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Freedom...on Life Support

WHAT'S TRENDING NOW?

I was always inspired to live in a country that valued freedoms, especially the freedom of speech, and the freedom from government surveillance and coercion. Little did I know that Freedom was under a slow attack all those years, culminating in what we see today, where former bastions of free speech are nothing more than incubators of coercion and group think.

Two examples in the past few weeks involved a library in Tennessee and a law college in California. They are but two examples of thousands of situations in which freedom is under attack, a relentless assault and bombardment that has left freedom on life support.

The first involved a group of guests invited to a reading of books geared toward faith, family and the fruits of the spirit in a library outside of Nashville, TN. It didn't go well as individuals sought to drown out the efforts of the authors by banging lockers, slamming books, and other noise making attempts to shut down the presentation.

The second glaring attack came when a federal judge was invited to speak at Stanford Law College. He was shouted down, and a college administrator went on a tirade against him, and actively engaged the protesting students to continue their protest because the judge had beliefs different than theirs.

Friedrich Hayek, called “the most prodigious classical liberal scholar of the 20th century, reminded us about freedom and coercion with this warning:

“If we wish to preserve a free society, it is essential that we recognize that the desirability of a particular object is not sufficient justification for the use of coercion.”

Coercion in our current society is killing Freedom. Don't let complacency make you an accomplice.

May God bless you.

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Please feel free to email comments or suggestions. Thanks, Jim

When You Take Away Freedom - It Impacts Everything



The Department of Energy is seeking to ban certain gas stoves via regulatory restrictions.

While the regulation does not "ban" all gas stoves, it would eliminate the vast majority sold in the United States.

Politicians can then say "we are not seeking to ban gas stoves" in a verbal sleight of hand that the general public sees as a lie.

The public then gets upset that the government is



“Car-lovers will doubtless mourn the passing of machines that, in the 20th century, became icons of personal freedom. But this freedom is illusory,” an Economist article predicted.

“There will be fewer cars on the road—perhaps just 30% of the cars we have today,” the head of Google’s self-driving car project predicted.

“The days of the single occupancy car are numbered,” Brook Porter at G2 Venture Partners, a green energy investment firm, thundered in an article



“Fossil fuel technology transforms nature to improve human life on an epic scale. It is the only energy technology that can currently meet the energy needs of all 7+ billion people on this planet.”

“Ultimately, the moral case for fossil fuels is not about fossil fuels; it’s the moral case for using cheap, plentiful, reliable energy to amplify our abilities to make the world a better place – a better place for human beings.”

The other side of that coin is that when energy is made needlessly expensive, scarce, and unreliable—whether by

seeking to take the free market choice away.

titled, The End of Cars in Cities.

cybercriminals or politicians—it makes the world a more frustrating and unhappy place for human beings.

DOE and Gas Stoves

Opinion Piece on Eliminating Cars

Opinion Piece on Fossil Fuel

What do gas stoves, mandated electric vehicles, and eliminating the use of our natural resources have to do with crime and law enforcement.

My opinion is that as the otherwise law-abiding citizens become frustrated with the ever-encroaching role of government in taking freedoms away, especially the free market, they see law enforcement as the arm of that ever-encroaching government, and they take out this frustration in interactions which were previously routine encounters.

This is but one of many factors, in my opinion, but couple that with the freedoms taken away during Covid (some by police enforcement) and you have a recipe for lingering social discord which must be taken into account in all aspects of community and law enforcement interactions. De-escalation in both private sector settings, and police interactions takes on increased significance.



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POLICE DEPARTMENTS INTRODUCING VR INTO DE-ESCALATION TRAINING



SVR - Virtual Reality Police De-Escalation Training

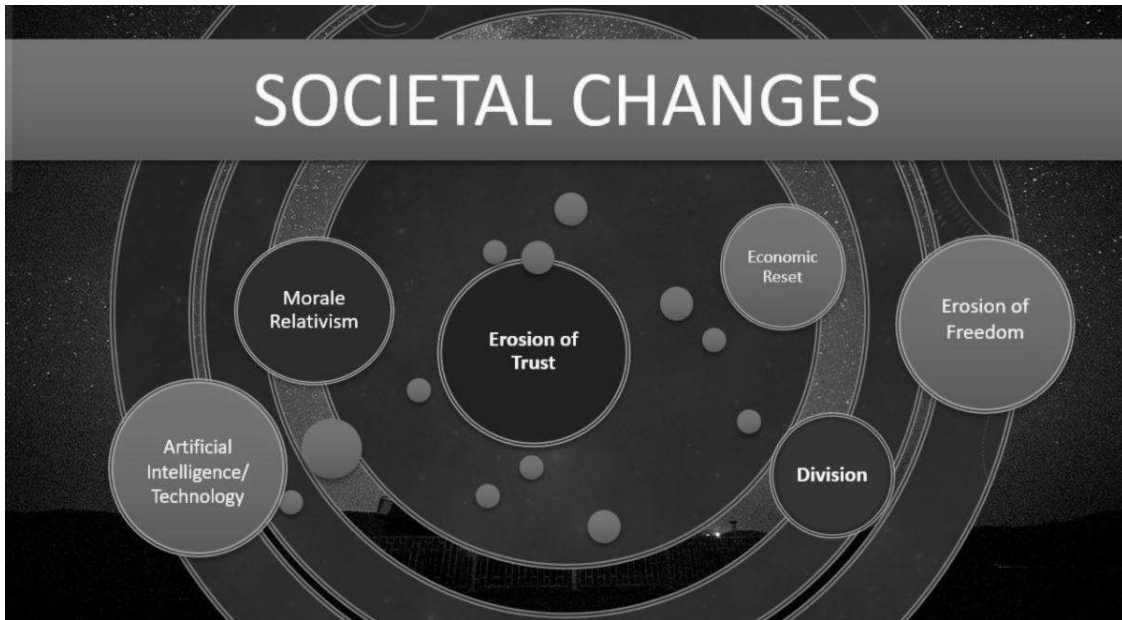
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Cincinnati Police Academy is Ohio's first law enforcement training facility to use a virtual reality training simulator. Apex Officer is a modern training tool allowing Cincinnati Police Academy to transform how they train their police officers and recruits. The simulator is a

virtual reality training system where police officers are able to get hands-on training without having to use force.

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ICJE Training - Suicide by Cop - April 6, 2023

Description: Have you ever encountered a person that seemed to want to die? Did they force you to engage them? Let's talk about what your next stage may have been in your encounter. Were you forced into an Officer involved shooting? Let's discuss this type of encounter where law enforcement is forced to use deadly force. We will discuss the following topics.

We will define Suicide by Cop (SbC)
Recognizing an SbC incident and indicators
Types of SbC
Officer response to SbC
Communications during an SbC event
Less lethal weapons during an SbC event

If so, this course is for you. Through class discussions and videos, we will explore different aspects of Suicide by Cop. We will explore the different types and ways to communicate hoping for a different outcome than what our subject wants. Our goal should be for everyone to go home at the end of these types of events , if possible.

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Thought of the Month

Everything that is really great and inspiring, is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.

Albert Einstein

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