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## EDITORIAL

### **All Moral Resources of Humanity Have To Be Called Up: Will Humanity Show Its Moral Fitness To Survive?**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—Lyndon LaRouche posed the question on Oct. 12, 1988, as he forecast the takedown of the Berlin Wall and the coming reunification of Germany: “The state of the world as we have known it during the

postwar period is ended; the only question is, whether the new era will be better or worse than the era we are in now.”

Are we willing to take as an answer the increasingly dire situation at the border of Belarus and Poland? As freezing temperatures set in, thousands of human beings fleeing from countries such as Iraq, Syria, and Cameroon, and trying to reach safe conditions in the EU, are being used in a very dangerous geopolitical game, with fraudulent accusations of responsibility leveled against Belarusian President Lukashenko and Russian President Putin by morally bankrupt pawns such as EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. As the crisis began to unfold, Russian officials, among others, made the obvious and truthful point: The ocean of refugees and migrants fleeing their countries today (in horrifyingly record numbers) were not created by Belarus or Russia, but by the interventionist, war-making policies of Western nations over the past 30 years.

Will people in seemingly “advanced” nations such as the United States and Europe soon find themselves in not-dissimilar living conditions, as hyperinflation in energy and commodity prices now setting in makes heating their homes this winter an increasingly unaffordable prospect—all while skyrocketing fuel and fertilizer prices are forcing farmers to cut back or cease their planting crops for next spring and summer’s harvest?

Dangerous and dire as the current trajectory is, the answer to Lyndon LaRouche’s question is not, as of yet, completely determined. There is certainly no solution to a crisis as grave as ours within the given geometry—therefore, the only possibility is a creative intervention rooted in a moral determination for a complete change of policy.

Now just one day away, the Schiller Institute conference of Nov. 13-14 could not be more timely, nor solutions to the subject matter to be discussed more desperately needed. Participants from Europe, the United States, Russia, and China will take up the crucial topic of avoiding a strategic crisis between the major powers; representatives from Afghanistan, Haiti, the U.S., and Europe will discuss the global economic breakdown and what can and must be done; scientists from Africa, Europe,

the U.S., and Russia will take on the fraudulent claims of the climate alarmists who insist that the world needs fewer people; and educational and cultural leaders from the U.S., Europe, and Asia will address perhaps the most important topic of all: the soul of mankind, the necessity for a beautiful culture worthy of the dignity of man.

This extraordinary event, part of an ongoing series of such interventions, can and must be a catalyst for new actions taken by actors on the political stage today to put humanity on a trajectory for a new era, one which stands in relation to today's crisis as a new renaissance which overcame a dark age.

[Register on the Schiller Institute website](#) to participate now.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday November 12, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## GREEN NEW DEAL

### Anti-Fossil Fuels Passage Won't Survive Glasgow Final Agreement

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—At the COP26 conference, India put a *de facto* veto on a final agreement to “phase out” coal and subsidies for fossil fuels. In an interview with Bloomberg, India's Environment Secretary, Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, “pushed back on proposed language in the final Glasgow agreement that countries will ‘accelerate the phasing-out of coal and subsidies for fossil fuels.’ Gupta said the nation will only move away from the dirtiest fossil fuel if it gets the financial support it's asking for. In a press conference, Gupta explained that advanced countries have to compensate for all the CO2 they have accumulated in the past,” reported one news outlet.

Prime minister Modi had declared at COP26 on Nov. 2 that “India expects developed countries to make \$1 trillion available as climate finance

as soon as possible,” and now it is clear that this is only for India, and that it is a precondition for accepting an exit from fossil fuels.

“They want \$1 trillion in funds just for India by 2030—ten times more than the unmet \$100 billion a year for all poor countries sought under previous deals,” Bloomberg news wrote. “Over a decade, that would mean advanced economies have to give India the same amount of funds they’ve promised for all poor countries.”

U.S. climate envoy John Kerry met with the Indian delegation in Glasgow, after which he said he “won’t promise” one trillion for India and still needed to look at the details.

### **U.S.-China Joint ‘Glasgow Declaration’**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—The United States and China issued a long, joint statement on Nov. 10, “[Enhancing Climate Action in the 2020s](#),” that was published on the State Department website. It was further clarified by Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin today, who explained, “Building on the China-U.S. Joint Statement Addressing the Climate Crisis released in Shanghai in April and the talks in Tianjin in September, this joint declaration further puts forward specific measures for China and the U.S. to carry out their respective domestic actions, promote bilateral cooperation and advance multilateral processes.” The general tenor is that both parties agreed on broad goals, but acknowledged respective different positions. For instance, the statement says, “The United States has announced the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Action Plan,” but it is not followed by a similar Chinese announcement.

Or: “The United States has set a goal to reach 100% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035,” a statement followed by: “China will phase down coal consumption during the 15th Five Year Plan and make best efforts to accelerate this work.”

Indeed, *Global Times* stresses that the joint declaration reflects “the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities as well as taking into account national conditions.”

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### Germany's 2022 Harvest Threatened by Threefold Increase on Price of Fertilizers

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—Some farmers in Germany are considering giving up planting for the 2022 harvest for fear of continued price increases, according to a Nov. 8 report by Christine Schneider in Bavaria's Bayerischer Rundfunk television network. Reflecting growing concerns, Bavarian farmer Max Ampferl in the sugar beet production industry reports that last year he purchased nitrogen fertilizer for €170/ton, whereas this summer it cost €270/ton, and it now costs €550/ton. Not only is it expensive, but it has also become scarce, as fertilizer producers, such as SKW Stickstoffwerke Piesteritz in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany's largest ammonia and urea nitrogen producer, have reduced production by 30% because of the high prices of natural gas, the main resource for producing ammonia. The companies anticipate that farmers will reduce their production due to high production costs, and have thus lowered their output in advance, creating a vicious cycle.

Some farmers are about to stop planting their winter wheat—planted in autumn or winter and harvested in last spring or summer—and other crops that have to be fertilized three times before harvest, fearing that costs will further rise next year.

To make the outlook even worse, diesel prices have risen €0.40/liter higher than last year. Some of farmers, who have to use their tractors and harvesters heavily, will face a rise in fuel costs of up to €40,000 this year.

Though a particular case in Germany, this reflects a far more widespread crisis. In the United States, nitrogen fertilizer (anhydrous) set a record-high price this week at \$1,113/ton, a 38% rise over last month, and 163% higher than this time last year. Seven other major fertilizers rose 9%-36%. What will happen in states like Kansas, for example, which produces 26% of all U.S. winter wheat?

**UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC****As Inflation Smashes U.S., Will Biden's Change in Narrative from Climate to Infrastructure Lead Back to Sanity?**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—The consumer price index for October officially rose 6.2% over last October, its biggest increase since 1990. Worse, it was up 0.9% over the preceding month, indicating that the rate of increase is also increasing. Energy, shelter, food, and vehicle costs led the way—four categories hard for people to miss.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) tweeted yesterday that the “the threat posed by record inflation to the American people is not ‘transitory’ and is instead getting worse. From the grocery store to the gas pump, Americans know the inflation tax is real, and D.C. can no longer ignore the economic pain Americans feel every day.” Kevin Brady (R-TX), ranking member on the House Ways and Means Committee, wrote on the GOP committee blog yesterday: “No wonder Americans now rank inflation alongside Covid as their biggest concerns—and believe Biden’s \$4 trillion tax-and-spending binge will only make prices worse.” CNN ran a poll to send a message to Biden, showing that 58% of people think that Biden has not paid sufficient attention to the nation’s problems. The issue most cited as cause for concern was the economy, 36%, significantly surpassing the second-place pandemic at 20%.

Biden’s response to the inflation report—and to last week’s electoral message, that “It’s the economy, stupid!”—was to head to the Port of Baltimore and not talk about carbon trading. After bragging that the U.S. has “highest growth rate in decades, fastest decrease in unemployment ever,” he lamented that Americans are only seeing the rising prices. After expressing how much he shares their pain, he actually detailed some content from the \$1.2 trillion “infrastructure” bill, arguing that it will end the shortages of consumer goods and battle inflation. Specifically, he concentrated upon the \$17 billion of the \$1.2 trillion bill that involves improving the ports: “It’s going to modernize our ports with \$17 billion dollars in investment.... We’re going to reduce congestion. We’re going to

address repair and maintenance backlogs, deploy state-of-the-art technologies, and make our port cleaner and more efficient.” He explained about half of the \$17 billion, referring to: \$420 million in grants for ports and marine highways, to be launched within 45 days; identification of coastal and waterway projects for \$4 billion in funding for Army Corps of Engineers construction; \$3.4 billion to modernize and expand ports of entry within 90 days; \$475 million in port infrastructure grants, with open competition bids to begin within 90 days. Perhaps too little and too late, but for one day, it wasn’t “climate change.”

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### U.S. Joins with Russia and China in Discussions To Stabilize Afghanistan

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—The United States, Russia, and China—the Troika—all met together today in Islamabad, hosted by Pakistan, hence, the “Troika Plus.” The three were each represented by their special envoys on Afghanistan, and Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi opened the affair: “The engagement with Afghanistan must not only continue but should be enhanced for multiple reasons. Nobody wishes to see a relapse into civil war, no one wants an economic collapse that will spur instability; everyone wants terrorist elements operating inside Afghanistan to be tackled effectively and we all want to prevent a new refugee crisis.”

He continued that, “Today, Afghanistan stands at the brink of an economic collapse.” Any further economic deterioration would “severely limit” the Taliban government’s ability to run the country. “It is, therefore, imperative for the international community to buttress provision of humanitarian assistance on an urgent basis.” Resumption of funding “will dovetail into our efforts to regenerate economic activities and move the Afghan economy towards stability and sustainability.” Generally, the Pakistani position has been that the U.S. should return to Afghanistan the \$9 billion it’s been holding, that development aid be allowed, and

Afghanistan be folded into China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the flagship portion of the Belt and Road Initiative.

A key question is whether the new U.S. Envoy for Afghanistan Thomas West and the Biden administration will listen to reason: That Washington must unfreeze the \$9 billion in Afghan money to allow the situation in Afghanistan to even begin to be stabilized. Qureshi underlined his point: “If you think that you are far, Europe is safe and those areas you imagine will not be affected by terrorism, don’t forget the history. We have learned from the history, and we don’t want to repeat those mistakes made in the past.”

A delegation from Afghanistan headed by Taliban Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi (whose travel to Pakistan and presence at the meeting is suggested by some as a first step toward official recognition by certain countries), addressed the Troika Plus meeting in what was officially referred to as a “side meeting.” Reports were that they could address the concerns of Russia, China, and the U.S. on women’s rights, on a representative government, and on eliminating international terrorists from their land—but, as reported by WION, the \$9 billion had to be unfrozen.

A [Joint Statement on the Troika Plus Meeting](#) of 15 points was unanimously agreed upon. Notably, while it did not mention the \$9 billion explicitly, point 14 reflected a somewhat contorted compromise statement: They “acknowledged international humanitarian actors’ concerns regarding the country’s serious liquidity challenges and committed to continue focusing on measures to ease access to legitimate banking services.” Otherwise, the language on the terrorism matter was fairly blunt: The Taliban is to “dismantle and eliminate” international terrorist groups “in a decisive manner.”

Qureshi was scheduled to meet privately with Muttaqi at the conclusion of the deliberations, and Thomas West announced that he would be traveling on to Russia and India. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova confirmed that West would meet in Moscow with Russian Special Presidential Representative for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov on Nov. 15.

Of note, point 3 of the 15 likely was of particular interest to India, as their offer to send Afghanistan a large shipment of grain has been tied up over transportation issues. Point 3 called for the rapid opening up of air cargo traffic into various points of Afghanistan. Interestingly, India's proposal seems to suggest collaboration with its arch-rival, Pakistan.

### **Putin and Merkel Discuss the Belarus-Poland Crisis Again**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—As the UN Security Council was expected to meet Nov. 11 on an emergency basis upon request by France, Ireland, and Estonia, acting German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian President Vladimir Putin had the second telephone talk in two days on the Belarus-Poland crisis.

According to the Kremlin account, Putin reiterated his advice to restore “contacts between the EU states and Belarus with a view to resolving this problem.” (The EU had cut off relations with Belarus after President Alexander Lukashenko won the August 9, 2020 election, and to this day, pretends that Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, who fled the country on Aug. 10, holds office.) Putin also addressed the question of Ukraine’s “destructive policy, which is relying increasingly on force. Thus, it is using assault drones in violation of the Minsk Package of Measures.” The [Kremlin statement](#) further stressed that “the destabilizing and dangerous provocations by the armed forces of the United States and other NATO countries in the Black Sea was also noted.”

Meanwhile, in the midst of a dangerously escalating situation, Belarus President Lukashenko threatened to shut down the Yamal-Europe gas pipeline that supplies Europe with Russian gas if the EU extends new sanctions against Belarus for “causing” the border crisis. “We furnish Europe with heat, yet they threaten to close the border. And what if we shut off natural gas there? Therefore, I would recommend that the Polish leadership, the Lithuanians, and other empty-headed individuals think before they speak,” Lukashenko said, as quoted by BelTA news agency reported TASS.

Yamal-Europe goes from Russian gas fields to Belarus, where it takes a northern route through Poland to Germany, and a southern route through Ukraine to the Czech Republic and Austria.

“But it is up to them. If they close [the border], let them do it,” Lukashenko said. At the same time, he ordered the Foreign Ministry “to warn everyone in Europe: If they introduce additional sanctions that are ‘indigestible’ and ‘unacceptable’ for us, then we should respond.”

### **Russian Ambassador Antonov on Blinken’s Meeting with Ukraine**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Ukraine’s Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, signed a new “[U.S.-Ukraine Charter of Strategic Partnership](#)” on Nov. 10. In it, they agree that Ukraine owns Crimea and that the two countries are to expand ten different spheres of activity, leading with “political, security, defense.” Further, they hold Russia responsible for conflict in the Donbas and “intend to continue a range of substantive measures to prevent external direct and hybrid aggression against Ukraine.” The meaning of the fashionable term “hybrid aggression” is unclear, but its use is clearly a case of direct aggression against the English language.

Russia’s Ambassador to the U.S. [Anatoly Antonov](#) responded to the “Charter on Strategic Partnership” on the Embassy Facebook page early Nov. 11 that: “The document is full of catchwords. Many of them are harmful.... Moreover, almost in every line we can see that the Charter is geared against Russia geopolitically. Any ambitions to see Kiev becoming a member of NATO are unacceptable. Plans to deliver weapons to the Kiev regime will only worsen the situation in the southeast of Ukraine. In our opinion, another opportunity to make Kiev stop the war has been lost....”

## **SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Afghanistan: It’s Water, Stupid**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—An article on [opium in Afghanistan](#) today for British daily *Guardian*, which boasts backing by the Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation, may assume (or hope) that the poppy production is there to stay, because the economy won't be transformed. However, in the process of reviewing where 80% of the world's opium comes from, the article provides a glimpse of the obvious solution. Both the government and the poppy growers know that water could be made available, and the opium production would disappear.

*Guardian* author Shah Meer Baloch reports that the drought is destroying the other crops. Then, he quotes Abdul Ahad, Governor of Helmand province, where the poppy cultivation is centered: "Farmers are faced with a looming threat of drought. Farmlands and orchards are badly affected and that will force many farmers to grow poppies, because it remains the only lifeline. If the international community does not accept our demands and the demands of civilians, farmers and the government, the farmers would go back to poppy cultivation because we have no other option. The international community should help in making dams, provide seeds and help the farmers to grow other crops." That is, they demand what the United States famously delivered in the 1950s and 1960s, building up the Helmand River valley with a "[TVA Project](#)," as *EIR* document in August.

Baloch interviews two opium farmers. Mohammed Yaqoob has grown poppy for 20 years in Helmand's Musa Qala: "I want the foreigners to leave us Afghans alone and only help us by providing us with seeds and other facilities for agriculture; then we may grow something else other than opium. Otherwise, there is no alternative for us." Amrullah has grown poppy for 40 years in Musa Qala: "We don't get anything from wheat and vegetables, which need a lot of water and can't supplement our income."

## **BioNTech Scientists Consider a Vaccine Against Cancer in Five Years**

Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—The two BioNTech scientists who developed the anti-Covid vaccination, Ugur Sahin and Özlem Türeci, are confident about achieving in five years a vaccine against cancer, based on the same messenger RNA (mRNA) technology. Indeed, their mRNA research was

aimed at a cancer vaccine from the beginning, and it was put to use in developing the Covid vaccine because of the pandemic.

“We have 15 cancer vaccines undergoing clinical trials, the most advanced being the one against melanoma,” they said in an interview published Nov. 10 with the Italian daily *La Repubblica*.

The mRNA technique “is the oldest form of programming built by nature, because it passes the instructions to the cells to produce proteins. We immediately understood the enormous potential there was in providing information—at our will—directly to immune cells, encoding them in the mRNA. Then let the immune system do what it does best: protect our bodies from threats,” explained the two, who founded BioNtech in 2008. So, the pandemic represented only the baptism of fire. They stressed, “In 2022, we plan to start clinical trials for vaccines against malaria and tuberculosis. And we will continue with our program for an HIV vaccine. But it does not end there: mRNA allows us to reprogram the immune system not only to stimulate it, but also to calm it, and this will be important for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, where the damage is done by a hyperreactive immune system, and in regenerative medicine.”

## CULTURAL COLLAPSE

### Greens’ Eco-Anxiety Threatens the Unborn

PARIS, Nov. 11 (EIRNS)—In a paper published by the *British Medical Journal*, two researchers of the “Ethnicity and Health Unit,” of the Department of Primary Care and Public Health at London’s Imperial College warn that the “levels of eco-anxiety are growing, particularly among children and young people, and are likely to be significant and potentially damaging to individuals and society.”

After a review of the IPCC’s apocalyptic gospel, the scientists comment, “Evidence points to a clear relation between experiencing climate change effects and the increased risks of depression, low mood, extreme mental

distress, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide, and further deterioration in those with a history of mental illness.”

A 2020 survey of child psychiatrists in England highlighted “that more than half (57%) are seeing children and young people distressed about the climate crisis and the state of the environment.” These results were confirmed recently by the “largest and most international” survey of climate anxiety in young people aged 16 to 25 to date. The study explored how young people’s emotions are linked with “their feelings of betrayal and abandonment by governments and adults. Governments are seen as failing to respond adequately, leaving young people with ‘no future’ and ‘humanity doomed.’ ”

A survey of 10,000 young people (ages 16-25) in ten countries, published as a non-peer-reviewed preprint in September in the Planetary Health section of *The Lancet*, reported that 84% of young Westerners surveyed are worried about global warming, 59% are extremely worried, and 40% are reluctant to have children.

In a Nov. 9 article titled “They Don’t Want Children in Response to the Climate Crisis,” the French daily *Le Figaro* presents the arguments given: “Lyz, 16, has already told her parents, she will never be a mother. ‘She didn’t wait for Greta Thunberg,’ says her father. The same goes for Elena, 22 years old. This worldwide phenomenon of those who are sometimes called ‘Ginks’ (for ‘Green inclinations, no kids’) is less and less rare.”

There are two types of arguments: “ ‘I can’t bring a child into today’s world with all the problems it faces, between global warming, the energy crisis and the threat of our societies collapsing,’ says Blandine, who feels that she is ‘in an anthropogenic impasse, like some of the young people—and the not so young—making this choice.’ The other argument can be summed up by Leilani Münter, former American racing driver, very present on social networks, when she states that ‘if we want to save this planet, we have no choice but to address the problem of human overpopulation.’ ” *Le Figaro*, then throws out: “Each unborn child would avoid emission of 58 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (that’s 50 round trips from Paris to New York).”