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Inside Track

No More “Master Bedrooms”; Time for “Racial Justice”



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If you’re sleeping in a “master bedroom” in Minnesota, you won’t be for long if the real-estate industry has anything to say about it. And it most certainly does have something to say now that it’s woke.

It’s banning such terms as “master bedroom” and “his-and-hers closets” because they are offensive or not “inclusive.”

The death of George Floyd and increasing awareness that just about everything is racist in one way or another explains the change, the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune* reported August 6.

Such is the heretofore-unknown racism in the real-estate industry that it employs “educators” to teach professionals about racism and real estate.

“Browse through home listings today and you’ll find terms like ‘primary bedroom,’ ‘dual closets’ and ‘in-law suites’ instead of ‘master bedroom,’ ‘his-and-hers closets’ and ‘mother-in-law suites,’” the *Star-Tribune* reported: “There’s a hidden discriminatory piece that falls when you say “master” bedroom,’ said Jackie Berry, a listing agent for Edina Realty and an educator in a racism and real estate continuing education class for Minnesota industry professionals.”

Continued the *Star-Tribune*, “In June 2020, the Houston Association of Realtors started to use the word ‘primary’ in place of ‘master’ when referring to bedrooms and bathrooms on its listing service. Since then, other groups such as the Real Estate Board of New York have committed to reviewing whether the term ‘master’ should be removed from its residential listings, as well.”

Minnesota and Houston are not alone. In Europe, the effort goes back to at least 2009.

“A change in terminology is just the beginning,” Berry continued. “There’s more that needs to be done [in Minnesota] on education around racism and diversity.”

The obvious question: When do we do away with master’s degrees, masterpieces, master electricians and plumbers, and any other masters with whom Berry and her ilk are displeased?

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UN May Use Geoengineering to Combat Global Warming



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With the dust still settling from the August 7 release of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) sixth assessment on the state of the climate, news is coming out on controversial new methods that the would-be one-world government is considering to attack the problem. Among those methods are forms of geoengineering.

Reuters reported August 10 that the UN may be considering using solar-radiation management as well as greenhouse-gas removal to address global warming. Although the IPCC report discussed both methods of geoengineering, it made no recommendations on whether to use them.

Commonly proposed methods of solar-radiation management include the spraying of reflective aerosol sulfate material into the atmosphere, which would supposedly mimic the way that ash clouds cool the planet after a large volcanic eruption. The plan could include spraying these aerosols into the stratosphere, 12-16 miles above the Earth's surface, to reflect sunlight back out into space, thus lowering the Earth's temperature.

Introducing sulfate aerosols into the air would likely have the effect of lowering average precipitation. Researchers believe they could counter that effect with more geoengineering, namely thinning out cirrus clouds in the upper atmosphere. Of course, scientists don't really know how such a project would ultimately affect each region of the globe. There are fears that certain regions could lose the ability to grow crops if weather patterns change.

Another strategy the IPCC report discussed is capture and removal of carbon from the atmosphere. Such a method would involve the use of carbon-capture machinery, which is not yet available; carbon-capture technologies for industrial applications; and even encouraging plant growth in the oceans and planting more forests, which act as carbon sinks.

The simple fact that the latest IPCC assessment mentions such risky options for "saving the climate" is ominous. The fact that such measures are so risky almost ensures that global agreements to use the options could never be reached.

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European Scientists: No Mass Vaccinations, Let COVID Run Its Course



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Scientists advising European governments are coming to the realization that mass vaccinations are not going to eradicate COVID-19. Instead, the scientists are recommending that the virus be allowed to circulate throughout the population, with precautions taken for the most vulnerable individuals.

“The delta variant has wrecked any chance of herd immunity, a panel of experts including the head of the Oxford vaccine team said as they called for an end to mass testing so Britain can start to live with Covid,” the U.K. *Telegraph* reported on August 10.

“We don’t have anything that will stop transmission, so I think we are in a situation where herd immunity is not a possibility and I suspect the virus will throw up a new variant that is even better at infecting vaccinated individuals,” Professor Andrew Pollard, who led the Oxford vaccine effort, told a parliamentary panel.

In his remarks to the committee, University of East Anglia professor of medicine Paul Hunter, an infectious-disease expert, concurred that vaccination would not bring about herd immunity. He further argued that it was time to stop concentrating on supposed cases rather than actual infections.

“We need to start moving away from just reporting infections, or just reporting positive cases admitted to hospital, to actually start reporting the number of people who are ill because of Covid,” said Hunter, who also advises the World Health Organization on the virus. “Otherwise we are going to be frightening ourselves with very high numbers that actually don’t translate into disease burden.”

Her Majesty’s scientists aren’t the only ones arriving at these conclusions. According to the Icelandic newspaper *Visir*, Iceland’s state epidemiologist voiced similar sentiments on August 8.

“We really cannot do anything else” but allow the virus to run its course in order for the population to achieve herd immunity, said epidemiologist Þórólfur Guðnason. “We need to try to vaccinate and better protect those who are vulnerable, but let us tolerate the infection,” he added.

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Biden Wants Half of Cars Sold in 2030 to Be Electric



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President Joe Biden signed an executive order on August 5 “setting a goal that 50 percent of all new passenger cars and light trucks sold in 2030 be zero-emission vehicles, including battery electric, plug-in hybrid electric, or fuel cell electric vehicles.”

All the major automakers, who had already pledged to manufacture only “zero-emission” vehicles in the future, issued press releases the same day gushing over what Issues & Insights on August 6 dubbed “the most massive, disruptive, and anti-consumer mandate ever to come out of Washington.”

There’s just one problem: Americans simply do not want electric cars.

As Issues & Insights noted in May, “Despite massive taxpayer rebates to electric car buyers, a multitude of subsidized recharging stations, and the constant talk about how electric automobiles will save the planet, sales of plug-ins accounted for a tiny 2% of all cars sold in the U.S. last year. Domestic sales of Chevy’s gas-guzzling Silverado pickups alone last year doubled the combined sales of electric cars from all makers.”

How are automakers going to get half of their customers to buy electric cars in just a few short years? According to the press release from Ford, General Motors, and Stellantis (which makes Chrysler vehicles), “This ... dramatic shift ... can be achieved only with the timely deployment of the full suite of electrification policies committed to by the [Biden] Administration in the Build Back Better Plan, including purchase incentives, a comprehensive charging network of sufficient density to support the millions of vehicles these targets represent, investments in R&D, and incentives to expand the electric vehicle manufacturing and supply chains in the United States.”

“In other words,” observed Issues & Insights, “massive taxpayer subsidies.”

Biden wants to spend \$174 billion on subsidies, grants, and tax incentives to car buyers; to build electric charging stations; and to replace the entire federal fleet of cars and trucks, including all those used by the already financially desperate U.S. Postal Service.

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Longtime Physician on COVID: “When Did the World Become Insane?”



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He’s fed up and, he says, must finally speak out beyond his private circles, even if it means being canceled. What bothers Dr. Matt Bettag, a physician with 24 years of experience, so much is that he has “never before seen the medical establishment just stop thinking,” as he puts it. “Insanity is the new rule,” he continues, “and common sense cannot even be discussed.”

Bettag, who has been an ENT specialist for 19 years of his career, is, of course, referring to COVID craziness, to schizoid prescriptions that mutate faster than a virus ever could.

In an August 5 article for *American Thinker*, Bettag mentions his shock at the insistence on “15 days to flatten the curve”; he writes that though this was unprecedented, he nonetheless gave the government the benefit of the doubt. Of course, this demand was then followed by, “No, actually, we can’t reopen until there are 14 straight days of declining infections.” This was then declared null and void and became, “No, we can’t return to normal until we have a vaccine.” Now we’re told that even the vaccinated must be masked and, essentially, that Branch Covidian restrictions are the new normal.

Bettag goes on to write:

I started researching the utility of masks. There were very good articles I found — one out of a respiratory center in Chicago, and another a good dental review. I bookmarked both of them. Less than a month later, the dental website was down, replaced by a text saying basically that their information is now irrelevant because of COVID. The Chicago article also had a disclaimer that previously wasn’t there saying people shouldn’t use their article politically. What? Don’t use a scientifically-derived article to make a scientifically based decision on the utility of masks? What the hell is going on?

Next comes PCR. Let’s conveniently jack up the cycles to 40+, resulting in a 90-97% false-positive rate, then let’s start testing all elective surgery, asymptomatic exposures, and hospitalized patients. In addition, we will reimburse hospitals greatly for COVID admissions and ICU visits. Oxygen doesn’t work; go home until you get worse. Oh, and bring your



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family and friends with you; they'll need testing.

Bettag also makes the following points:

- Steroids were discouraged early on even though they reduce inflammation and have long been used in Bettag's specialty, ENT, to treat viral disease. Yet weeks later the Covidians recommended steroids.
- Even though it has been used safely the world over for dec-ades, hydroxychloroquine was demonized as dangerous merely because President Trump trumpeted it. Other trusted therapeutics, such as ivermectin and vitamin D, were likewise dismissed.
- Speaking for many leftists, Kamala Harris said last autumn that she wouldn't trust any vaccines whose creation the Trump administration facilitated. Now it's said that the very same drugs should be mandatory for everyone and that those opposing such are mass killers.
- The government's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) database showed 12,000 vaccine-coincident deaths; this number then dropped to 6,000. It subsequently rose to 10k and is now back to 12k. Moreover, some reports hold that the actual number could be 10-fold (or more) higher and that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) could be hiding deaths via intentional misclassification. But, hey, Bettag says sarcastically, let's still trust the government.
- Now the Covidian Chicken Littles are blaming the dreaded Delta variant "surge" on the unvaccinated, ignoring data showing that many countries with high vaccination rates have rampant COVID and that many with low vaccination rates are largely free from the disease. Bettag also mentions that while Sweden mostly rejected lockdowns and mandatory masking and has a low vaccination rate, it has almost no COVID.

"I have never lived in a world like this," Bettag then laments, "where open medical dialogue is completely suppressed and there is only one party line." He finds this befuddling. It's not hard to understand, however: It's what too often happens when there's a conflation of science and state — especially when that state is built on lies.

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