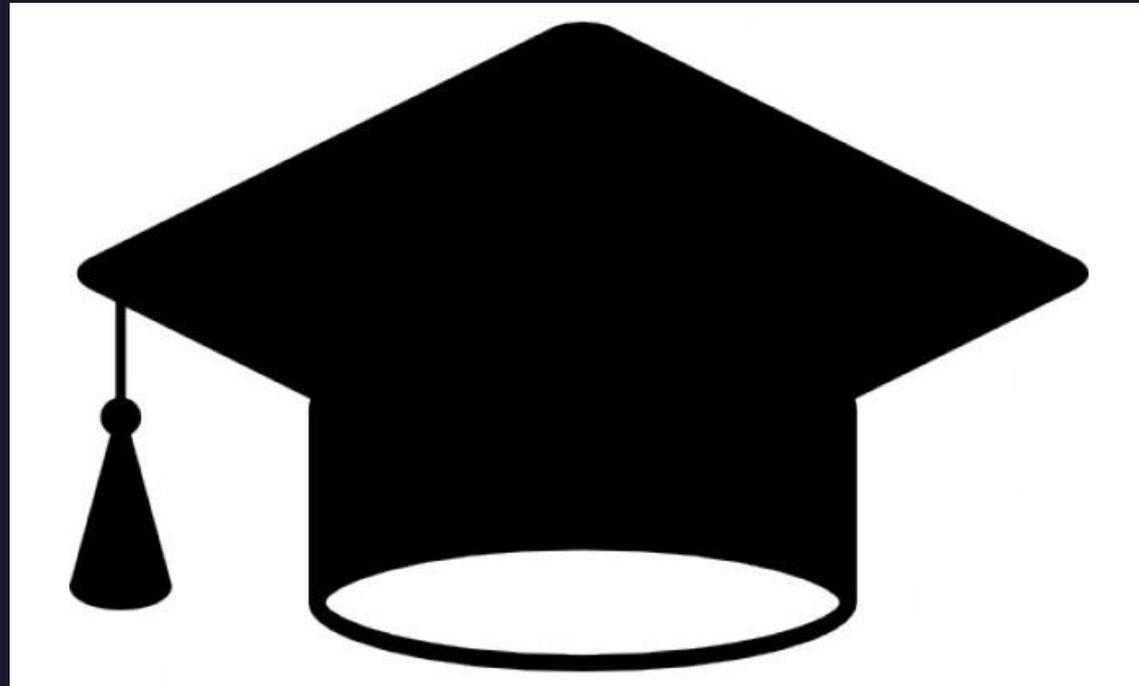


The United States, a country consisting entirely of immigrants, has never had a consistent immigration policy

Immigrants are accused of “foreign influence”
on public policy.



The United States should offer “immigration incentives” in order to persuade the best and brightest of other countries to locate here



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Whereas mounting evidence clearly shows that the Democrats cheated in 2020, claiming that Joe Biden was elected, he should resign and be replaced with Bernie Sanders



Popular vote
Biden
1,672,143
49.36%

Trump
1,661,686
49.06%



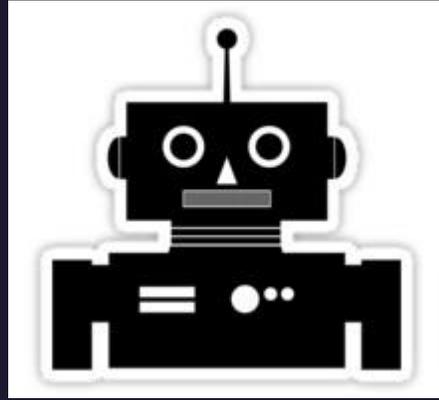
**Republicans look for 40,000 Biden ballots
smuggled into Arizona from Asia / made of
bamboo paper**

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The US has the worst labor laws of any advanced, developed country

Any group of employees should be able to organize for the purpose of mutual protection, without complication, in order to counter and reverse, social stratification







Not Paying Workers
fully, fairly, or at all –

At least 60 Lawsuits, along with hundreds of liens, judgments,
and other government filings for back pay

reviewed by the USA TODAY NETWORK, document people who have accused Trump and his businesses of failing to pay them for their work. Among them: Forty-eight waiters

Trump's companies have also been cited for

24 Violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act

since 2005 for failing to pay overtime or minimum wage, according to U.S. Department of Labor data.

20 Enact legislation to preserve, protect, reward and recognize the career federal employee workforce as the most important feature of our nation's infrastructure

**Letter to the Editor / Opinion by C Paidock
"The Value of Having an Experienced
Federal Workforce"**





Adopt a Fixed,
Unchanging Calendar
for All Commerce

each month contains exactly
28 days

has four weeks beginning on
Sunday, the 1st, and ending
on Saturday the 28th

INTERNATIONAL FIXED CALENDAR

Corrected in accordance with the ISO 8601 date and time standard

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
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MAY	JUNE	SOL	Monday is the first day of each year and each month.
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22 23 24 25 26 27 28	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	
			Sunday is the last day of each month.
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	Leap days work according to the Gregorian calendar. The leap day is added as the 29 June.
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			One day left over as the new year's day, which does not belong to any month, and acts as a Sunday.
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S DAY 1
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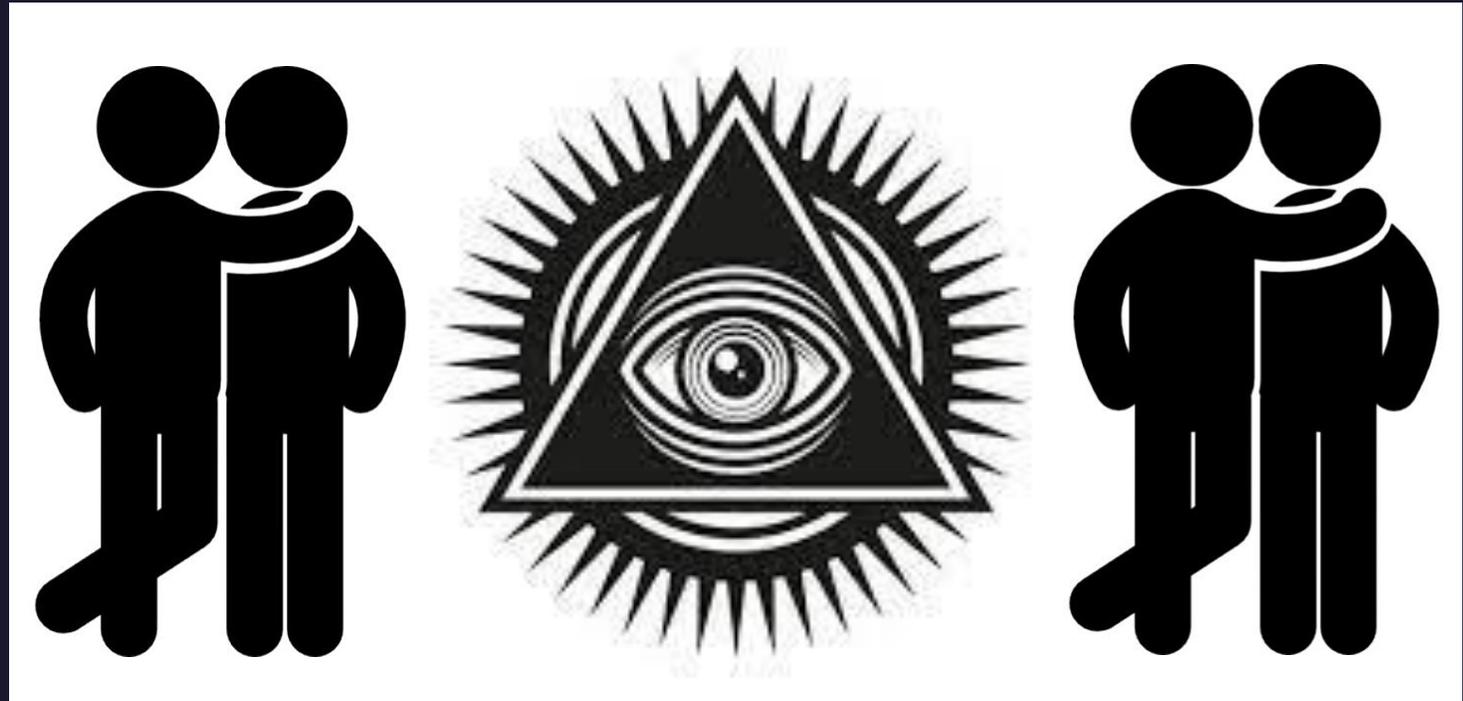


Establish a U.S. Department of Celebrations

maintains a calendar of
new national holidays,
fixed or revised every
year, to recognize civic
accomplishments



Global Governance Day One World Federation of All Nations





Failure to Prepare for Civic Unrest due to Climate Change



resulting in
resource
scarcity,
migration,
and conflict



Vigilante groups will emerge and mark territory



Adoption of a Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Policy vs Climate Change (HR 598 Earth Bill)



**Contact the Illinois
Delegation to
Co-Sponsor the
Earth Bill**

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Regulating or Replacing Wall Street
(+ entire business sector) with investments
for the people and not for profit by a few



Mistaken Assumption There Has Been Continuous Improvement in the Standard of Living under Free Market Capitalism

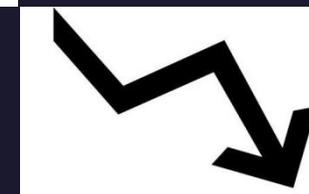
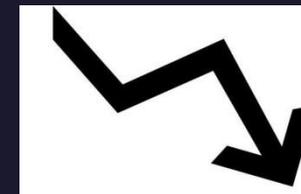
Since 1790 there have been as many as 47 economic Depressions / Recessions in the United States

1807 – 1814

1837 – 1844

1893 – 1898

1929 – 1941



Despite claims to the contrary, capitalism does not work, resulting in numerous instances of abrupt unemployment, and socioeconomic stratification. A transition to a socialist society should commence, with planned research and development projects.



24 Denial of Alien Presence

The US government has concealed from the public retrieval of an alien spacecraft on July 8, 1947 in Roswell, NM, Pres Eisenhower met with aliens



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Major Mistake Failure to Arrest and Jail Donald Trump

Daddy, are we going to jail?



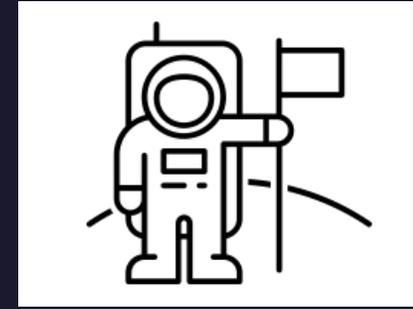
Please note that

pure myths or alleged
accomplishments of the United
States may be –

simple little untruths that
make people feel better



25 Accomplishments of the United States since its Inception, Placing it Above and Apart from Other Countries



separation of church and state
the Bill of Rights
checks and balanced government
social security, medicare, medicaid
cheap energy, nuclear reactors, dams, hydro-electric
free market, e.g. fast food, big box retailing
universal voting
public education
interstate highway system
eliminating pollution, clean air and water
due process of law, habeas corpus, court system, civil
rights and liberties
cable television
5g telephone communications
infrastructure of all types across the country

strong national defense against invasion
law and order, police, courts, prisons
no right to work without having to join a union
national park system
air traffic control system
off-shore oil drilling, fracking, pipelines
interstellar space exploration, man on moon
star wars weapons
sound policies for foreign affairs, treaties,
alliances
homeland security, terrorism
pure food and drugs
community colleges, state college systems

Thank You for Coming!

