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Inside Track

New Poll: Public Support for Transgender Ideology on Decline



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A recent survey reveals that 62 percent of Americans believe a person's sex cannot be changed, marking a shift away from the modern transgender ideology.

The poll by Harvard's Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) and Harris Insights and Analytics was conducted October 26-28 and surveyed 1,576 registered voters. Participants were asked, "Do you think that people should be able to choose their gender and pronouns or are someone's gender and pronouns what they are born with?"

In total, less than 40 percent agreed with the statement that a person can change his sex. A resounding 62 percent of all voters said "people are born with their gender."

This runs contrary to polls on transgenderism from Harvard/Harris in past years. In 2019, for example, they asked 1,295 registered voters, "Do you think that transgender people should be required to use the bathroom of their sex at birth or allowed to use the bathroom that best aligns with their gender identity and stated sex?"

In that survey, the respondents were evenly divided, 50/50. This suggests public sentiment is moving away from support of the transgender agenda.

When the question is posed exclusively to Democrats, however, most members of the country's left-wing party still support notions of chosen gender identity rather than biological sex. Per the new Harvard/Harris poll, 59 percent of Democrats agree with the claim that "people should be able to choose their gender."

The tide has appeared to turn against transgenderism in recent months. A number of states, such as Florida, have passed legislation to keep men out of women's sports.

And in Virginia, which seemed to be on the fast track to becoming a fully blue state, the state supreme court recently sided with a teacher who had been suspended because he refused to use preferred pronouns and names to address "transgender students."



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The backlash against the transgender ideology comes as its advocates have become more brazen in their attempts to force it on all Americans, especially on children.

by Luis Miguel

CDC Changed “Vaccine” Definition to Counter “Pandemic Deniers”



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In early September, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changed its long-standing public definitions of “vaccine” and “vaccination” to counter “pandemic deniers” who pointed out that the COVID-19 mRNA injections did not qualify as vaccines under the existing definitions, recently released CDC e-mails reveal.

Prior to September, the CDC’s web page on “Immunization: The Basics” defined “vaccine” as “a product that stimulates a person’s immune system to produce immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease.” Thereafter, the definition was changed to “a preparation that is used to stimulate the body’s immune response against diseases.”

Similarly, while “vaccination” used to be defined as “the act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease,” it is now “the act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce protection from a specific disease.”

The CDC, naturally, denied having changed the definitions for nefarious reasons. “Slight changes in wording over time ... haven’t impacted the overall definition,” a CDC spokesperson told McClatchy News in late September.

In fact, however, the agency *did* change the definitions for political purposes, reported Techno Fog on November 2, after obtaining several CDC e-mails related to the matter via Freedom of Information Act requests.

The e-mail that kicked off the whole chain of events came from an unnamed CDC employee in August: “Right-wing covid-19 pandemic deniers are using your ‘vaccine’ definition to argue that mRNA vaccines are not vaccines.”

Alycia Downs, the CDC’s lead health communications specialist, took over from there, getting



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suggestions for how best to alter the definitions and then forwarding the consensus to Valerie Morelli, another CDC official, saying the current definitions were “outdated.”

By September 1, Morelli had approved modifying both definitions, writing, “If this is for the general public, I am good with the change.” Henceforth, a treatment need not actually prevent a disease to qualify as a vaccine, as far as the CDC is concerned — at least when it comes to its public pronouncements.

by Michael Tennant

Republicans Say Immigration Is Destroying National Identity



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This “country just becomes more and more of a hodgepodge of folks,” said Barack Obama, enthusiastically, in 2015. And a new survey by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) finds that most other Democrats share his balkanization love affair, with 64 percent desiring the transformation of America via immigration and “diversity.”

Meanwhile, 80 percent of Republicans — and a slim majority of the overall population, 52 percent — believe our country “is in danger of losing its culture and identity.”

As Breitbart reported November 1, “More than six in ten Democrats (64%), mostly agree that they prefer the U.S. to be made up of people from all over the world’ — instead of from American families and communities, said the survey, titled ‘Competing Visions of America: An Evolving Identity or a Culture Under Attack? Findings from the 2021 American Values Survey.’”

Thirteen percent of Republicans, five percent of Democrats, and seven percent of Independents preferred that the U.S. comprise people of mainly Western European heritage rather than being a hodgepodge, while, respectively, 57, 31, and 41 percent of these groups came down in the middle on the question.

“The late-September survey asked 2,508 Americans about various aspects of immigration and diversity,” Breitbart relates. “The results showed that Democrats are becoming increasingly radical but also that more Republicans are openly opposing their planned demographic replacement — and that Latinos increasingly dislike imposed diversity.”



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“More than eight in ten Democrats (82%), compared to less than half of Republicans (47%), say that diversity makes the country stronger,” PRRI elaborates.

“About one in four Americans (23%) say that the 2020 U.S. Census finding that the white population of the United States has decreased for the first time in the country’s history is mostly positive,” PRRI further relates. This is a testimonial to the power of Critical Race Theory (CRT) propaganda.

by Selwyn Duke

Idaho Voters in Favor of Taking In Disenchanted Oregon Counties



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A recent poll of over 1,100 likely general-election voters in Idaho shows support for allowing counties from Oregon who tend to vote more conservatively to join the Gem State. The poll was conducted by the nationally recognized Trafalgar Group from October 23-27.

More than 50 percent of voters polled were either likely or possibly in favor of adding the disenfranchised rural Oregon counties to Idaho, while 35.3 percent said they were either definitely or probably against the move, and 14.2 percent were undecided on the issue.

Eight Oregon counties have already expressed an interest to join Idaho, a state they consider closer to their values politically.

When asked about the reasons to allow Oregonians to join Idaho, a plurality of voters said compassion and “protecting Oregon counties from Portland politicians” were the main reasons.

In a press release, the group Greater Idaho said: “Surprisingly, compassion was a strong motivating factor in the poll results.” When asked what benefits seemed most important, 47 percent chose “Idaho would be protecting Oregon counties from Portland politicians,” 35 percent chose “adding prosperous counties to Idaho would help Idaho’s budget, which means Idaho tax rates could be reduced,” and 19 percent chose “Oregon laws and drug sales would be pushed farther away from where I live.” In a similar question, 33 percent chose “it would give Idaho room to grow, so it would take some pressure off of Idaho’s housing market and traffic problems.”

Republican primary voters strongly approved allowing Oregon counties to join Idaho, with 72.9 percent



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answering “yes” or “definitely yes” to the measure. Only 19.3 percent of GOP voters answered “no” or “definitely no,” with 7.8 percent undecided.

Greater Idaho also noted that the counties currently considering a move would not present a fiscal strain on Idaho’s current per-capita income, and might even present a financial boon.

The Greater Idaho movement also has its sights on Northern California and Washington State counties that are dissatisfied with the left-wing slant of those state governments.

by James Murphy

Biden’s Energy Policies, Not OPEC, Are Causing High Gas Prices



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A year ago, in November 2020, the average gas price was \$2.11 per gallon. By November 2021, the national average gas price had shot up to \$3.42.

This is an especially bad year for Americans to pay 61 percent more for gas, considering that inflation has soared to a 30-year high and nearly everything else is more expensive as well.

On November 5, a Bloomberg anchor asked Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm about the Biden administration’s plans to reduce gas prices. Granholm laughed and said, “Oil is a global market. It is controlled by a cartel. That cartel is OPEC [Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries]. And they made a decision yesterday that they were not going to increase beyond what they were planning.”

Granholm essentially told the anchor that America, which happens to rest on an abundance of fossil fuels, is at the mercy of an oil cartel made up largely of countries run by despots, and there’s nothing to be done about it.

COVID-19 has also become a scapegoat. “If COVID wouldn’t have happened, we would not be at \$3.42 a gallon today,” Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, recently told *The Dispatch*. “For the simple reason that oil companies would not have had to let go workers and shut down oil production.” Interestingly, De Haan told Fox Business in April that Biden’s policies would lead to higher gas prices, especially if supply didn’t keep up with demand. Now he says this is all COVID’s fault.



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De Haan's most recent point and Granholm's are somewhat at odds. One claims supply isn't keeping up with demand because there aren't enough workers to make it happen. The other claims that supply is low because OPEC simply refuses to increase production.

What Americans are experiencing at the pump is the price for having a political party in charge whose agenda is vehemently antagonistic to fossil fuels. Biden has vowed to make the United States achieve net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050. From the outset, the Biden administration went after fossil-fuel production. In January, he signed executive orders suspending the issuance of oil and gas permits on federal lands and waters. The Biden administration also canceled the Keystone XL Pipeline, and has recently admitted that it's considering shutting down a pipeline in Michigan. Canceling Keystone automatically led to a loss of thousands of jobs. If the Michigan pipeline is canceled, more jobs will be lost and energy prices will spike.

This administration's actions affect production and have made America once again dependent on OPEC. History indicates this wouldn't have happened under a President Donald Trump. Under Trump, the energy industry was tapping America's abundant fossil fuels. The Trump administration cut regulations that were hampering fossil-fuel production, and Trump's policies rendered America energy-independent for the first time since 1957. America was producing so much oil it had actually become an oil exporter.

But the Biden administration, influenced by the purported goal of reining in so-called human-caused climate change, changed all of that almost overnight. The government is now strangling the fossil-fuels energy market, and it's everyday Americans who are paying for it. This shouldn't surprise Americans. In a debate with Bernie Sanders on March 15, 2020, candidate Biden said he would prevent oil companies from drilling as part of the effort to combat climate change. At a CNN debate, he said, "No more drilling on federal lands. No more drilling, including offshore. No ability for the oil industry to continue to drill, period."

The answer to rising energy prices is the free market, the opposite of this administration's approach. It was government that shut down life to purportedly contain a virus with an overwhelming survival rate. It accomplished no such thing — but it did manage to decimate the economy. Without government intrusion, energy production would be higher and gas prices lower. The government needs to get out of the way and let the market produce the energy that lies so abundantly at our feet. Americans need to wake up and stop electing bureaucrats who continuously seek to control Americans' lives.

by Paul Dragu



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