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Done Been Girled: The Price of Matriarchy

Fred Reed

The United States has embarked, or been embarked, on a headlong rush into matriarchy, something never before attempted in a major country. Men remain numerically dominant in positions of power, yes, but their behavior and freedom are ever more constrained by the wishes of hostile women. The effects have been disastrous. They are likely to be more so.

The control, or near control, extends all through society. Politicians are terrified of women. The president of an Ivy university is fired, and replaced by a woman, if he makes the obvious observation that women are not much good at mathematics. Women dominate the schools and universities. A Nobelist in biology has to apologize profusely for having said that in laboratories women cry when criticized. Women have forced the lowering of standards for hiring police and firemen, for the military. They have made life miserable for small boys. The beat goes on.

The pathological egalitarianism of the age makes it career-ending to mention that women in fact are neither equal nor identical to men. The differences are many and most of them are obvious:

Women are less curious than men. They will learn to drive or use a computer, but will have no idea how either machine works.

They are totalitarian. A man is willing to let girls be girls and boys be boys. Women want all to be girls or, more accurately, to behave according to female standards.

Men enjoy competition; women deplore it. “Lel’s have a cooperative game led by a caring adult.”

Men prefer freedom to security; women, security to freedom. Wear your helmet on your bike. Use sunscreen. Dodge ball is violent and dangerous. Don’t swim without a lifeguard.

Women prefer emotion to substance. College is now more about feeling good and social arrangements than about academics. Note that if a man suggests that women are not terribly good at math, they do not respond with counterevidence, which would be substance. They become furious, and get their way by what amount s to a vast hissy-fit.

Women hate each other; men do not. In any office, for example, ninety percent of the interpersonal problems will be between women.

Men are more intellectually engaged than women. Note that in think-sites of the web, such as The Unz Review, both the writers and the commenters are overwhelmingly male.

Women have more emotional range than men, being both kinder and meaner. A woman is more likely to care for a hurt puppy. In a divorce, she will be much more vicious than the man. He wants to get out, she wants to get even.

Women have less intellectual range than men. Fewer women than men are extremely stupid, and fewer women than men extremely smart; the disproportion increases with IQ, there being almost no women at the highest levels. This is the glass ceiling.

Women are subject to hysterias; men are not. (For readers under fifty, “hysteria” comes from the Greek for “womb.” The ancient Greeks thought the condition was caused by a disorder in this organ. It isn’t, but they had they knew in which sex it occurred.)

A pertinent example is the current fascination with imaginary rape. Further, they are more obsessed by far than men with political correctness, which is also a form of totalitarianism and a search for security.

Women now hate men; men just wish women would shut up.

It is the nature of women to complain, endlessly, of everything. This has been a staple of comedy from Xantippe to the present. The meddlesome, complaining mother-in-law is a stock figure, not the father-in-law. The language reflects this. It is not called “bitching” because men do it. Likewise we have shrew, nag, scold, harridan, virago, vixen, fishwife, termagant, and henpecked.

Women want to intrude on men, to leave them nowhere to be exclusively among other men. Men do not reciprocate this. If men try to open, say, a bar only for men, women explode. If women wanted to open a bar exclusively for women, men would not care.

Women have a poor sense of social boundaries or, in plain English, of knowing what is and what isn’t their concern. It amounts to generalized mother-in-lawing. In Mexico, where I live, it is invariably American women who want to tell Mexicans how to manage their society. A man cringes at the thought. Mexico isn’t his to run, and he knows it.

It is worth noting that women have little understanding of men. They may say, resignedly or ruefully, “Boys will be boys.” They have no idea of why boys are boys. They know how to manipulate men, yes: Flash a leg, stick their chests out, cry, or act helpless. They don’t understand men any more than a bear trap understands bears.

Women, puzzlingly to a man, do not seem concerned with performance or effectiveness. They must know that a woman who cannot carry her end of a stretcher should not be half of an ambulance crew. Yet if barred

from the job, they resort to political pressure and have the standards lowered.

Certainly it is not from lack of concern with the patient. Women are more compassionate than men. Rather they seem not to make the connection between hiring standards and carrying an unconscious victim from a burning building. Similarly they do not *want* men to be killed in combat. Somehow, and this is a mystery to me, they cannot see the downstream consequences of having soldiers who cannot handle the physical demands. Short time horizons? Inability to imagine anything so alien to them as combat?

In reading the news, note that almost invariably it is the females of the species who complain of microaggressions, of "triggering" words that make the feel unsafe, of uncomfortable environments and the like.

In the past, when men were in control of women and directed them, women were of great value to society. They were fine teachers, having absorbed the masculine idea that school was about learning things. An admixture of male teachers and principal insured discipline, which women on their own could not—being controlled is not the default mode for boys—and so there was no need for the police to drag boys from school. Today women make good doctors, dentists, and shock-trauma nurses. It is only when they begin to make policy instead of effecting it that disaster befalls.

Differences so profound will affect political choices profoundly, as witness the conversion of the schools into misandrist hives for the promotion of appropriate thought or, more correctly, appropriate feelings. The desire to protect anyone but white men from any offense, however mild, is both totalitarian and mildly lunatic. It now dominates national life.

Where will this lead? Stay tuned.We are going to find out.

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Trading Doomsday
By ol' Remus

9-11, Boston and other mass murders say government *can't* defend us.

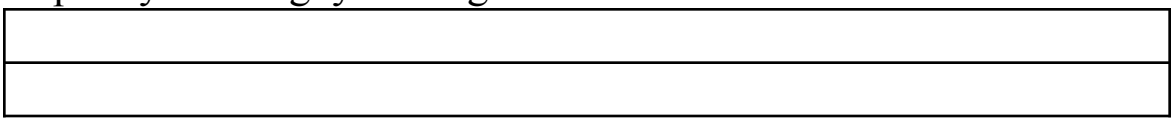
By declining to inconvenience the criminal mobs which assaulted Ferguson and Baltimore, government showed they *won't* defend us. The attacks on military installations show government won't defend *itself*. The authorities have revealed themselves for what they are, gutless and spineless, promising what they can't, or won't, deliver and bullying the blameless for their failure. This is full-on "banana republic". The people have taken notice. Lesson learned. We'll rely on ourselves.

It's no mere coincidence gun sales routinely set new records, nearly doubling between 2010 - 2013 alone. Ammunition is in chronically short supply. Women, formerly reliable supporters of confiscatory gun laws, are arming themselves at a rate half again that of men, in fact, it's not unusual to see women at shooting ranges *as instructors*. Courses in self defense are increasingly popular, outright combat training isn't far behind, private ammo stockpiles are proliferating, reloading is becoming common and neighborhood alliances are forming. Survivalism is now mainstream. We're preparing for the worst.

We pretty much know what the worst is too. Put in antiseptic terms it's economic and civil collapse, but it's really the murderous "can't happen here" bloody maelstroms we saw in Europe during much of the 1940s,

again in the genocidal Yugoslav wars of the 1990s and currently in Syria and Ukraine. Some of us have seen the worst first hand, others in "viewer discretion is advised" video, in hi-def, at ground level where people actually live. Our 'worst' would be much the same, except without the subtitles.

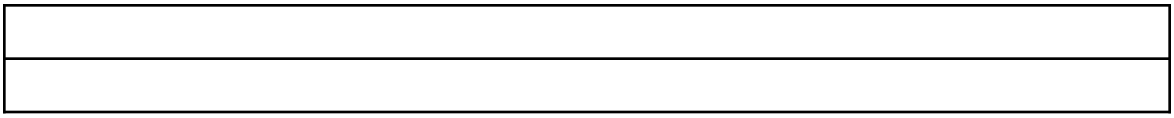
So, what are all those guns and sweaty training exercises good for? Certainly not for taking on an armored division, say the hecklers, with a sneer. No indeed, nor for taking on any outfit with artillery or air support. They're good for what they've always been good for, taking out a bad guy with a gun. In case it needs saying, a good guy armed only with a first-rate argument for Jeffersonian self-rule will lose to a bad guy with a gun. That's what it comes down to. It always does. And there will be plenty of bad guys with guns.



Those who lived to tell about it say gangs are the main threat in a societal collapse, ethnic gangs being the worst. Think Crips and Bloods and MS13. Their competition won't be you, it will be gangs of opportunity made up of everyday criminals, perhaps some rogue military and police, all defending their turf and battling for more. Add fanatical partisans like ISIS. There's your basic bad guys with guns. It gets worse. Throw in freelance psychopaths—hobbyist torturers and recreational killers, mix with a steady influx of military grade weapons, RPGs and the like, then subtract any form of effective order. Everywhere outside your door, assuming you have a door, is a No Go Zone.

Arming yourself is necessary but not enough. The bad news is, you have to go into that zone because you still have to eat. There's no workaround. You won't buy your way out of it. Survivors of civil collapse tell us gold and silver are useful at the beginning, and for bribes in the short window of time when there are authorities to bribe. Afterward precious metals are wanted in quantities you're not likely to have, by people too far away

to be relevant. It's not wanted by people who are picking at the cracks in their floors for every last crumb. Barter sets in quickly. The unvarying long-term demand is for high calorie food, especially canned meat. Rice and flavorings are popular as well. MREs are good as gold. Not far behind is comfort stuff, coffee in particular, and tobacco, cigarettes mainly, traded by ones and twos. Also near the top of the list are candles and batteries in common sizes. Oddly, medical supplies, guns and ammunition aren't often mentioned.



The prudent trader doesn't go around in cammies and tactical gear, he becomes the "grey man", uninteresting, difficult to describe, easy to forget. He looks like a nobody with nothing of value. He presents himself as a guy who can get things, not as a guy who has things. He trades in small quantities as opportunities arise. His stuff is always as promised, the brand names middling-good. He prefers to meet at neutral locations and trades only a few times with the same person—the risk of ambush grows with each encounter. He may have a security partner shadowing him.

The survivalist may consider putting together a "grey man" kit. Such a kit would include plain, durable pants and shirts, in quiet browns or greens; a jacket, light but lined, with a rain hood and inside pockets, nondescript, in a subdued neutral color, with no graphics. Top it off with a plain baseball cap and a small backpack, the kind kids use for schoolbooks, in a dull color with no logo or gimmicks. Such a kit could get you in and out of a small town largely unnoticed, or a few blocks into a city and back, perhaps even past an unforeseen checkpoint.

The experiences of those who have survived the horrors and desperation of civil collapse are far more valuable than speculation by theorists and doomer novelists. Their best advice is worth keeping in mind: "don't be there when it happens." Going in, most were captivated by events and

thought themselves merely observers. They stayed calm. They believed what they were told, it was just a rough spot, that the authorities would soon get things back to normal. Each new calamity seemed as bad as it could get. Then it got worse.

When they finally understood they were trapped in an unstoppable freefall, events moved faster than they could adapt. Absolute collapse overtook them. What they had—in their physical possession—was all they were going to have. There was no way out, and even if there were, they had nowhere safe to go. The lesson is to be prudent, be suspicious, trust your own senses, have a prepared bugout location and get there before self-evacuation becomes as dangerous as staying put—better a week too early than a minute too late. And stay away from crowds.

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Ann Coulter and the Manufacture of Pedophilia

Fred Reed

Enough. I shall go deep into the Okefenokee Swamp, dwell in a hut of clay and wattles made, and live on crocodile meat and watermelons. The modern world is too much for me.

I have just read *¡Adios, America!* by Ann Coulter, and discovered that Mexico, my current home, is a suppurating moral sore where men of fifty can legally screw little girls of twelve. Yes. It is perfectly legal. I know this is true because Miss Coulter says it is true. All a drooling pervert has to do is sweet-talk the child."Hey, leetle girl, want an ice-cream cone? I geeve you a nice toy eef you let me…."

I am grateful to Miss Ann for the information. I have lived thirteen years in Mexico without encountering this astonishment. The Mexicans have not heard of it either. Mexican attorneys are unaware of it. The penal codes are barren of it. She in lone splendor knows of this officially sanctioned child-molestation..

Specifically she says that the age of sexual consent in Mexico is "12 in all but one Mexican state and 14 in the other."

Twelve? My god, that's barbaric. This is certainly what Miss Ann is peddling as the nature of Mexico and Mexicans. Of course all manner of gullible websites picked this up. Mexico, we are to believe, is now a freefire zone for doing children. Why, it's *legal*.

But is it true?

Let us look at the actual law. In the newspaper business of earlier times, this was called "research" or "reporting," and was thought to be good form in writing for publication.

Penal Code of the State of Jalisco **Artículo 142-M**.

"A quien tenga cópula o cópula equiparada, con una persona menor de edad o en una persona que no tenga la capacidad de comprender el significado de las cosas o de resistir el hecho, se le impondrá una pena de:"

"On one who copulates or the equivalent of copulation ("cópula equiparada"means penetration with anything other than a penis) with a person of minor age or who does not have the capacity to understand the significance of the act or to resist the act, will be imposed a penalty of:"

"1 Tres meses a cinco años de prisión, cuando la víctima tenga entre quince y menos de dieciocho años de edad y el acto se realice con su

consentimiento por medio de la seducción, la cual se presume salvo prueba en contrario, o por medio del engaño;"

"1 Three months to five years of prison, when the victim is between fifteen and eighteen years of age and the act is realized with his or her consent by means of seduction, which shall be presumed unless there is proof to the contrary, or by means of deception"

"2 Ocho a quince años de prisión, cuando la víctima tenga entre quince y menos de dieciocho años de edad y el acto se realice sin su consentimiento, o cuando sea una persona que no tenga la capacidad de comprender el significado de las cosas o de resistir el hecho;"

2 Eight to fifteen years of prison when the victim is between fifteen and eighteen and the act is realized without his or her consent, or when the victim lacks the capacity to understand the significance or to resist. "

3 Doce a veinte años de prisión, cuando la víctima sea menor de quince años de edad."

Twelve to twenty years of prison when the victim is less than fifteen.

Maybe that sounds to you like license to screw little girls of twelve. To me it sounds like a long time in a Mexican jail. I do not recommend confusing the two.

The foregoing is the law in Jalisco, where I live. Similar laws exist in the other states. At risk of boring the reader, I offer another example from a randomly selected state: .

For the state of Campeche:

"Artículo 164 Comete el delito de estupro el que realice cópula con el consentimiento de **persona mayor de catorce** y menor de dieciocho años, independientemente de su sexo. Al que cometa el delito de estupro

se le impondrán de seis meses a tres años de prisión y multa de doscientos a cuatrocientos días de salario."

"Article 164: He commits statutory rape who copulates, with consent, with a person of more than fourteen years of age but less than eighteen, regardless of the person's sex. A punishment of six months to three years of prison will be imposed on the perpetrator and a fine of four hundred days of salary."

The age at which a young female can legally engage in sex with any consenting adult without restriction is…eighteen.

Now, Miss Ann could have discovered this in ten minutes on Google. (In fairness, though, it may be that internet service hasn't reached New York.) Why didn't she? The penal codes for all of Mexico are easily found here. Is she deliberately deceiving the reader (translated from the prissy journalese, this means "lying") or is she so ideologically inflamed as to accept without checking anything derogatory about anything she doesn't like? Actual malice? Reckless disregard for truth? Incompetence? Or just Miss Ann?

She is fiercely opposed to immigration from the Third World, which is reasonable since it is probably going to leave America poorer and bitterly divided forever. Yet it seems to me that she should stay within telemetry range of truth. Her book would be useful if she had done so. Instead it is a sustained partisan shriek, often lapsing into the silly.

For example, the subtitle is "*The Left's Plan to Turn Our Country into a Third World Hellhole."* I picture myself talking to my good left-liberal friend Diana:

Me: "Hey, Di, are you planning to make America into a third-world hellhole?"

Di: "Why, yes, Fred! I'm on the disease-importation committee."

Come on, Ann. Grow up. This isn't journalism. If it were any more slanted it would be vertical. Unsupported charges of encouraging pedophilia wouldn't get past a desk editor at the *Weekly Reader*.

If she is so sloppy in her research–the most charitable explanation–regarding things I know about, how am I to accept her word on things I can't check? And this stuff isn't appreciated by Mexicans since it encourages every pervert north of Laredo to come down to prey on their children.

As so often happens when I read of Mexico in the American press, I see little resemblance to the country I live in. She tells with satisfied dudgeon of the inherent filthiness of Mexicans, who strew trash everywhere. Dirty diapers, plastic bags, used condoms, garbage. Really?

In the last few months, thanks to a major road trip, I have been in Guadalajara, Arandas, Aguas Calienties, Leon, Durango, Rosario, Mazatlan, Ls Paz, Cabo San Lucas, Jamai, San Pedro Itzican, and Loreto, among others. None was strewn with trash. My neighborhood is not strewn with trash.

I found myself wondering: has this tow-headed dragon even been to Mexico? Latin America? The book looks to be a protracted Google search. In her pronouncements about Third World hell-holes, she sounds like the sort of pampered geographic virgin who would go to Cornell—actually, she did go to Cornell—and derives her knowledge of Latin America from having eaten at Taco Bell.

Hell holes exist in the Third World, whatever precisely that is: much of the Moslem world, probably all of black Africa, India, Gaza—but aside from Belize, maybe Nicaragua, and Guatemala, there probably isn't one below the Rio Bravo (I have never been to Nicaragua or Venezuela.)

Miss Ann is herself a curious piece of work. She is in her mid-fifties, but on her book jackets looks like a hot babe of twenty-two. Achieving this

must require enough makeup to fill a peanut-butter sandwich, and I suspect tthat she has worked a couple of copies of Photoshop into smoking ruins. Do we have here a narcissistic attention-freak? A reporter might be a better idea.

¡*Adios America!* energetically favors ending immigration to America, a good idea which will not be adopted, but her unending railing against the Left ensures that the book will be read only by people who already agree with it. How bright is that?

Enough of hellholeagenesis. I am off to the Okefenokee, to live peacefully among water moccasins and weird-looking birds.

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Where This WILL Eventually End Up: Fetal Cannibalism

With regards to my Tax Strike, and how I have been begging, pleading, admonishing all of you to STOP PAYING TAXES TO THIS ILLEGITIMATE AND SATANIC REGIME, not only as the last non-violent means of resistance, but also for the good of your immortal souls, I would often use rhetoric such as, "What is it going to take for you to draw the line and say 'this far and no farther?' What crime will these people have to commit, what atrocity will be needed in order to rouse you from your acedia, indifference and decadence?

ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO EAT BABIES…?"

That question is no longer a hyperbolic rhetorical device.

After the second Planned Barrenhood video was released, it occurred to me that the inevitable terminus of this LITERAL MEAT MARKET was the selling of late-term, intact (whole) fetuses into the Asian black

market for food. The Chinese, in particular, have been well-known to consume what is codenamed “spare rib soup”. This is nothing less than soup made of whole human fetus and placenta. The Chinese tout this as having “medicinal” benefits – like eating “human life force”. Fricking pagans.

And it sells for THOUSANDS of dollars per serving.

Anyway, as we all know, the Asian cultures, and in particular the Chinese, value SONS massively over daughters. And as we also know, the Chinese have had a “one child” policy for decades now. So, the fetal meat market in China is mostly healthy baby girls who have been gestated to the fifth month or longer, who were identified as female by ultrasound, and then aborted. In fact, there is a severe price discount for the meat of non-healthy or abnormal children who are either aborted or miscarried. Because think about it, the whole point of this evil pagan practice is to consume the “life force” of the child. Thus, weak or abnormal babies are considered less potent.

Now, given this, what do you imagine is the most prized type of baby for its meat? What is the premium commodity in the baby meat market?

Healthy, intact (whole) BOYS.

But how many late abortions of healthy boys are there?

Darn few.

Or should I say, darn few… IN CHINA.

What is the great untapped source of healthy baby boys for slaughter?

What would be the fantasy meal, the ultimate vector of life force and sexual potency and virility in the mind of a satanic Chinese pagan man who eats human babies believing that it will give him greater sexual

prowess and endurance, as well as general overall physical strength and vigor?

You know I'm right. And you know they'd all be on board with it – both the Planned Barrenhood Nazis, and the people who procure abortions from them.

Christ have mercy.

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If Governor John Kasich is on the Republican ticket, Obamacare repeal is off the table

*By **Jason Hart***

Republicans can forget about campaigning against Obamacare in 2016 if Ohio Gov. John Kasich is on the party's presidential ticket.

Conventional wisdom says Kasich will need to explain his Obamacare Medicaid expansion to Republican primary voters — but he's been explaining it for two years.

That's the problem: most of Kasich's arguments for Medicaid coverage for working-age adults with no kids and no disabilities sound like they were written by Democratic strategists.

The longer Kasich is in the presidential race, the greater the potential for Democrats to capitalize on Kasich's promotion of Obamacare.

“What we’ve seen as a result of this? Saved lives, there’s no question about it,” Kasich said when asked about Obamacare expansion at an Ohio Chamber of Commerce event.

“Turning down your money back to Montana on an ideological basis when people can lose their lives because they get no help doesn’t make a lot of sense to me,” Kasich growled at an Obamacare skeptic in Montana.

If Kasich is the Republican nominee for president or vice president, expect to see Democratic campaign ads using **Kasich’s tortured talking points against Obamacare critics**.

In short, Kasich has worked to turn his own primary election problem into a general election problem for every Republican candidate.

Erick Erickson, an Atlanta talk radio host, Fox News contributor and editor-in-chief of RedState.com, sees nominating Kasich as a sure-fire way to compound cynicism in the Republican base.

“I think if Kasich is on the ticket for the GOP, in addition to demoralizing the base given his past statements, it makes it highly unlikely we’ll see a sincere effort to get rid of Obamacare,” Erickson told Ohio Watchdog.

Kasich says he would repeal Obamacare, but claims Medicaid expansion — responsible for over two-thirds of Obamacare enrollment in Ohio — is separate. It’s not.

Apart from his rhetoric, what actions has Kasich taken to support Obamacare?

The governor told the Ohio General Assembly to implement the law’s Medicaid expansion in 2013. When the Legislature voted against it, Kasich expanded Medicaid anyway.

Six Republicans from the Ohio House sued the Kasich administration in response; while their case was pending, Kasich shrugged them off as "people on the outside" during a national Fox News interview.

Months later, an Ohio Republican Party field director's wife decided to run against one of the House members from the lawsuit. Three of the other plaintiffs found themselves without ORP's re-election endorsement.

At home, Kasich enjoys the protective bubble of a party led by hand-picked allies and a legacy press that adores his embrace of Obamacare.

But the issue will hamstring Kasich's presidential run and should put off any Republican who sees him as a viable running mate, said Washington Examiner managing editor Philip Klein.

"If Kasich were on the GOP ticket, it would kill the Republicans' chances of winning in 2016," Klein told Ohio Watchdog.

Klein, whose book "Overcoming Obamacare" reviewed Republican options for health care reform, thinks "articulating a true free market alternative" will be crucial for Republicans in 2016.

"Opposition to Obamacare was responsible for giving Republicans control of the House and Senate," he said. "But in 2012, they couldn't run against Obamacare because the Republican nominee — Mitt Romney — had implemented a similar program in Massachusetts."

"Like Romney, John Kasich as nominee would neutralize the health care issue," Klein continued, adding that an unlikely Kasich victory "would further enshrine Obamacare."

Either way, having Kasich on the Republican ticket next year would be a win for President Obama's unpopular health insurance law.

“As far as health care is concerned, a vote for Kasich is a vote for Obama’s third term,” Klein concluded.

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John Kasich Has a $14 Billion Obamacare Problem

*By **Jason Hart, Ohio Watchdog***

Ohio Gov. John Kasich’s habit of telling voters “Ohio money” pays for his Obamacare Medicaid expansion is about to catch up to him.

To silence conservative critics, Kasich says Obamacare expansion is bringing $14 billion of Ohio money back to Ohio from the federal government.

But that’s not how the expansion works — a fact Kasich’s opponents in a crowded Republican presidential primary are certain to point out.

There is no vault of “Ohio money” set aside to pay for Kasich’s Obamacare expansion, which has already increased federal welfare spending by $4 billion.

Matt Mayer, president of free-market think tank Opportunity Ohio, expects the governor’s message to fall apart when it’s challenged by other presidential candidates.

In an email to Ohio Watchdog, Mayer said Kasich’s presidential platform relies on a misrepresentation of how Obamacare expansion is paid for.

“Kasich’s balanced state budget and false claim of ‘getting Ohio money back’ to extend Medicaid depend entirely on robbing the taxpayer Peters of tomorrow with federal deficit spending to pay the Obamacare Pauls of today,” Mayer said.

“Without the federal funny money that increases America’s national debt, John Kasich’s ‘Ohio miracle’ utterly collapses,” Mayer added.

Defending Obamacare expansion as a way to reclaim Ohio money from the feds has worked for Kasich so far, as his poll numbers have jumped following his official July 21 campaign announcement.

That’s likely to change in the near future, since Kasich is competing for attention with Obamacare expansion foes that include former Florida governor Jeb Bush and former Texas governor Rick Perry.

Where did Kasich get the idea his Obamacare expansion would be paid for with Ohio money and not new federal spending? He made it up.

In 2013, the Kasich administration told state legislators Medicaid expansion was necessary to “keep $2.4 billion in Ohioans’ federal tax dollars in Ohio ($13 billion over seven years).”

Health policy experts from inside and outside Ohio explained to lawmakers this was inaccurate. Even Obamacare expansion supporters conceded Kasich was wrong.

The governor’s office has never responded to requests for clarification from Ohio Watchdog; skeptics have since been vindicated by the Congressional Budget Office and Congressional Research Service.

And yet, Kasich has revised his $13 billion estimate to $14 billion and keeps repeating his debunked “Ohio money back to Ohio” claim.

“Look, you know, Ronald Reagan expanded Medicaid, I don’t know, three or four times, Wolf, and we’re bringing $14 billion over 7 years back to Ohio,” Kasich told CNN host Wolf Blitzer on July 28.

“I don’t support Obamacare — I wanna repeal it — but I did expand Medicaid because I was able to bring Ohio money back home,” Kasich told CNN’s Jake Tapper during a May interview.

When Tapper noted Medicaid expansion is part of Obamacare, Kasich only dug in deeper, suggesting Medicaid expansion was somehow dreamed up by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts.

“Expanding Medicaid is a separate issue, and John Roberts gave all the states the ability to decide that, and I’m gonna bring 14 billion of Ohio money back to Ohio so we can deal with some of our vexing problems,” Kasich added.

Medicaid expansion “brought our money back to Ohio, 14 billion,” Kasich told Sean Hannity during a July 21 Fox News interview.

Regardless of his standing in the polls, Kasich’s embrace of Obamacare may be seriously challenged in front of a national audience for the first time Thursday.

Fox News will host a prime-time debate for the top 10 Republican candidates Thursday evening, preceded by a forum for candidates who aren’t polling in the top 10.

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Camp of the Saints, Revisited

If you want to see the immigration crisis getting completely out of control, check out northern France, where several thousand "migrants"—as the press describes them—are trying to charge through the Channel Tunnel to Britain, where, they suppose, the welfare state will take care of them. It hasn't been receiving much media coverage in the U.S., except for the *Wall Street Journal*, which notes today that the disruption at the Channel is bad for business.

As the *Wall Street Journal* quoted one aspiring client a few days ago:

"Here, no one looks after me," the teenager said. "In the U.K., I can be a big man."

No one looks after me. The *Telos* of the welfare state, in five words. More revealing is this passage:

"Stopping them is becoming very difficult since they're just not afraid of the police anymore," a French police officer said.

It looks more and more like Jean Raspail's controversial 1973 novel, *The Camp of the Saints*, come to life. Raspail's novel imagined a flotilla of several million refugees from south Asia making its way to France, landing like an invading force, and . . . destroying the country. Raspail intended it as a mordant critique of western liberal guilt, since all right thinking people welcomed the invasion (welcoming banners read, "We're all from the Ganges now"). As Raspail described the climax of the invasion:

The strangest conclusion one can draw from these five crucial minutes of that shortest day—though it would have been perfectly clear, had one bothered to read the signs—is the fact that the refugee horde seemed so blithely unaware that this land it was about to make its own could possibly belong to others already. It had, indeed, been drained of its human substance, and offered no resistance.

But perhaps even a few liberals can figure this out. Glenn Reynolds draws our attention to the second thoughts of the immigration minister in the last British Labour Party government, who admits that the Labour government was "too soft on immigration":

Years of 'soft-minded liberalism' were yesterday blamed for the chaos at Calais by a former Labour immigration minister.

Phil Woolas made the blistering intervention as he demanded a British-run detention camp on French soil.

The former Home Office minister said the illegal immigrants 'wouldn't come' if they knew they would be locked up.

He blamed an absence of ID cards in Britain and his own party's Human Rights Act – which he said had made it harder to remove foreigners who had been effectively given equal rights to those of British citizens.

Mr Woolas, who was an immigration minister between 2008 and 2010, said: 'The mess in Calais is down to years of **soft-minded liberalism and utter naivety**.'

But, but. . . "soft-minded liberalism and utter naivety" is the business model of left-leaning parties. Except, on immigration at least, for Bernie Sanders.

Glenn also directs us to this 2010 story from the *Daily Telegraph* which explained that the Labour Party's expanded immigration policy was adopted explicitly for political and ideological purposes—gee, doesn't that sound familiar:

The release of a previously unseen document suggested that Labour's migration policy over the past decade had been aimed not just at meeting the country's economic needs, but also the Government's "social objectives".

The paper said migration would “enhance economic growth” and made clear that trying to halt or reverse it could be “economically damaging”. But it also stated that immigration had general “benefits” and that a new policy framework was needed to “maximise” the contribution of migration to the Government’s wider social aims. . .

Voting trends indicate that migrants and their descendants are much more likely to vote Labour.

The existence of the draft policy paper, which was drawn up by a Cabinet Office think tank and a Home Office research unit, was disclosed last year by Andrew Neather, a former adviser to Tony Blair, Jack Straw and David Blunkett.

He alleged at the time that the sharp increase in immigration over the past 10 years was partly due to a “driving political purpose: that mass immigration was the way that the Government was going to make the UK truly multi-cultural”.

So how’s that working out for ya, mate?

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Saudi Arabia may go broke before the US oil industry buckles

It is too late for OPEC to stop the shale revolution. The cartel faces the prospect of surging US output whenever oil prices rise

By Ambrose Evans-Pritchard

If the oil futures market is correct, Saudi Arabia will start running into trouble within two years. It will be in existential crisis by the end of the decade.

The contract price of US crude oil for delivery in December 2020 is currently $62.05, implying a drastic change in the economic landscape for the Middle East and the petro-rentier states.

The Saudis took a huge gamble last November when they stopped supporting prices and opted instead to flood the market and drive out rivals, boosting their own output to 10.6m barrels a day (b/d) into the teeth of the downturn.

Bank of America says OPEC is now "effectively dissolved". The cartel might as well shut down its offices in Vienna to save money.

If the aim was to choke the US shale industry, the Saudis have misjudged badly, just as they misjudged the growing shale threat at every stage for eight years. "It is becoming apparent that non-OPEC producers are not as responsive to low oil prices as had been thought, at least in the short-run," said the Saudi central bank in its latest stability report.

"The main impact has been to cut back on developmental drilling of new oil wells, rather than slowing the flow of oil from existing wells. This requires more patience," it said.

One Saudi expert was blunter. "The policy hasn't worked and it will never work," he said.

By causing the oil price to crash, the Saudis and their Gulf allies have certainly killed off prospects for a raft of high-cost ventures in the

Russian Arctic, the Gulf of Mexico, the deep waters of the mid-Atlantic, and the Canadian tar sands.

Consultants Wood Mackenzie say the major oil and gas companies have shelved 46 large projects, deferring $200bn of investments.

The problem for the Saudis is that US shale frackers are not high-cost. They are mostly mid-cost, and as I reported from the CERAWeek energy forum in Houston, experts at IHS think shale companies may be able to shave those costs by 45pc this year - and not only by switching tactically to high-yielding wells.

Advanced pad drilling techniques allow frackers to launch five or ten wells in different directions from the same site. Smart drill-bits with computer chips can seek out cracks in the rock. New dissolvable plugs promise to save $300,000 a well. "We've driven down drilling costs by 50pc, and we can see another 30pc ahead," said John Hess, head of the Hess Corporation.

It was the same story from Scott Sheffield, head of Pioneer Natural Resources. "We have just drilled an 18,000 ft well in 16 days in the Permian Basin. Last year it took 30 days," he said.

The North American rig-count has dropped to 664 from 1,608 in October but output still rose to a 43-year high of 9.6m b/d June. It has only just begun to roll over. "The freight train of North American tight oil has kept on coming," said Rex Tillerson, head of Exxon Mobil.

He said the resilience of the sister industry of shale gas should be a cautionary warning to those reading too much into the rig-count. Gas prices have collapsed from $8 to $2.78 since 2009, and the number of gas rigs has dropped 1,200 to 209. Yet output has risen by 30pc over that period.

Until now, shale drillers have been cushioned by hedging contracts. The stress test will come over coming months as these expire. But even if scores of over-leveraged wild-catters go bankrupt as funding dries up, it will not do OPEC any good.

The wells will still be there. The technology and infrastructure will still be there. Stronger companies will mop up on the cheap, taking over the operations. Once oil climbs back to $60 or even $55 - since the threshold keeps falling - they will crank up production almost instantly.

OPEC now faces a permanent headwind. Each rise in price will be capped by a surge in US output. The only constraint is the scale of US reserves that can be extracted at mid-cost, and these may be bigger than originally supposed, not to mention the parallel possibilities in Argentina and Australia, or the possibility for "clean fracking" in China as plasma pulse technology cuts water needs.

Mr Sheffield said the Permian Basin in Texas could alone produce 5-6m b/d in the long-term, more than Saudi Arabia's giant Ghawar field, the biggest in the world.

Saudi Arabia is effectively beached. It relies on oil for 90pc of its budget revenues. There is no other industry to speak of, a full fifty years after the oil bonanza began.

Citizens pay no tax on income, interest, or stock dividends. Subsidized petrol costs twelve cents a litre at the pump. Electricity is given away for 1.3 cents a kilowatt-hour. Spending on patronage exploded after the Arab Spring as the kingdom sought to smother dissent.

The International Monetary Fund estimates that the budget deficit will reach 20pc of GDP this year, or roughly $140bn. The 'fiscal break-even price' is $106.

Far from retrenching, King Salman is spraying money around, giving away $32bn in a coronation bonus for all workers and pensioners.

He has launched a costly war against the Houthis in Yemen and is engaged in a massive military build-up - entirely reliant on imported weapons - that will propel Saudi Arabia to fifth place in the world defence ranking.

The Saudi royal family is leading the Sunni cause against a resurgent Iran, battling for dominance in a bitter struggle between Sunni and Shia across the Middle East. "Right now, the Saudis have only one thing on their mind and that is the Iranians. They have a very serious problem. Iranian proxies are running Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon," said Jim Woolsey, the former head of the US Central Intelligence Agency.

Money began to leak out of Saudi Arabia after the Arab Spring, with net capital outflows reaching 8pc of GDP annually even before the oil price crash. The country has since been burning through its foreign reserves at a vertiginous pace.

The reserves peaked at $737bn in August of 2014. They dropped to $672 in May. At current prices they are falling by at least $12bn a month.

Khalid Alsweilem, a former official at the Saudi central bank and now at Harvard University, said the fiscal deficit must be covered almost dollar for dollar by drawing down reserves.

The Saudi buffer is not particularly large given the country's fixed exchange system. Kuwait, Qatar, and Abu Dhabi all have three times greater reserves per capita. "We are much more vulnerable. That is why

we are the fourth rated sovereign in the Gulf at AA-. We cannot afford to lose our cushion over the next two years," he said.

Standard & Poor's lowered its outlook to "negative" in February. "We view Saudi Arabia's economy as undiversified and vulnerable to a steep and sustained decline in oil prices," it said.

Mr Alsweilem wrote in a Harvard report that Saudi Arabia would have an extra trillion of assets by now if it had adopted the Norwegian model of a sovereign wealth fund to recyle the money instead of treating it as a piggy bank for the finance ministry. The report has caused storm in Riyadh.

"We were lucky before because the oil price recovered in time. But we can't count on that again," he said.

OPEC have left matters too late, though perhaps there is little they could have done to combat the advances of American technology.

In hindsight, it was a strategic error to hold prices so high, for so long, allowing shale frackers - and the solar industry - to come of age. The genie cannot be put back in the bottle.

The Saudis are now trapped. Even if they could do a deal with Russia and orchestrate a cut in output to boost prices - far from clear - they might merely gain a few more years of high income at the cost of bringing forward more shale production later on.

Yet on the current course their reserves may be down to $200bn by the end of 2018. The markets will react long before this, seeing the writing on the wall. Capital flight will accelerate.

The government can slash investment spending for a while - as it did in the mid-1980s - but in the end it must face draconian austerity. It cannot

afford to prop up Egypt and maintain an exorbitant political patronage machine across the Sunni world.

Social spending is the glue that holds together a medieval Wahhabi regime at a time of fermenting unrest among the Shia minority of the Eastern Province, pin-prick terrorist attacks from ISIS, and blowback from the invasion of Yemen.

Diplomatic spending is what underpins the Saudi sphere of influence in a Middle East suffering its own version of Europe's Thirty Year War, and still reeling from the after-shocks of a crushed democratic revolt.

We may yet find that the US oil industry has greater staying power than the rickety political edifice behind OPEC.