

KidWind Challenge makes Green Energy Moonies

The telegraph station we built out of paper milk cartons, wire-wrapped nails and flashlight batteries in my 6th grade science class back in 1975 taught us about principles of electricity and communication – not about fleecing taxpayers with politically-charged corporate welfare.

But that’s the youth indoctrination effort pitched each year by the Kansas Corporation Commission with its “KidWind Challenge.” This nationwide propaganda program is sponsored by all the heavy hitters of Green Energy, which the KCC dutifully promotes to public schools across the state in an effort to help Big Green make unquestioning lackies out of Kansas school children.

The KCC picked up a cool \$65,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Indoctrination–I mean–Energy to run KidWind this year. That may seem like a lot of clams for a school project competition, but it does keep KCC in the company of mega-buck federal tax credit addicts like EDP Renewables and Dominion Energy who’ve been tapping taxpayers for decades now. With publicly-funded tuition making Green Soldiers out of Kansas school kids for the Renewable Energy Industry, just think of it as your tax dollars making Moonies out of your kids.

As if that’ll make it easier to swallow. So while KCC and these other green energy pimps sugar coat wind energy like the Victory Gardens of World War II that will defeat fossil fuel tyranny, the other half of Kansas which opposes this government dependent, equity destroying, landscape ravaging debacle are left with less tax money and a whole class of youth that will need deprogramming by heavy doses of scientific reality.

The basics of KidWind is pretty simple but it’s the irony of the “challenge” that makes it as silly as the actually industry it coddles. In a nutshell, kids make a toy wind turbine and they test it to see how well it does – in a wind tunnel... a wind tunnel that itself is powered by... wait for it... fossil fuel produced electricity from whatever gas or coal plant services the testing site.

That’s a point that’s not brought up during the challenge – presumably because it might raise too many challenging questions. Even Moonies can be darned inquisitive.

And those questions abound. KidWind’s rules and operational plans don’t discuss the political division wind farms bring to rural communities that value the pristine landscapes and skylines that really put the “country” in “the country.”

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Nor do they discuss how a scheme of federal tax credits to Big Business operations that promote wind are really the only reasons wind farms exist to begin with.

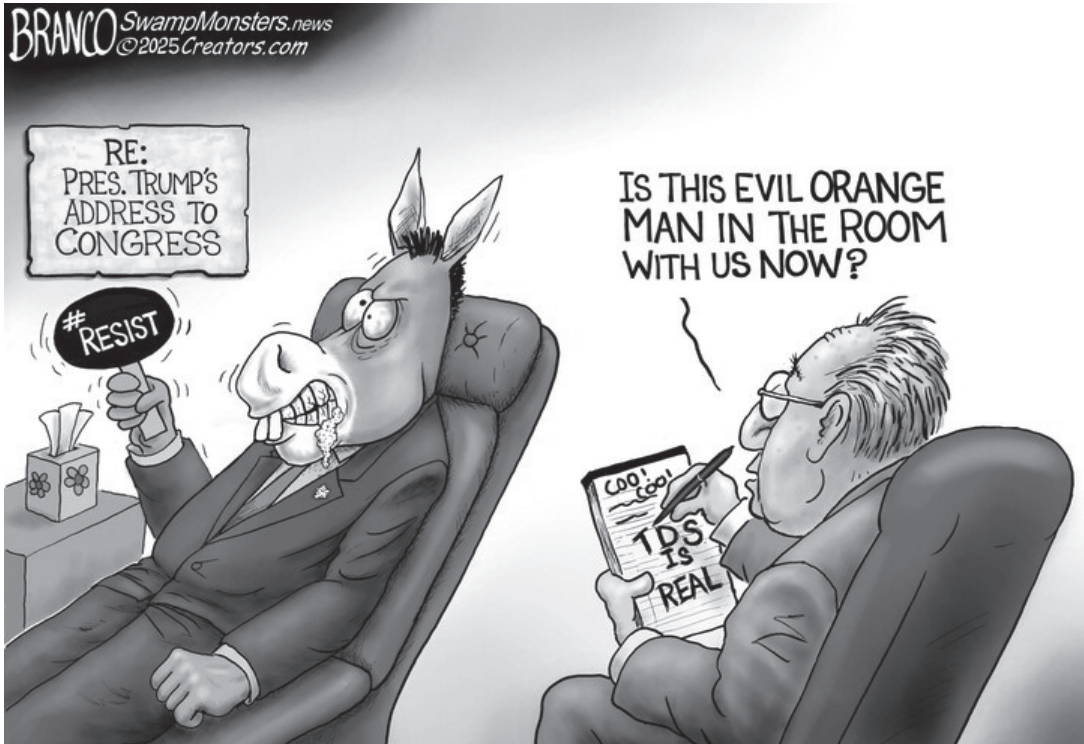
Also forgotten are the basics of the wind farm fairy tale – that somehow we can replace “always-on” electrical generation powered by nuke, coal or natural gas with “sometimes-on” wind farms that only produce power when the wind blows. The practical effect? That any wind power we might depend on better be backed up by dependable production – unless you’re willing to tolerate a power system that only works when the wind blows.

Of course the wind industry has that one solved: The wind’s got to be blowing somewhere, so just build wind farms everywhere, as long as Uncle Sam’s footing enough of the bill.

That pulse on, pulse off nature of wind turbine fields connected to the regional power grid is also a real treat for the engineers and technicians who are trying to run that grid with the idea of keeping it consistent across broad segments of the country. Imagine a non-stop game of wack-a-mole across a massive electrical grid every time the weather pattern changes.

The parents of the KidWinders might have a different perspective from the KCC and the big money wind companies. All across Eastern Kansas and in some other counties as well, adults who are a little less starry-eyed about pie-in-the sky causes are stopping wind farm developments in their tracks. It happened here in Anderson County, Linn County, most recently in Franklin and Osage counties and even out in Reno County. People who live in the

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My wife complains to the dog about things she’s mad at me for when she knows I can hear her and I told her she’s being ridiculous. After she leaves, I just explain my side of it.

Watching the Democrats during President Trump’s joint session of congress address only goes to prove how much they want the best for we the American people. Not. It’s time they are deported along with the illegal criminals who wish us harm.

They make their money by taking advantage of the working class. They fight against funding fair wages and healthcare. You’ll never see

Fox News talk about it. Hundreds of billions aren’t enough for these parasites. They want more at your expense. Yet somany middle class Republicans follow them blindly. They are currently running unchecked and have zero accountability. These people are all out only for themselves and will never pay their fair share of taxes. They aren’t draining the swamp, they are the swamp.

Democrats need to revisit their latest “be kind” slogan after their cruel display of inhumanity during the State of The Union address.

Thank you for running that commentary by Kylie Griswold of The Federalist last week, “Just a glance tells us that it’s time to go back to slut shaming.” Anyone who didn’t see it needs to go find a copy of last week’s Review. Kylie is another one of those brave souls who is saying out loud what we are all thinking.

Dane Hicks, I just want to let you know that I really appreciate the opinion page of your newspaper. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

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Rename BLM Plaza for someone worthy: Lakin Riley

Black Lives Matter Plaza will soon be no more.

The toxic, radical, left-wing street graffiti that defaced two blocks of 16th Street NW near the White House will be removed in the coming months. District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser made the decision in response to a congressional proposal that threatened to withhold federal funds unless the mural was removed. It was a brilliant political maneuver to rid the district of such disgraceful left-wing cultural propaganda. However, rather than just removing it, the street section should be immediately renamed — and named after Laken Riley.

After all, Bowser’s decision to remove Black Lives Matter Plaza came during the same week was the first anniversary of the House’s passing of the Laken Riley Act. What better way to commemorate the life of the innocent 22-year-old nursing student who was brutally murdered by an illegal immigrant than to rename the area in her honor? Instead of being named after a corrupt activist organization and dishonest and deceitful socio-political movement, it would be named after a woman who wanted to devote her life to helping others.

There are many possibilities, including “Laken Riley Boulevard,” “Laken Riley

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Avenue,” or “Laken Riley Place.” All of these would be much more suitable than “Black Lives Matter Plaza.” BLM caused chaos and destruction, instigating divisiveness throughout the nation. It is an organization predicated on promoting dishonest narratives, usually accompanied by hypersensationalized claims of racism. Riley wanted to save lives and help others, whereas BLM and its acolytes facilitated violence with riots around the country while gas-lighting an entire nation with dishonest assertions of systemic racism and white supremacy.

Consider the destruction BLM facilitated throughout the nation. During a pandemic, law enforcement officials, first responders, and other emergency personnel were forced to divert depleted resources to protect protesters and demonstrators. Rioters linked to the movement assaulted innocent people, shot elderly police

officers, destroyed communities, looted stores, stole merchandise, and were given free rein to break laws and violate safety protocols meant to prevent the spread of a deadly virus due to the coddling nature and a misguided allegiance to social justice.

Furthermore, while Riley was going to school to learn how to help save lives, the BLM rioters caused billions of dollars in damage and injured over 2,000 police officers, and over 20 people were reportedly killed. Also, rioters tried to burn down multiple police precincts throughout the country with officers still inside.

Laken Riley is worth remembering. BLM, on the other hand, deserves to be banished into the ash heap of history.

The first anniversary of the House passing the Laken Riley Act was on March 7. It was legislation that came in response to a gruesome tragedy that highlighted the incompetencies and failures of the Biden administration on border security. As Black Lives Matter Plaza enters its last days of existence, Republicans should introduce legislation to rename it after the innocent college-aged woman who was murdered because of the horrible immigration policies championed by former President Joe Biden and Democrats.

The stretch of street should be named after someone with heroic qualities, not something with villainous ones.

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Say it and spell it: “Yes” to English as the official language

“Official” is a very English word. It has its roots in the Old French “official” and the Latin “officialis,” and now -- thanks to a new Trump executive order -- describes the status of the English language.

President Trump’s executive action making English our official language repeals a Bill Clinton executive order that required the government, as well as groups receiving federal funds, to provide language assistance to non-English speakers.

Trump’s move will have little practical effect, since the increase in bilingualism in the United States has been driven by high levels of immigration from Spanish-speaking countries rather than direct government action.

Still, the executive order is an important symbolic statement, and its basic premises are correct.

“A nationally designated language,” the executive order says, “is at the core of a unified and cohesive society, and the United States is strengthened by a citizenry that can freely exchange ideas in one shared language.”

This is certainly true of having an overwhelmingly dominant language, whether it is technically designated the official language or not.

But the order is hateful and threatening to all those groups for whom “e pluribus unum” -- to resort to a long-dead language -- no longer has appeal.

The communications director for the pro-immigration group United We Dream huffed: “Trump is trying to send the message that if you’re not white, rich and speak English, you don’t belong here. Let me be clear: Immigrants are here to stay. No matter how hard Trump tries, he can’t erase us.”

Notably, she made her statement in English.

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About half of immigrants in the U.S., by the way, are proficient English speakers. Are they “erasing” themselves?

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus commented: “Trump’s plan to make English official is a direct attack on our diversity and history. Millions of Americans speak other languages and that doesn’t make them any less American.”

It’s no disrespect to speakers of, say, Tagalog or Haitian Creole to send the message that English has been and will continue to be our predominant language. Anyone not learning English is excluding themselves from the mainstream of American life, and limiting their educational and economic opportunities.

A New York Times headline snarked, “Trump Made English the Official Language in a Country with 350 of Them.”

That’s part of the impetus, rather than a contradiction. The language police obviously aren’t going to show up in ethnic neighborhoods with copies of Strunk & White. Nevertheless, it is

very important that the leading status of the English language not be challenged. Language-based divisions can cause deep ruptures in otherwise peaceable, well-run societies -- just ask the Canadians, Belgians or Spanish, all of whom have been riven by secession movements in regions that speak different languages.

If the U.S. ever adopts a more fully merit-based immigration system, English-language ability should be one of the criteria.

Ours, it should be noted, is a very good language. The vocabulary is incredibly rich. Thanks to copious borrowings over the centuries, especially from Latin and Norman French, there are more than half a million words in the Oxford English Dictionary, whereas German has about 185,000 words and French not even 100,000.

The co-authors of the delightful book “The Story of English” note that the English language didn’t exist when Julius Caesar invaded Britain a couple of millennia ago. Then, 500 years later it was spoken by as many people as speak Cherokee today. By Shakespeare’s time in the 16th century, several million Englishmen spoke it, and, a couple of hundred years after that, it had exploded around the globe.

Today, about 1.5 billion people speak English. Only about 400 million of those speak it as their first language. It is the language of business, entertainment and the internet. There are more English speakers in India than the U.K. and roughly as many English speakers in Nigeria as in Britain.

No language has ever been as ubiquitous, and the U.S. government is now giving it its official due.

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