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EDITORIAL

Free and Sovereign Republics? Or Digital Dictatorship

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The frontline against global digital dictatorship continues hot in the U.S. elections, in the battle involving fighting vote fraud both on the ground, and against the systemic corruption at the top. Waging this fight is one and the same with waging the battle against the Wall Street/City of London drive for global green rule. True to form, some of the leading enemy figures are British nationals—by Appointment to Her Majesty, such as Sir Mark Malloch-Brown, a long-time, self-styled “governance” expert.

President Donald Trump acted decisively last evening to fire Chris Krebs, the person at the Department of Homeland Security in charge of voting security. Krebs headed the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). It turns out that Krebs, a former security chief for Microsoft, who had been appointed by Trump, was in league with the big tech companies, including Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems, in issuing a Nov. 12 statement asserting that the 2020 elections were “the most secure in American history,” and that “there is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised,” all the while these very programs are notorious for their track record of accommodating fraud.

As of January of this year, one executive each from Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems were two of the five-person executive committee of the Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Executive Committee, or SCC, whose name appeared on the Nov. 12 statement, along with Krebs’ CISA, under the rubric of the Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC) Executive Committee. Note, too, that Wall Street private equity vultures are some of the biggest investors in the voting machine “industry.”

Krebs and CISA have completely ignored all the Trump campaign evidence of patterns, irregularities and “glitches” in the vote around the country. Recall the comment, “There is no such thing as a ‘glitch’ ... the software was programmed to do that,” said Bill Binney recently, who is a former technical director at NSA. Reports are also coming forth from foreign observers, about famous episodes of Dominion Voting Systems’ involvement in fraudulent elections in several countries.

In parallel with this election track, financial/political networks are racing ahead for their own green digital dictatorship, to exert control over who has the means of existence and who does not—electricity, water, health care, food, jobs, agro-industrial capacity. President Trump has steadfastly put down this killer green agenda, but the ghouls are gathering to defeat the United States’ stance. This week, Sir Michael Bloomberg is hosting his annual World Economy Forum, featuring “climate” action, and such speakers on the green agenda as Bill and Hillary Clinton. This is all aligned with the economic “Great Reset” promoted by the British Crown networks.

In the United Kingdom itself, the green dictates are coming down hard and fast. On Nov. 11 a terrible national agriculture law was enacted, in which the paradigm has been completely shifted from traditional policies—however inadequate, based on supporting farm production and the food supply, to, instead, new, green policies—first to save the planet, based on non-science, and only secondly to provide food. Watch out, eaters. Farmers have new green rules to obey, or they’re out.

This is happening as well on the Continent, to one degree or another. Yesterday, huge tractorcades rolled into The Hague to protest the crazed rules and agriculture gas emissions. The logistics were so snarled, the army was deployed to protect the city center.

Food is no “future” matter. Seven million people have died of starvation so far this year worldwide, and there will be millions more deaths, as David Beasley, Director of the World Food Program, repeatedly reminds everyone, when calling for emergency and ongoing resources to stop this

holocaust. Yesterday, he announced that the UN will give \$100 million right away, so that \$30 million can go for food and relief to Yemen, and the rest to Afghanistan and points of need in Africa. He and Mark Lowcock, head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, co-wrote an op-ed statement, which appeared Nov. 17 in *The Times* of London, headlined, “We’ve Averted Famine in the Past—We Must Do It Again.”

What pulls all this into one picture is the necessity of national sovereignty and the principle of the common interest among nations, for all peoples. This was addressed this week by world leaders at their annual BRICS Summit (online), hosted by Moscow this year. Presidents Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping and others spoke. President Donald J. Trump must take his place among them for international collaboration at the earliest time possible.

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

UN Releases \$100 Million in Urgent Food Aid, as Famine Growing To Be ‘Bigger Killer’ Than Virus

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The United Nations on Nov. 17 announced that it will provide \$100 million in emergency aid for food and related relief to six countries. It will come out of the [UN Central Emergency Response Fund](#). The largest amount, \$30 million, will go to Yemen. The remaining funds will cover food aid to parts of Nigeria, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Afghanistan.

World Food Program Director David Beasley and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Director Mark Lowcock, who made the announcement, also wrote a joint opinion column Nov. 17 that was published by *The Times* of London, titled, “[We’ve Averted Famine in the Past—We Must Do It Again](#).” They began, “Humankind’s greatest success was to consign famine to history,” but now it is back, and this is “heart wrenching and obscene.” They said, “The world has been understandably preoccupied with COVID-19, but this must not distract us from the bigger

killer.” They called for action. “Do nothing and it will be the catalyst for the grand reversal—the avoidable unravelling of decades of progress.”

Their op-ed states: “The UN’s COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan requires \$10 billion. A drop in the ocean compared to the \$12 trillion stimulus packages of wealthy nations or the \$8 trillion collective net worth of the world’s 2,000 billionaires.”

On Yemen in particular, they point out, “Countries in the region and beyond should collaborate to finance the Yemen relief effort, stabilize the shattered economy, support longer-term development and bring pressure to bear on the warring parties to silence the guns and make peace.” Beasley and Lowcock conclude, “Famines are a stain on humanity. Now is the time to act.”

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Shown To Be 95% Effective, and Also Safe

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—Today, Nov. 18, Pfizer released data from its ongoing Phase 3 trial that indicates that the vaccine is 95% effective, based on an accumulation of 170 cases of COVID-19 among participants in the trial. The Phase 3 testing includes 43,500 participants in six countries, half getting the vaccine and half getting a placebo (a fake shot without the vaccine). Of the 170 cases of COVID-19 so far in the total trial, 162 were in the placebo group, and only 8 were in the vaccinated group. Pfizer noted that the efficacy of the vaccine was “consistent across age, gender, race, and ethnicity demographics.” The efficacy for people over age 65 was 94%. In addition, there were no significant adverse effects of the vaccine reported, indicating an acceptable level of safety. Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said on Nov. 17 that the company was preparing to request an Emergency Use Authorization within days from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The vaccine elicits a response from both of the two major limbs of the immune system, the antibodies and the T-cells. The vaccine uses an advanced technology, messenger RNA, which is a lab-produced gene for the virus spike protein. There is no virus in the vaccine.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC**Trump Sacks DHS Cybersecurity Head Krebs, Who Colluded with Big Tech To Claim ‘No Fraud’**

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, President Donald Trump fired, “effectively immediately,” Christopher Krebs, director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which operates under the aegis of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It turns out that Krebs, a former security chief for Microsoft who had been appointed by Trump, was in league with the big tech companies, including Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems, in asserting that the 2020 elections were “the most secure in American history,” and that “there is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised.”

A joint statement asserting the above was issued on Nov. 12 by the Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC), which includes CISA, and the Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Executive Committees (SCC). As of January of this year, executives from Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems sat on the board of the SCC Executive Committee. Note too that Wall Street’s private equity firms are some of the biggest investors in the voting machine “industry.” So, it’s no surprise that, as reported by the *Washington Examiner* beginning on Nov. 3, CISA launched a “Rumor Control” page denouncing “disinformation” about election results, including any messaging coming from the White House. Krebs had also tweeted several messages urging the public not to share “baseless claims about voting machines, even if they’re made by the President.” The *Examiner* quotes one anonymous source who said that CISA completely ignored the Trump campaign’s court filings on voting irregularities. Another source identified Krebs as part of the “Never Trump” crowd, involved in the coup against the President for the better part of his Presidency.

Krebs’s firing has provoked howls of rage from Nancy Pelosi, who described Krebs as a “deeply respected cybersecurity expert who worked diligently to safeguard our elections and dispel dangerous misinformation.”

Instead of rewarding this “patriotic” behavior, Pelosi screeched, the President has fired Krebs for “speaking truth to power and rejecting Trump’s constant campaign of election falsehoods.”

Powell Insists Trump Won Landslide by 80 Million Votes, not Tech Firms’ Fraud against ‘Will of the People’

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—Appearing last night on Newsmax TV’s “Greg Kelly Reports” program, [Sidney Powell](#), who heads the legal team investigating vote fraud against President Donald Trump, asserted that she thinks the President won the Nov. 3 election by an 80-million vote landslide, and that there is overwhelming evidence to prove that. The vote was so high, surpassing all projections, that Dominion’s algorithms couldn’t perform the way they were supposed to. So, they had to stop the vote count to find a way to “back-fill votes or destroy votes for Trump while fabricating votes for Biden.” She repeated that the software firm Dominion has a long history of vote rigging, because that’s exactly what they were established to do.

Powell reported to host Greg Kelly, “We’ve got increasingly mounting evidence of significant fraud across multiple states that casts into question the validity of elections in every swing state”—Nevada, Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia—as well as other states. Kelly mentioned those liberal legislators—Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar—who in the past have raised doubts about Dominion, but are now calling Powell and others’ allegations a “right-wing, wacky” plot.

The Smartmatic software that Dominion provides is used all over the world, Powell reported. Every tech company, every social media company, and “scads of globalist corporations” have no qualms about doing business with foreign dictators, reflecting widespread corruption. Look at the fact that in the Nov. 3 election, the initial counts came not from the U.S., but from Barcelona, Spain, and Frankfurt, Germany, on foreign servers. So, she concluded, one can easily say that the results reflect “foreign interference” in the U.S. elections. And what’s stunning, she continued, “is the effort mounted to prevent this information from getting out.” Kelly raised the

issue of what Joe Biden might have known about this. After all, he did no real campaigning. Was he confident he could win by other means?

Powell reported that she has in her possession the public statement by the founder of Dominion that his system can “change 1 million votes anytime.” She also repeated her earlier call for CIA Director Gina Haspel to be immediately fired, explaining that there’s no way these programs could be run worldwide without the knowledge of the CIA. Every country used them. So, in this case, what we have, Powell said, is “government interference in the elections” against “the will of the people.”

Facebook and Twitter CEOs Brag to Senate on Effectiveness of Censorship

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—In testimony yesterday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, bragged about how effective they had been this year in censoring “misleading” posts and “conspiracy theories,” while “amplifying credible information” about voting, National Public Radio reported today. So, censorship is a good thing. And, they boasted, they are so responsible that they have continued this activity in the days after the election, too, as votes were still being counted and President Donald Trump and his supporters questioned them. Dorsey bragged that Twitter had flagged 300,000 tweets between Oct. 27 and Nov. 11, for “disputed and potentially misleading” information about the election.

“All taken together, I think that we really went quite far in terms of helping to distribute reliable and accurate information about what was going on during this election,” Zuckerberg boasted. While Dorsey confessed that it was a mistake for Twitter to block users from sharing the *New York Post*’s article about Hunter Biden, he insisted that his backtracking on the initial censorship—not entirely true—shows how open he is to criticism and willing to change—transparently!!

Some Democrats, such as Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal, demanded more censorship—to eliminate “baseless” claims of vote fraud by President Trump and his allies along with their “false claims of victory.”

He complained that Zuckerberg and Dorsey have really only taken “baby steps” in clamping down on “misinformation,” adding that he was worried that “both of your companies are, in fact, backsliding or retrenching—that you are failing to take action against dangerous disinformation, exactly the same kind of voter suppression tactics that existed in the last election.”

Blumenthal pointed to the importance of the Jan. 5 runoff election in Georgia that will determine whether the Republicans will control the Senate. Not to worry, said Zuckerberg. Facebook is taking a “similar approach” to Georgia as it did with the presidential election. In fact, according to Breitbart, the Mark Zuckerberg-funded Center for Technology and Civic Life announced on Nov. 17 that it will provide additional “safe elections” grants to county election departments in Georgia in advance of the Jan. 5, 2021 runoff election. Safe for whom?

Armed Services Committee Chairmen Back Pentagon Plan for Drawdowns in Iraq and Afghanistan

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The reaction against the drawdown plan for Iraq and Afghanistan announced by Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller has been a furious and bipartisan one. The singularity, however, has been the two chairman of the Armed Services Committees, Democrat Adam Smith (D) in the House and Republican James Inhofe (R) in the Senate. Both have their caveats, of course, that the drawdown must be executed carefully so as not to create security concerns for the U.S., and done in consultation with allies; but in the main, both chairmen were supportive.

“After speaking with the acting secretary this morning, I believe reducing our forward deployed footprint in Afghanistan down to 2,500 troops is the right policy decision,” Smith said in a statement. “At the same time, this reduction must be responsibly and carefully executed to ensure stability in the region.”

Inhofe, a staunch Trump supporter, also signalled support for the drawdowns in Afghanistan and Iraq, saying Miller and National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien had assured him they were “consulting with our allies, and that, with their plan, we will be able to carry out our mission of

protecting the American people from terrorist attacks originating in Afghanistan, safeguarding Afghan gains and supporting our partners and allies.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

State Department’s Latest Screed against Rise of ‘Authoritarian’ China and Its Communist Party

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The U.S. State Department’s Office of Policy Planning has just issued a 74-page anti-China, geopolitical screed, “[The Elements of the China Challenge](#),” outlining the policies to be adopted or strengthened in coming years to contain China’s rise—a goal that can only lead to confrontation or all-out war.

The Executive Summary warns, ominously, that “the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has triggered a new era of great-power competition.” It aims “not merely at preeminence within the established world order ... but to fundamentally revise the world order, placing the People’s Republic of China (P.R.C.) at the center and serving Beijing’s authoritarian goals and hegemonic ambition.” Given the threat the CCP represents to freedom around the world, the document states, it will be the U.S.’s responsibility to “secure freedom,” and to do so, it must “refashion its foreign policy” in light of ten specific tasks the document enumerates.

The document is being compared to the February 1946 memorandum written to the State Department by geopolitician George Kennan, then serving as U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, with his recommendations on how to contain the Soviets through regional alliances and undermining the Soviet system, also indicating that the Soviets respond to the threat of force. Recall too that the former head of Policy Planning at State was Kiron Skinner, who made the racist claim in April 2019 that China’s rise was “a fight with a really different civilization,” and “the first time that we will have a great power competitor that is not Caucasian.” Although Skinner is no longer at Policy Planning, RT reported that she did initial work on the document before leaving State.

Axios, which published the document yesterday, although it is now posted to the State Department website, says the document draws heavily from principles outlined in earlier documents, such as the National Security Strategy, the National Defense Strategy, and the Indo-Pacific Strategy Report, all of which emphasize “inter-state strategic competition,” largely with China but also with Russia. The document asserts that it is time to dispel “the starry-eyed optimism about [China] that has distorted U.S. policy” towards it for many years. Washington should consider China a threat to the “established world order,” driven by “a distinctive blend of Marxism-Leninism and ... an extreme version of Chinese nationalism” of the ruling Communist Party.

The ten listed tasks by which the U.S. is to “refashion” its foreign policy, and strengthen the “rules based international order,” include a re-evaluation and strengthening of the U.S.’s alliance system and creation of new international organizations to promote democracy and human rights; education of Americans about the “scope and implications of the China challenge” so that they understand why China must be fought; a complete revamping of the U.S. education system to help students to “understand the responsibility of citizenship in a complex information age;” training of a new generation of public servants well-versed in Chinese language and culture “but who also support the vision of constraining China;” work with China where appropriate but constraint and deterrence of it when necessary and “supporting those in China who seek freedom.” See the document at

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

BRICS Summit Urges Coordination on COVID, Economic Recovery

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The heads of state and government of the five member nations of the BRICS, comprised of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, held their 12th summit via videoconference yesterday, hosted by President Vladimir Putin, as Russia holds the BRICS rotating presidency this year. Speeches and discussion during the summit focused on the importance of multilateralism, close cooperation in combatting the COVID-

19 pandemic, vaccine development, combatting cybercrime and terrorism, and above all, collaboration on necessary policies to bring about an economic recovery.

The heads of state and government heard reports from several speakers reporting on progress made in specific areas. The New Development Bank President Marcos Troyjo discussed the performance of the bank and its plans for the coming year. The BRICS founded the bank to mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects at its 2014 summit in Fortaleza, Brazil. The [Moscow Declaration](#) issued at the end of yesterday's summit discusses achievements and priorities to be addressed in the coming period.

In his remarks, [President Putin](#) was emphatic on the need to coordinate “collective BRICS measures,” to combat the pandemic, to improve collaboration among epidemiological services and protect the lives of citizens. He also stressed the importance “to accelerate the establishment of the BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Centre, as we agreed at the Johannesburg summit two years ago at the initiative of our South African friends.” Pointing to the economic decline triggered by the pandemic, he said that the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership, extending to 2025, will be key in assisting countries economically, as will the New Development Bank, which has reserved \$10 billion to combat the pandemic. A regional branch of that bank will soon open in Moscow, “to implement lending programs across the Eurasian space,” he said. He also emphasized the challenge of the global and regional security environment, including drug trafficking and growing cybercrime. The several conflicts occurring in Southwest Asia are of special concern, he said. He affirmed that the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Strategy was drafted for this summit, and that member countries are collaborating in this area.

The speech of China's [President Xi Jinping](#) likewise focused on the need for multilateralism, justice, and equity that “can keep war and conflict at bay.” It is essential, he said, that the UN-centered international system and international order be safeguarded. Countries must rise above ideology

and respect each other's choice of social system, economic model, and development path. He outlined five areas, which aside from multilateralism, include enhancing solidarity and coordination, to meet the COVID-19 challenge; pursuing openness and innovation and promoting global economic recovery; prioritizing people's livelihoods, promoting sustainable global development, and, coherent with past statements, green, low-carbon development. He warned against using the pandemic to promote "deglobalization" or "economic decoupling." BRICS must actively pursue economic recovery, he said. "All of us are indeed passengers in the same boat. ... We must keep pace and work as a team to break the waves and navigate steadily toward a brighter future."

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Italy's Prodi Puts Forward Involvement of China in Transaqua Project To Replenish Lake Chad

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—Former EU Commission President and former Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi called for a major international effort, involving China, to build the Transaqua infrastructure to replenish Lake Chad. Prodi spoke at the final roundtable of a seminar dedicated to Lake Chad and sponsored by the Turin Center of African Studies Nov. 9-13.

Prodi, who had previously served as UN special envoy for the Sahel and had publicly declared that the Transaqua water-transfer program was "too expensive," appears to have changed his mind and dedicated his pre-recorded video intervention entirely to an endorsement of Transaqua as the only solution for Lake Chad, calling for a concerted international effort to build the Italian-born project.

Prodi accurately described Transaqua as an integrated water, energy, and transport infrastructure which will take only 5% of the Congo River, building dams on its tributaries and bringing water to Lake Chad through a navigable canal. The only mistake he made was to speak about the Ubangi River, the largest tributary of the Congo, instead of the Ubangi basin,

whose water will be collected by Transaqua through the Central African Republic section of the waterway.

Since the political and economic hurdles are big, the international community at the highest level must be involved, Prodi said, calling for the UN, the EU, and the African Union to join forces to finance and build the project. And China: The New Silk Road, Prodi said, has a problem, namely, it has been so far a Chinese project. Let us involve China in something, let us involve China in building Transaqua.

The video of Prodi's presentation, in Italian with English subtitles took place at the seminar on "[Water Diplomacy and a Culture of Sustainability. The Basin of Lake Chad](#)," at the Centro Piemontese Studi Africani (Center for African Studies) in Turin; the video is at the bottom of the webpage for the panel "The Live Roundtable on the Lake Chad: The Diplomatic Dialogue."

Most participants in the Roundtable endorsed Transaqua, except, predictably, the representative of the EU Commission. Francesca Di Mauro, head of the Central and Southern Africa desk of the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, almost had a fit over Transaqua, saying "it is a bit of a chimera," it is too expensive, too many countries must reach agreement, etc. (A quick glance at her Twitter account shows that she is a Great Reset fanatic: "Temporary lower CO2 emissions during C-19 lockdowns says Nature paper; -17% by April compared to 2019, half from lower surface transport. But impact on 2020 could only be -4% to -7%... only a Global Green Recovery can influence future emissions paths.")

The day before, on Nov. 12, the seminar had featured Engineer Andrea Mangano, a veteran of the Bonifica team that had developed the original Transaqua idea in the 1970s. In an interview format entitled "[Lake Chad and Infrastructures: Challenges and Ideas](#)," he presented the updated version of the project—similar to what Mangano, himself, and other Bonifica officials have presented at Schiller Institute and *EIR* events in recent years.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Hungary and Poland Veto EU Budget: Recovery Fund Like a *Fata Morgana*

Nov. 18 (EIRNS)—The ambassadors of Hungary and Poland vetoed the EU budget as recently negotiated by the EU Commission, the EU Council, and the EU Parliament, at a Nov. 16 meeting of the “Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to the European Union,” or Coreper. The two countries objected to the clause that ties funding with adherence to the rule of law in the bloc.

The approval of the EU budget is indispensable for making the EU Recovery Fund (“Next Generation EU”) operational, as the NGEU fund is partially financed through the budget and partially through bonds. Diplomatic sources quoted in the Italian media say the fund, which should be installed in January 2021 and release the first money in mid-year, might be delayed by one or two months.

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