The Unforeseen Consequences
The Unforeseen Consequences Of Green Politics - How the loony-left really hasn't helped.

Hearing what many may not want to hear was never going to be an easy sell but it's an issue that will never be resolved if it's not spoken about. It cannot have gone unnoticed just how many right-wing governments are forming all around the world these days, which is doubtlessly due at least in part to the unpopular leftist ideals being foisted upon us all by the various mainstream governments, in electoral terms it's called political backlash. It may not be a commonly recognised problem, especially within the leftist movement, and indeed if you do dare to explain what's going on heaven forbid you'll be argued down every time. But bad things are nonetheless being fueled out there whether anyone wants to hear about it or not.

People are surprised, disappointed even, at the recent election results. But instead of it being a rejection for saving the planet it's rather a repulsion everyone feels for these appalling green agendas. Policies of wind farms, opening up the floodgates and paying families to breed, all of which has nothing whatsoever to do with real conservation and never has done. Conservation has never been in such an abysmal void and I believe it's all very much part of the same leftist airy fairy ideals insidiously creeping into the way things are run. Everything's so damn sustainable these days and it's these loonies, and there really is no other word to describe them, who have coined it all.

Rainforests in particular are under threat like never before with those in charge of running things seemingly unable to do a worse job of saving them if they damn well tried. They are so inept and on top of that these new governments who are coming in are hardly on side of giving them any protection at all. Conservation's stuck in this rut with a cap-in-hand attitude of appealing to everyone imaginable who's out there wanting to destroy the planet and there are plenty of them literally queuing up around the block to do so.
Wake up! 'Cos all that's happening ain't good!

The true driving force of right-wing politics is of course down to pure unadulterated greed lusted after by capitalists who determinedly cash in no matter who or what they destroy in the process and with a given amount of blatant prejudice thrown in. But the point I am making is these unpopular policies such as turning the countryside into wind factories and inviting uncontrollable immigration are often enough to make subtle but not insignificant shifts in outcomes and that will be enough to tip the balance in closely fought elections. And this I believe is precisely what's unfolding around the world right now.

Governments who impose these draconian ideals on its citizens, and this applies whether anyone wants to believe it, will invariably find themselves out at the next general election. And so the sad thing is they ironically end up with polar-opposite parties making it into government to what they would've wanted in the first place. The problem is those right-wing governments that replace the old ones, at quite a pace I may add, apart from being anti-immigration and generally anti-renewables, also tend to be pro-chemical, pro-hunting, likely to be extremely relaxed on animal welfare issues and basically anti-conservation in every other way. So the lefties, having flooded the countries with their junk with the help of one party, then leave us with another who will destroy everything else the last lot never touched. They can of course deny this all they like but just look at the evidence we're seeing everywhere.

Obama Allows Wind Companies To Kill Eagles.

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And who was the other option in any case? Hillary a former lawyer for Monsanto!

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Alienate the electorate and who knows what you'll end up with?

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President Donald Trump.
This Is Wind Energy - Don't let anyone tell you different.

https://youtu.be/hVYo5onCYlY

If anyone tells you wind is not offensive tell them to take a view of this. The endless expanses of these are the dream if not the pinnacle of every lefty nut-job on the planet.

For the full details see link:

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The green-lobbyists have been very successfully splitting the conservationists' vote right down the middle for years so instead of us all pulling the same way, as we should be doing, we've been tugging in every conceivable direction. It's the fight against the real greens and those who just like the idea of being green. A good planet to live on verses those other's who are into this sustainability hype whether or not it really is. The teachings of wackos, like Jonathon Porritt and all his followers, the Green Party, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, RSPB. and WWF., all of them like a bunch of poodles, going along with it all without questioning any of it once. Well, thanks to them, and the government policies they've helped to shaped, it was enough to tip that vote and Trump is what they damn well ended up with.

Almost always in fact and with very few exceptions nowadays, when and wherever such programmes are foisted, you'll have that almost predictable change for the right-wing governments with all the destruction this inevitably brings.

Ultimately of course it doesn't matter what you think, what I think or what any one of us thinks on an individual basis, it's what the masses think at the time of and leading up to the elections that counts. Because time after time again and again you'll see for yourselves what's so evidently happening. Just look at what's going on all around the world.

Were it only about them and things weren't so serious I'd say they deserve everything they got. The problem of course is it's not just them it's the future of our wildlife and the planet that's at stake. With congress approving the killing of hibernating Bears and Wolves, selling off the National Parks to oil and mining interests, repealing what few gun-laws they have in that country, and passing bills that favour game hunters, we can all, at least in part and albeit indirectly thank the green lobbyists for it all. Because directly as a result of their thinking there is now the greatest divide between two groups who should well and truly had been on the same side from day one.

And if more evidence were yet needed it's out there just look around.

Following years of forcing wind-farms down everyone's throats the Scottish National Party lost no fewer than 21 of its seats, you can attribute this to whatever you like, but knocking 30 or 40K off the value of people's property prices certainly wouldn't 've helped.
At the United Kingdom general election, 2017 the SNP underperformed compared to polling expectations, losing 21 seats to bring their number of Westminster MPs down to 35.[35][36][37] This was largely attributed by many, including former Deputy First Minister John Swinney,[38] to their stance on holding a second Scottish independence referendum and saw a swing to the Unionist parties, with seats being picked up by the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats and a reduction in their majorities in the other seats. Stephen Gethins, MP for North East Fife, came out of this election with a majority of just 2 to the Liberal Democrat candidate. High-profile losses included SNP Commons leader Angus Robertson in Moray and former party leader and First Minister Alex Salmond in Gordon. However, the SNP still currently hold the majority of the country's Westminster parliamentary seats, with a majority of 11.


Well what did they expect? They've probably campaigned for wind farms most of their miserable lives although we shouldn't over generalise of course.
With over a year of more or less open borderer with sub-Saharan Africa, via Libya, Italy now ends up with the Populist League (right-wing) Party. Things weren't exactly helped of course when the West bombed Libya into the Stone-Age in the first place.

Italy's Populist 'League' Party Secures First Place In National Poll

The anti-establishment League party has solidified its place as leader in Italian public opinion, according to a national political poll released this week.

For the first time in its 27-year history, the party formerly known as the Northern League moved into first place earlier this month, edging out its governing partner, the 5-Star Movement (M5S), and currently enjoys a lead of 29.7 percent to 29.4 percent. The coalition now commands together an impressive 59.1 percent of the allegiance of the Italian people.

Angela Merkel with years of sweeping wind farm policies and inviting just about anyone over from Turkey and Syria is now struggling to even form a government. It's also happening in Austria, and in Sweden.

Angela Merkel

According to a poll conducted after terror attacks in Germany Merkel's approval rating dropped to 47% (August 2016).[98] Half of Germans did not want her to serve a fourth term in office compared to 42% in favor.[99]

Bavarian State Election, 2018

In 2018, the CSU Markus Söder's government enacted the Kreuzpflicht, an obligation to display crosses at the entrance of public buildings. Söder has stated that the crosses are not to be seen as Christian symbols, but as symbols of Bavarian cultural identity.[2]

Some observers have described the Kreuzpflicht as a measure to appeal to voters deserting the Christian-democratic conservative CSU for the right-wing nationalist AfD party. Also the CSU interior minister Horst Seehofer has taken a harder line on immigration.[3]

Freedom Party of Austria

The Freedom Party of Austria[note 1] (German: Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs, FPÖ) is a right-wing populist[1][2][3] and national-conservative[3][4] political party in Austria. The party, led by Heinz-Christian Strache, is a member of the Europe of Nations and Freedom group in the European Parliament, as well as of the Movement for a Europe of Nations and Freedom.

The FPÖ was founded in 1956 as the successor to the short-lived Federation of Independents (VdU), representing the "Third Camp" of Austrian politics, i.e. pan-Germanists and national liberals opposed to both socialism and Catholic clericalism. The party's first leader was Anton Reinthaller, a former Nazi functionary and SS officer. The FPÖ, a third party with modest support, was admitted to the Liberal International (LI) in 1979 and participated in a government led by the Social Democratic Party (SPÖ), following the 1983 legislative election. When Jörg Haider was chosen as new FPÖ leader in 1986, the party started an ideological turn towards right-wing populism. This new political course soon resulted in a strong surge in electoral support, although it also led the SPÖ to break ties. In 1993, after a controversial proposal on immigration issues, the adherents of a position closer to classical liberalism broke away from the FPÖ and formed the Liberal Forum (LiF), which took over the FPÖ's membership in the LI (since the FPÖ considered itself forced to leave) and would later eventually merge into NEOS.
How Is Hungary's Far Right Changing?

With Hungary's ruling Fidesz party moving further right, the country's far-right landscape is in a state of flux.

With Hungarians slated to go to cast their ballots in April 2018, the country's right-wing political landscape has been undergoing a transformation.

Recent months have seen Prime Minister Viktor Orban's ruling conservative party, Fidesz, move further right, while Jobbik, a party with neo-Nazi roots, attempts to rebrand itself as a traditional European conservative party.

Fidesz' left-wing rival, the Hungarian Socialist Party, is fractured. Meanwhile, there has been a flurry of far-right activity


Sweden Election: Far Right Makes Gains As Main Blocs Deadlocked

Far-right Sweden Democrats set for significant role in policymaking as political uncertainty looms.

Sweden faces a protracted period of political uncertainty after an election that left the two main parliamentary blocs tied but well short of a majority, and the far-right Sweden Democrats promising to wield “real influence” in parliament despite making more modest gains than many had predicted.

The populist, anti-immigrant party won 17.6% of the vote, according to preliminary official results – well up on the 12.9% it scored in 2014, but far below the 25%-plus some polls had predicted earlier in the summer. It looked highly likely, however, to have a significant role in policymaking.

The governing Social Democrats, led by prime minister Stefan Löfven, maintained their record of finishing first in every election since 1917, but saw their score fall to 28.4%, the lowest for a century, while the main centre-right opposition Moderate party also slipped to 19.8%.

On a broadly favourable night for the smaller parties, the ex-communist Left and the the centre-right Centre and Christian Democrat parties all advanced. Crucially for the centre-left’s chances of forming a government, the Green party scraped over the threshold for parliamentary representation with 4.4%.

But the new government, which could now take weeks to form, will need either cross-bloc alliances between centre-right and centre-left parties, or an accommodation with the Sweden Democrats – long shunned by all other parties because of their extremist roots – to pass legislation, potentially giving the populists a say in policy.


Another Greenie Bites The Dust. Aussie PM Forced Out By Climate Policy

"Like former UK prime minister David Cameron, Turnbull is a great supporter of the UN's green agenda. This has now been his undoing.

As Australia's Institute of Public Affairs noted, Turnbull's National Energy Guarantee (NEG) was an extremely bad deal for Australia.

It would have weakened Australia's economy (which is built on fossil fuels such as coal, now exported in increasingly large quantities to China). It pretended to be a "market based solution," whereas in fact it simply compelled energy retailers to use a greater proportion of wind and solar (on pain of large fines) and demanded billions of taxpayers’ money to be spent on green schemes and bureaucracies. It put carbon emissions reductions before the needs of all those consumers and businesses which have already suffered greatly from Australia's rocketing electricity prices and sporadic blackouts (caused by its drive for renewables).

Dan McKay

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Australia's ruling coalition was widely expected to be defeated in Saturday's election after long trailing in opinion polls. But somehow, after just nine months as prime minister, Scott Morrison hailed a "miracle" victory.

In doing so, he defied a perception in Australian politics that leadership turmoil can only spell electoral doom.

Since the brutal ouster of Malcolm Turnbull last August, Mr Morrison has set about a disciplined strategy.

Some colleagues were considered toxic to the campaign trail, so Mr Morrison made this election about him, and his ability to be the trustworthy, daggy-dad Australia needed.

In the end it was very close but the voters decided, on balance, that Mr Morrison deserved the "fair go" he craved.

**Before entering parliament, Scott Morrison was a marketing man who approved Tourism Australia's infamous "So where the bloody hell are you?" campaign.**

In politics he rose as a tough immigration minister, proud of his record in preventing boats of asylum seekers from reaching Australia, arguing it prevented drownings.

But when he became prime minister, he knew he had to change tack.


**So where the bloody hell are you?**


And as a further knock on effect of replacing him with a non-green leader, habitat destruction in that country has only increased, and so it all goes on and on! Please read on!

**Australian Politics.**

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These political underlying causes need addressing before we can even think of getting proper ecologically minded governments into office. By often alienating the very people who would go for greener options we are simply getting further and further away from ever resolving anything at all.
The Italian government, already in trouble over its budget with the EU, is the personification of populism: a hybrid of left and right working together on a populist programme. In Hungary, Poland, and many other European countries, lines of left and right are being blurred. The pre-eminent theorist of this phenomenon is Professor Matthew Goodwin of the University of Kent. He is also an associate fellow of the Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House and the author of a new book ‘National Populism: The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy’. So, we invited him into the Sputnik studio to help us understand just what is going on.

https://youtu.be/izw86zO9KyM

But even with all of this undeniable evidence increasingly mounting up around the world the lefties remain as adamant as ever, plenty of wind farms and high immigration, the more the better. There is also a thought that it's all a deliberate ploy to split the green vote and if this is indeed the case it's even more sinister than we imagined.

The Green Vote - What does it now mean to so many?

Politically, the words green and the environment have become so tainted, so warped and so corrupt in their meaning, that many who would once have embraced the concept will now only shun it and vote the completely opposite way. It is certainly true of myself and I know there are many others who think the same.

And the reason for this is what green issues means to them. Not only will they have wind farms and mass immigration dumped on them, whether they like it or not, but they'll have sustainable, sustainable, sustainable, and yet more nauseating sustainable continuously ringing in their ears throughout that government's term in office. So unbearably torturous is the idea for them which is why they'll never vote Green ever again.
Green has become a dirty word and I think that's an understatement. All of the larger charities have been following down this same sad old path of either namby-pambism (as I like to call it) or sustainable (there's that word again) palm oil, well sited wind farms and even wildlife friendly game-hunting. So damn right disgusting has everything become that multitudes of good conservationists will now vote far-right on principle alone.

Something everyone might like to bear in mind as and when the next Trump comes along as he or she doubtlessly will. Don't just sit there all forlorn wondering why it may have happened.

Merkel to Meet Greens Next Week.

Chancellor Merkel, who is trying to form a government after falling just five seats short of a majority in the Sept 22 election, will hold preliminary talks with the opposition Greens next week. A coalition with the Social Democrats (SPD) looks far more likely though.


Merkel's alliance with the far-left Greens can you imagine it? The day that happens we can expect civil unrest on the streets the likes of which has not been seen since the 1930s.

Brazil Elections: Far-Right Leader Jair Bolsonaro Wins Presidency

Sao Paulo, Brazil - Far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro won Brazil's presidential elections, signalling a political shift for South America's most populous nation and largest economy.

Official results gave Bolsonaro a 55.2 percent share of the vote in Sunday's runoff, comfortably ahead of Fernando Haddad, the candidate of the centre-left Workers' Party (PT), who had 44.8 percent.

Bolsonaro gave an internet address via Facebook Live, shunning a traditional press conference because of security concerns. In September, he suffered a near-fatal stabbing at a campaign rally. "We could no longer be flirting with socialism, communism, populism and extremism on the left," he said.

Bolsonaro said US President Donald Trump - whom he has expressed admiration for - called to wish him good luck after his victory in what he called "obviously a very friendly contact".

Supporters wearing T-shirts emblazoned with Bolsonaro's face and Brazil's yellow and green national colours assembled outside his house in the Barra da Tijuca neighbourhood of Rio de Janeiro.

Bolsonaro Backers Wage War On The Rainforest

Most in Brazil’s heavily-deforested western border support Jair Bolsonaro and his promises of progress instead of protection

The growl of a chainsaw and the howl of a straining tractor engine were enough to draw the environment officials up a rutted track into the forest.

In the clearing at the end of the road, three young loggers silenced their machines and proffered their documents. They were paid in cash, they said – nearly four times the Brazilian minimum monthly salary of £200 ($258) – to ship out up to two truckloads a day of huge hardwood logs.

And like most people in the heavily-deforested Amazon state of Rondônia on Brazil’s western border, they are sure who they will vote for in Sunday’s presidential run-off vote. “It has to be Bolsonaro. He supports us,” said Edivaldo da Silva, 22.

Polls show that Jair Bolsonaro, the far-right former army captain has 78% support in Rondônia, leaving his leftist rival Fernando Haddad in the dust. In the Amazon, Bolsonaro has promised progress instead of protection.

And his radical proposals – to neuter federal environment agencies, give the green light to destructive hydro-electric dams, freeze the demarcation of new indigenous reserves and open up existing ones to mining – chime with voters here, including those breaking environmental laws.

Loggers, illegal gold miners and squatters on a protected reserve all told the Guardian they are voting for Bolsonaro because they believe he will make their lives easier.

Environmentalists argue Bolsonaro’s plans will prove disastrous for the Amazon and 33 non-government groups have warned his proposals represent “concrete and irreversible risks” to Brazil’s forests, biodiversity and even the reputations of its agribusiness producers.

Bolsonaro’s allies rubbish such concerns. His planned chief of staff and his party’s candidate for governor of Rondônia criticised foreign “interference” in the Amazon and told the Guardian they harboured doubts over global warming science.

Such views are common in a state where where smallholders say they are unjustly penalised for breaking environmental rules and argue that responsibility for climate change should be shared globally.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/oct/24/bolsonaro-backers-wage-war-on-the-rainforest
Far Right Wins Seats In Spanish Region For First Time Since Franco

The Vox party in Spain has become the first far-right group to triumph at the ballot box since the country's return to democracy after the death of Francisco Franco in 1975.

Vox, a small but increasingly vocal party that opposes Catalan independence and has vowed to take a tough line on immigration and abortion, exceeded all predictions to take 12 seats in the Andalucían regional election on Sunday. It could hold the key to the formation of the next government of the populous southern region.

Although the ruling Spanish socialist party (PSOE) won the elections, taking 33 of the 109 seats in the regional parliament, its support collapsed in the heartland it has ruled since 1982. Even with the support of the Podemos-led Adelante Andalucía coalition - which won 17 seats - the PSOE would still be short of the 55 seats needed for a majority in the regional parliament.

The conservative People's party (PP) took 26 seats, while the centre-right Ciudadanos party won 21. Were the two rightwing parties to join forces with Vox, they would jointly command a majority, with 59 seats.

The prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, said Vox's breakthrough would not alter the government's determination to press on with its agenda. “My government will carry on with its pro-European renovation project for Spain,” he tweeted. “The results in Andaluca strengthen our commitment to defending democracy and the constitution in the face of fear.”

The former Belgian prime minister Guy Veroftstadt, who leads the liberal ALDE group in the European parliament, congratulated Ciudadanos on its huge gain in the election, but added: “The success of far right, however, should worry us all. We face a battle for Europe's soul at the European elections in May.”

Will Mexico’s Left-Wing President Help Trump’s Immigration Agenda?

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador attends a ceremony in which he received a ceremonial staff from Indigenous people, next to his wife Beatriz Gutiérrez Müller, at the Zocalo Square in Mexico City, on December 1, 2018.

In his first press conference since taking office, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, known as “AMLO” for short, said he is working with the United States and Canada to create a three-way investment plan to stem migration from Central America and southern Mexico.

López Obrador, perhaps Mexico’s most left-wing president in modern history, took office Saturday after winning a landslide victory in July. He promised “a peaceful and orderly transition, but one that is deep and radical … because we will end the corruption and impunity that prevent Mexico’s rebirth.”

A former mayor of Mexico City, López Obrador pledged on the campaign trail to place a cap on public officials’ pay, including cutting his own salary and nixing the presidential jet, while ending privatization schemes that have deepened the country’s economic divide.

Many Mexicans’ hopes for real change are high after decades of corruption at all levels of government and high rates of violence. The new president now faces a trial by fire in achieving his ambitious domestic agenda.

But first, López Obrador must address the ongoing crisis of thousands of asylum-seeking Central American migrants stuck in limbo in Tijuana and other border cities as the United States deliberately delays processing asylum applications while closing ports of entry to potential refugees.

Mexico’s new Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard met with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo Sunday to discuss the countries’ “shared commitment to address our common challenges and opportunities for the future,” according to a State Department spokesperson.

The recent announcement and talks come amid tensions after Mexico’s foreign ministry demanded a full investigation into US Border Patrol agents’ firing of tear gas and rubber bullets at migrant families the Sunday prior. Meanwhile, the number of migrants at the border continues to rise even as conditions at shelters housing them deteriorate.

This time it’s a left-wing party that makes it into government.

In the particular case of Mexico it may simply have been a backlash case against Trump's policies right next door. But with all electoral outcomes of course there are swings and there are roundabouts except from where I'm standing there are considerably more swings than roundabouts these days.
Iceland Gets First Green Prime Minister.

Leader of the Leftist-Green Movement, Katrin Jakobsdottir, will become Iceland's first Green prime minister on Thursday (30 November), after agreeing to form a coalition government with the liberal conservative Independence Party and the centre-right Progressive Party.

Together the three parties hold 35 seats out of 63 in the Althingi, Iceland's parliament. Two members of the Leftist-Green Movement are set to vote against the coalition in Thursday's parliamentary approval, technically giving the new government only a single-seat majority.

Jakobsdottir will become the country's first Green prime minister and the only ruling Green PM in the world, following in the footsteps of former Iceland president Vigdis Finnbogadottir, who became the world's first elected woman president in 1980.

Iceland is ranked top by the World Economic Forum as having the smallest gender gap among 144 countries in the world indexed.

The news will come as a welcome message to over 300 women political leaders from around the world meeting in Iceland this week for an annual summit aimed at promoting gender equality inside and outside of the political sphere.

Jakobsdottir, 41, is a former journalist and served as education minister in Iceland's first left-leaning government which took power after the country's 2008 economic collapse. In a recent poll 49.5 percent said that they preferred her to become the next prime minister.

Bjarni Benediktsson, chairman of the Independence Party and outgoing prime minister, will become finance and economy minister in the new Icelandic government, a position he held between 2013-2016, before becoming prime minister.

The deal comes four weeks after snap elections were called in October, when a scandal involving PM Benediktsson's father prompted a government ally to drop out of his ruling coalition - after less than a year in government.

Increased taxes on capital gains, maternity and paternity leave, and infrastructure development are among the key issues for the new government.

The Left-Greens want to finance spending by raising taxes on the wealthy, real estate and the powerful fishing industry, while the Independence Party has said it wants to fund new infrastructure by selling state-owned shares in the country's banks. Iceland was hard hit during the financial crisis when all three of the country’s major privately owned commercial banks defaulted in 2008.

Now the Nordic country is experiencing an economic boom driven by record tourist arrivals, leading to shortage of labour and Icelandic workers demanding pay rises.

https://euobserver.com/nordic/140093

First it really has to be said what an undeniable success this has been for a Green politician. Iceland of course has effectively zero wind farms nor immigration so there would've been fewer hostilities there than elsewhere. They are a whaling nation too and it might have been this that helped her get elected by those who wanted the practice ended. Sadly however and as we can see 'green' doesn't necessarily equate to ecology.
Whaling.

And 'sustainable' tourism in Iceland has never looked better since she opened up her country for foreigners to enjoy seabird hunting.
The Crisis of Good Intentions

From Paris to Palo Alto, ‘clean and green’ policies punish the poor.

Almost everywhere you turn these days, someone is claiming that capitalism is facing an existential crisis. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the 29-year-old who will soon be a congresswoman from New York, declares that our “no-holds-barred Wild West hypercapitalism” is on the way out. French economist Thomas Piketty, by contrast, frets about a future where we are all governed by a ruling class drawn from billionaires, what he calls “patrimonial capitalism.” Meanwhile the archbishop of Canterbury hails the gig economy as “the reincarnation of an ancient evil.”

Let us stipulate it’s foolish to pretend the market is without its costs. A 57-year-old General Motors worker in Ohio who will be laid off as his company expands production in Mexico may understandably balk at the argument that, in the larger scheme of things, it’s all for the best.

Yet the recent protests across France ought to remind us that market decisions aren’t the only ones that can make life difficult for those trying to get by on their paychecks. For in these protests are we not seeing French citizens who have lost faith in the ability of their government to fulfill its most basic tasks, along with a growing resentment of the high price inflicted on ordinary French men and women by the good intentions of their elites?

The “Yellow Vest” protests across France were triggered by an increase in the gasoline tax. But even before this planned increase, the French were already the most taxed people in the European Union, one reason they pay more than double the American average at the pump. A gallon of gas in France costs drivers roughly $6, nearly two-thirds of which is tax.

Americans spend about $2,000 a year each on gas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the U.S. price were at French levels, that would rise to at least $4,000 a year—a considerable hit for most families. To make matters worse, the French taxes have increasingly diminishing returns because France accounts for such a small fraction of global emissions.

Nor are the French the only ones with doubts about the judgment of their elites. Whatever the merits of Brexit, at its core it reflects the British people’s distrust of the proposition that a supranational government in Brussels knows best. Given how their own government has botched things, it’s hard to conceive of any ending for Brexit that doesn’t promise even less British confidence in their leaders.

The U.S. has its own versions. Until recently Exhibit A was the war America lost—the “war on poverty.” More than 50 years and trillions of dollars after Lyndon B. Johnson launched it with the best of intentions, all we have to show for it is the devastation of the black family and the dysfunctions of our inner cities.

Today, however, the crisis of good intentions is manifested most dramatically in the green movement, particularly in California. In a recent article for the Orange County Register, Chapman University’s Joel Kotkin and Marshall Toplansky write that “California is creating a feudalized society characterized by the ultra-rich, a diminishing middle class and a large, rising segment of the population that is in or near poverty.” California now has the highest overall poverty rate in the nation, they write, and suffers from a level of inequality “closer to that of Central American banana republics.”

Much of this is the fault of California’s green agenda, which chokes off economic growth and has been imposed more as a theological imperative than the result of any sober, cost-benefit analysis. As Mr. Kotkin frequently points out, the upward mobility of any family that isn’t part of Hollywood or Silicon Valley or doesn’t already own their own home is being killed by the state’s climate regime.
Though California hasn’t reached French levels of rebellion, its own protests are taking interesting forms. Earlier this year a coalition of more than 200 prominent civil-rights leaders filed suit against the California Air Resources Board. They argue California’s greenhouse gas policies are disproportionately raising housing, transportation and electricity costs for Latinos and African-Americans. The suit contests California’s claims that it has a “clean and green” economy is a “fiction.”

The climate regime, the suit notes, is imperious. Though Los Angeles and the Bay Area already rank among the worst in the nation for traffic congestion, the suit contends California’s climate leaders “have decided to intentionally increase traffic congestion” in the hope of getting more people to opt for public transport. In other words, California’s greens are willing to inconvenience the poor to get them to do what their feudal lords want them to do.

So maybe what’s going on in France isn’t as foreign as it may seem. When a once-thriving manufacturing town loses jobs to China, we hear all about the crisis of capitalism. But when progressives squeeze the American worker with high taxes, green agendas and failed government programs, where are the headlines about the crisis of good intentions?


“The Crisis of Good Intentions.”

As we can see, good intentions are all very well but when they are ill conceived, not properly thought through and forced down everyone's throats they can so often lead to anarchy.

German Woman Evicted From Her Home To Make Way For Refugees.

https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/11902296/Second-German-woman-evicted-from-her-home-to-make-way-for-refugees.html

Keep on alienating everyone and I'm sure things 'll work out just fine.
And now for some conversations on Facebook.

When entering into the facebook arena is where things can really kick off. It's like they think I'm some kind of Republican for even bringing the matter up.

But with headlines like, “Earth has lost half of its wildlife in the past 40 years.” They're hardly the raving success stories all of us should be aspiring to are they but instead are a simple reflection ever failing policies. Their fixed and warped ideas on environmentalism couldn't possibly be the problem. It's like they're walking us all off a cliff, taking the planet with them but are too damn blind to see it.


As well as facebook conversations there are some letters with our replies to them. If there are any points anyone wishes to raise on anything being discussed please do send it in.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/74da12_e25b29258c5543509cde41e2bbf8c5ac.pdf

If green is ever to really succeed things need to change radically that much couldn't be clearer. It simply cannot go on ignoring the fact that in so many cases it's alienating the very people who would otherwise embrace the concept.
The destructiveness of wind farms, truly staggering mass-bird-bat-and-insect-deaths, noise related problems and the despoliation of the countryside that's occurring, together with the global resentment this inevitably brings must well and truly be understood. With tens possibly hundreds of millions of birds and bats killed each year, the countless zillions of flying insects, we cannot begin to imagine the damage they are causing. Combine that with election results so often balancing on a knife-edge and we can hardly be too surprised the way things are going.

We're not inferring there have been no left-wing success stories like the ones we're seeing in Mexico, Iceland as well as some quite high gains in Germany. But likewise it can be hardly overlooked just how right-wing politics is gaining sweeping controls right across the globe too. We basically need to do things right like allowing the forests to pay for themselves economically instead of trying to preserve them in aspic in an ever failing and miserably way. Creating employment for the locals rather than needlessly alienating them and to stop consorting with the enemies. Green needs to be attractive, honest, effective and above all ecological instead of the scourge it has now become.

I don't think there's enough awareness, certainly not within the wider green movement, of just how much opposition there really is. Here we have a list of very active and politically motivated wind farm opponents which are literally springing up like mushrooms by the month, which, together with mass-immigration, like it or not, is pushing that crucial vote ever further over.

Links to over 2200 politically motivated international anti-wind groups.

https://quixoteslaststand.com/worldwide-anti-wind-groups/

Unless we can appeal to the masses the situation we're now in, with the rejection of green policies and increasingly hostile governments coming to power in the political backlash of it all, the situation the world finds itself in nowadays will continue to be for a very very long time ahead. And by the time that all settles down, assuming it ever does, the planet will be in a truly ruinous state of being.

It's easy of course not to believe what you don't want to believe. All you need do is not look at the evidence and you will never find it.

To see just how loony these people really are please read the full story here.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/74da12_52dd7553807c4c80a331976134fe2527.pdf
Meanwhile The UK. 2019 European Elections – And our own thoughts on what happened.

The Brexit Party (the get on with it party) really what can I say? There are those who have been talking about the people's vote for the past three years ever since they didn't like the outcome of the original referendum. Well I think the people have now had their vote.

The Lib Dems (the waste of space party) all of those disenchanted Conservative and Labour voters had to go somewhere. The Greens (the pro-wind, pro-emigration, not as ecological as you might think party) too had a number of successes especially in Brighton and Bristol. The Scottish National Party (the pro-wind and pro culling party) also did well, and as with the Lib Dems, this disenchantment again had to go somewhere. While Change UK (the fanny-wash party), let's be kind, really did have a very disappointing night.

With the disintegration of the two mainstream parties, as we most certainly saw in this election, we then had the entire spectrum of electorate unleashed into the arena. All of that energy had to spill over somewhere, the laws of physics demanded it, and spill over it did like a seething tsunamical surge of sludge. Those who wanted to get out of Europe went for Brexit, while another large proportion, basically those who cannot see beyond their own noses, went for either the Lib Dems throughout England and Wales or the Scottish National Party in Scotland, and finally an ecological but very misguided portion would obviously had gone for the Greens. And that is pretty well the way things panned out.

And so then overall the results were not too surprising. But I'm sure years from now after all the dust has settled down voters will once again return to their comfortable two main Conservative and Labour (the nasty and even nastier parties respectively) just as they've always done before. Any real hope for the future? Probably not too much.
Theresa May quits: UK set for new PM by end of July.

And no wonder Mrs. May was forced to quit the very next morning. They'd obviously had news of the exit polls and exit polls rarely get it wrong.

Brexit: Boris Johnson ordered to appear in court over £350m claim.

Boris Johnson has been ordered to appear in court over claims he lied by saying the UK gave the EU £350m a week.

The Tory leadership candidate has been accused of misconduct in public office after making the claim during the 2016 EU referendum campaign.

It is a private prosecution launched by campaigner Marcus Ball, who crowdfunded £200,000 for the case.

A source close to Mr Johnson called the case a "politically motivated attempt to reverse Brexit".

His lawyers argued it was "a stunt".

The preliminary hearing will take place at Westminster Magistrates’ Court and the case will then be sent to the Crown Court for trial.
The BBC's assistant political editor, Norman Smith, said the allegations could not come at a worse time for Mr Johnson, and his critics are likely to use the claims against him in the upcoming contest to become next Tory leader and prime minister.

The £350m figure was used by the pro-Brexit Vote Leave group throughout the referendum. It also appeared on the side of the campaign bus, which urged the UK to "fund our NHS instead".

The former foreign secretary faces three allegations of misconduct in public office, between 21 February and 23 June 2016, and between 18 April and 3 May 2017.

The first period covers the time in which he campaigned for a Leave vote in the EU referendum, while the second covers the general election campaign that year.

Mr Ball's lawyers lodged an application in February to summons Mr Johnson, claiming that while an MP and mayor of London, he deliberately misled the public during the first campaign, and repeated the statement during the second.

Lewis Power QC, who represents Mr Ball, said Mr Johnson's conduct had been "both irresponsible and dishonest".

"Democracy demands responsible and honest leadership from those in public office," he said.

'Infamous statement'

Mr Power said the prosecution's application was not brought to undermine the result of the 2016 referendum and it was not about what could have been done with the saved money.

"The allegation with which this prosecution is concerned, put simply, is Mr Johnson repeatedly misrepresented the amount that the UK sends to Europe each week," he said.

"It is concerned with one infamous statement: 'We send the EU £350m a week.'

"The UK has never sent, given or provided £350m a week to Europe - that statement is simply not ambiguous."

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-48445430

Who is private prosecutor Marcus Ball?

Private prosecutor Marcus Ball has described his case against Boris Johnson as a world first and he has been working on it for almost three years.

The campaigner, originally from Norfolk, alleges that the MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip committed three offences of misconduct in public office by endorsing and making statements which he knew to be false at a time when he was mayor of London and an MP.

Mr Ball has worked full-time on the case since June 2016, and has raised more than £200,000 through a crowdfunding campaign to pay for the "Brexit Justice" private prosecution.
He founded Brexit Justice in June 2016 and has been “working relentlessly to bring an end to lying in politics ever since”, according to the Brexit Justice website.

A short profile says he is a speaker and a writer and previously worked to reform higher education in the UK.

A post on his crowdfunder page said he would be “going quite quiet for this section of the process”.

Earlier this month, he wrote: “I take my responsibilities to secure coverage and funding very seriously but I take my responsibilities to respect the court process even more seriously.

“In short, I will be going quiet for now.”

Mr Ball has previously said: “This case is a world first, it has never happened before. A Member of Parliament has never been prosecuted for misconduct in public office based upon alleged lying to the public.

“My backers and I aspire to set a precedent in the UK common law making it illegal for an elected representative to lie to the public about financial matters.”

https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/news/uk/who-is-private-prosecutor-marcus-ball/

They really are coming out of the woodwork now the shit's hit the fan so to speak. Just look at 'em they're a homely looking bunch aren't they. My God if every politician who ever lied ended up in court the legal system would have little time for anything else. And this assumes there was even a lie.

It always was the full intension of course to bring this to the fore precisely at the most awkward moment possible. A little insurance policy just in case things were to go pear shaped the way they did. Were this not the case it would've brought it out long ago.
Reports emerging on Thursday morning are suggesting that the Brexit party has been engaging in talks to ally itself with the Italian league, a group in the European parliament. The group lead by Matteo Salvini topped the Italian poll in the recent European elections. News about these talks were leaked by Marco Zanni, a League MEP. Mr Zanni suggested that these talks could see results as early as the end of next week.

It should be stated that the Brexit party played down Zanni’s remarks, although confirming the meeting had taken place. A source close to Mr Farage stated that “Nigel met former EFDD group member Marco Zanni MEP yesterday.” Although the source did go on to say, “He has lots of meetings today and next week.” The source stopped short of ruling out an alliance.

It should also be stated that the Brexit party’s current ally in the European parliament is Italy’s Five Star Movement, whom the top brass within the Brexit party are also holding talks with. The picture across the continent saw victories for parties on the right wing of the political spectrum. These included Poland’s law and justice party, as well as Marine Le Pen squeezing out French president Emmanuel Macron’s party.

Salvini, who is Italy’s deputy prime minister, hopes to bring Farage and his Brexit party MEPs into a grouping that already includes Le Pen’s National Rally and Austria’s Freedom party with more expected to join. The group is highly Eurosceptic and is pro the capping of immigration.

The Brexit party is the largest party in the European parliament so would without doubt be a real coup for the group. The Brexit party’s influence in the European parliament would be greatly increased, should they become part of a wider Eurosceptic group. Leadership, of such a group brings about opportunity for prime speaking spots in debate. Although, becoming leader would be far from certain.

Speaking in Brussels on Tuesday, the newly re-elected Brexit party MEP Jonathan Bullock said his preference was to keep the EFDD going. It is unclear whether Brexit party MEPs would back a move to join Salvini and Le Pen. Of the 29 Brexit party MEPs, 26 will be new to the European parliament.

Le Pen, who has tried and failed to work with Farage, said before last weekend’s elections she did not know whether the Brexit party leader would join her group.

Speaking at a mass rally in Milan earlier this month, Le Pen said: “Nigel Farage leads the EFDD group, we don’t know if this group will be able to maintain itself as all the cards will be reshuffled after the elections.”

Zanni was elected to the European parliament in 2014 for M5S and became part of Farage’s group. But he later defected to join the League, making the switch to the more right-wing group in the European parliament.

https://unitynewsnetwork.co.uk/farage_salvini/

I've been saying for some time of course that the greenies should not be alienating the electorate the way they have. If this new supergroup is ever formed it is hardly likely to be on the side of conservation any time soon. I guess we can only wait and see what might happen next.
Causality.

The effects of causality that ripple out, often without them being noticed, can be profound and the consequences it brings should never be underestimated.

It's basically what happens in day to day activities. Someone walks down a road, gets run over, the partner remarries has children and everything from then on changes forever. No intent was ever made but the eventual outcomes nonetheless become totally different to what they otherwise would've been. New people would be born, that could then go on to either unleash pure evil or to do great good in the world, and those that might otherwise had been born of course never were. And all that happening because of someone walking down the road all those years ago.

And it's very much the same in the day to day running of governments of course. Create a war, open up a porthole into which migrants enter through, unpopular bad decisions made by political leaders, and let's face when don't they make bad decisions, and things likewise can and do change from there on. New parties get elected, often the ones you don't even see coming and never thought they'd stand a chance anyway, but get elected they do and the changes they bring about can last for a very long time into the future.

So I guess what it is I'm saying be very very careful what you do, what you wish for, and think about what it might eventually bring about. Because any one of us could be helping to create some multiheaded monster without even intending to.

Just look at how the wind industry began, the life that's been destroyed ever since, and the deep divide this has caused amongst conservations around the world. All of it brought about by a bunch of hippies possibly on weed dreaming of the future.
Voters in Greece have given Kyriakos Mitsotakis’ centre-right New Democracy party a resounding mandate to form a new government after it won by a landslide over the incumbent leftwing Syriza party, which has been in power since 2015.

As the outcome of Sunday’s general election became clear, the prime minister, Alexis Tsipras, conceded defeat, calling Mitsotakis to congratulate him on his victory. The official handover of power will take place on Monday.

With 91% of the vote counted, the country’s interior ministry said the conservatives had gained 39.7% compared with 31.5% for Syriza.

In his first address as the country’s new leader, the 51-year-old Harvard-educated former banker said he welcomed the result with a sense of “modesty and respect” seeing it as a victory for all, irrespective of political persuasion.

“Society wants us to move forward united,” he said as euphoric supporters gathered outside New Democracy’s headquarters. “It wants growth, work, security and for Greece to become, as it deserves, strong again. I’ll be prime minister of all Greeks. I will work to convince our compatriots who did not support us. We are too few to be divided and we have much to do together … from today a difficult but beautiful battle lies ahead.”

The result gives New Democracy an outright majority with 158 seats in the Greek parliament, more than double its current representation in the 300-seat house.

With the neo-fascist Golden Dawn party failing to cross the 3% threshold required to secure any seats, interior ministry officials described the outcome as conclusive. Previously Greece’s third biggest political force, the anti-immigrant party had embodied the darkest days of the debt-stricken country’s descent into crisis. Senior members are on trial following the death of a prominent anti-fascist rapper and charges of running the party as a criminal organisation.

Mitsotakis, the son of a former prime minister, also received a congratulatory call from Turkey’s president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Tensions between the two Nato rivals have been rising in recent months over conflicting claims to hydrocarbons off Cyprus.

New Democracy officials described the result as historic. Many called it a personal victory for Mitsotakis, a reformist who has been at pains to modernise and revamp one of Europe’s most conservative parties since being elevated to its helm in January 2016.

“Credit has to go to him and his strategy of opening up and moving the party towards the centre,” said Haris Theocharis, a newly elected MP and former head of public revenues. “It is a result that comes with a lot of responsibility.”

Acknowledging the party had sought to embrace the centre ground, Mitsotakis pledged he would endeavor to change the country for the hundreds of thousands of mostly young Greeks who in recent years had left in search of work. “I won’t ask you to take the road of return,” he said. “I ask you to have your gaze and heart turned towards Greece. From today, we will work to change the country that you were forced to leave.”

Many of its MPs will be first-time politicians who were drawn to the party’s pledge to re-energise the economy by attracting foreign investment and creating jobs after four and a half years of often rollercoaster leadership under Tsipras.

“These new faces are the faces of renewal,” said one of Mitsotakis’s senior advisers. “For the last two years, Kyriakos has spent every week somewhere in the country listening to people’s problems. He knows what they are.”

Tsipras called the vote three months ahead of schedule after Syriza’s staggering defeat in European parliament elections in May. New Democracy routed the leftists by 9.5 percentage points, a margin of victory not seen since European elections were first contested in Greece in 1981.
Syriza rallied on Sunday, doing much better than expected. “I can assure the Greek people that from the benches of the opposition we will be present to protect the interests of people of toil and creativity,” the leftist leader vowed, describing his party’s loss as “anything but a strategic defeat”.

The election was billed as transformational: the winning party will form Greece’s first post-bailout government after almost a decade of recession. Kept afloat by international rescue funds since 2010, the thrice-bailed-out nation has been forced to endure punishing austerity in return for remaining in the eurozone.

New Democracy’s revival has been linked to Mitsotakis’s efforts to entice centrist and to the conservatives’ ability to siphon off votes from Golden Dawn by taking a tough stance on immigration and on an accord struck by Tsipras settling a long-running name row over Macedonia, Greece’s neighbour to the north.

The poll was the first to take place at the height of summer since 1928 and there were worries that many would miss the vote, preferring to go to the beach or remain at home rather than traipse to polling stations in temperatures expected to reach 40C.

Twenty parties contested the race. On television shows on Sunday morning, analysts mused that the vote could be swung by hundreds of thousands of younger Greeks “deciding to go to the beach or polling stations”. Smaller parties, such as the ultra-nationalist Greek Solution and leftist MeRA25, headed by Yanis Varoufakis, the former finance minister, were targeting younger Greeks.

“Voting once every four years is not enough for democracy,” Varoufakis told reporters as he emerged from a polling station in a coastal area of southern Athens. “Democracy belongs only to those who have the courage to defend it. Today, the only way to defend it is by voting on the basis of parties’ programmes and records. Congratulations to all those citizens who get off their sofas and vote.”

Varoufakis’s party also fared unexpectedly well, gaining 3.4% of the vote and nine MPs in parliament.


Greek PM Alexis Tsipras Calls Referendum On Bailout Terms.

Remember this story everyone?

Greek PM Alexis Tsipras Calls Referendum On Bailout Terms
Prime minister returns from Brussels and tells Greece that terms offered by creditors ‘clearly violate the European rules’

In a dramatic move that will put Europe on tenterhooks, the Greek prime minister Alexis Tsipras told his fellow citizens last night he would call a referendum on the bailout accord that international creditors have proposed to keep the debt-stricken country afloat.
Following an emergency meeting of his cabinet, Tsipras said his leftist-led government had decided a package of austerity measures proposed by the country’s creditors – made in a last-ditch effort to avert default – would be put to popular vote. The referendum will take place on Sunday 5 July.

“After five months of hard negotiations our partners, unfortunately, ended up making a proposal that was an ultimatum towards Greek democracy and the Greek people,” he said in a national address, “an ultimatum at odds with the founding principles and values of Europe, the values of our common European construction.”

The leader, who only hours earlier had rejected the proposed reforms after several days of high-stakes talks in Brussels, said Greeks now faced a “historic responsibility” to respond to the ultimatum. He said the reforms were “blackmail for the acceptance on our part of severe and humiliating austerity without end and without the prospect of ever prospering socially and economically”.

Describing the vote as a “historic decision”, Tsipras said he had informed the leaders of France, Germany and Mario Draghi, the head of the European Central Bank about the decision. “I asked them to extend our current bailout by a few days so this democratic process could take place,” he said.

Greeks would be asked whether they wanted to accept or reject excoriating tax hikes and pension cuts that the EU, ECB and International Monetary Fund have set as a condition to release desperately needed bailout funds. Greece’s current rescue programme, already extended once, expires on 30 June. Panic-stricken depositors, worried that capital controls may only be hours away, rushed to ATMs to withdraw savings. Queues quickly formed outside banks around the capital.

Prompted by the response, the government spokesman, Gavriel Sakellarides, insisted the plebiscite would not endanger Greece’s place in Europe. “The question is not whether we will remain in the eurozone. The Greek people should not be afraid,” he said in the early hours. But Tsipras, whose radical-left Syriza party was catapulted into power five months ago on a platform of eradicating austerity, did not hide his own feelings for the accord.

Greeks, he said, were being subjected to “humiliation and blackmail”. “These proposals, which clearly violate the European rules and the basic rights to work, equality and dignity, show the purpose of some of the partners and institutions was not a viable agreement for all parties, but possibly the humiliation of an entire people,” he said.

“But I personally pledge that I will respect the result of your democratic choice, whatever that may be.” The Greek parliament, in an emergency step, would convene on Saturday so that the referendum could be called in line with the constitution. Several ministers emerging from the cabinet session said they would not support the “barbaric measures” being demanded of Athens by foreign lenders.

The energy minister, Panagiotis Lafazanis, who heads Syriza’s militant wing known as the Left Platform, said he would support a no vote against measures that had resulted in the widespread “misery and pillaging” of the country since its debt crisis exploded five years ago. The recipient of €240bn in bailout funds – the biggest rescue programme in global financial history – Greece has seen its economy contract by more than a quarter, unemployment soar and poverty levels rise precipitously under the weight of draconian budget cuts and tax increased demanded by creditors.

“It is a democratic decision and the Greek people are being called to give a democratic answer. And that answer is going to be a resounding no,” Lafazanis told KonTra TV. “If the Greek people say a big no, it is going to be impossible for those who wield power not to take note unless democracy no longer exists.” Echoing that sentiment, the Greek finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, tweeted: “Democracy deserved a boost in euro-related matters. We just delivered it. Let the people decide. (Funny how radical this concept sounds!).”

Konstantinos Chrysogonos, a Syriza MEP, told BBC 2's Newsnight: “It’s obvious that the deal creditors are proposing to the Greek government is beyond the popular mandate this government has.” He added: “There was probably no other way but to submit the demands of the creditors to a referendum.”

Chrysogonos said it was not clear yet what recommendation the government would make in the runup to the vote. “I don’t know what the suggestion of the government will be, whether it will be to accept or to withdraw or to refuse the demands of the creditors. This remains to be seen. It remains to be seen what the verdict of the Greek people will be.”


And true to his word Alexis Tsipras, leader of the left-wing Syriza party, held not one but two referendums on bailout terms but when the results didn't go his way he promptly ignored them both. Like every other leader of that persuasion he thought he could piss over his entire nation but when standing again in his next election he found this wasn’t the case. The electorate are not stupid and they do remember things.
The overwhelming number one consideration in this particular election was Brexit, there can be absolutely no doubt about that at all, but in with this there were also these other issues that kept on coming up again and again. Global-warming, the collapse of nature, global-warming, ending child poverty, followed by endless amounts of yet more global-warming. Other than the main topic it was all we ever heard about on the TV, drip, drip, drip. In political terms this always seems to somehow translate down into wind farms, opening up the floodgates and paying families to breed. All of which in fact has nothing whatsoever to do with real conservation and never will do.

While people care passionately about saving the environment, for that very reason, not everyone necessarily wants endless expanses of wind farms inundating the countryside. We can hardly forget Jeremy's statement still resonating in our ears, 'we would unleash,' when talking about his massive expansion of renewable energy programmes and all of it on borrowed money. Something that might have been more appropriate to say if a rabid dog were being released into a child's playpen.
People dearly want to end all child poverty but are a lot less enthusiastic about families, 9 or 13 kids and counting, all of which paid for by the state. But it could've been something as simple as a personality clash that cost Labour so many votes but whatever it was cost them it did. It can only be imagined what might have been rolled out had any one of these other parties had won. There'd 've been no stopping 'em. We would quite probably have ended up with wind farms on our wind farms and as if things aren't already bad enough.

On the NHS, and food and farming agendas, matters we must of course all be very wary of and concerned about. We can only hope this new government will not do what it's promised it will. But if things do come to the worst the nation needs to take to the streets just like the yellow vests are doing in Paris. There's much at stake and it really would be that serious.

Scotland meanwhile seems to have bucked the trend to the rest of Britain by voting in the aggressive pro-wind SNP and Liberals to the north. Although particularly in the south, mid and also much of the west the landscapes are as blue as ever. Historically Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are places with their own political challenges of course. Many are fiercely independent/loyal to the UK and there are fractions between the sides which often override considerations like Brexit or even the dislike of wind farms. And this is not to say wind farms decide elections but in closely fought seats we believe they can be enough to tip the balance.

Within individual seats many saw a lowering of majorities these parties had enjoyed for decades and in some cases were only saved by the Brexit vote it was that close. But whatever the reasons it's good to know things can be stirred up the way politics has been over the past few elections. Perhaps in future they may think twice before threatening to 'unleash' anything.
Benjamin Netanyahu won Israel's election. Here's what comes next.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has managed to hold on to power, winning what will be a record fifth term in office despite a bruising reelection fight.

The preliminary results from Israel's Tuesday election have Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party getting 35 seats out of a total 120 seats in the Knesset (Israel's parliament). While Likud didn’t win an outright majority of seats, that’s typical in Israeli elections.

Party leaders generally become prime ministers by cobbling together a parliamentary majority with the help of smaller parties. In this case, a group of smaller right-wing parties expected to back Netanyahu seems to have captured 65 seats, enough to give him a 10-seat majority over the rival center-left bloc (the exact numbers could change as the remaining two percent of votes are tallied).

Netanyahu is now set to be the longest-serving prime minister in Israeli history — even longer than David Ben-Gurion, the country’s first prime minister, who’s often described as “Israel’s George Washington. And the ramifications of his fifth term could be enormous, for both the health of Israeli democracy and the fate of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The prime minister is facing a pending criminal indictment on bribery and fraud charges by Israel’s attorney general that’s likely to come down later this year. And now that Netanyahu has all but secured a victory, it’s possible his coalition could pass legislation protecting him from prosecution while in office, in essence letting him get away with his alleged crimes for the time being.

What’s more, Netanyahu made a stunning last-minute campaign promise over the weekend to annex Jewish settlements in the West Bank if reelected — extending full Israeli sovereignty over settlements widely considered illegal under international law. If he follows through, it would be the most radical rejection of a negotiated two-state solution by any Israeli prime minister in modern history. It would also generate a massive crisis for Israel and the broader Middle East.


Yet another right-wing win. But there are political problems in that country like nowhere else so it's probably not difficult to understand its success there.
When elections go horribly wrong and all is lost don't sit there pondering as if it's an unfathomable mystery. Successful campaigning's all about picking your causes and your fights.

By tackling real conservation concerns such as pollution, deforestation and hunting etc., you'll make enemies there is no doubt about that at all, but it's all part of being a real conservationist.

If on the other hand you campaign in favour of wind farms and mass immigration you're opening up a whole new can of worms. Basically you're picking a fight with the world and his grandmother.

We have all of the bird-death issues, occurring whether we want to believe it or not, and with that there's plummeting property values, civil unrest, and election outcomes to literally die for. Just look at what we've uncovered in this.

Everyone has a right to believe in what they want to believe of course but just don't be surprised when you get badly bitten on the bum. Because it's happening whether we want to believe that or not.
MPs say UK failed to investigate Russian interference in elections.

The UK government "actively avoided" looking for Russian interference during the EU and Scottish independence referendums, says a group of MPs.

The Intelligence and Security Committee's long-awaited report into Russian activity in the UK called for "immediate action" to tackle it. But it said the government was "playing catch-up" after failing to act sooner. Committee members also criticised No 10 for the delay in the report's publication. Downing Street was accused of holding back the committee's report ahead of December's UK election - which it has denied.

The ISC's inquiry covers a number of topics, including disinformation campaigns, cyber tactics and Russian expatriates in the UK - saying the UK was a "top target" for the state. But much of the "highly sensitive" detail will not be published due to fears Russia could use the evidence to threaten the UK.

Stewart Hosie MP says the government "actively avoided" investigating possible Russian interference in the EU referendum. The report said Russian influence in the UK was now "the new normal", and said many governments had welcomed oligarchs from the country with "open arms". The committee went on to say the UK was "clearly a target" for disinformation campaigns around its elections, but the issue was described as a "hot potato" - with no one organisation taking a lead to tackle it.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-53484344

Russian Interference!

There was a time we were gonna be at the back Obama's queue if we didn't vote the right way. If that wasn't interference I don't know what was.

Obama warns UK it will be at 'back of the queue" for US trade if it votes to leave EU.

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=back+of+obama%27s+queue+eu+referendum&qpvt=back+of+obama%27s+queue+eu+referendum&view=detail&mid=159A34A00C9E515948CE159A34A00C9E515948CE&&FORM=VRDGA R&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dback%20of%20Obama%27s%20queue%20eu%20referendum%26FORM%3DVDRE
THE UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES OF GREEN POLITICS
THE NOT SO UNFORESEEN MAYBE