



Where Are We?

EMP Information, Part III

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Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP)

Much has happened since the last article, and there are three areas of concern to be covered in this newsletter.

Corruption in the Industry and California

We have all heard about the fires in California in October 2019. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) caused rolling blackouts as a precautionary means to prevent having to take responsibility for wildfires due to aging electrical infrastructure. PG&E has “failed to make basic common-sense upgrades to infrastructure.”¹ They have a long history of ignoring public safety. The California Public Utilities Commission stated, “Several aspects of the PG&E distribution system present significant safety issues.”²

Instead of doing the right thing by upgrading their electrical grid, they have filed for bankruptcy and made a conscious business decision to do continuous rolling blackouts impacting millions of Californians. It is also suspected that PG&E has violated vegetation management regulations, and so have other utility companies throughout the western region of the country. Industry regulators are not releasing this information to the public.

This lack of concern toward public safety and the inability to ensure the electrical grid is operating at peak safety performance is proof that despite being regulated by the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the industry cannot, will not, or is unable to “protect the U.S. from hostile attack.”³

It is not just the utility companies we have to worry about. “...The strategy concocted by

the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Energy (DOE) to protect electric grids and other life-sustaining critical infrastructures from the existential threats posed by EMP and cyber warfare relies on “public-private partnerships” where the U.S. government is the junior partner, essentially trusting the expertise and competence of the utilities.”⁴

Let’s go back to 2013. PG&E’s, Metcalf transformer substation was attacked by what seems to be “professional saboteurs.” The

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attackers did not destroy the transformers, only damaging them in what appears to be a deliberate move on their part. The attack received very little news media attention. PG&E did everything to keep it out of the public eye and did little to harden their defenses against future attacks. Fourteen months later in August 2014, the Metcalf substation was again broken into and equipment was stolen. PG&E was to spend \$100 million in security upgrades, but it does not appear that to date it has been done.

In 2016, PG&E broke cybersecurity rules and was fined in 2018, although, “regulators for the electric grid tried to cover up PG&E’s identity when the company was subjected to a \$1.7 million regulatory fine for cybersecurity violations.”⁵ Michael Mabee, a retired Army Command Sergeant Major, has spent countless hours researching and digging into what the industry is up to. It was only when a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was filed by Michael Mabee that this information became public knowledge. In April of 2019, Michael Mabee made public several other attacks throughout the country that included in one instance the use of an airplane, another IED and a rifle.

So, what does all of this have to do with an EMP? Well, if the industry cannot harden our electrical infrastructure against “all hazards”,⁶ then we as a nation are in serious trouble. This leaves the nation vulnerable in many areas. If there were to be a coordinated attack on as few as nine of the nation’s Extra High Voltage (EHV) Transformers there would be a potential for a black-

out of catastrophic proportions, taking months if not years to recover from, not to mention an EMP nuclear blast.

The happenings in California and the industry’s inability to protect the public interest only prove that they lack expertise on EMP and cyber warfare and are not protecting the national grid from either threat.⁷ Thanks to the work of Michael Mabee we know that there have been

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cyberattacks against our grid that the utility companies don’t want the public to know about. We know that China, Russia, Iran and North Korea have written into their military doctrine the use of nuclear EMP weapons.⁸ You can bet these countries are war gaming the impact of a successful EMP and/or cyber-attack against the United States.

Financial Influence on the Industry

The electrical utilities have a strong lobbying presence in Washington, DC and are heavily influencing elected officials at all levels of government in

both executive and legislative branches. They are making payouts to the Senate “Committee on Energy and Natural Resources” as well as the House’s “Energy and Commerce Committee”. Below are a few of the committee members who took money in 2018:

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) \$592,562
Rob Portman (R-OH) \$375,000
Greg Walden (R-OR) \$261,750
Fred Upton (R-MI) \$192,615
John Shimkus (R-IL) \$173,700
Joe Manchin (D-WV) \$169,252
Lamar Alexander (R-TN) \$136,900
Steve Scalise (R-LA) \$119,295
Jeff Flake (R-AZ) \$111,450
Maria Cantwell (D-WA) \$80,155
Mike Lee (R-UT) \$66,900
Bill Cassidy (R-LA) \$48,600
Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) \$43,351.00

It appears that these committees are doing little to nothing other than ensure the status quo. It is a bi-partisan issue where it appears money is more important than grid security which is left to flounder by an industry that seems apathetic and monetarily influences politicians to be just as apathetic.

The industry paid out over \$124 million last year in their lobbying efforts, and while it is not illegal for political leaders to accept their money, it certainly is of grave concern where it appears the security of the country and the protection of the American people are thrown by the wayside. One wonders if this amount of money is being spread around Washington year after year, why wouldn’t the industry use those same sums on critical infrastructure upgrades? One hundred twenty-four million dollars a year would be a great start

to taking care of our vulnerabilities.

Why We Need Transparency

The utility industry has done everything it could to prevent the public from having access to information on physical attacks, cybersecurity attacks and the truth about what is happening to our electrical grid. FERC and NERC publicized a “Joint Staff White Paper on Notices of Penalty Pertaining to Violations of Critical Infrastructure Protection Reliability Standards” basically talking about greater industry transparency when industry violations occur. It was opened to the public for comment through October of 2019. Eagle Forum, Frank Gaffney, Tommy Waller, Micheal Mabee, myself and many other experts filed comments on why we believe there is a greater need for transparency in the industry. Michael Mabee even gave an “Alternate Proposal” to the White Paper. Mabee is well qualified to propose such an approach that would satisfy the public interest. He is a 9/11 survivor and understands intimately the urgency in protecting our grid. His alternate proposal would provide the type of

true transparency that will focus corporate leadership on the security of the grid. If his proposal is not accepted, the FERC/NERC White Paper would make minimal information publicly available on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Experts believe that this White Paper does not fully provide the amount of transparency needed to give Congress, investors, other regulators, or the public enough information to determine whether or not these companies are complying with their obligations to protect the critical infrastructure upon which all of our lives depend.

Eagle Forum’s participation in filing comments regarding the “White Paper” resulted in 64 sets of comments on the docket, an unprecedented number at FERC, showing that the public is awakening to the issues with the grid. The industry managed to muster 14 sets of comments against transparency and were

joined by the DOE itself. DOE joined industry and its regulators to continue the coverups and corruption in its own filing of the docket encouraging industry violators to claim “Critical Business Information” to effectively prevent FOIA actions becoming public knowledge. It even urged that there should be no release of violators’ names.

In the end it is the overall corruption from within that requires the need for transparency. We are facing the possibility of complete annihilation that would dwarf Pearl Harbor, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, Super Storm Sandy or any other catastrophic event that you can think of. If we have a severe attack against our grid, there will be no outside resources coming to aid us in our despair. We will be completely on our own. We as a populace will be on our own as the government will also be incapacitated. We need to become activists and to prepare ourselves, our families and our communities against the lurking dangers. The government is not going to be there to help. Yet, there are things we can do. My next and final article on this topic will discuss what can be done to protect us from the fray.

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Editor’s note:

One Second After, by William R. Forstchen

If you wish to visualize what we could suffer in the case of a nuclear EMP attack on the U. S., the book *One Second After*, by William R. Forstchen with a forward by Newt Gingrich, provides a fictional, but accurate, depiction of life and death in America after an upper atmosphere nuclear attack on our nation. This book was cited on the floor of Congress as a book all Americans should read. It provides a realistic look at EMPs and their awesome ability to send catastrophic shockwaves throughout the United States, literally within seconds of such an attack. EMPs are a weapon that could shatter our nation and cause unprecedented suffering and over time, widespread destruction of civil order and death.

Disturbing Books Found In Children's Library

By Margaret Ellis with Pat Ellis, Vice President-Issues of Eagle Forum of Alabama

There was a time in Birmingham, Alabama when you could take your young son or daughter to the public library and not worry that books in the elementary school section would undermine your values. Sadly, those days are in the past.

It's not easy keeping up with a child's imagination, let alone two! Both my five and my six year old are extremely curious and eager little girls. So when a new interest comes along, my husband and I try and foster it as much as possible and the first place we turn to is our library!

For many people, there is a great sense of security in libraries. Everything is labeled and everyone is there to help, right? So if you wanted to learn about politics, entrepreneurs or DIY projects, just go find the section as each one is dedicated to either a topic or group of interest. Unfortunately, this was not my experience.



All snuggled up with one daughter under my right arm and the other daughter under my left, it was the coveted time of the day, storybook time. But as I was about to read aloud the words on the page, my stomach dropped and I felt nauseous. I quickly talked over what was written and neither daughter was the wiser. I felt betrayed. Betrayed by the library and betrayed by our failed system.

One disturbing passage in the book, *Little People, Big Dreams Simone De Beauvoir*, refers to gender identity. To quote the book directly, it reads, "And thanks to little Simone, we now know that we're not born men or women – just special human beings with a life full of choices to make."

Now my daughters are unaware of this "LGBTQ" push but thanks to this book, they just might learn! Unfortunately, our culture is now exploding with young people "transitioning" from their gender at birth (natal gender) to the opposite gender. They are given powerful hormones and then endure top and bottom surgery. A recent study by Dr. Lisa Littman, an OB-GYN and a behavior and social sciences professor at Brown University, reported social contagion and the influence of YouTube videos, Reddit, Tumblr, Instagram and other internet sources have the ability to persuade the vulnerable that they were born the wrong gender. Social contagion is defined as: "The spread of ideas, attitudes, or behavior patterns in a group through imitation and conformity".

Along with the uptick in young people transitioning, a relatively new organization, The Detransitioning Advocacy Network, was founded by 28 year old Charlie Evans. Charlie realized she had made a mistake and began hearing from others who felt the same way. Trans activists and the LGBTQ community shunned Charlie and called her a traitor.

Another topic that was highlighted within the book was directed towards God's existence.

"But when Simone turned 14, she started to question everything she had ever learned. Some questions were really tricky to answer, like 'Does God exist?' She wasn't so sure anymore ..."

As a Christian family, God plays an important role in how we live our lives and having children's literature create doubt in these vulnerable minds is appalling.

Let's be clear, I don't allow my five and six year old daughters to have social media accounts, surf the web or YouTube for that matter. As parents, my husband and I have gone to great lengths to shield our children from the culture's trends but it is a sad day when parents cannot even trust the books in the children's section of the library. The question remains, how many other books have yet to be exposed by parents? I encourage all parents to open the book and read the content. Such misleading titles and innocent illustrations can all too easily slip into your home and the minds of our children. This book is one of a series of best selling biographies of famous women, all entitled *Little People, Big Dreams* by various authors.

On October 25, 2019, the Trump administration announced its repeal of Obama administration rules barring faith-based adoption and foster-care agencies from serving children and families based on their religious beliefs, even if their belief systems lead them to exclude LGBT applicants from consideration for fostering or adoption. The Obama rule included sexual orientation as a protected trait under anti-discrimination regulations. In a press release by the Family Research Council, its president, Tony Perkins stated: “This is tremendous news for children, birth moms, and adoptive families who want the opportunities to work with an agency that shares their values and core beliefs without fear of government discrimination.”

Source: *The Epoch Times*, 11-2-2019

A federal judge permanently blocked an Obama administration rule on October 15, 2019 that could have forced medical facilities and doctors to abort unborn babies. The rule defined “discrimination on the basis of sex” to include abortion in ObamaCare. The judge had previously temporarily blocked the rule so it was not being enforced.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement after the ruling: “HHS lacked the legal authority to re-write a number of federal laws that prevent sex discrimination and protect religious freedom, especially when it sought to do so by forcing doctors to perform—and American taxpayers to pay for—controversial medical procedures that are contrary to the religious and moral beliefs of millions across the our nation.” Source: *Lifenews.com* 10-16-2019

On November 4, 2019, Secretary Mike Pompeo took formal steps to begin the withdrawal process from the U. N. Paris Climate Agreement. This was exactly three years from the date the agreement was signed by the Obama administration. According to the Agreement, this was the earliest date the formal process could begin. This withdrawal is in agreement with President Trump’s campaign promise to get us out of this agreement which is so detrimental to our economy. The agreement regulations would cost the U. S. \$3 trillion in reduced output, 6 million industrial jobs and about 3 million manufacturing jobs.

Source: *Eagle Forum*, 11-7-2019

Our government’s gross national debt is currently at \$22 trillion and is expected to be close to \$23 trillion by year end. This equates to \$69,200 for every man, woman, and child in America. But, this doesn’t include unfunded mandates. These are monies the government doesn’t have but has promised to pay, such as Medicare and Social Security. Both are running cash flow deficits and running out of money in 2026 and 2035 respectively. The Social Security unfunded mandate is \$13.9 trillion, and the short fall for Medicare is \$42.3 trillion. All combined, each American effectively owes some \$240,000 worth of national debt and unfunded mandates. That is equal to the average home price for American families, so this is like having two mortgages instead of one. Source: *Daily Signal*, August 15, 2019

We the People

“The choice of public magistrates belongs unto THE PEOPLE by God’s own allowance...The privilege of election... belongs to the The People...according to the blessed will and law of God.”

Rev. Thomas Hooker, 1638

“The magistrate is not the king. THE PEOPLE are the king.”

Gouverneur Morris, signer of the Constitution.

“THE PEOPLE are the Sovereign of this country.” *John Jay, First Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. 1793*

“THE PEOPLE of these United States are the rightful Masters of both congresses and the courts.”

Abraham Lincoln in debate with Stephen Douglas.

“THE PEOPLE are the government, administering it by their agents; they are the government, the Sovereign Power.” *President Andrew Jackson, 1841*

“The Founding Fathers understood that only by making government the servant not the master, only by depositing Sovereignty in THE PEOPLE and not the state can we hope to protect freedom.”

President Ronald Reagan, 1983

“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” *John Adams, 1789*

All the above quotes are from the American Minute by Bill Federer November 5, 2019

Alabama Teen Eagles

By Lori Herring, Director of Alabama Teen Eagles

Shortly after Becky Gerritson was hired as the Executive Director of Alabama Eagle Forum, I was asked to fill the role as Alabama Eagle Forum Director of Teen Eagles. I gladly accepted the role, as it fit with many of my passions: I had homeschooled our sons until the last one graduated a few years ago (a total of 28 years), I love working and teaching teens as they develop their critical thinking skills and construct their worldview, I had been a registered nurse for 30 years with most of my practice centered on labor and delivery and pediatrics which makes me passionate about the pro-life movement. I look forward to establishing a statewide network of Teen Eagle chapters to train the next generation to stand up for family values, liberty, conservative legislation and small government. Our goals are spelled out below. If you know of a teen who would be interested in participating in discussion, debate, and activities related to current events, history and politics or of someone who would like to lead a chapter, please contact me at alteeneagledirector@gmail.com or call/text me at 334-301-4253.

Goals of Teen Eagle Alabama

“Freedom is never more than one generation from extinction”

~ Ronald Reagan

1. Enable our youth to understand the conservative views of current issues by examining the views of both the conservatives and the liberals.
2. Provide opportunities for students to intern with Eagle Forum leaders, state representatives or political campaigns.
3. Teach our youth how to engage in the civic discourse.
4. Teach our youth the fundamentals of capitalism & government.
5. Give our students an understanding of the original intent of our Constitution and Constitutional Law.
6. Understand how an idea becomes a bill, then becomes a law by assigning them a bill in the Alabama Legislature to follow all the way through to disposition.
7. Teach the fundamentals of debate.
8. Use the internet to engage the students on a weekly basis to provoke critical thinking skills about current events.
9. Assist students in developing their worldviews and to be able to recognize the underlying worldview in others.
10. Teach the students how to best discuss family conservative issues in a productive way with the uninformed and misinformed people in their path.
11. Provide opportunity for mentorship to young conservatives while a Teen Eagle and beyond.
12. Teach the students how to effectively lobby at the local, state, and national levels.

Support Teen Eagles Today.

Deaths Linked to Puberty Blocking Drugs

In an article published on October 2, 2019, by *Breitbart News*, Dr. Susan Berry wrote about the thousands of deaths and adverse reactions linked to the most common drug used as puberty blockers in the “treatment” of children and teens confused about their sexuality so that they claim to be transgender. According to Dr. Berry, between 2013 and June 2019, the FDA recorded 41,213 adverse events, including 6,379 deaths and 25,645 “serious” reactions in patients who took the hormone blocker known as Lupron. These deaths were among adults being treated with the drug. But, it stands to reason that if the drug is not safe for adults, it is not safe for children and teens who are not fully developed.

This drug is clinically approved for the treatment of prostate cancer in men and endometriosis in women. But, it is also being used “off label” (unapproved by the FDA for that use) as a puberty blocker on more and more children who have been diagnosed as having gender dysphoria or believing their gender identity is not consistent with their biological sex.

Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Endocrine society support the use of this drug for gender dysphoria—despite the fact that there is no evidence that such treatment benefits those receiving the drug for this purpose. The American College of Pediatricians, a completely separate organization, does not support this treatment and has compiled important research on the effects of puberty-blocking drugs. They report that complications include malignant tumors, cardiovascular events, such as heart attacks and blood clots, suicidal behavior and other psychological disorders, brittle bones, painful joints, and sterility.

As Dr. Berry points out in her article, “It undoubtedly causes irreversible loss of fertility and many other adverse effects that are potentially lethal. It does not turn a male child into a female child, only into a eunuch who will lose his full potential for growth and strength. Children have no capacity to comprehend these long-term consequences, so the use of this drug in gender-confused children constitutes unethical experimentation; informed consent is not possible.”

The big winner in the use of these drugs appears to be the pharmaceutical companies which produce these drugs. Dr. Berry reports that “in 2017, AbbVie, which makes Lupron, reported sales in the U. S. alone of \$669 million.” According to the article, “Lupron costs \$775 monthly.” And if the child progresses to cross-sex hormones, those drugs must be taken for the rest of the life of the patient. This cost, along with the cost of doctors and surgical centers, are a real boon to those in the medical profession who practice such “medicine.” With the increase to epidemic levels of referrals to gender clinics, this will be a major windfall of profits, but at what cost to the individuals and to society?

Also, according to the article in *Breitbart*, St. Louis-based pediatric endocrinologist Dr. Paul Hruz told the *Christian Post*, “there is much that is unknown about giving hormone blockers to children.” He went on to say, “It’s often claimed that medical blockage of puberty allows a child more time to sort out issues of their gender identity.” But while they say it is safe and reversible, Dr. Hruz says “Lupron does influence bone density and since adolescence is a time when young people accumulate the bone mass essential for the rest of their lives, there is cause for concern about whether a young person can gain back bone density once they go off the drug.”

The Surgeon General should step in and investigate such drugs as Lupron, which are very risky, that are being used off-label to arrest the normal development of thousands of healthy adolescents. Also, it is time to fully address the issue of treating a psychological problem with such dangerous physical drugs rather than treating the underlying mental confusion.

We need legislation to protect children and teens from this exploitation. At least three states are addressing this, and we trust that the Alabama legislature also will do so in the next legislative session.



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