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## Inside Track

### No Major Hurricane Has Hit United States in 11 Years

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a statement on October 24 observing that a major hurricane has not struck the United States in 11 years. According to Dennis Feltgen, a spokesman for NOAA's National Hurricane Center (NHC), "As of October 24, 2016, it will be a complete 11 years since a major hurricane has struck the United States, as defined by the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale of being a Category 3 or higher. The current streak of no major hurricane landfalls onto the U.S. mainland remains intact. The last one to do so was Hurricane Wilma on October 24, 2005."

Other hurricanes that landed in the United States during that time frame, Sandy in 2012 and Matthew this year, were of a lower wind intensity when they made landfall in the United States. Matthew had weakened to a Category 1 storm by the time it made landfall near McClellanville, South Carolina, on October 8, with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph.

Many climate scientists have predicted that alleged human-caused global warming owing to an increase of CO2 in the atmosphere would produce an increase in the number and intensity of hurricanes. But CNSNews observed October 24 that "the unprecedented 11-year drought of major hurricanes striking the U.S. has occurred during the same time when CO2 levels were steadily rising, as measured by the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii, which maintains 'the longest record of direct measurements of CO2 in the atmosphere,' according to NOAA."

The latest report from NOAA that major hurricane activity has subsided for 11 years — despite high levels of CO2 in the atmosphere — provides welcome relief from the assorted predictions made by the "global warming" doomsayers of catastrophic events that supposedly will be caused by human activity. This report is but one encouraging bit of news among volumes of documentation indicating that climatic catastrophes such as increased hurricane activity, rising seas, and melting polar ice caps are either not the result of global warming or not even happening, and that global warming itself may not even be happening.

### Assault Weapons Ban Support at Lowest Level Ever

Poll results released on October 26 by Gallup confirm the trend toward the acceptance of the freedom to own guns and support of the Second Amendment. Sixteen years ago, 59 percent of those polled favored "a law which would make it illegal to manufacture, sell or possess semi-automatic guns known as assault rifles," while just 39 percent were opposed. Today those numbers have flipped: Just 36 percent support a ban, while 61 percent of those polled oppose it.

Even those polled who don't have a gun in their home oppose such a ban. Most surprisingly, however, is that support for such a ban has dropped even among those most likely to support one: Democrats. In the year 2000, 63 percent of Democrats supported such a ban, while today just 50 percent do. Wrote Art Swift for Gallup: "It is striking — and unusual — that fewer Democrats than ever support an assault weapons ban, since the Democratic Party has been instrumental in pushing for stricter gun laws."

Gallup reported that just 31 percent of Independents support such a ban (the same as Democrats), while in 2000, 63 percent did.



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The irony remains that, thanks to the media's propaganda blitz against the private ownership of firearms, awareness of what the true agenda is continues to grow. The harder gun-grabbers push, the harder it will be for them to accomplish their ultimate goal: complete confiscation of every firearm from every private citizen in the country. More than 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson saw the threat, and gave perhaps the most reasonable explanation for today's increasing support of the right of the people to buy, bear, keep, and use firearms: "The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

## **Americans' Respect for Local Police Is Surging**

The results from Gallup's annual poll on crime were released October 24, and they showed greatly increased support for local police all across the board, regardless of demographics or political persuasion. The double-digit surge over last year was measured by responses to several questions asked in early October, including, "How much respect do you have for the police in your area — a great deal, some, or hardly any?" Last year, 64 percent of those polled responded "a great deal," while this year the percentage jumped to 76 percent, a gain of 12 points and the highest in nearly 50 years.

When sorted according to race, the response to that question was equally positive: Whites' respect last year was 69 percent, which jumped to 80 percent; nonwhites' respect was 53 percent last year, and this year it came in at 67 percent.

When sorted by political affiliation and philosophy, the results were the same: Respect for local police rose among conservatives, moderates, liberals, Republicans, Independents, and Democrats. The highlight of the study was the jump in respect among liberals (those presumably most supportive of efforts by groups such as Black Lives Matter to denigrate local police), which leapt from 50 percent a year ago to 71 percent this year.

When sorted by age, the increase in respect showed up across the spectrum: Among those age 55 and older, it increased by four percent; among those between age 35 and 44, it increased by 16 percent; and among those age 18 to 34, by 19 percent.

It didn't matter where respondents resided, either. Respect for local police increased among those living in large cities, suburbs, small towns, and rural areas.

Justin McCarthy, writing for Gallup, expressed his surprise at the results: "The sharp increase over the past year in professed respect for local law enforcement comes as many police say they feel they are on the defensive — both politically and for their lives while they are on duty — amid heated national discussions on police brutality and shootings."

## **Swedes and Germans Told to Integrate Into Their "New Country"**

In Sweden, a new tax-funded TV ad created by a government-backed "charity" called "Individuell Manniskohjälp" (Individual Relief), or IM, informs Swedes that their old country is never coming back. Translated to English, the slogan for the campaign is #TheNewNation. "There is no way back," the ad begins. "Sweden will never be like it was. Europe is changing and Sweden is needed as a safe space for people who seek refuge. Now we must look forward and find a way to live side by side."



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The ad informs viewers that Sweden is in for some dramatic changes. "It's time to realize the new Swedes will claim their space, and will take up room with cultures, languages and customs," the narrators say in Swedish, alternating between male and female voices. "It's time we see this as a positive force. The new country is about shaping a new future."

The very definition of Swedish is changing, the ad continues, adding that the old Swedes need to adapt to the new country and the customs of the "new Swedes." "To be Swedish must be more than skin color and place of birth, it must be you, me, and everyone together," the narrator continues. "It's not only new Swedes that need to integrate. Everyone needs to integrate, even established Swedes."

In Germany, a highly contentious tax-funded advertisement financed in part by a United Nations agency actually encourages German women to cover their heads with an Islamic-style outfit as part of "tolerance." First the ad shows a woman from the back dancing to Islamic-style music while wearing an Islamic outfit. The words "Turkish women wear the Islamic head scarf" appear on the screen.

Then when the woman turns around, it becomes clear that she is a blonde German woman. "Me too," she says about wearing the Islamic head covering. "It's beautiful." Then she says, "Enjoy difference, start tolerance." Then viewers are told that the ad was made in cooperation with UNESCO, the UN agency in charge of education, culture, and science.



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