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Inside Track

Oregon Open for Suicide Tourism

If you're looking to kill yourself, Oregon is the place to go. The first state to pass an assisted-suicide law is now also the first to allow suicide tourism from other states — and it probably won't be the last.

The *Daily Mail* reported on February 5, "Oregon has become America's first 'death tourism' destination, where terminally ill people from Texas and other states that have outlawed assisted suicide have started traveling to get their hands on a deadly cocktail of drugs to end their lives."

In 1997, the Beaver State passed a law allowing terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain fatal drugs from their doctors, though the patients were required to administer the drugs themselves and the law's application was restricted to Oregon residents.



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Portland's Dr. Nicholas Gideonse, a major advocate and practitioner of assisted suicide, sued the state in 2021, claiming that the law's residency requirement was unconstitutional because it prevented him from prescribing death for patients from neighboring Washington state.

Within four months, state health officials settled the case by agreeing to lift the residency rule. Once suicide tourism became even tenuously legal, Gideonse wasted no time before inviting out-of-staters to his death practice. According to the *Mail*, "Dr. Gideonse has communicated with terminally ill patients from states that prohibit medically-assisted suicides to assess whether they met Oregon's criteria and to advise them on how they could relocate there for hospice care, he said."

Should these patients actually take advantage of Gideonse's ghoulish services, they could well be putting those who assist them in traveling to Portland in legal jeopardy back in their home states.

Beyond that, reported the *Mail*, "For critics, Oregon's nascent 'death tourism' industry, and efforts to create another in Vermont, show how the U.S. is on a slippery slope to following in Canada's footsteps — where lax rules have allowed people with so little as hearing loss to be euthanized." Vermont already permits doctors to prescribe suicide drugs with nothing more than a Zoom consultation.

— Michael Tennant



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Scottish Wind Farm Powered by Diesel Engines

A whistleblower report by the *Sunday Mail* in Scotland revealed on February 5 that at least 71 giant wind turbines utilized by Scottish Power were actually hooked up to diesel generators to keep power flowing. The company claimed it utilized the fossil-fuel powered generators in December, when cold weather caused the turbines to malfunction.

“During December 60 turbines ... were de-energised due to a cabling fault.... In order to get these turbines re-energised diesel generators were running for upwards of six hours a day,” the anonymous whistleblower explained.

Of course, the reason so-called renewable energies such as wind power are desired by climate hysterics is that they don’t use fossil fuels such as diesel.



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“Turbines are regularly offline due to faults where they are taking energy from the grid rather than producing it, and also left operating on half power for long periods due to parts which haven’t been replaced,” the whistleblower also reported. “Dirty hydraulic oil is also regularly being sprayed out across the Scottish countryside due to cracks in mechanisms.”

Scottish Power confirmed at least part of the whistleblower’s accusations. “Due to an external fault on the network, the three wind farms were unable to operate,” a company spokesman said. “During the extreme cold in December, in line with manufacturer’s recommendations, the turbines’ internal temperature[s] were returned to safe levels by six diesel generators for a short period of time.”

There is a certain irony in the fact that a technology in use mainly to counter the effects of global warming tends to fail during times of extreme cold. Frozen wind turbines were also one of the reasons for electricity failing during the “Texas Freeze” of 2021, in which nearly 250 people died.

The revelation that diesel power must be used to keep the wind farms operating in Scotland is another example of how so-called renewable energy sources are not the green panacea that climate hysterics claim they are.

Even worse, they do not provide a dependable, reliable source of energy.

—James Murphy



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Subsidized Covid-19 Pill May Be Causing New Variants

According to a January 27 Wellcome Trust-funded study that is currently at the pre-print stage, the Covid-19 oral pill molnupiravir may actually be causing the creation of new Covid-19 variants.

If true, the news could spell major trouble for manufacturer Merck, which has made billions from the drug. It would also bring scrutiny on the U.S. government, which subsidized the production and distribution of the drug.

In June 2021, before molnupiravir had finished clinical trials, the government signed a \$1.2 billion contract with Merck for 1.7 million full courses of the drug — which comes out to \$712 per patient. (One study pointed out that this was a 4,000-percent markup on the drug's actual production cost.)



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On December 23, 2021, the FDA gave molnupiravir emergency use authorization, and then went on to buy 3.1 million full courses in February 2022, with an option for further purchases down the line. Just one month later, the Biden administration added the drug to its “Test to Treat” program, under which anyone testing positive for Covid-19 could get free antiviral drugs at a pharmacy.

In a February 3 article on Children’s Health Defense, Dr. Harvey Risch, professor emeritus at the Yale School of Public Health, said the drug works by causing particular types of mutation in Covid-19. However, he added, problems may develop if users of the drug do not completely clear an infection and a drug-mutated strain escapes and infects others. “The idea is that it will mutate itself to death. But some live mutants could get out, and this paper gives evidence that they have,” Risch said in reference to the study.

To date, none of the variants molnupiravir has potentially caused to emerge has been seen to be deadlier than previous Covid-19 variants, but this latest development is further evidence of the type of folly that takes place when mass hysteria is combined with reckless spending and zero accountability.

— *Luis Miguel*

FBI Rescinds Report Targeting Traditional Catholics

On February 8, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) rescinded a report issued by its Richmond, Virginia, division that listed traditionalist Catholics as persons who might be guilty of being “racially or



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ethnically motivated violent extremists.” Apparently, someone in the Richmond office thought it would be OK to place Catholics who prefer a traditional Latin Mass on the same level as Islamic terrorists and Ku Klux Klan members.

The report was heavily influenced by information from the leftist Southern Poverty Law Center, and declared “the increasingly observed interest of racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists (RMVEs) in radical-traditionalist Catholic ideology almost certainly presents opportunities for threat mitigation through the exploration of new avenues for tripwire and source development.”



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It continued, “RTCs (Radical Traditional Catholics) are typically characterized by the rejection of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) as a valid church council; disdain for most of the popes elected since Vatican II ... and frequent adherence to anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBT, and white supremacist ideology.”

However, the report was careful to say that not all traditional Catholics were guilty of such “ethnically motivated violent extremist” tendencies: “Radical-traditionalist Catholics compose a small minority of overall Roman Catholic adherents and are separate and distinct from ‘traditionalist Catholics’ who prefer the Traditional Latin Mass and pre-Vatican II teachings and traditions, but without the more extremist ideological beliefs and violent rhetoric.”

It claimed that violence from RTCs could be expected to increase during the lead-up to the 2024 presidential election, and that those interested “in areas such as abortion rights, immigration, affirmative action, and LGBTQ protections” would be most in danger.

While the FBI eventually did the right thing in rescinding this document, the very fact that it existed at all is troubling to many Americans of faith.

— *James Murphy*



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