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Inside Track

No-go Zones Are "Now ... at War With ... Western Civilization"

France's Wuhan coronavirus lockdown measures, which only began easing days ago, were among the world's strictest. "Permits to leave one's home were limited to 60 minutes, once a day, and no farther than half a mile," wrote the Gatestone Institute's Dr. Guy Millière on May 10. Approximately 15.5 million people were stopped and checked, and 915,000 citations were issued.

But there is a group police have been told not to stop at all: People living in Muslim dominated no-go zones, euphemistically called *zones-urbaines-sensibles* ("sensitive urban zones").

France's no-go zones have exploded numerically from fewer than 100 in 2005 to more than 750 today, and "police enter them only by carefully preparing commando-like operations beforehand," Millière asserts. "Gangs and radical imams seem totally in control."

Another story presented by Millière illustrates this:

A few months ago, a police officer, Noam Anouar, who infiltrated Islamist circles, published a book, *France Must Know*. No-go zones in France, he wrote, are now foreign enclaves on French territory. "The gangs operating there," he noted, "have formed a parallel economy based on drug trafficking.... They consider themselves at war with France and with Western civilization. They act in cooperation with Islamist organizations, and define acts of predation and rampage as raids against infidels."

Anouar concluded that reclaiming these areas today would be complicated, costly, and involve calling in the army.

So as a result, the cowardly French government turns a blind eye to the problem. Moreover, not only will pandemic-caused economic distress exacerbate the situation, but, Millière states, that no-go zones' exclusion from lockdown measures reveals the situation: It's a tacit admission they're no longer part of the French republic.

Illegal Aliens Likely to Receive Mail-in Ballots in California

It is nearly certain that illegal immigrants in California will receive mail-in ballots to vote in the 2020 presidential election thanks to the state's lackadaisical voter-registration system and Democratic Governor Gavin Newsom's May 8 executive order allowing all voters in the state to vote via mail-in ballot this November because of the Chinese coronavirus.

Government Accountability Institute Research Director Eric Eggers laid out the reasons for this voting plan in a May 13 interview with Breitbart. Eggers is the author of *Fraud: How the Left Plans to Steal the Next Election*. "California is famous for having flawed and bloated voter rolls, unfortunately California is not the only state in the country to do so, but maybe they do it better than anyone else," Eggers said.

California already allows ballot harvesting, wherein political operatives collect ballots at places such as nursing homes and deliver them to polling places with virtually no oversight. It is also a state with more registered voters than residents who are eligible to vote. Newsom's vote-by-mail order only exacerbates voter fraud in the Golden State.







Coincidentally, while Newsom looks to suspend in-person voting for the 2020 election because of concerns over the coronavirus, such ballot harvesting requires political operatives to go places and physically interact with people who are in the high-risk category for coronavirus.

The idea that illegal immigrants will be mailed ballots willy-nilly is even more galling.

"This is really where the left shows a level of hypocrisy, which they're not regularly held to account," Eggers said. "What if the ballots go to illegal immigrants that willingly or unwillingly ended up on the voter rolls and maybe they just don't even know they're not supposed to be casting ballots? Because remember, elsewhere in California and elsewhere nationally, it is legal for non-citizens to vote in certain elections."

California is a state with so-called automatic voter registration, which is connected to driver's licensing. Illegal immigrants are allowed to have driver's licenses in the state.

Climate Alarmists Blame Global Warming for Record Cold May

Almost a full two months after the season officially ended, winter reared its ugly head in much of the United States in early May. A winter-type Polar Vortex has caused record cold and extremely late season snow from the Rockies to the Atlantic Ocean. What's responsible for this late-season cold? If you listen to climate alarmists, the answer is simple: global warming.

As counterintuitive as it may sound, many in the climate-alarmist movement have claimed for years that extreme cold may be one result of anthropogenic global warming. The theory goes that increased temperature at high altitudes in the Arctic — due to man-made global warming — is causing the the circumpolar vortex to split more easily, which allows lobes of Arctic air to make their way south, where they affect the United States with unusually cold weather.

Jennifer Francis of the Woods Hole Research Center, a climate-change think tank, addressed the extreme cold in 2019 being the result of warming. "This symptom of global warming is counterintuitive for those in the cross-hairs of these extreme cold spells," Francis said. "But these events provide an excellent opportunity to help the public understand some of the 'interesting' ways that climate change will unfold."

In climate science, researchers begin with a conclusion that they are not allowed to revise. All findings must lead to the interpretation that humans are causing a warmer planet owing to their use of fossil fuels and the accompanying release of carbon dioxide. No other conclusion can be considered. This is the result of mixing science with a political agenda. Like anything mixed with politics, the science becomes corrupted by it.

Because of that political and globalist influence, any other possible reason for unusual weather — the sun, the ocean, the clouds, the orbital variations of the Earth — is dismissed. Climate change and extreme weather must be caused by human activity or the political movement would grind to a halt.

UN Human Rights Chief Tries to Scare Countries Into Lockdowns

The UN high commissioner for human rights is suggesting that the draconian lockdowns most countries have enforced on their citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic might need to be extended to avoid a





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disastrous "second wave" of the virus.

Human rights chief Michelle Bachelet, a socialist and the former president of Chile, issued the warning on May 14. Bachelet claimed that the disastrous economic effects of the COVID-19 lockdowns are a small price to pay when you consider the possible alternative.

"If an affected country comes out of lock-down too hastily, there is a danger that a second wave, costing many more lives, will be triggered sooner and more destructively than would otherwise be the case," Bachelet said.

"If the reopening of societies is mishandled, all the huge sacrifices made during the initial #lockdown will have been for nothing. Letting politics or economics drive the #COVID-19 response at the expense of health and #HumanRights will cost lives."

Bachelet, who was trained as a physician, suggested that plans to reopen economies are being driven by a "particular elite" and that the predicted disastrous results of reopening too soon will fall hardest on "vulnerable" people.

"If their response is based on the interests of a particular elite — causing the disease to flare up again in other less privileged or marginalized communities — it will rebound on everyone," Bachelet told reporters in Geneva.

Bachelet must not watch much television or go on the Internet. In America, at least, reopenings are clearly being driven by unhappy citizens who want to go back to work and start their lives again — not by any "elites." In fact, it seems as though many elites — globalist health organizations, Democrat-controlled states, and the mainstream media, for example — are the ones pressing to continue these authoritarian lockdowns.

The elites have done their job in frightening the peoples of the world. They've told us all the risks and the precautions we should take. Now, they should allow us to decide whether to take those risks.







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