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[Israel gears up to fight, as Russia puts screws to Jewish Agency for unclear reasons | The Times of Israel](#)

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Latest struggle evokes Cold War memories of Russian Jews trapped behind Iron Curtain; for now, Jerusalem striking balance between playing Moscow's game and warning of consequences

After initially believing Russia's moves against the Jewish Agency to be a relatively minor spat, Israeli officials now view them as the makings of a potentially major diplomatic rift, and the Jewish Agency is preparing accordingly, a senior official in the organization said Sunday.

Moscow's reasons for attacking the quasi-governmental organization remain unclear, as Russian officials have yet to indicate what — if any — steps Israel could take that would prompt them to call off its threats to shutter the group, which is tasked with facilitating and encouraging Jewish immigration to Israel.

Earlier on Sunday, Prime Minister Yair Lapid [warned Russia](#) that closing the Jewish Agency there would negatively affect ties between the two countries. He has reportedly tasked the Foreign Ministry with drawing up specific courses of action that Israel could take, should Russia go through with its stated plans to shut down the organization's operations, including recalling the Israeli ambassador to Moscow, more bellicose public statements against Russia, and stepping up Israeli support for Ukraine.

Last month, Russian authorities told the Jewish Agency that its offices could face sanctions over alleged infringements of local laws. Officials in the organization initially believed this to be a low-level issue that could be resolved with negotiations and compromise.

However, as Moscow continued to escalate the situation, the Jewish Agency reached out to the Foreign Ministry to intervene on its behalf. The Israeli ambassador to Russia spoke about the matter with the Russian deputy foreign minister earlier this month.

"We tried to keep things low-key and sort it out by exchanging letters with lawyers and trying to reach a compromise," a Jewish Agency official told The Times of Israel on Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue. "Now that they took it to court, it is clear that they they are not looking for compromise or negotiations. It is clear that this is a political move."

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The Russian Justice Ministry filed an appeal with a Moscow district court last week, ordering the “dissolution” of the Jewish Agency offices in the country.

Shortly after the court filing, Lapid announced the formation of a legal-diplomatic task force that would travel to Moscow this week to fight on the Jewish Agency’s behalf.

This delegation met on Sunday, after which Lapid issued a clear statement not only in support of the Jewish Agency and Russia’s Jewish population, but threatening Russia with diplomatic repercussions if the organization is indeed shut down.

“Closing the Jewish Agency’s offices would be a grave event, which will have consequences on [Israeli-Russian] ties,” the statement read.

According to the official from the Jewish Agency, which had multiple representatives at Sunday’s meeting, there is a clear understanding that, while the issue is far greater than the specific legal claims Russia is making about the organization — pertaining to how it stores data about prospective immigrants — for now, Israel must treat these allegations seriously.

“This is not really about some legal disagreements or technical procedure that was breached or even just a small-time attempt to intimidate the Jewish Agency because they are antisemitic or oppose immigration or something,” the official said. “This legal delegation is not going to solve anything, but we have to play the game. There will need to be political involvement.”

The delegation was due to leave for Moscow on Sunday and Monday, but its departure was instead pushed back indefinitely, until “it receives Russian approval for the talks,” the Prime Minister’s Office said.

But the Jewish Agency official stressed that, while the delegation was made up of legitimate experts in Russian law, this was largely for show.

“We are playing the legal game, while also signaling that we are not fooled by this,” the official said.

Two major, as-yet-unanswered, questions are why Russia prompted this diplomatic fight over the Jewish Agency, and what it will ultimately take to resolve the situation.

In the past, Moscow has been far more overt in issuing demands in such situations. Take, for instance, [the case of Naama Issachar](#), an Israeli woman who was detained in Russia after a small amount of marijuana was found in her luggage during a layover at Moscow airport.

In that incident, Russian officials quickly made it clear to Israel that Issachar would be released if Jerusalem turned over a Russian national, Aleksey Burkov, who had been detained in Israel and was due to be extradited to the United States for cyber crimes.

Israel ultimately did not go along with the Russian demand and indeed extradited Burkov. Issachar was instead pardoned after Israel gave control of the Old City of Jerusalem's Alexander Courtyard to the Russian Imperial Orthodox Palestine Society, though that move has since met some legal troubles.

“With Issachar, it was just the fate of one person. The Russians wanted the release of a Russian hacker. Then we threw in the Alexander Courtyard for good measure. It was clear what they were demanding,” the Jewish Agency official said.

“Here it is not just one person — it is much much bigger stakes — and they are not saying anything, they are not making any demands,” he said.

While some Israeli officials have indicated that Russia is acting in retaliation for Jerusalem's ongoing support of Ukraine after Russia's invasion of the country earlier this year, Moscow has also regularly expressed discomfort and even opposition to Israel's ongoing airstrikes against Iranian targets in Syria, a country with which Moscow has a deep alliance.

The Jewish Agency official said his organization also suspected that this may be the result of some “internal power struggle within Russia that has nothing to do with us.”

In addition to serving as an initial step in the process of immigrating to Israel, the Jewish Agency also maintains a number of programs inside Russia and serves as an important conduit between the country's Jewish community and the wider Jewish world. Moscow's moves against the organization have evoked memories of the plight of Soviet Jews, who were trapped behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War, barred from immigrating to Israel or freely practicing their faith.

“The Jewish Agency does very important work in Russia, and I hope it will continue to do so. Nevertheless, it behooves us to remember that Israel knew how to fight for immigration even when the Jewish Agency and all Israeli diplomats were barred from Soviet Russia, just as it knew how to defend its security interests successfully, even when all the best Soviet weapons were delivered not to us but to our enemies,” the former head of the Jewish Agency and former Soviet Jewish leader Natan Sharansky wrote in a public Facebook post on Friday.

“I want to finish this post with a message to all of our Jewish brethren in Russia who are seriously considering immigrating to Israel: I urge you not postpone the implementation of your plans,” he said.

For now, the organization is continuing its activities in Russia as normal, but it is also readying for the day when it will have to dramatically alter how it works, the official said.

“We will operate as usual for as long as we can... and we are preparing ourselves for all possible scenarios,” he said.

[Summer of Rage, Part I: Militant Pro-Abortion Radicals Flourish in Madison, Wisconsin; Violence ‘Meme’d’ on Twitter \(breitbart.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #america, #lawlessness, #hate

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Since the leak of Justice Samuel Alito’s draft majority opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* case that eventually led to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, America has endured a “Summer of Rage.” The wave demonstrations saw protesters going far beyond simply donning “Handmaid’s Tale” bonnets and gathering around the Supreme Court. There have been dozens of acts of violence, destruction, and harassment aimed at intimidating anti-abortion Christians and conservatives. In this series of articles, we will identify key players, organizations, and locations in this radical movement. We will also explain elements of the interconnected system that provides organizational and/or financial support for this radical agenda.

According to data [compiled](#) by the Family Research Council, there have been more than 100 attacks against pro-life groups nationwide since the beginning of May, many of which have been [attributed](#) to Jane’s Revenge, a far-left militant group that has taken credit for much of the violence.

Jane’s Revenge has garnered support from networks of leftwing activists, particularly those tied to the Madison, Wisconsin area. Just two days before the first Molotov cocktail [attack](#) on Wisconsin Family Action on May 8, 2022, the Facebook page of a group called [International Workers of the World](#) (IWW) of Madison Wisconsin [posted a history of the Jane Collective](#), the 1960s pro-abortion group from which Jane’s Revenge takes its name.

Last year, the IWW Madison shared posts promoting violent behavior, including:

- A [primer](#) on how to fight “state oppression” by protesting and evading law enforcement.
- A [reminder](#) to “always assume that law enforcement or other fascists and hostile actors could be within earshot. Avoid gossip, speculation, and joking about anyone’s alleged participation in any criminalized activity.”
- An ominous photo [warning](#) that “Snitches Get Stitches.”

The attack on Wisconsin Family Action drew statements of support from other radical groups in Madison. A group calling themselves Unnamed Autonomous Collective [published a statement](#) lauding the attack and calling for more:

We joyously support militant action that destroys the records, servers, clipboards, and desks used to organize the vile workings of Wisconsin Family Action. This action, and others like it, bring the consequences of the fascists' actions back to their doorstep. It assesses a monetary and psychological cost for their ongoing campaign of violence, and serves to inspire others to act.

The group [doubled-down](#) several weeks later in a post stating, “We, a group of Madison anarchists, joyously support militant Action that targets the ability of fascists to organize, lobby or enact their violence.”

One counterterrorism analyst [theorized](#) that Jane’s Revenge was more a “loose-knit” collection of activists than a formal organization. Writer Robert Evans, who first obtained the initial statement provided by Jane’s Revenge and has elevated them online, [speculated](#) that their claim to be nationwide was likely “aspirational,” and that the group was angling to inspire copycats through their dramatic tactics and messaging.

Another Jane's Revenge tag, this one unconnected with any sort of attack.

For the record I suspect the communique's initial claims of multi state membership were aspirational. But it seems like people have latched onto the idea. <https://t.co/CAoBlmyhKY>

— Robert Evans (The Only Robert Evans) (@IwriteOK) [May 15, 2022](#)

Online Radicalism, Meme’d on Twitter

This radical movement has thrived online, especially on Twitter.

A radical left-wing blog [called](#) Abolition Media has emerged as a clearing house for left-wing threats of violence, has become the go-to for activists associating themselves with Jane’s Revenge. The group has posted dozens of “[communiques](#)” since the leak of Justice Samuel Alito’s draft *Dobbs* opinion. At least nine of those “communiques” either mention or are attributed to Jane’s Revenge.

Posts on the website also include violent incidents not related to abortion protests. After an anarchist was killed by police after throwing Molotov cocktails at patrol cars, Abolition Media [wrote](#) that such attacks were “a legitimate and necessary response.” In May, the group also [posted](#) an 11,000-word statement from a jailed Greek anarchist calling for “revenge” against law enforcement for the [death](#) of Portland ANTIFA rioter Michael Reinoehl.

Abolition Media deftly uses Twitter to promote violence. The pattern of their social media posts is simple: they post images of violence and destruction without openly endorsing them, then include links to articles with the same images that openly support the militancy and/or call for more. Thus far, this strategy has circumvented Twitter rules against posting calls to violence.

We reached out to Twitter about Abolition Media's use of their platform to promote violence, but Twitter has not replied as of press time.

Abolition Media's website is hosted by [noblogs](#), a blogging service tailored toward radicals. The Abolition Media Twitter account regularly uses the social media platform to tweet out links to the violent content in its noblogs posts.

For example, Abolition Media tweeted the following blog post link and photo from an attack on a pregnancy center in Lynchburg, Virginia:

The link in the above tweet goes to a blog post that [states](#), "We encourage anyone to gather their friends, pick up a crowbar or a bottle of spray paint, find your nearest misogynyny shop, courthouse, or pig pen and go fucking ape shit."

Another [example](#) of their violent actions and online rhetoric can be seen in this tweet regarding a pregnancy center in Burlington, Vermont:

The Burlington tweet was accompanied by a link to [a blog post](#) stating: "It's time to put up a real fight. Gather your friends and collect heavy rocks. Learn the skill of accelerant bartending. Decentralize your actions— go into the night and be feral with joy! This is the fight of our lives and it's just getting started. This time it was concrete slabs. Next time we'll bring it Wisconsin-style."

Abolition Media also [promoted](#) a photo of a damaged Christian pregnancy center in Longmont, Colorado:

The Colorado image contains the phrase "if abortions aren't safe neither are you" and an anarchist symbol graffitied on the wall of facility. They also put the words "crisis pregnancy center" in quotation marks in the [corresponding blog post](#) about the attack.

Abolition Media's tweet about the attack on a crisis pregnancy center in Glendale, California, [included](#) a "Night of Rage Communique" that was particularly graphic:

In "communique" on the Glendale attack, Jane's Revenge [threatens](#) violence against journalists, judges, law enforcement, and Christians:

The night of June 24 was the Night of Rage. We decided to attack a crisis pregnancy center in Glendale, California with spray paint. The phrases written were "Jane was here", "abort the court", and "If abortions aren't safe neither are you". All across the country people protested and revolted against this attack on bodily autonomy.

[...]

To all the conservatives, Fox News anchors, judges, cops, Christian extremists, or federal agents reading this:

This attack is nothing in comparison to what is in store for you. Some spray paint will be the least of your worries....

We will hunt you down and make your lives a living hell. You started this war but we will win it. So far its just been pregnancy crisis centers, but tomorrow it might be your cars, your homes, or even your lives. We support a diversity of tactics and we will not step down in this fight.

The blog post linked in a [tweet](#) following an attack on a Detroit pregnancy center [included](#) an ominous note: “Jane will have her revenge.”

It is through this method that violent left-wing radicals are able to essentially “meme” violence on social media.

Madison, Wisconsin: Hot-Bed of Leftwing Organizers

Aside from the Industrial Workers of the World of Madison, other far-left organizers that have been especially active in recent months are also Madison-based. Some of these groups have no apparent direct ties to violence in the area but they reveal that the Wisconsin capital is a thriving hub of leftwing activism.

One such group is Freedom Inc. They [organized abortion protests](#) in Madison after the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* ruling came down. The group has been prominent at social justice protests in the area. In 2020, the Dane County Sheriff [called](#) on Freedom Inc. to denounce the firebombing of a municipal building after they were instrumental in organizing demonstrations after the Death of George Floyd. One of Freedom Inc.’s activists was [arrested](#) for threatening the District Attorney during a sentencing hearing.

Freedom Inc. [received](#) a \$50,000 Gates Foundation grant in 2021.

Despite their connections to violent protest movements, Freedom Inc. [receives](#) federal and state funding, despite themselves calling to defund the police.

Three Freedom, Inc. [board members](#) — [Chong Moua](#), [Lori Lopez](#), and [Sami Schalk](#) — have teaching positions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Obama administration [named](#) Freedom Inc. co-executive director Kabzuag Vaj a “Champion of Change.”

Another such group is OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center, which ([perhaps coincidentally](#)) is located adjacent to Wisconsin Family Action, the site of the first Jane’s Revenge Attack. OutReach receives [funding](#) from local businesses and city, county, and state governments.

The center, [Outreach LGBTQ+ Community Center](#), has been active in left-wing organizing in Madison. OutReach [co-sponsored](#) a 2019 counter-protest against “far-right” groups in the state capital. Other groups involved would go on to express support for Jane’s Revenge.

WFA and OutReach [are regularly quoted together](#) in press coverage of legislation.

OutReach has [ties to Freedom Inc.](#), which has been involved in organizing protests against the *Dobbs* decision in the Madison area. In 2016, OutReach [gave](#) Freedom Inc. their “Courage” award.

The non-violent left-wing activist community in Madison appears to be broad and well-funded; it also receives a considerable amount of mainstream support.

[Lauren Boebert trolls Biden, calls on him to resign like other world leaders | Washington Examiner](#)

#bibleprophecy, #worldleaders, #resignations

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Conservative firebrand Rep. [Lauren Boebert](#) (R-CO) took to Twitter to troll President Joe Biden, calling on him to step down [in the wake of](#) several world leaders [resigning](#) from office earlier this week.

“So many world leaders [resigning this week](#) yet Biden can’t take the hint?” Boebert said in a [tweet](#).

The comments come as a handful of world leaders in other countries resigned from office earlier this week amid protests, economic strains, and personal scandals.

[SRI LANKA SWEARS IN NEW ACTING PRESIDENT AMID INTERNAL UPHEAVAL](#)

Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa resigned from office on Thursday, bending to pressure from months of protests that have nearly dismantled the country’s government. His resignation came one day after he fled the country amid demonstrations outside his office earlier in the week, prompting the country’s prime minister to declare a nationwide state of emergency.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as the nation’s acting president the next day and will serve in that position until Sri Lanka’s Parliament appoints a successor to carry out the remainder of Rajapaksa’s term that ends in 2024. After that, Wickremesinghe signaled he would also resign from his position as prime minister, but he has not offered a timeline for when he would do so.

Elsewhere, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi offered to resign Thursday, noting he did not want to run a government that did not have the support of Italy’s 5-Star Movement, which became the country’s biggest party in Parliament in 2018 before breaking apart earlier this year. Draghi later met with President Sergio Mattarella, who rejected the resignation and encouraged Draghi to reconsider.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson also announced on July 7 that he would be resigning from his position amid a flurry of scandals that caused him to lose the trust of his advisers. However, he will remain in power until a new leader is selected, which is [expected to happen](#) by September.

[Dutch Labor Party leader steps down over welfare scandal | AP News](#)

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Jan 14, 2021

Asscher, center, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, right, and firebrand anti Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders, left, shake hands during a visit to De Telegraaf newspaper where six leaders of political parties made a special election edition of the newspaper in Amsterdam. The leader of the Dutch opposition Labour Party said Thursday he will not lead the party into elections in March 2021 and will not stand for re-election, becoming a high-profile victim of a scandal involving child benefit fraud investigations. (AP Photo/Peter Dejong, File)

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The leader of the Dutch opposition Labor Party said Thursday he will not lead the party into the Netherlands' March election and will not run for reelection following a scandal involving child benefit fraud investigations.

Lodewijk Asscher was minister for social affairs and a vice-prime minister in a governing coalition led by Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte when the country's tax office wrongly labeled thousands of parents as fraudsters.

Asscher said he was standing down despite not having direct knowledge of the tax office's actions.

"Yes, I was minister of social affairs," he said in a video message. "No, I did not know that the tax office had launched an unlawful hunt for thousands of families."

His decision puts further pressure on Rutte ahead of a Cabinet meeting Friday at which ministers will decide on their reaction to a [scathing report](#) issued last month that said the tax office policy aimed at rooting out fraud had violated "fundamental principles of the rule of law."

Many of the wrongfully accused parents were plunged into debt when tax officials demanded repayment of child welfare payments. The government has in the past apologized for the tax office's methods and in March earmarked 500 million euros (\$607 million) to compensate more than 20,000 parents.

Another opposition leader already has said he plans a motion of no-confidence in Rutte's government at a debate on the report's findings that is expected next week. There is speculation in the Netherlands that Rutte's government could resign Friday, taking political responsibility for the scandal.

It is not clear what impact the prime minister's resignation would have on the Netherlands and its struggle to rein in the coronavirus.

A general election is scheduled for March 17, with Rutte planning to run again and opinion polls suggesting his conservative People's Party for Freedom and Democracy will win the most seats. That would put Rutte, who has been in office for a decade, first in line to attempt to form the next ruling coalition.

In a tweet, Rutte paid tribute to Asscher's "great commitment to our country and our cooperation over the years."

[WHO declares monkeypox a global health emergency | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #who, #monkeypox, #outbreak

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The monkeypox virus has killed five people

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that the [international monkeypox virus outbreak](#) now constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

While the [United Nations \(UN\) health agency](#) had previously debated the matter, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus explained in a media briefing on Saturday that the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee generally agreed that transmission of the virus at the time "did not represent a [PHEIC]."

Since then, he noted, the monkeypox outbreak has continued to grow, with more than 16,000 reported cases from 75 countries and territories.

There have been five confirmed deaths.

[FINANCIALLY STRAINED SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS ARE ON THE FRONTLINE TO RESPOND TO MONKEYPOX](#)

Tedros said there was a clear risk of further international spread, although noting that the risk of interference with international traffic remains low.

The WHO's current assessment is that the risk of monkeypox is moderate around the world and in all regions with the exception of Europe, where the risk is assessed as high.

Notably, the committee did not reach a consensus regarding its advice on the determination of a PHEIC during the second meeting.

Tedros made the decision having considered the views of committee members and advisors, in addition to other factors in line with the IHR.

"Although I am declaring a public health emergency of international concern, for the moment this is an outbreak that is concentrated among men who have sex with men, especially those with multiple sexual partners," Tedros noted.

"That means that this is an outbreak that can be stopped with the right strategies in the right groups," he said.

The leader urged that it is essential for all countries to work closely with communities of men who have sex with men, as well as deliver effective information and services and

adopt measures that protect the "[health, human rights and dignity](#) of affected communities."

He warned against stigma and said that with the tools the world currently has at its disposal: "we can stop transmission and bring this [monkeypox] outbreak under control."

Although [monkeypox virus has been established](#) in central and west Africa for decades, it was not known to spark large outbreaks beyond the continent or to spread widely among people until May.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have reported 2,891 confirmed monkeypox and orthopoxvirus cases – the majority of which are in New York, where [vaccination efforts have faced technical issues](#).

Although most cases have been seen in gay or bisexual men, experts caution that anyone is at potential risk.

People normally become infected with the monkeypox virus through contact with the skin lesions or bodily fluids of infected animals or humans or through contact with materials contaminated with the virus.

Monkeypox, which is related to smallpox, has milder symptoms.

Some symptoms of monkeypox include fever, chills, rash and aches, before lesions develop.

[Twitter reactions to New York Times advocating cannibalism - TheBlaze](#)

#bibleprophecy, #satanism, #cannibalism

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The [New York Times](#) – the so-called "newspaper of record" – advocated that "cannibalism has a time and a place," and that current media suggests that now is the time to eat your fellow human. The eye-raising article was flayed on Twitter for even suggesting that people eat people, and many commentators reckoned that the New York Times writer put her foot in her mouth.

The piece was written by Alex Beggs – a freelance writer and "regular contributor at Bon Appétit, where she reviews the latest Trader Joe's products, writes the magazine's questionable etiquette column, and regularly covers cookbooks," according to journalist database [Muck Rack](#).

The [article](#) titled "A Taste for Cannibalism?" argues that cannibalism is having a moment right now because of "some recent stomach-churning books, and on television and film screens."

However, cannibalism has been featured in entertainment throughout history – including "Soylent Green" (1973), "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1974), "Cannibal Holocaust" (1980), "Conan the Barbarian" (1982), "Silence of the Lambs" (1991), "Alive" (1993), "Ravenous" (1999), "The 13th Warrior" (1999), "American Psycho" (2000), "Sin City" (2005), "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006), and "Jennifer's Body" (2009), just to name a few.

The article cites cannibalism being a theme in the Showtime TV show "Yellowjackets."

Ashley Lyle – the co-creator of "Yellowjackets" – was unable to bite her own tongue and blamed climate change and school shootings as reasons why people are interested in cannibalism.

"As to what may be fueling the desire for cannibalism stories today, Ms. Lyle, the 'Yellowjackets' co-creator, said, 'I think that we're obviously in a very strange moment.' She listed the pandemic, climate change, school shootings and years of political cacophony as possible factors."

"I think we're often drawn to the things that repulse us the most," Lyle said.

"Yellowjackets" co-creator Bart Nickerson claimed, "But I keep coming back to this idea of, what portion of our revulsion to these things is a fear of the ecstasy of them?"

[Twitter reactions](#) to the cannibal article flew in faster than it took Hannibal Lecter to eat the liver of a census taker with some fava beans and a nice Chianti.

Writer [Emmanuel Rincón](#): "The New York Times, the progressive media in general and the left, are promoters of all aberrant causes of humanity. Pedophilia, child indoctrination and now cannibalism. Sick."

CEO [Zack Kanter](#): "A zero sum worldview, irrational fear of overpopulation, and hatred of success will inevitably lead NYT journos to the literal conclusion of 'eat the rich.'"

Author [Sankrant Sanu](#): "Western 'Liberalism' on its next logical step."

Journalist [Tom Fitton](#), "NY Times, taking a break from promoting the mass killing of the unborn through abortion, promotes cannibalism."

Conservative activist [Ned Ryun](#): "Ummm wat?!! The NY Times has become a monumental joke."

CEO [Sridhar Vembu](#): "The NY Times: 'Cannibalism has a time and a place.' The Left is a tragedy that keeps on giving. What would they attempt to normalize next?"

Journalist [Mollie Hemingway](#): "New York Times leaning into that already well-earned 'enemy of the people' moniker way too much and way too literally."

Writer [Gabriella Hoffman](#): "These people tell us eating meat is bad and the world is ending, but give a full-fledged endorsement of cannibalism."

Journalist [Sameera Khan](#): "THIS IS SATANISM."

Columnist [Jon Gabriel](#): "Post-Christian culture seems a lot like pre-Christian culture."

Cultural commentator [Tim Pool](#): "NYT looking hire known cannibal Reza Aslan."

Author [Sophie Gonzales](#): "The apocalypse news headlines look surprisingly how I pictured they'd look."

Columnist [Larry Alex Taunton](#): "Today's [#NYT](#) headline: 'Cannibalism has a time & place.... the time is now.' The Democrat Party is now the Donner Party."

Audio producer [Anthony F. Irwin](#): "Just when I thought the Times couldn't get any Dahmer."

Comedian [Tiernan Douieb](#): "If any NYT journos invite you for dinner, don't go."

Former congressional candidate [David Giglio](#): "We've had a decent run, but it's over for humanity. Bring on the comet."

[Philippines earthquake: 7.0-magnitude quake in Abra kills five, injures 130 - CNN](#)

#bibleprophecy, #philippines, #earthquake

Jul 28, 2022

(CNN)At least five people died and 130 others were injured after a powerful earthquake struck the northern Philippines on Wednesday, according to authorities in the Southeast Asian country.

The 7.0-magnitude quake hit northern Luzon, the country's most populous island, at 8:43 a.m. local time (8:43 p.m. ET), according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). The agency originally designated the quake 7.1-magnitude, before downgrading it to 7.0.

Its epicenter was about 13 kilometers (8 miles) southeast of the small town of Dolores, Abra province, with a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles), according to USGS. Its impact was felt in the capital, Manila, more than 400 kilometers (about 250 miles) away.

More than 21,000 people have been impacted by the quake, which caused about \$687 million of infrastructure damage, according to the Philippine National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center.

Infrastructure was damaged across northern Luzon, including more than 400 homes, dozens of schools, several hospitals and bridges, and the centuries-old Vigan Cathedral and Banta Bell Tower, state-run Philippine News Agency (PNA) reported, citing the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

Abra is a landlocked region known for deep valleys and mountainous terrain. Photos from the province showed buildings damaged by the quake and debris covering the ground. One building is seen with cracks along the walls, while another lies tilted on its side.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. landed in Abra on Thursday to inspect the damage. Power has been restored in the majority of areas, he said, but access to water remains a problem.

The quake triggered landslides, with photos showing large boulders and rocks tumbling onto a road in the town of Bauko, south of the epicenter. Other photos showed people working to clear the debris.

Interior Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. said in a news conference that 58 landslides had been reported, and more than 200 towns in 15 provinces were affected by the quake.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said citizens should brace for any aftershocks, but added it had not issued a tsunami warning because the quake was detected inland.

Correction: An earlier version of this story misstated Ching Bernos' position. She is a congresswoman for Abra province. An earlier version of this story also misstated when the earthquake took place. It was Wednesday in the Philippines.

Pope Francis and Canadian bishops attend pagan 'smudging' ritual invoking 'sacred circle of spirits' (rumble.com) VIDEO

#bibleprophecy, #pope, #pagan, #ritual

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[New phase of matter with 2D time created in quantum computer \(cosmosmagazine.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #computers, #quantum

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The discovery has potential for developing errorless quantum computers.

Quantum computers hold the promise of revolutionising information technology by utilising the whacky physics of quantum mechanics. But playing with strange, new machinery often throws up even more interesting and novel physics. This is precisely what has happened to quantum computing researchers in the US.

[Reported](#) in *Nature*, physicists who were shining a pulsing laser at atoms inside a quantum computer observed a completely new phase of matter. The new state exhibits two time dimensions despite there still being only a singular time flow.

The researchers believe the new phase of matter could be used to develop quantum computers in which stored information is far more protected against errors than other architectures.

See, what makes quantum computers great is also what makes them exceedingly tricky.

Unlike in classical computers, a quantum computer's transistor is on the quantum scale, like a single atom. This allows information to be encoded not just using zeroes and ones, but also a mixture, or "superposition", of zero and one.

Hence, quantum bits (or "qubits") can store multidimensional data and quantum computers would be thousands, even millions of times faster than classical computers, and perform far more efficiently.

But this same mixture of 0 and 1 states in qubits is also what makes them extremely prone to error. So a lot of quantum computing research revolves around making machines with reduced flaws in their calculations.

Read more: [Australian researchers develop a coherent quantum simulator](#)

The mind-bending property discovered by the authors of the *Nature* paper was produced by pulsing a laser shone on the atoms inside the quantum computer in a sequence inspired by the Fibonacci numbers.

Using an "extra" time dimension "is a completely different way of thinking about phases of matter", says lead author Philipp Dumitrescu, a research fellow at the Flatiron Institute's Centre for Computational Quantum Physics in New York City, US.

“I’ve been working on these theory ideas for over five years and seeing them realised in experiments is exciting.”

The team’s quantum computer is built on ten atomic ions of ytterbium which are manipulated by laser pulses.

Quantum mechanics tells us that superpositions will break down when qubits are influenced (intentionally or not), leading the quantum transistor to “pick” to be either in the 0 or 1 state. This “collapse” is probabilistic and cannot be determined with certainty beforehand.

“Even if you keep all the atoms under tight control, they can lose their quantumness by talking to their environment, heating up, or interacting with things in ways you didn’t plan,” Dumitrescu says. “In practice, experimental devices have many sources of error that can degrade coherence after just a few laser pulses.”

So, quantum computing engineers try to make qubits more resistant to outside effects.

One way of doing this is to exploit what physicists call “symmetries” which preserve properties despite certain changes. For example, a snowflake has rotational symmetry – it looks the same when rotated a certain angle.

Time symmetry can be added using rhythmic laser pulses, but Dumitrescu’s team added two time symmetries by using ordered but non-repeating laser pulses.

The Penrose tiling pattern is a type of quasicrystal, which means that it has an ordered yet never-repeating structure. The pattern, composed of two shapes, is a 2D projection of a 5D square lattice.

Other ordered but non-repeating structures include quasicrystals. Unlike typical crystals which have repeating structure (like honeycombs), quasicrystals have order, but no repeating pattern (like Penrose tiling). Quasicrystals are actually the squished down versions, or “projections”, of higher-dimensional objects. For example, a two-dimensional Penrose tiling is a projection of a five-dimensional lattice.

Could quasicrystals be emulated in time, rather than space? That’s what Dumitrescu’s team was able to do.

Whereas a periodic laser pulse alternates (A, B, A, B, A, B, etc), the parts of the quasi-periodic laser-pulse based on the Fibonacci sequence are the sum of the two previous parts (A, AB, ABA, ABAAB, ABAABABA, etc.). Like a quasicrystal, this is a two-dimensional pattern jammed into a single dimension. Hence, there’s an extra time symmetry as a boon from this time-based quasicrystal.

The team fired the Fibonacci-based laser pulse sequence at the qubits at either end of the ten-atom arrangement.

Using a strictly periodic laser pulse, these edge qubits remained in their superposition for 1.5 seconds – an impressive feat in itself given the strong interactions between

qubits. But, with the quasi-periodic pulses, the qubits stayed quantum for the entire length of the experiment – around 5.5 seconds.

“With this quasi-periodic sequence, there’s a complicated evolution that cancels out all the errors that live on the edge,” Dumitrescu explains. “Because of that, the edge stays quantum-mechanically coherent much, much longer than you’d expect.” Though the findings bear much promise, the new phase of matter still needs to be integrated into a working quantum computer. “We have this direct, tantalising application, but we need to find a way to hook it into the calculations,” Dumitrescu says. “That’s an open problem we’re working on.”

[WEF Says Synthetic Biology Is The Key To Reset Living Systems \(technocracy.news\)](#)

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Technocrat/Transhuman scientists define synthetic biology as “the design of novel biological components and systems” and “the re-design of existing biological systems.” This means AI-assisted genetic engineering to create new or modified life forms. This is why the UN has called for a complete mapping of all DNA on earth to be used as a global commons database.

In my October 24 article, [Global Blueprint Exposed: The Takeover Of All Genetic Material On Earth](#), I concluded,

Mapping of the human genome took most of the 1990s. Mapping the human brain, which started in 2010, is virtually complete. Now, mapping all DNA on earth, including human DNA, is the next big Technocrat/Transhuman dream. The outcome will be genetic manipulation of any or all living creatures and the creation of synthetic DNA that does not currently exist in nature.

Does the world really want synthetic life forms floating around and mixing with native species? Consider then that this is exactly the case with mRNA and DNA vaccines, which are genetically engineered to create substances not found in nature in the first place. Pandora’s Box has already been opened. - TN Editor

Redesigning organisms for other purposes is a new field of scientific endeavor known as synthetic biology. According to a [report](#) by the World Economic Forum, expect to see (and hear) more about it as scientists look to reset humanity’s future and the “bio-economy” on the back of coronavirus vaccine research.

The study was released Thursday by the Switzerland-based WEF, and proclaims a scientific human reset is near because “Synthetic biology lies at the intersection of an ageing population, climate change and environmental degradation.”

It sets out what it calls the “bioeconomy” that covers all sectors and systems that rely on biological resources (animals, plants, microorganisms, and derived biomass, including organic waste) as well as their functions and principles.

The study points to synthetic biology interlinks between economic and industrial sectors such as food, health, chemicals, materials, energy and services that use biological resources and processes – pretty much everything that sustains and underlines human endeavour.

DNA has its role as well.

Lessons learned from COVID-19 vaccines could advance synthetic biology. Here's how [@KeoluFox](#) <https://t.co/ToyLmsGaUb> [pic.twitter.com/RenoSZAjgy](https://t.co/RenoSZAjgy)

— World Economic Forum (@wef) [September 19, 2021](#)

Harnessing that scientific variety for the future of humanity is needed, the WEF report argues. The report cautions:

It is anticipated that the world will face increased competition for limited and finite natural resources given a growing population, increasing pressure on our food and health systems, and climate change and associated environmental degradation decimating our primary production systems.

That challenge is met by modifying science to “efficiently produce high performance, sustainable products.”

Put more simply, that is where synthetic biology comes in.

Synthetic biology, proponents say, holds the promise of reprogramming biology to be more powerful and then mass-producing the turbocharged cells to increase food production, fight disease, generate energy, purify water and devour carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, as the *New York Times* [points out](#).

The aim is to follow computing, using biological information as coded in DNA, so it can be programmed — with the goal of redesigning organisms for what the WEF deems useful purposes.

‘The Great Reset’ is upon us. French President Macron declared that in the wake of the Chinese coronavirus modern capitalism “can no longer work” at the Davos summit. <https://t.co/sbjyLz57U7>

— Breitbart News (@BreitbartNews) [January 31, 2021](#)

According to the report, the ultimate driver of the research is money.

A recent [McKinsey report](#) anticipates applications from this bio revolution could have a direct global impact of up to \$4 trillion per year over the next 10-20 years, enabling production of 60 percent physical inputs to the global economy, and addressing 45 percent of the world's current disease burden, the WEF says.

The WEF has established its own Global Future Council on Synthetic Biology to help drive the research. More can be found out about the council [here](#).

[Fake-Meat Industry Eyes Crickets, Beetles, Mealworms, Maggots for Burgers - Bloomberg](#)

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Diners have increasingly warmed to the idea of burgers made from [peas and coconut oil](#), crab cakes crafted from [artichokes and kelp](#), and chicken nuggets formed with gluten and [tapioca starch](#). Big food producers are betting they'll soon welcome crickets, beetles, mealworms, and maggots to the mix as well. "Everyone is looking at the environmental impact of sourcing food, so there's a lot of growth potential," says Tunyawat Kasemsuwan, group director of innovation at canned-tuna producer [Thai Union Group Pcl](#), which is diversifying into insect proteins. "Chicken and tuna made from vegetables, cellular culture, or insects—we know the demand for it will grow much more than what we're seeing today."

Although vegetarians wouldn't eat them—insects are, after all, animals—bug evangelists say the 2,000 or so species of edible critters have a lower carbon footprint and require less land than livestock and many grains. And various breeds have differing characteristics that fans say make them work as a food source: Mealworms are clean, odorless, and rich in minerals and vitamins; crickets and grasshoppers are loaded with protein; fruit fly larvae—most people call them maggots—have a mild taste and light color, so they're easy to hide in foods; black soldier fly larvae will eat virtually any organic waste.

Liters of water required to yield 1 gram of protein

Data: Food and Agriculture Organization and Miglietta et al., Nov. 2015, in the journal *Water*, compiled by Barclays

The potential market got a big lift this year when the European Union approved locusts and mealworms for human consumption, and EU regulators say they're examining applications for almost a dozen other species. [Barclays Plc](#) predicts annual sales of edible bugs will grow to [\\$8 billion by 2030](#), from less than \$1 billion in 2019—a potential challenge to the \$30 billion [plant-based faux-meat](#) market dominated by [Impossible Foods Inc.](#) and [Beyond Meat Inc.](#) "Pound for pound, insects are more efficient than livestock and need less space to grow than soy," says Mohammed Ashour, chief executive officer of [Aspire Food Group](#), which is building an 11-story vertical cricket farm in Ontario. "And insects are one of the easiest things to make delicious. They take on the flavor of whatever you feed them."

More than 2 billion people in developing countries eat insects, but most consumers in wealthier places find the idea, well, icky. That's spurred dozens of companies worldwide to develop bug-based foods that don't look, feel, or taste buggy. Thai Union,

which sells tuna and other seafood products under a dozen brands such as Chicken of the Sea and John West, in 2019 introduced a \$30 million venture fund that's invested in three insect-protein startups. Another Bangkok giant, [Charoen Pokphand Foods Pcl](#), is researching black soldier flies as food for humans and animals. Paris-based [Ynsect SAS](#) sells buffalo mealworm protein that's used in faux meat sold in supermarkets and restaurants in Austria and Denmark. "This is insect farming 2.0," says Constant Tedder, founder of FlyFarm, a startup that builds automated critter factories. "Right now, people are making jokes about bugs. Soon, you'll be eating them in your burger."

Much of the research into boosting the appeal of plant-based faux meat will also help insect producers, says Eran Gronich, CEO of [Flying Spark](#), an Israeli startup backed by Thai Union. The company is working on seafood alternatives based on fruit fly larvae that take just a week to reach maturity. One product is a canned-tuna substitute that's made by combining protein from the larvae with spices, flavoring, and color to mimic the real thing. "We can create different textures, smells, tastes, and colors using the latest food technology," Gronich says. "You can get people to try it once, but if it doesn't taste great, they'll never come back."

Many companies are starting with food for animals. About 90% of the 3 million tons of insect protein expected to be produced in Europe in 2030 will go into animal feed or pet foods, according to the International [Platform of Insects for Food and Feed](#), a nonprofit in Brussels. And for the past couple of years, companies such as [Cargill](#), [Archer-Daniels-Midland](#), and [Purina](#) have been making pet food, fish meal, and livestock feed that include bugs. "There's huge demand for insects in the premium pet food category," says Gorjan Nikolik, senior analyst at Rabobank.

As interest in insect protein picks up, demand has started to outstrip supply, spurring some entrepreneurs to search for new ways to grow bugs. One idea is feeding them food waste such as overripe vegetables, fruit pulp from juice producers, and grains left over from brewing. [Livin Farms](#), a startup in Vienna, aims to build dozens of facilities near food-processing plants in Europe and Asia that will each produce anywhere from 500 tons to 30,000 tons of insect protein a year. The automated facilities will use robots to turn black soldier fly larvae into powder, extracting the oil, which can be used for feed. As a bonus, they'll also collect frass—fly poop—to be sold as fertilizer. "There's millions of tons of food waste," says Livin Farms CEO Katharina Unger. "With an insect factory, they cut down their emissions and turn the waste into a product they can sell."

[Intelligence Committee members warn US of bioweapons targeting DNA of individual Americans | Fox News](#)

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Congressman Jason Crow says young Americans are too willing to give up their DNA info

A member of the [House Intelligence Committee](#) warned Americans to stay away from DNA testing services as the information could be used to develop bioweapons targeting specific groups of Americans or even individuals.

Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., made the comments during an appearance at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado on Friday, saying many Americans are far too willing to give up their DNA information to private companies.

"You can't have a discussion about this without talking about privacy and the protection of commercial data because expectations of privacy have degraded over the last 20 years," Crow said "Young folks actually have very little expectation of privacy, that's what the polling and the data show."

"People will very rapidly spit into a cup and send it to 23andMe and get really interesting data about their background," he added.

Crow, [a former Army Ranger](#), then argued that once a person's DNA is gathered by a private company, that company can then sell it. 23andMe has denied ever selling the private information it gathers from customers.

[Sen. Joni Ernst](#), R-Iowa, also attended the forum and added that U.S. adversaries could use the same technology to target livestock and crops to induce famine.

The warnings from Crow and Ernst came the same day that they raised alarms over the availability of cheap, military-capable drones, as well as China and Russia's expanding use of AI.

The U.S. and its adversaries are researching ways to pair drone and AI technology to [create "swarms" of up to 200 drones](#) that can rapidly traverse the battlefield.

"It's not just the one-offs that are being purchased on the internet, but now we have near-peer adversaries that are developing swarm technology where they can use 100 or 200 different drones — highly, highly evolved drones that can attack our service members on the battlefield," Ernst said.

Crow added that U.S. research into drone technology must also take moral and ethical considerations into account, something he acknowledges many U.S. adversaries are not concerned with.

Google claims quantum computing 'supremacy' in major milestone | Fox News

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Imagine a system that could execute a calculation in 200 seconds that it would take the world's fastest supercomputer 10,000 years to handle.

That's the breakthrough that a team of scientists working on [Google's](#) Sycamore machine announced on Wednesday, claiming "quantum supremacy" for the first time after [publishing](#) the results of their work in the journal Nature.

"This dramatic increase in speed compared to all known classical algorithms is an experimental realization of quantum supremacy for this specific computational task, heralding a much-anticipated computing paradigm," the researchers write in the study's abstract.

The phrase "quantum supremacy" simply means that Google scientists have been able to use a quantum computer to solve a problem that would take an inordinately long time to solve with a normal computer.

Typical data fragments, known as bits, which store information in computers, can do so as a 0 or 1. However, a quantum bit can be both 0 and 1 simultaneously, thus allowing an exponentially higher number of calculations to be performed.

Super-fast processing power enabled by quantum computing could herald in a new age of technological breakthroughs that humans can't even fathom in 2019.

Google has been working on this topic since at least 2006, when one of its scientists started looking into how quantum computing could aid the company's efforts to speed up machine learning.

"I am excited about what quantum computing means for the future of Google and the world. Part of that optimism comes from the nature of the technology itself. You can trace the progress from the mega-computers of the 1950s to advances we're making in artificial intelligence today to help people in their everyday lives," said Google CEO [Sundar Pichai](#) in a [statement](#).

According to Yahoo News, a rival team at IBM expressed skepticism about Google's claim.

In a [blog post](#) announcing the findings, Google's scientists said hope to make quantum-supremacy class processors available to collaborators and academic researchers, among others.

The tech giant said it envisions a range of potential real-world applications of the breakthrough, which will take years of work to bring to fruition, including "new materials — lightweight batteries for cars and airplanes, new catalysts that can produce fertilizer more efficiently (a process that today produces over 2 percent of the world's carbon emissions), and more effective medicines."

"Quantum computing will be a great complement to the work we do (and will continue to do) on classical computers. In many ways quantum brings computing full circle, giving us another way to speak the language of the universe and understand the world and humanity not just in 1s and 0s but in all of its states: beautiful, complex, and with limitless possibility," Pichai added.