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Turkish President Warns of War Between Islam and Christianity

The world may be heading “towards a war between the cross and the crescent,” warned Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in a June 9 speech in Istanbul. Erdoğan was responding to recent measures Austria took against jihadism, namely, that the Austrian government plans to shut down seven mosques and expel up to 60 Turkish-funded imams as part of a crackdown on “political Islam.”

In reality, Erdoğan’s gripe is that Austria is resisting a war already raging — a demographic war. It’s a conflict the Turkish leader has been enthusiastic about and has encouraged. For example, after Germany and the Netherlands clamped down on pro-Turkish rallies last year, Erdoğan growled that “Europe will pay for what they have done.” Just prior to this, in March 2017, he expressed demographic-jihadist sentiments, saying to Turks in Europe, “Have five children, not three. You are Europe’s future.”

In this vein, prominent Turkish official Alpaslan Kavaklıoğlu proclaimed earlier this year that “Europe will be Muslim.” Likewise, Erdoğan has called Europe a “sick man,” presumably ripe for conquest. Unfortunately, he’s not all wrong, either. Fertility rates have plummeted to below replacement level throughout the Western world, resulting in a decline in its native populations. This has been used by statist politicians as a pretext for massive Third World immigration into the continent. “We need workers!” is the rallying cry (even though robots are poised to replace them).

But providing workers isn’t exactly what the world’s Erdoğan’s have in mind. They’re more likely motivated by a cause called the hijra, “the migration or journey.” Prescribed by the Koran, the idea is for Muslims to engage in demographic jihad: to move to a land and Islamize it via numerical dominance.

No one articulated this goal more bluntly than late Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, when he stated in 2006, “We have 50 million Muslims in Europe. There are signs that Allah will grant Islam victory in Europe — without swords, without guns, without conquest — we will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.”

Pope Francis Lectures Energy Executives About Destroying Civilization

Pope Francis and the Vatican hosted the Energy Transition and Care for Our Common Home conference, which ended on June 9, and the pontiff had some strong words for the fossil-fuel industry about so-called man-made climate change and its supposed effects on humanity.

The conference, which was organized by the University of Notre Dame, brought together leading executives from oil giants such as British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell, Equinor of Norway, Pemex of Mexico, and many others. Also included in the conference were some of the world’s foremost asset managers and financiers. The event focused on the “necessity” to quickly transition from fossil fuels to “greener” forms of energy in order to combat global warming.

The pope was quite concerned with keeping the irrelevant Paris Climate Accord alive. “As you know,”



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he said, “in December 2015, 196 Nations negotiated and adopted the Paris Agreement, with a firm resolve to limit the growth in global warming to below 2° centigrade, based on preindustrial levels, and, if possible, to below 1.5° centigrade. Some two-and-a-half years later, carbon dioxide emissions and atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases remain very high. This is disturbing and a cause for real concern.”

The pope has dropped all pretense of any debate on the idea of man-made global warming. He has accepted the apocalyptic notion of it as a fact and has jumped on the pseudo-scientific bandwagon, which conflates CO2 emissions with air pollution.

While air pollution does indeed kill people each and every day, the pope doesn’t seem to understand that carbon dioxide is not doing this. The conflation of CO2 emissions with pollution is galling to anyone who understands the relationship between CO2 and the very food we eat. The pope doesn’t need to listen to climatologists. He needs to listen to agronomists and farmers, who can tell him what the benefits of CO2 are. “Civilization requires energy but energy use must not destroy civilization,” the pope said, not seeming to understand that the civilization he worries about destroying was largely a product of the fossil fuels he is demonizing.

“Three Californias” Plan Would Multiply Crazy on Left Coast

Come November, California voters will be able to vote on a ballot initiative that proposes to partition their state into three separate states: California, Northern California, and Southern California. Under the proposed plan, the new “California” would be dominated by Los Angeles, “Northern California” would be dominated by San Francisco, and “Southern California” would be dominated by San Diego.

On June 12, the office of California Secretary of State Alex Padilla certified that a sufficient number of voter signatures had been gathered for the ballot initiative, making the measure eligible to appear on the ballot for the general election on November 6, 2018. The initiative, if approved by voters, will call on California’s governor to ask the U.S. Congress to carry out the division.

If “Three Californias” becomes reality, two states and four Senate seats, along with most of the congressional and Electoral College votes, would be delivered to “safe” Democrat strongholds, while the other two Senate seats would be “in play.” This is another way of saying that the new Southern California and its two Senate seats would have a chance of being Republican — until the continuing influx of illegal aliens could be organized as a voting bloc to vote the Democrats in.

The Three Californias (CAL 3) initiative is the brainchild of billionaire Tim Draper, a Silicon Valley venture capitalist who has bankrolled the efforts with millions of his own dollars. Much of Draper’s CAL 3 rhetoric is aimed at co-opting support of political conservatives, many of whom may see this as a last-ditch chance to salvage an escape from the Democrat-imposed approaching doom. However, the main failure of CAL 3 is that its designers have sculpted the proposed new states in such a way that the less-populated rural counties will be perpetually at the mercy of the big coastal cities, which are controlled by far-left Democrats. The small cities and towns and farming, ranching, mining, and timber communities of the northern, central, and southern parts of the state will continue to be steamrolled by the big-city political machines.



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Trump and Kim Pledge Denuclearization of Korean Peninsula

President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met at a historic summit in Singapore on June 11 and signed a joint statement at the conclusion of their meeting, pledging denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

After meeting with Kim, Trump held a news conference in Singapore with members of the press. At the conference, Trump said, "Chairman Kim and I just signed a joint statement in which he reaffirms his unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Continuing, he stated: "Chairman Kim has told me that North Korea is already destroying a major missile engine testing site. That's not in your signed document; we agreed to that after the agreement was signed. That's a big thing. For the missiles that they were testing, the site is going to be destroyed very soon."

Trump is very likely aware that communist leaders have not kept such promises in the past, because he said, "In the meantime, the sanctions will remain in effect."

A reporter asked the president if the assurances he gave to Kim included reducing the U.S. military capabilities in South Korea.

Trump answered, "We're not reducing anything.... I used to say this during my campaign.... I want to get our soldiers out. I want to bring our soldiers back home."

"We have right now 32,000 soldiers in South Korea. And I'd like to be able to bring them back home, but that's not part of the equation right now. At some point I hope it will be, but not right now."

Though the North Koreans did not make the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea part of the negotiations, it is something that American noninterventionists have been calling for for years, so they will find Trump's statement disappointing.

Despite the promising rhetoric, a Reuters report cited several unnamed experts who said the summit failed to secure any concrete commitments by North Korea to dismantle its nuclear arsenal.



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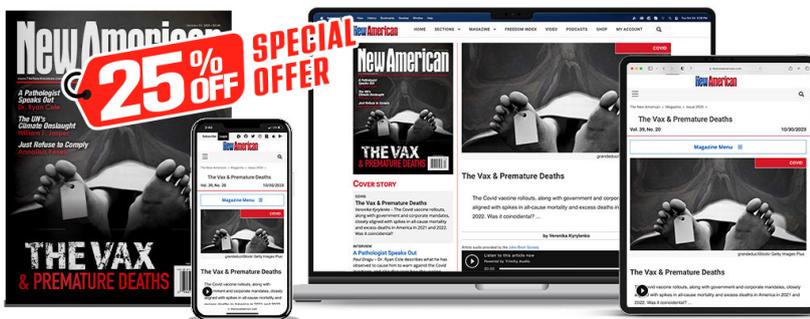
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