

THE SOLARI REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Solari Report.

Today is February 23, 2017.

I am Catherine Austin Fitts and I am delighted that you could join me this evening.

We never do Money & Markets on the last week of the month. However, I am making an exception to the rule, as I believe there are matters that require your immediate attention.

EVENTS –

PDF for Wrap Up available! Strongly recommend you access – The hard copy will be available on March 7th and you will be able to order a copy at the store then.

Hope you like it!

Lunch in Toronto

Lunch with Catherine and Rob Kirby of [Kirby Analytics](#), in Toronto, Saturday, March 4, 2017

This will provide an opportunity for you to meet Catherine and Rob Kirby in person and to get together with other Solari Report subscribers in your area.

More good news! [Nick Barisheff](#) and his colleague Marc Farmer from BMG Bullion will join us as well!

Dr. Joseph Farrell Crowdfund –

Stay tuned for celebration lunch for the crowdfund in Louisville on May 13th – mailed to donors and posted for donors will mail next week

Phase 1 complete; Phase II ongoing \$1,000 raised

Europe – Early April

Invite to Café Max in Friesland

Southern California – April 20

Southern California – speech at a conference on April 20, trying to organize another event joint with Health Freedom Network - Will keep you posted.

Australia May 2018

Have mail sign up link for Australia trip with Richard Dolan and Jason Bawden Smith in 2018 to those who have expressed interest. If you have expressed interest, but have not gotten a link please let me or customer service know. Will give them until the end of next week to sign up and put a

deposit down. If you want to be on the first round list, let me know. Trip is limited to 20 spots of **which 16 are now reserved, leaving 4 available.**

Prayer Book -- Prayers for 2017 – email, call or send self-addressed stamped envelope to our PO Box and we will send you one back. They are free.

- Full Extent of what is happening – Community prayer – many of us do not appreciate how powerful it is

You can always pray!

THEME TONIGHT: The Real Action

Real Action is not in Washington

Articles during the campaign:

Lockheed Cuts and Runs
Monica Lewinsky II

\$6.5 trillion and spin out of systems

Major push for Constitutional Convention and Amendments.

If it succeeds – significant chance that the result will be the end of Republic and any laws supporting democratic government and individual rights and freedom and potential abrogation of liabilities and debts – including SS, federal pensions and debts.

Last summer – reports in NY Times - Effort through ALEC financed by Koch brothers.

Led by group called

<https://www.conventionofstates.com>

a project of

Citizens for Self Governance in Austin Texas

Seeking

Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

Problem - \$50 trillion stolen not on the table when the balance the budget – but our assets are on the table.

What they are not seeking:

Enforcement – where is the money get it back

Compliance with the law

WHAT WE NEED IS ENFORCEMENT

Unconstitutional trap

Several requests this last week from subscribers in States trying to pass these

[Special Solari Report - American Suicide: Proposals for Constitutional Amendments & Convention w/ Edwin Vieira, Jr.](#)

Did Special *Solari Report* with Dr. Edwin Vieira, Jr. on why a Constitutional Convention could destroy America....and potentially your federal pensions, social security, health care and other federal obligations..

What we are talking about is the potential dismantling of the remaining Legal & Financial Controls – standing between us and an inhuman civilization.

RECOMMENDATION: Find out where this stands in your state legislature. If you can stop it, all your state senators and representatives and get this stopped in your state if . Local Media too. Spread the Vieira interview.

Problem – major money and –my intuition says - major control file operation going on to compromise state legislators

In this sense – Trump is a distraction from the main state of play.

As one radio host said to me this week

Con-Con is End-End

[Trying to make it fashionable with play on Con-Com, Hamilton, etc]

VERY BAD NEWS

Stephen Feinberg

On Wednesday, February 15, The New York Times [reported](#) that Feinberg will likely be assigned to conduct a "broad review" of US intelligence agencies, though no official announcement has been made. The move comes amid major tension between Trump and members of the intelligence community, particularly over a stream of leaks related to his campaign's reputed connections to Russia.

Trump Press Conference: Potus said he offered, but Coats and professionals can handle.

Problem:

Cerberus owns DynCorp

On April 12, 2010, DynCorp International announced a conditional deal to be acquired by private equity investment firm [Cerberus Capital Management](#) at a price of \$17.55 per share (\$1 billion).^[31] The deal was agreed on 7 July 2010.^[32]

Dyncorp – allegations of covert operations – do search
Two pieces of litigation on sex slave trafficking in years ago.
Allegations of involvement in dark side of disaster capitalism
never seem to end.

Story of contracts after Insight cover story at Navy and State

Letters from State Deputy – not punish

Enron – Promis-DOJ – SEC

DOJ had not asserted jurisdiction over Enron's records but Enron had asserted jurisdiction of DOJ and SEC records.

One of my concerns is how they relate to the covert operations behind ALEC and control file operations on state legislators

If Rape of Russia happens here than companies that have been handling covert operations for the CIA and intelligence agencies will be let lose upon United State.

Feinberg overseeing intelligence agency review and having access to the resulting information is a META PIRATIZATION – if you turn control of the US covert line to mercenaries....

Constitutional Convention and Feinberg reviewing intelligence agencies – odds of the Rape of Russia Scenario increase significantly

Attacks on Trump:

Grumpy Old Men:

Soros – Obama- Clinton on Progressive Side

UnAnswered Question: Who on Republican Side: A

Bohemian Grove smorgasbord: Cheney – Baker – Schultz –

Kissinger – Kock Brothers – or combinations of all of them?

David Rockefeller? 101 – numerous threads keep going back to Rockefeller family interests.

Stop worrying about the Democrats – they are running into serious trouble from Democrats throughout the country who are seriously worried about serious issues. No time for stupid color revolution games and are sick of them. – Polls 73% Americans want Congress to work with Trump – they want the Administration to be successful

Real Danger on

Meeting with Netanyahu

Mattis, Tillerson, Pence in Munich

Orchestrated targeting of Jewish groups and a Jewish cemetery

Attacking Trump over “anti-semitism”

This weekend – Cheney to introduce Pence at Republican Jewish Coalition – Sheldon Adelson’s property in Las Vegas

After Pence with Jim Baker at the Superbowl

And Baker, Schultz and Paulson at the White House following.

Military Industrial Complex is at war with itself – it has spent tens of trillions creating enemies so it can fight them and now it is fighting itself.

Attack tactics being used on Trump very similar to ones used on me

If you want to familiarize yourself with the tactics

[Anatomy Of A SWAT From A Lawyer's Perspective |](#)

The Solari Report ...

<https://solari.com/blog/anatomy-of-a-swat-from-a-lawyer's-perspective/>

Bottom line: Digital communications systems has no integrity and it is going to destroy the economy if it is not changed.

Good examples of seeing the machinery work:

Satellite Fever
Shut up and Sing

New York Times story

Acting NSA chief Gen. Keith Kellogg @GenKeithKellogg: *John McCain has his own agenda. He'll do anything to undermine President Trump including risking our national security. It's outrageous to me*

Problem – Debt Growth Model Over

The Grumpy Old Men – can not permit transparency – Conversation with Richard Dolan next week – black budget and secrets. They are facing enormous deflation.

Their solution – Complete Coup through Constitutional Convention and Moving to a “friendly fascism” with heavy mind control and slow depopulation.

It won't work, numerous problems including the “Midianite Thing”

which is why we need to keep turtling towards transparency and real solutions.

Piratize remaining assets - greed rising – corruption goes out of control

Scorpion – Piggies – Going to War with each other

Another reason why I believe 50% or better chance of pedophilia scandal this year

Working on a commentary on this topic for more

Encourage you to circulate the truth of pedophilia – good chance it is the bust out plan for sidelining a significant number of scorpion and Piggies. What we need is a Truth and Reconciliation Process to help compromised folks get back to Titanic Turning.

Going to get rougher:

Example:

Russian Ambassador to UN – likely assassination - Database deletion 4th Russian Ambassador death in a relatively short period.

Media Wars – Corporate media is a state of deep denial about the real economic problems and the extent of the material omissions. – long process for them to face things.

Don't mistake their shrieking for real power lines.

Report Card

In 4 weeks Trump and team have:

1. Moved the Clintons and Bushes out of the line of power (Bush clan is trying to come back in through the Constitutional Convention Route)
2. Cancelled the TPP
3. Started tightening up immigration
4. Triggered directly or indirectly an enormous wave of human trafficking arrests – video this week on human trafficking priority
5. Enthused veterans, police, sheriffs and law enforcement, who believe they will be supported in creating safety and stopping the flow of drugs
6. Nominated a constitutionalist jurist to the Supreme Court
7. Recruited an A list team – few lawyers
8. Attacked the beltway media
9. Implemented an EO on regulatory relief and started Congress working on a legislative package
10. Cancelled the Obamacare “fine” that had so many people worried about 4/15 filing
11. Reinvigorated the tax reform efforts in Congress while he got his Treasury Secretary and OMB head approved this week
12. Reversed the regulations to shut down the coal industry
13. Finalized the pipeline decision
14. Got the Air Force One contract renegotiated.
15. Got a score of companies to start reorienting to do more in USA
16. Had productive meetings with UK, Japanese leaders...
lets hope we do get a DC-NY Bullet Train – now spoken or

met with 30 counterpart world leaders

17. Moved his family - learning how to work out all the security arrangements of family in NY-DC-Florida - this is a big job

18. Tweeted, did White House videos and another rally to communicate directly without the corporate media

Moving to act on significant number of promises is stirring a lot of pots...

Listen to explanation with Dolan on Real Estate Developers and Safety

MONEY & MARKETS

Market Review

US DOLLAR INDEX

-1.21%
(103.20–101.05)

Fixed Income:

TLT

1.51%

IEF 0.89%

AGG 0.70%

JNK 2.41%

Fed Meeting March 15-16 – Beware the odds of March!
Market seems to have priced in.

Equities:

SPY 5.78%

XHB 5.41%

VGK 4.36%

EWG 4.98%

EFA 5.37%

FXI 12.24%

HAO 11.84%

EEM 11.23%

Commodities

\$CRB -0.46%

(190.15–191.63)

GLD 8.51%

SLV 14.10%

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OIL -2.05%

WRAP UP – smart money buying up food

Please pay attention

Buffet – 3G partnership

[Kraft Unilever Deal – did not work](#)

[3G-Burger King – Tim Horton – Popeye](#)

[Read 2016 Annual Wrap Up on Food – and think about how you and those close to you can do the same.](#)

[Rising food prices – both fundamental economics but weather problems, including California.](#)

HERO: Robert Di Niro - Press conference with Kennedy, Interview with Atkinson – risking his life. Very brave man.

Let's Go to the Movies

In *Let's Go to the Movies*, I will review *Harry & Snowman*, a wonderful documentary about one of my childhood favorites – a horse named Snowman. Saved from a trip to the glue factory by Dutchman Harry de Leyer, Snowman became America's open jumper champion. This is a Cinderella story – one that will reduce you to a combination of tears and gratitude for the opportunity to know a man and a horse this inspiring.

Connection between De Leyer and Snowman –shared intelligence

INTERVIEW

"Ignorance has always been the weapon of tyrants; enlightenment the salvation of the free" ~ Bill Richardson

By Catherine Austin Fitts

This week on the Solari Report, I am speaking to family nutritionist Dr. Laura Thompson.

I am increasingly concerned about the risks involved in using US health care systems. In my personal circles, I see people and couples who are astute at accessing both holistic and conventional health systems. They know how to get the best of both worlds and to do so economically.

Others don't invest time in understanding health issues and ensuring that providers and treatments have integrity. The consequences can threaten health, lives and financial security.

I asked Dr. Thompson to join me to discuss how to gain the intellectual mastery we need to become informed users of health care information and services – to achieve health care independence. I see this as essential to the financial health of an individual or family, not to mention well being and happiness. It requires an assumption of greater responsibility for our health as well as an investment of time in learning how to do so. Dr. Thompson walks us through the steps we can take to achieve health care independence.

In addition to the latest in financial and geopolitical news in *Money & Markets*, I will continue my coverage of the first 100 days of the Trump administration and the ongoing saga of the “Swamp Strikes Back” whereby the established Washington interests accuse President Trump and his team of doing what they themselves have, in fact, been doing. The swamp for years has been interfering in foreign elections, engaging in corrupt foreign practices, and enjoying the fruits of illegal sexual activities. The swamp has been emboldened by concerns in the establishment regarding the new teams inexperience amplified by illegal leaking. The leaking may reflect a much wider dissemination of NSA data organized by

Obama right before he left office. I will explain why Obama got our Scorpion of the Week award.

ASK CATHERINE

Thanks for the links!

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-21/over-regulation-has-criminalized-practice-medicine>

<https://therealdeal.com/2017/02/22/trumps-immigration-plans-could-hit-housing-market-hard/>

<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-02-22/philadelphia-soda-tax-leads-30-50-plunge-sales-mass-layoffs>

Dear Catherine:

You posted an article this week by The Saker in which he said that the Trump Presidency is over, and that the deep state has won. What is your opinion on this?

Disagree with Saker's description. Was never about Trump vs Deep State – Deep State vs Deep State. However, fears of a “rape of Russia Scenario are real and present” – I think that is what concerns Saker – that the Republic would be lost –

plenty of signs to say that the Piggies and Scorpions are out in full force.

Would the Grump Old Men like to take Trump out and put Pence in – yes. Will they do it. Unclear. Right now they are focused on whipping Trump into obedience.

Catherine... can you pray and post some council on what is going on right now?

Looks like the 4th Reich is engaging in open warfare, and actually willing to expose the existence of an American Gestapo.

Folks who don't like Trump are cheering this... just more evidence they really don't understand how grave what just happened really is.

This is the most insane thing I have ever seen... the IC asserting openly, that, in fact... THEY run the country.

<https://www.rawstory.com/2017/02/he-will-die-in-jail-intelligence-community-ready-to-go-nuclear-on-trump-senior-source-says/>

Thoughts?

Differentiate between noise and performance. Polls show Americans want DC to focus on bread and butter and

important issues – stop fighting and get to working.
A lot of the noise, is loud but it is just noise.
What you are seeing is complete irresponsibility

Acting NSA chief Gen. Keith
Kellogg @GenKeithKellogg: *John McCain has his own agenda.
He'll do anything to undermine President Trump including risking our
national security. It's outrageous to me*

I have heard you speak several times about the Constitution
being a Covenant and we need to enforce it and get back the
17+ trillion dollars that have disappeared from the federal
government.

We are actively working to stop an Article V Convention
resolution in the Utah State Legislature. How can we stop the
States from making such a mistake? Most legislators do not
understand nullification, so do you have realistic and
workable ideas that legislators can quickly understand on how
to enforce the Constitution? (In addition, that is, to giving
Trump time to turn things around.)

OK, stopped everything, organized interview with Viera,
published publically, had video made NOW UP, tweeted it
out, transcript coming, had republished....and just heard you
and the opposition got it defeated today in Utah SENATE –
YES

Ugh – we passed last week in Senate. I am trying to find out from Nashville if we can stop here.

EVERYONE – PLEASE DO THE SAME IN YOUR STATE

Hi Catherine:

Do you agree with Saker that theNeocons and the “deep state” have neutered the Trump Presidency, it’s over folks!

What exactly does this mean to the average US citizen. Is Obama trying to stage a comeback? Do the Democrats think they can regain power by force?

Please keep up your great tweets and comments on the Solari Report. These are troubling times.

All the best,

No – but there is a serious war between Titanic Turners and the Piggies and Scorpions – spiritual, legal and financial – every person needs to jump in...we have entered a process that will determine whether we are a human society or inhuman

Hi Catherine,

I am living on social security. I work two days a week to make ends meet.....

. I have listened to your money and markets and annual reports. I am better understanding financial dynamics at 1 level but have little to no idea how to translate that into an action plan despite your good advice. When you're 71 years old, have to make ends meet and have little money to manage I think one has few choices.

If you could tailor some of your commentary to folks who struggle to 'get it' and structure advice to folks who have 250k+, 100,k+ and or less it would be very helpful.

I have applied your advice as best I can to the extent that I understand it and done the following:

1. I have no debt.
2. I own rights to occupy a coop apt with modest fees
3. I have switched my checking account to a community bank.

I sold stocks and muni bonds through Schwab out of fear. I don't want to use Schwab, Fidelity or Price Waters because I think, but don't know, that they're 'bad guys' (forgive my over simplification-I just don't know how better to evaluate these brokerages.)

Securities custodian, will need someone in system. Not concerned about firms that have large money management and no independent investment banking, trading and derivatives.

Provision for 3 month hiccup
Index funds – best performance in current environment.
Best time to buy – probably summer, late fall.

I don't even know how to look for another brokerage house.

Vanguard has lowest fees – largest promoter of index funds

Challenge

Bull to bear transfer

Global allocations – solve by doing world equity

Have to live with volatility

Thank God I found you. I now track you, Saker and Joseph Farrell. I use a PEMF mat 3x a day and feel great.

Many blessings Catherine,

Hi Catherine,

I see your upcoming program on medical care. In the US, the FDA estimated deaths due to adverse drug reactions to be the 4th leading cause of death. In the EU, the EMEA estimates it is the 5th leading cause of death in hospitalized patients. I worked in the safety department of a pharmaceutical company and understand the work that happens there and recently finished [a degree] in Regulatory Compliance. I thoroughly researched this topic and was shocked at the data. However, no one wants to hear what I have to say. I am no longer working in the pharma industry. Pharma is not entirely to blame though, there is plenty of blame to go

around. I would love to talk further with you about my research if you are interested. It is primarily based on the review of 15 plus years of FDA to Congress testimony. I have lost friends over this information. People want their drugs, fake food and fake news. I hope someone from your team reaches out to me. I have a publisher interested, but it is scary to step out of the accepted view in today's world.

Sent to Jon Rappoport – often writes about this and hope he will follow up

Catherine,

I just read the special report featuring Edwin Vieira and the convention crisis. In his argument about competitive currencies, the good doctor failed to mention one competing currency that is in existence, US Treasury Notes (the ones with the red ink on them). As far as I can tell about 300 million of these notes are printed every year and under 12 US 411 Federal Reserve Notes can be redeemed in Lawful money upon request (if you could just walk into any Federal Reserve Bank that is). To raise public money the Fed must surrender US Bonds in the said amount to the Treasury in exchange for the public money demanded thus cancelling that same amount of US debt. Private credit is withdrawn and replaced with public money paying off more and more of the public debt.

I'm assuming that Treasury Notes are backed by US gold holdings and that an accounting of said holdings would be critical to the amount of Treasury Notes available. Is this not a viable option??? Could you please ask Dr. Vieira?

Issuing Treasury notes and state and local currencies are all viable legal options. Question is are the viable political options.

I'm trying to find an old Solari interview where you told a story about having a discussion with a friend about learning metabolism. As I remember it you said you were both getting excited about the possibilities afforded by new technologies and increasingly available knowledge, but concluded that only a minority would take advantage of them; dumbing down would continue for the majority. You both wondered what the outcome of this disparity would be, so your friend called up some sort of expert (maybe a mathematician) who could model the problem and predict the outcome. Your friend returned from the phone call depressed because the answer was that it would result in an increase in the rate of entropy. Do you remember telling this story and who the interview was with?

In any case, do you see this entropy in our culture at moment? What risks and opportunities do you see emerging for an information-rich minority while navigating an increasingly chaotic and aggressive majority?

Told several times. You are correct. It goes to the heart of what we are dealing with

Tell it again here- because it is very important.

**POWER OF IT – Rappoport and Fitts
Karma Means you don't get away with anything**

CLOSING

March 2 – The Deep State and Trump Budget Politics with
Richard Dolan

Strongly recommend

March 9 – The Exchange Stabilization Fund with Rob Kirby

March 16 – Unpacking Your Financial Ecosystem – live
webinar tutorial on how to unpack “how the government
credit, spending, taxes and other monies and assets work
around you.”

Until March 2...

Please remember, don't worry about whether or not there is a
conspiracy. If you are not in a conspiracy, then you need to
start one.

Good night and good luck.

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Appendix

[Money & Markets – Week of 02.19.17](#)

*Money & Markets, Top Picks on February 19, 2017 at 11:02 am ·
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[Federal Reserve Minutes Point to Rate Hike ‘Fairly Soon’](#)

Reuters | 22 February 2017

Fed Rate Hike soon...

[Existing-home sales jump to a 10-year high](#)

Business Insider | February 2017

Decade High Home Sales..

[Collapse of Kraft-Unilever tie-up extends run of failed mega-deals](#)

Reuters | 21 February 2017

Failed Mega Deals..

[A Routinely Exceptional Year for Private Equity](#)

McKinsey & Co. | 21 February 2017

Private Equity update..

[Dealmakers Battle for Chance to Run World’s Biggest Chemical Company](#)

Bloomberg | 19 February 2017

Other factors...

[China Responds To Fed Jawboning March “Live” – Weakens Yuan, Spikes Money Market Rates](#)

ZeroHedge | 19 February 2017

Implicit...

[Geopolitical – Week of 02.19.17](#)

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[Breaking: Infowars and Natural News under attack](#)

Jon Rappaport | 22 February 2017

Alternative News under attack..

[President Trump Wants a Wall? Mexico Is It](#)

NYTimes | 21 February 2017

Immigration Policy complexities..

[“I made a HUGE mistake” Milo Yiannopoulos resigns from Breitbart following pedophilia scandal](#)

YouTube | 21 February 2017

Milo’s Story..

[What A Classic ’50s Western Can Teach Us About The Hollywood Blacklist](#)

NPR | 21 February 2017

Classic Western lesson..

[Cheney to intro Pence at Jewish GOP event](#)

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Cheney to intro Pence..

[**Poll: Americans overwhelmingly oppose sanctuary cities**](#)

The Hill | 21 February 2017

Americans oppose Sanctuary Cities..

[**Spain Sets Massive Precedent — Charges Its Central Bankers In Court**](#)

Activists Post | 21 February 2017

Central Bankers charged..

[**Revisiting the Oroville Dam Story**](#)

JP Farrell | 21 February 2017

Oroville Dam ramifications...

[**Russian UN Envoy Slams Delays in Kosovo Organ Trafficking Investigation**](#)

Sputnik New | 27 May 2015

Organ trafficking..

[**4 Dead Russian Diplomats in 3 Months**](#)

The Duran | 20 February 2017

Russian Diplomat Body count..

[**Russian Ambassador To UN Vitaly Churkin Has “Died Suddenly” In New York; Putin “Deeply Upset”**](#)

Zero Hedge | 20 February 2017

More on Russian Diplomat dies suddenly..

[**Russian Ambassador to UN Vitaly Churkin Dead: Diplomat Dies Suddenly in New York**](#)

Independent UK | 20 February 2017

Russian Diplomat dies suddenly..

[**Stockman Warns Trump “Flynn’s Gone But They’re Still Gunning For You, Donald**](#)

Zero Hedge | 20 February 2017
More Still gunning..

[**Trump Selects Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as National Security Adviser**](#)

Fox News | 20 February 2017
Trump selects..

[**Our Culture of Impunity**](#)

Undernews | 20 February 2017
Descent into 3rd World..

[**Intel officials cleared Trump campaign of contact with Russian spies, says Priebus**](#)

The Hill | 19 February 2017
Intel Cleared..

[**Internet-Regulating FEC Commissioner to Resign**](#)

Free Beacon | 19 February 2017
Wanted to regulate political...

[**Trump and Democrats must work together or face the wrath of voters**](#)

The Hill | 17 February 2017
Potential risks..

[**Rand Paul Blasts McCain's Comments On Trump**](#)

Daily Caller | 17 February 2017
Rand Paul blasts McCain..

[**They're Still Gunning For You, Donald**](#)

Ron Paul | 17 February 2017
Still gunning...

[**NPR: Transcripts of Flynn's calls don't show any criminal wrongdoing**](#)

The Right Scoop | 16 February 2017

Flynn cleared..

[**Greenwald: Empowering the "Deep State" to Undermine Trump is Prescription for Destroying Democracy**](#)

Democracy Now | 16 February 2017

No review of that decision...

[**Obama is the Source of the Coup**](#)

Armstrong Economics | 19 February 2017

Trump MUST...

[**Trump Dreams vs Trump Reality – Hopes Still Permitted!**](#)

The Saker | 19 February 2017

For the most part...

[**Google Is Not What It Seems**](#)

Wikileaks | 19 February 2017

Schmidt's involvement in ...

[**Donald Trump Rally in Melbourne, Florida**](#)

Heavy | 18 February 2017

YouTube | 18 February 2017

Passing the press and speaking directly...

[**Inside Trump's Heated Press Conference**](#)

YouTube | 16 February 2017

Reporters called on by the president, reflect...

[**Munich Security Conference: Europe's Concerns with Trump Government Far from Over**](#)

BBC | 18 February 2017

Trump sent his...

[**Black Trump Supporter Blasts Sanctuary Cities: "All the Jobs Are Going to Illegals!"**](#)

Infowars | 17 February 2017

Sanctuary cities are racist...

[**The Truth About Immigration and Crime in the Netherlands**](#)

YouTube | 17 February 2017

March 15th, 2017, the Netherlands will...

[**Col. Wilkerson on NSC in Disarray: 'It's a Disaster'**](#)

MSNBC | 14 February 2017

Former chief of staff at...

[**Science & Technology – Week of 02.19.17**](#)

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[**NASA Telescope Reveals Largest Batch of Earth-Size, Habitable-Zone Planets Around Single Star**](#)

NASA | 22 February 2017

NASA Other Earths...

[Privacy concerns threaten sales of hi-tech doll](#)

CS Nonitor | 18 February 2017

Hi Tech Doll Privacy threat..

[Oklahoma Town Hits 100 Degrees in February](#)

Undernews | 20 February 2017

100F in OK in February...

[Food & Health – Week of 02.19.17](#)

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[What Panera Had to Change to Make Its Menu ‘Clean’](#)

WSJ | 20 February 2017

Ingredient clean up...

[Los Alamos Study Finds Airport Scanners can Rip Apart and Alter DNA](#)

Nexus | 19 February 2017

As We suspected..

[Sharyl Attkisson Interview: Robert De Niro on vaccine safety: ‘Something’s Wrong’](#)

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Can’t fully support...

[This Small City Is Setting Aside 1,000 Acres For Bees And Butterflies](#)

Huffington Post | 18 February 2017

Protecting...

[Let the Food-Deal Frenzy Begin](#)

Bloomberg | 17 February 2017

Operating margin is best-in-class...

[Life – Week of 02.19.17](#)

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[One Man Has Single-Handedly Repopulated A Rare Butterfly Species Using His Backyard](#)

Sunny Skyz | 20 February 2017
(Local) Butterfly species...

[“I’m Afraid of Trump” – The Work of Byron Katie Video](#)

Kauilapele | 11 February 2017

YouTube | 11 February 2017

Feel that for a minute...notice...complete...

[Wildcards – Week of 02.19.17](#)

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[Weather Warfare Biggest Threat to Life on Earth-Dane Wigington](#)

USA Watchdog | 19 February 2017
Weather War Threat...

[Churchill Essay on the Possibility of Alien Life Discovered in US College](#)

Guardian | 15 February 2017
Surely a resounding...

[Professors & Staff Arrested for Trading in Child Rape](#)

Medium | 14 February 2017
Raise alarm bells...

Buffet and his Brazilian partners are buying up food companies

http://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/business/article_68a8fcec-f83d-11e6-8090-6f6fd1a9e59a.html

Their uninvited effort to buy Unilever through Kraft just failed.

They too believe in rising food prices and inelastic demand

In the 2009 ObamaCare debate, White House aide David Plouffe told nervous Democrats “no bed-wetting,” meaning keep calm and all will be well. House Democrats went on lose 63 seats in 2010, but the double irony is that Mr. Plouffe’s advice now applies to those reporters and liberals who seem to be invested in the failure of the GOP’s version of health-care reform.

Every day brings a new story about Republicans in disarray, the “mirage” of the GOP’s reform and the impossibility of change. Donald Trump hasn’t been President for even a month, folks. The reality is that Congress is on schedule, progress is underway, and the many potential problems are avoidable.

Behind the scenes, members and staff are being briefed on options and the House will release a consensus proposal after the Presidents Day recess. The details matter and are under discussion, but the outlines are emerging. Congress will use the reconciliation budget maneuver to bypass the Senate filibuster and pass a version of the 2015 repeal bill that President Obama vetoed. This time they’ll incorporate as many replacement components as the rules allow to bring more predictability to insurance markets. Leaders are calling this “repeal plus,” and it will be followed by more legislation.

The GOP plans to replace ObamaCare’s complicated income-based subsidies with a tax credit that floats based on family size and age (a proxy for health status). The credit will be available to anyone who lacks job-based coverage and is ineligible for Medicare or Medicaid. Replacing ObamaCare’s central planning with patient-centered choice and flexibility is a priority. So are an expansion of health-savings accounts and high-risk pools for people with pre-existing conditions.

The latest occasion for micro-panic is the House Freedom Caucus’s declaration that they may oppose repeal plus. This is lousy politics that would set up the GOP to take the blame

for the people hurt by ObamaCare's implosion, which is why there's little support for the strategy in the larger GOP conference. And some Freedom Caucusers are hedging their ultimatum: They say they'll support a bill that's "at least as good as" the 2015 repeal, specifics to come.

The more divisive GOP debate isn't the individual insurance market. It's Medicaid. ObamaCare opened enrollment in this former safety-net program for the poor to all low-income able-bodied adults. This year for the first time the U.S. will now spend more on Medicaid than national defense, but this trajectory is hard to change because ObamaCare created a one-way funding ratchet.

Medicaid is jointly financed by the federal government and states, and the feds paid about 60% on average under the old system. That arrangement still exists, but ObamaCare paid a 100% "match" for the newly eligible to induce states to expand. This rate is never supposed to phase down lower than 90%.

That means ObamaCare's new beneficiaries are far more fiscally valuable to states than Medicaid's original purpose: the most vulnerable women, children and individuals with disabilities. Some overspending states like Connecticut have even cut benefits for the poor rather than give up the ObamaCare windfall.

If Republicans were to restore Medicaid's priorities or downsize eligibility, about 14 million people could lose coverage, but the larger problem is that Governors would face a larger hole in their budgets. Medicaid's major provider constituents—hospitals—are also politically powerful.

The 2015 repeal bill phased out the Medicaid expansion over two years, but Republicans may need to forgo immediate cuts to avoid Senate defections. The more important goal is to change the incentives over the long term and eliminate the perverse formulas that discount the welfare of the truly needy.

A helpful revolution in Medicaid would be to end the match rate that rewards higher spending and move to block grants. States would get some fixed pot of money annually, determined by how many people are enrolled. The pots might be expensive in the early years, but states would become accountable for marginal per capita spending growth over time. Governors can be assuaged by ending Medicaid's command-and-control regulatory model, freeing them to use new tools to control costs.

The Foundation for Government Accountability has proposed a temporary enrollment freeze for new Medicaid, which is a shrewd idea. No new applications for the expansion would be approved, and gradually enrollment would fall as people naturally move up the income ladder and qualify out. The goal isn't to strip people from the rolls but to ensure that fewer people need to be dependant on government.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price has been conducting a goodwill tour of Capitol Hill, but presidential leadership is needed to defuse the tensions and resolve the policy debates. Meantime, if Republicans were moving faster the stories would be about recklessness and human disregard. Careful, deliberative governing is what Americans are

supposed to want from Congress.