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Putin begins visit in China underscoring ties amid Ukraine war and Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing on Tuesday for a visit that underscores China's support for Moscow during its war in Ukraine as well as Russian backing for China's bid to expand its economic and diplomatic influence abroad.

The two countries have forged an informal alliance against the United States and other democratic nations that is now complicated by the Israel-Hamas war. China has sought to balance its ties with Israel against its relations with Iran and Syria, two countries that are strongly backed by Russia and with which China has forged ties for economic reasons as well as to challenge Washington's influence in the Middle East.

Putin's plane was met by an honor guard as the Russian leader began his visit that is also a show of support for Chinese leader Xi Jinping's signature "Belt and Road" initiative to build infrastructure and expand China's overseas influence.

<https://reclaimthenet.org/carbon-passports-are-the-next-dystopian-surveillance-threat>

Carbon Passports Are The Next Dystopian Surveillance Threat

Part of a proposed digital ID future.

The digital ID agenda is already on the horizon. But it doesn't stop there. Digital carbon passports are the next big proposal. Travel enthusiasts worldwide might soon face a drastic change in exploring international borders, with global warming triggering the implementation of carbon passports that could limit their wanderlust, asserts Intrepid Travel in a recently published report.

Dubbing these restrictions as "personal carbon allowances," the report portends they would serve as determinants compelling individuals to conform to the global carbon budget.

With imposed limitations on yearly travel anticipated by as soon as 2040, travelers might be forced to relinquish the horizon-expansion privileges, usually afforded by contemporary tourism.

Crafted in collaboration with forecasting agency The Future Laboratory, the report highlights the alleged repercussions of climate change on popular summer destinations like Greece and Majorca, supposedly deemed too hot for humans.

The introduction of carbon passports could raise serious privacy concerns about the level of surveillance exercised over individuals' movements and behavior.

Could these measures act as precursors to overreaching surveillance, tracking individuals' carbon footprints?

As governments and corporations scramble to tackle climate issues, the thin line between necessary action and privacy invasion continues to blur dangerously. These policies might disguise themselves as a necessary evil for the greater good, but they could impinge upon individual liberty and confidentiality, counteracting democratic values.

<https://www.oann.com/tech/meta-tiktok-given-a-week-by-eu-to-detail-measures-against-disinformation/>

Meta, TikTok Given A Week By EU To Detail Measures Against Disinformation

Meta (META.O) and TikTok have been given a week by the European Commission to provide details on measures taken to counter the spread of terrorist, violent content and hate speech on their platforms, a week after Elon Musk's X was told to do the same.

The European Union's executive body said on Thursday it had sent a request for the information to the two companies as researchers point to the proliferation of disinformation following Hamas' attack against Israel more than a week ago.

The Commission can open investigations into the companies if it is not satisfied with their responses.

Under new online content rules known as the Digital Services Act (DSA) that came into force recently, major online platforms are required to do more to take down illegal and harmful content or risk fines as much as 6% of their global turnover.

“Meta must provide the requested information to the Commission by 25 October 2023 for questions related to the crisis response and by 8 November 2023 on the protection of the integrity of elections,” the Commission said.

“TikTok must provide the requested information to the Commission by 25 October 2023 for questions related to the crisis response and by 8 November 2023 on the protection of integrity of elections and minors online,” it added.

<https://libertysentinel.org/its-all-collapsing-now-and-there-is-no-way-out/>

It's All Collapsing Now, and There is No Way out!

Wolf Richter is calling it a “bond bloodbath,” which he says is happening because delusions about the Fed’s fight with inflation are finally giving way. Reality struck home in the latest retail report that showed high increases in retail sales that were in good part due to high increases in inflation. (If you didn’t read The Daily Doom editorial about that yesterday, I highly recommend you do because this is a pivotal moment on the biggest issue that will bring down the economy: “Bonds Bust!”) The bond bubble is the biggest bubble in the “Everything Bubble” that the Fed inflated, so its breaking will bring down the entire “Everything Bubble.”

These long-term yields above 5% are an indication that a form of normalcy is gradually being forced upon the bond market by the resurgence of inflation, and by the belated realization that this inflation isn’t just going away on its own somehow. This is a huge regime change, after years of the Fed’s QE and interest rate repression, and all prior assumptions are out the window.

Here you can see how steep the rise in bond yields has been since the Fed started tightening and particularly since the bond market started waking up now that inflation is rising again:

Delusion ends hard when the denial breaks up, and the Fed’s financial demolition is accomplishing that destruction now. If it doesn’t, inflation will do the job for it.

While the Fed will tighten us into a steep recession, the slide into this second plunge since last year's dip will be especially steep because it will not likely come until the Fed tightens hard enough and long enough to break the "Everything Bubble." That will plunge us rapidly into recession in an all-out panic because people who have been investing based on such enormous delusions panic when they finally realize that, like Wile E. Coyote, they've run out past the edge of a mighty high cliff.

The crash of the Big Bond Bubble was inevitable because of the Fed's QT and the Fed's raising of interest rates and the government's massive addiction to endless and enormous deficits, requiring massive new bond issuances.

<https://www.theblaze.com/news/amazon-unveils-new-robots-ai-to-improve-warehouse-operations-speed-up-delivery-times-and-reduce-worker-injuries>

Amazon unveils new robots, AI to improve warehouse operations, speed up delivery times, and reduce worker injuries

Amazon announced Wednesday that it has incorporated new robotic and artificial intelligence technology to improve its warehouse operations, reduce delivery times, and reduce worker injuries.

An article from Amazon revealed that the e-commerce company now has over 750,000 robots that are "working collaboratively with our employees" to speed up repetitive tasks.

Amazon most recently unveiled Sequoia, a robotic system that identifies and stores inventory at its fulfillment centers up to 75% faster. The new technology also reduces the take it takes to process an order by up to 25%. Sequoia also brings together mobile robots, gantry systems, and robotic arms to safely deliver warehouse inventory to employees at an ergonomic workstation designed to reduce the risk of injury.

<https://thenewamerican.com/us/culture/pope-francis-revolution-the-synod-on-synodality/>

Pope Francis' Revolution: The Synod on Synodality

Polygamy? Blessing homosexual unions? “Radical inclusion” of LGBT people? Holy Communion for those living in adulterous relationships? Ordination of women? Is the Roman Catholic Church really about to flip on these and related issues? Are Pope Francis and his “Synod on Synodality” bent (many faithful Catholics say “hell bent”) on thoroughly overturning two millennia of the Catholic Church’s teaching on moral doctrine? Indeed, virtually everything associated with the synod — the delegates appointed to it, the topics under discussion, and the revolutionary context of Francis’ pontificate — points to an end aimed at bringing about a subversive and seismic upheaval in fundamental Catholic beliefs. And while the hot-button moral issues have taken center stage, there are other far-reaching concerns as well.

Pope Francis, the “Climate Change Pope,” has made sure that this pet obsession of his is also prominently injected into the synodal proceedings (along with the directly related United Nations 2030 Agenda on Sustainability), which are conspicuously timed to gin up support for the UN’s COP28 Climate Summit to be held in Dubai this November and December. Still another contentious issue is the matter of migration, particularly the mass migration of Muslims into Europe and North America. Pope Francis has staked out a very extreme position on this topic, repeatedly calling for what amounts to the complete abandonment of borders, national sovereignty, and orderly immigration.

https://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=6396

California Launches Transgender Inquisition Against Non-'Affirming' Parents

It's official: California Gov. Gavin Newsom has launched the transgender inquisition against non-"affirming" parents that I warned about earlier this month. Yet the Democrat found a cunning way to hide it: He made news by vetoing a horrible bill he was expected to sign.

When conservatives brand Newsom a radical opponent of parental rights, he will point to his veto of AB 957--a bill that would require family courts to consider parental stances on "gender affirmation" in custody disputes--as evidence that he's no radical.

Yet the Democratic governor's full record on the issue remains extreme--if not downright horrifying. In fact, in the days after he vetoed AB 957, Newsom signed a raft of other bills advancing transgender ideology at the expense of parental rights.

AB 957 emerged as a flashpoint for fundamental issues in California. As my colleague Tony Kinnett reported, one state senator warned parents to leave California if the bill were to become law.

When Newsom vetoed the bill late Friday night, however, he didn't condemn the legislation as radical. Instead, he applauded "the passion and values" behind the bill, and merely faulted the bill as an "attempt to dictate--in prescriptive terms that single out one characteristic--legal standards for the judicial branch to apply."

The governor warned that "other-minded elected officials ... could very well use this strategy to diminish the civil rights of vulnerable communities."

Finally, Newsom suggested that AB 957 was unnecessary because it already is the law. He said existing law requires courts "to consider a child's health, safety, and welfare ... including the parent's affirmation of the child's gender identity."

As if this were not enough to terrify parents, the governor also signed pro-transgender legislation that will undermine parental rights.

https://disntr.com/2023/10/17/matt-chandler-and-other-southern-baptist-leaders-have-enabled-and-empowered-islamic-radicals/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email

Matt Chandler and Other Southern Baptist Leaders Have Enabled and Empowered Islamic Radicals

Remember several years ago when concerns were raised about how evangelical leaders, particularly those associated with ACTS 29 and The Village Church, were enabling radical Islamic groups? There has been a growing trend of interfaith dialogues facilitated by influential evangelical pastors like Matt Chandler. Alarming, Chandler and others formed alliances with Islamist groups like CAIR and ISNA—organizations that were founded by members of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Some experts on Islam warned at the time that these interfaith dialogues were not about evangelism but about compromising the integrity of the Christian faith. Chandler's church, which has been supporting liberal political agendas like refugee

resettlement, played right into the hands of these Islamists who have been relentlessly trying to undermine Christianity.

In 2020, Southern Baptist Convention president, JD Greear held an open dialog with Omar Suleiman, a radical Islamic leftist extremist who has been denounced by conservatives across the globe for his anti-semitic views and rhetoric. In 2019, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited Suleiman to give the opening prayer which was deemed a "terribly bad call" by Republicans. Suleiman has repeatedly called for the Third Intifada, an uprising of Palestinians against Israel and has cursed "Zionists" as the "enemies of God," compared "apartheid Israel" to the "Nazis," claimed that Gaza was enduring "a Holocaust," denounced the "Israeli regime" as "terrorist," and compared the Israeli army to the Taliban.

<https://www.abc10.com/article/news/local/fairfield/fairfield-considers-partnership-flannery-associates/103-773c96ef-929f-4bae-9f8d-d8b1f6f82e32>

Fairfield mayor has an offer for the billionaires trying to build new city

"They're welcome to come and develop for a little project to show us what you can do."

Fairfield Mayor Catherine Moy is willing to partner with Flannery Associates as they try to create a new city, California Forever, in Solano County.

It's a big announcement in multiple ways. First, Fairfield is looking into redevelopment options but the mayor is also giving them an opportunity to prove their commitment to the community.

"If they really want to show us what they can do, we've got what they need. We've got spots," said Moy.

Moy is proposing a partnership between the city of Fairfield and Flannery Associates. The company is trying to build a new city on 52,000-plus acres of farmland in Solano County.

"They could truly do a lot to help Solano County if they cared really about what's going on here. We have a lot that they could invest in and change the face of Fairfield. We have a whole city block down; they're welcome to come and develop for a little project to show us what you can do. We welcome them. I welcome them to work with us," said Moy.