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German truckers joined farmers for a week of protests over a government plan to scrap tax breaks on diesel used in agriculture in order to 'combat climate change,' after Chancellor Olaf Scholz's three-party coalition announced plans last month to nix a car tax exemption for farming vehicles as well as diesel tax breaks.

Protesters in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin parked tractors and displayed signs such as 'No farmer, no food, no future'.



Photo: Christian Charisius/dpa via AP

The government announcement is part of a plan to try and fix a 17-billion-euro (US\$18.6 billion) hole in Germany's 2024 budget, [AP](#) reports.

Holy shít. German farmers and truckers are fed up and are now united against their government. This is Berlin right now:

pic.twitter.com/0tf8aQJWuI

– End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) [January 8, 2024](#)

On Thursday, the government walked back part of the plan, announcing that while the car tax exemption would remain, cuts in diesel tax breaks would be staggered over three years. **This did not calm German farmers**, whose Association demanded a full reversal, and said it would move forward with a “week of

action" starting Monday, in which farmers used tractors to block entry roads to highways early in the day.

There was disruption due to convoys of tractors in and around some cities, too. Production at a Volkswagen auto plant in Emden in northwestern Germany was stopped because access roads were blocked, preventing employees from getting to work, German news agency dpa reported.

Among demonstrations across the country, several hundred tractors and other vehicles gathered in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

The protests are under scrutiny after a group of farmers on Thursday prevented Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck from [disembarking a ferry](#) in a small North Sea port as he returned from a personal trip to an offshore island. -AP

And of course, authorities are warning that 'far-right groups and others could try and capitalize on the protests. (Maybe Russia too!?).

Germany's budgetary changes included the controversial cuts, which was 'required' after the country's highest court annulled an earlier decision to redirect nearly US\$66 billion originally meant to mitigate fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic **in order to combat climate change and modernize the country.**

Surely this won't lead to more rampant inflation.

IT'S HAPPENING

The truckers have joined the German farmers protest!

They are standing together.

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protesting farmers in Munich, Germany 2024-01-08

Hawaiian Electric Soars After Statement: Power Lines “De-Energized” When Fire Started

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Hawaiian Electric Industries Inc. surged as much as 43% in premarket trading in New York after the utility released a statement: their power lines were de-energized for more than six hours in Lahaina when the “Afternoon Fire” broke out on Aug. 8 that ultimately leveled the resort town in West Maui.

Just last week, Maui County slapped Hawaiian Electric with a lawsuit, accusing the utility of negligence that sparked the devastating wildfire that leveled Lahaina and killed more than 100 people, with hundreds still missing.

“We were surprised and disappointed that the County of Maui

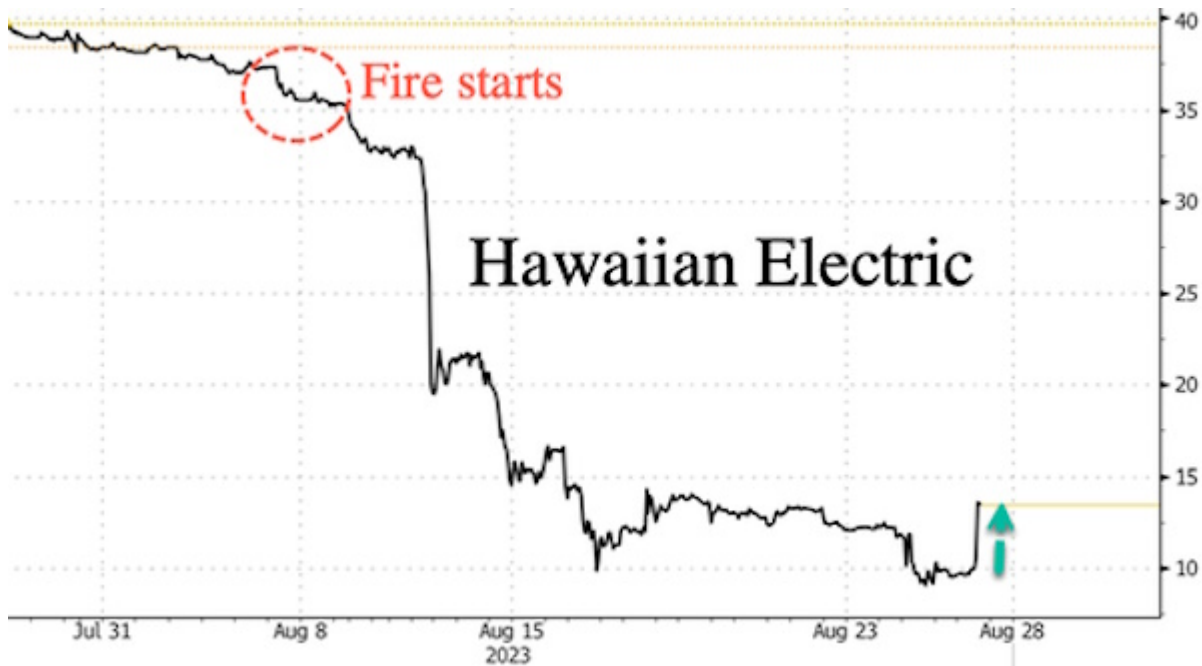
rushed to court even before completing its own investigation,” said Shelee Kimura, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric.

Kimura said, “We believe the complaint is factually and legally irresponsible. It is inconsistent with the path that we believe we should pursue as a resilient community committed and accountable to each other as well as to Hawai‘i’s future. We continue to stand ready to work to that end with our communities and others. Unfortunately, the county’s lawsuit may leave us no choice in the legal system but to show its responsibility for what happened that day.”

Shares of Hawaiian Electric surged as much as 43% in premarket trading.



But still well down from the start of the fire...



Hawaiian Electric outlines important facts about what happened on Aug. 8:

- A fire at 6:30 a.m. (the “Morning Fire”) appears to have been caused by power lines that fell in high winds.
- The Maui County Fire Department responded to this fire, reported it was “100% contained,” left the scene and later declared it had been “extinguished.”
- At about 3 p.m., a time when all of Hawaiian Electric’s power lines in West Maui had been de-energized for more than six hours, a second fire (the “Afternoon Fire”) began in the same area.
- The cause of the devastating Afternoon Fire has not been determined.

The utility provided more details about the fire:

- The records conclusively establish that Hawaiian Electric power lines to Lahaina were not energized when the Afternoon Fire broke out shortly before 3 p.m. on Aug. 8, in a field near Lahaina Intermediate School. Power had been out for more than six hours by that time. There was no electricity flowing through the wires in the area or anywhere else on the West Maui coast.

Hawaiian Electric has informed ATF investigators of the availability of records that demonstrate these facts.

- *The small Morning Fire, seen in videos taken by local residents, began more than eight hours earlier. Those videos show that power lines had fallen to the ground in high winds near the intersection of Lahainaluna Road and Ho'okahua Street at approximately 6:30 a.m. A small fire that can be seen by the downed lines spread into the field across the street from the Intermediate School.*
- *The Maui County Fire Department responded promptly to the Morning Fire. According to the Department's public statement that morning, by 9 a.m. the Morning Fire was "100% contained." The Maui County fire chief subsequently reported that the Fire Department had determined that the Morning Fire was "extinguished," and the Fire Department left the scene by 2 p.m.*
- *Once the fire was out, Hawaiian Electric emergency crews arrived at Lahainaluna Road in the afternoon of Aug. 8 to make repairs; they saw no fire or smoke or embers. All lines to Lahaina remained de-energized and all power in the area remained off.*
- *Shortly before 3 p.m., while the power remained off, our crew members saw a small fire about 75 yards away from Lahainaluna Road in the field near the Intermediate School. They immediately called 911 and reported that fire.*
- *By the time the Maui County Fire Department arrived back on the scene, it was not able to contain the Afternoon Fire and it spread out of control toward Lahaina.*

"The county's lawsuit distracts from the important work that needs to be done for the people of Lahaina and Maui," said Scott Seu, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric.

What distraction could that be?

More Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii Victims Speak Out. They Are Telling The World What Happened Was NOT Natural, NOTHING That

Happened Was A “Coincidence” ☐

☐

“Jeff Bezos, you got what you wanted. Oprah, you got what you wanted. – F*** us all over”

☐

“We busted our ass and this is what...
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– Wall Street Apes (@WallStreetApes) [August 27, 2023](#)

Here are the [following eight questions](#) that we should all be asking about the fires in Hawaii right now...

#1 How did the fires start? Governor Green is convinced that they were caused by a confluence of factors. Do you buy [his explanation?](#)...

Echoing [wildfire experts](#), Gov. Green said Friday that he believes a confluence of weather conditions contributed to the ignition and spread of the blazes.

“It is a product, in my estimation, of certainly global warming combined with drought, combined with a super storm, where we had a hurricane offshore several hundred miles, still generating large winds,” Green told CNN.

#2 How did the fires spread so rapidly? According to multiple news reports, people [were literally jumping into the ocean](#) to escape because the fires were moving so rapidly...

With fires raging on Maui, two men felt there was nowhere to escape the flames – except for the ocean.

The two men live in Lahaina, a historic part of Maui loved by tourists, which appears to be heavily damaged by this week’s raging fire. They described a terrifying scene as they evacuated from Prison Street, right in the heart of

Lahaina.

"I saw a couple people just running, I heard screams out of hell ... explosions. It felt like we were in hell, it really was. It was just indescribable," one of the men told Nexstar's KHON.

#3 How did a fire that was supposedly "out" end up causing the most damage of all? According to Governor Green, the Lahaina fire was supposedly given new energy "by far-off Hurricane Dora"...

After first erupting early Tuesday, the fire was initially deemed to be out, but winds whipped up by far-off Hurricane Dora that reached up to 81 mph fanned the flames and spurred the blaze to travel about 1 mile every minute, Green said.

#4 According to U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda, the alarm system that is supposed to warn residents that a disaster is happening appears to have failed. How is that possible?..

We know everybody who's ever lived in Hawaii knows the warning sirens. It goes off once a month at the beginning of the month at 12 noon, and it blares and if it doesn't, it gets fixed, because that is our first line of defense. Unfortunately, in this situation, sadly, tragically in this situation, those sirens likely did not go off. The warning signals that were on cell phones, we had no cell coverage or electricity in some of these areas. And the reality is with those warning signs, it tells all of us to turn on the television or look at our phones or turn on the radio. The reality is was how fast this burn was. And you could see it in the videos that survivors were showing me. You could see it in the wreckage. If you turned on your phone, you turned on a radio, if you even could. Remember things were out at that particular point, you would not know what the crisis

was.

#5 Why are emergency supplies not getting to the people that desperately need them? It is being reported that a ["telecommunications blackout"](#) has been one of the factors that has been hampering relief efforts...

But an enduring telecommunications blackout hampered government and grassroots efforts to distribute those supplies in the worst-affected neighborhoods, especially for an unknown number of survivors waiting out the aftermath in the few buildings still standing in the historic town of Lahaina and neighborhoods on the outskirts.

With their vehicles burned to a crisp, some sheltering at home have no way to drive to distribution centers miles away, or their cars have run out of gas. Others simply don't know where to go for help. Toxic fumes and downed power lines with live wires make venturing outdoors dangerous.

#6 Why are people that have just had their homes burned down in the fires [already being bombarded with calls](#) with offers to purchase their properties?

The vultures are circling, and it appears that there are some people out there that are **extremely interested** in scooping up land inexpensively.

#7 Why has the FBI moved a ["mobile refrigerated morgue"](#) into Lahaina?...

A mobile refrigerated morgue has been brought to the devastated town of Lahaina as Maui officials continue their search for victims of the worst U.S. wildfire in 100 years.

The death toll on Sunday rose to 96, but Hawaii officials

said it was likely to rise significantly.

John Pelletier, the Maui police chief, said only three percent of Lahaina – home to more than 9,000 people – had been searched so far.

#8 Why is Joe Biden lounging [on the beach](#) while all of this is happening?...

Outraged Americans blasting President [@JoeBiden](#) after he said ‘no comment’ when asked about the catastrophic Maui wildfire, now the deadliest US blaze in over a century. Despite the death toll climbing to about 100, Americans were outraged that Biden remained sunbathing on a beach near his Delaware home.

Before the fire, locals feared billionaires would transform their town into a “Satellite City” for elites. How the elites would acquire the land remained a mystery, but now not so much.

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TCTL editor’s note: Below you will find two videos where locals examine cars that were burned at temperatures so high that some metals were liquified and glass was melted.

'Rich Men North of Richmond' Artist Turns Down \$8 Million From Stunned Music Execs, Says "Nothing Special About Me"

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by [Tyler Durden](#), [ZeroHedge](#)

August 18, 2023

Nine days ago, Oliver Anthony's gritty coal country ballad "[Rich Men North Of Richmond](#)" was published on YouTube. The song has become the blue-collar political anthem for millions of Americans ahead of the 2024 presidential election cycle.

On Thursday, Anthony revealed his real name is Christopher Anthony Lunsford. He said the viral response to the song blew him away and only anticipated it would get hundreds of thousands of views, not millions. As of Friday, the song ranks number one on [iTunes](#).

Top 100 **United States of America**

Top 100: USA
Apple Music

The most-played songs in the United States, updated every day.

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Song	Artist	Album	Time
1 Rich Men North of Richmond	Oliver Anthony Music	Rich Men North of Richmond - Single	3:07
2 Iskumean	Gunna	a Gift & a Curse	2:05
3 Last Night	Morgan Wallen	One Thing At A Time	2:43
4 MELTDOWNS (feat. Drake)	Travis Scott	UTOPIA	4:06
6 I KNOW ?	Travis Scott	UTOPIA	3:31
6 OLONA	KAROL O, Peso Pluma	MAÑANA SERÁ BONITO (BICHOTA SEA...	2:52
7 TELEKINESIS (feat. SZA & Future)	Travis Scott	UTOPIA	6:53
8 Paint The Town Red	Doja Cat	Paint The Town Red - Single	3:51
9 At My Life (feat. J. Cole)	Lil Durk	Almost Healed	3:43
10 Cruel Summer	Taylor Swift	Lover	2:58

Lunsford is a former factory worker and lives in the forgotten part of the US, Appalachia, an area plagued with an opioid crisis and abandoned factories. The song tells the story of working-class folk who struggle daily while being ignored and mocked by political elites just north of Richmond.



Lunsford detailed in a [lengthy Facebook post](#) that he turned down a \$8 million deal from stunned music industry executives:

People in the music industry give me blank stares when I brush off 8 million dollar offers. I don't want 6 tour buses, 15 tractor trailers and a jet. I don't want to play stadium shows, I don't want to be in the spotlight. I wrote the music I wrote because I was suffering with mental health and depression. These songs have connected with millions of people on such a deep level because they're being sung by someone feeling the words in the very moment they were being sung. No editing, no agent, no bullshit. Just some idiot and his guitar. The style of music that we should have never gotten away from in the first place.

Since [going viral nine days ago](#), he has received over 50,000 messages from people reacting to the song. He said some messages include stories about "Suicide, addiction, unemployment, anxiety and depression, hopelessness and the list goes on."

Lunsford provided more details about who he exactly is...

My legal name is Christopher Anthony Lunsford. My grandfather

was Oliver Anthony, and "Oliver Anthony Music" is a dedication not only to him, but 1930's Appalachia where he was born and raised. Dirt floors, seven kids, hard times. At this point, I'll gladly go by Oliver because everyone knows me as such. But my friends and family still call me Chris. You can decide for yourself, either is fine.

In 2010, I dropped out of high school at age 17. I have a GED from Spruce Pine, NC. I worked multiple plant jobs in Western NC, my last being at the paper mill in McDowell county. I worked 3rd shift, 6 days a week for \$14.50 an hour in a living hell. In 2013, I had a bad fall at work and fractured my skull. It forced me to move back home to Virginia. Due to complications from the injury, it took me 6 months or so before I could work again.

From 2014 until just a few days ago, I've worked outside sales in the industrial manufacturing world. My job has taken me all over Virginia and into the Carolinas, getting to know tens of thousands of other blue collar workers on job sites and in factories. I've spent all day, everyday, for the last 10 years hearing the same story. People are SO damn tired of being neglected, divided and manipulated.

In 2019, I paid \$97,500 for the property and still owe about \$60,000 on it. I am living in a 27' camper with a tarp on the roof that I got off of craigslist for \$750.

There's nothing special about me. I'm not a good musician, I'm not a very good person. I've spent the last 5 years struggling with mental health and using alcohol to drown it. I am sad to see the world in the state it's in, with everyone fighting with each other. I have spent many nights feeling hopeless, that the greatest country on Earth is quickly fading away.

He concludes with:

That being said, I HATE the way the Internet has divided all of us. The Internet is a parasite, that infects the minds of humans and has their way with them. Hours wasted, goals forgotten, loved ones sitting in houses with each other distracted all day by technology made by the hands of other poor souls in sweat shops in a foreign land.

When is enough, enough? When are we going to fight for what is right again? MILLIONS have died protecting the liberties we have. Freedom of speech is such a precious gift. Never in world history has the world had the freedom it currently does. Don't let them take it away from you.

Just like those once wandering in the desert, we have lost our way from God and have let false idols distract us and divide us. It's a damn shame.

Meanwhile, the [political left is triggered by this song for speaking the truth](#). And the country music industry is "confused by man actually from the country making actual music."

[Country Music Industry Confused by Man Actually From Country Making Actual Music](#)

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TCTL editor's note: See the touching video compilation below of individuals listening to Oliver Anthony singing *The Rich Men of Richmond*. Many with tears in their eyes and all responding with emotional recognition of the truth in his words. Below that is the YouTube link to the song, followed by the lyrics.

This is heartwarming □

pic.twitter.com/oe0nnMlYp8

– Benny Johnson (@bennyjohnson) [August 17, 2023](#)

Rich Men North of Richmond by Oliver Anthony

Lyrics:

I've been sellin' my soul, workin' all day
Overtime hours for bullshit pay
So I can sit out here and waste my life away
Drag back home and drown my troubles away.

Pre-Chorus:

It's a damn shame what the world's gotten to
For people like me and people like you
Wish I could just wake up and it not be true
But it is, oh, it is.

Chorus:

Livin' in the new world
With an old soul
These rich men north of Richmond

Lord knows they all just wanna have total control
Wanna know what you think, wanna know what you do
And they don't think you know, but I know that you do
'Cause your dollar ain't shit and it's taxed to no end
'Cause of rich men north of Richmond.

I wish politicians would look out for miners
And not just minors on an island somewhere
Lord, we got folks in the street, ain't got nothin' to eat
And the obese milkin' welfare.

Well, God, if you're 5-foot-3 and you're 300 pounds
Taxes ought not to pay for your bags of fudge rounds
Young men are puttin' themselves six feet in the ground
'Cause all this damn country does is keep on kickin' them
down.

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus

I've been sellin' my soul, workin' all day
Overtime hours for bullshit pay.

“Apocalyptic Scene”: Out-of-Control Wildfire Spreads on Hawaii’s Maui Island

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August 9, 2023

Shocking footage of an out-of-control wildfire burning in Hawaii has been shared on Twitter, showing the devastation.

The epicenter of the destruction is in the Hawaiian town of Lahaina on the island of Maui. CBS News said, “People were jumping into the water to escape flames and smoke from a wind-fueled wildfire.”

Strong wind and dry conditions have been fueling the fire. As of early Wednesday local time, fires were active in Lahaina, Kula, North Kohala, and South Kohala.

BREAKING: Fires are spreading rapidly across western Maui. We have reports of residents jumping into the ocean to avoid the flames in Lahaina. The blaze is so strong that the smoke plume is appearing on the radar.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to west Maui tonight. pic.twitter.com/vWDGLB51g7

– Drew Davis [@DrewDavisWX](#) [August 9, 2023](#)

Acting governor Sylvia Luke declared an emergency on Tuesday and activated the National Guard to help with evacuation efforts.

Here's footage from Lahaina:

This is what it looked like earlier on Maui. If you've been to my hometown of Lahaina...I fear it is no longer. I dread what it will look like in the morning. An apocalyptic scene is unfolding due to the fires raging across my island. Please pray for us. pic.twitter.com/88V2kjppyV

– HawaiiDelilah™ (@HawaiiDelilah) [August 9, 2023](#)

So basically the entire island is on fire. Somehow where I am, the driest part of the island, has been so far spared.

This is Lahaina town, the popular tourist town on the island. (Not my video.) Apartments and stores have burned down. pic.twitter.com/msvj6lPgIq

– Shayla Maddox (@shaylamaddox) [August 9, 2023](#)

[#BREAKING](#): Fire destroys buildings and triggers explosion on Front Street in downtown Lahaina, Maui. Video Credit: Alan Dickar on Facebook. pic.twitter.com/skSjd6cbfE

– UA News (@UrgentAlertNews) [August 9, 2023](#)

Driving through the horrific [#wildfire](#) in Hawaii!
Warning! Disturbing content. People in the car seem to have witnessed a dead woman on the streets as they drive by the hellscape

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July 17, 2023

German MP Christine Anderson last week **shredded the World Health Organization**, calling it a group of “globalitarian misanthropists” who she – and a group of seven other MPs, have vowed to dismantle in order to oppose the WHO supplanting democratically elected governments.

“An unelected body like who is controlled and run by multi-billionaires should never be allowed to act in place of a democratically elected government,” she said during the Citizen’s Initiative conference in Brussels.

Anderson says she’ll **expose and name any individuals, including government officials and parliamentarians, who support the WHO ‘power grab’ and disrespect democracy.**

“It is you [WHO] that is the small fringe minority,” she continued. “You are the ones who do not have the right to dictate to the people what they want and what they don’t want.”

“So take it from me ... take it from the millions and millions of people around the world. We will bring you down, and we will not tire until we have done just that. So brace yourselves. We are here, and the fight is on. So let’s have the fight.”

Watch:

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TSA Pilot-Tests Controversial Facial Recognition Technology at These 16 US Airports

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May 18, 2023

The next time you find yourself at airport security, prepare to look directly into a camera. The Transportation Security Administration is quietly testing controversial facial recognition technology at airports nationwide.

[AP News](#) said 16 airports, including Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall and Reagan National near Washington, as well as ones in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas,

Denver, Detroit, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Orlando, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Jose, and Gulfport-Biloxi and Jackson in Mississippi, have installed kiosks with cameras (at some TSA checkpoints) that allow passengers to insert their government-issued ID and look into a camera as facial recognition technology assesses if the ID and person match.



Here's what to expect at airports utilizing this new technology:

Travelers put their driver's license into a slot that reads the card or place their passport photo against a card reader. Then they look at a camera on a screen about the size of an iPad, which captures their image and compares it to their ID. The technology is both checking to make sure the people at the airport match the ID they present and that the identification is in fact real. A TSA officer is still there and signs off on the screening. -AP

“What we are trying to do with this is aid the officers to actually determine that you are who you say who you are,” said Jason Lim, identity management capabilities manager, during a recent demonstration of the technology to reporters at BWI.

TSA said the pilot test is voluntary, and passengers can opt out. The facial recognition technology has raised concerns among critics, like five senators (four Democrats and an Independent) who sent a letter in February to the TSA requesting the pilot test be halted immediately.

“Increasing biometric surveillance of Americans by the government represents a risk to civil liberties and privacy rights,” the senators said.

The letter continued:

“We are concerned about the safety and security of Americans’ biometric data in the hands of authorized private corporations or unauthorized bad actors.

“As government agencies grow their database of identifying images, increasingly large databases will prove more and more enticing targets for hackers and cybercriminals.”

Meg Foster, a justice fellow at Georgetown University’s Center on Privacy and Technology, is concerned that even though the TSA says it’s not storing biometric data, it collects, “What if that changes in the future?”

Jeramie Scott, with the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said that even though the TSA facial recognition kiosks are being tested, it could be only a matter of time before it becomes a more permanent fixture at checkpoints.

Despite the US being a first-world country, it has third-world protections for its people. There’s an [increasing number of government agencies](#) that want your biometric data. Even [the](#)

[IRS wants your face.](#)

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Bombshell Vax Analysis Finds \$147 Billion in Economic Damage, Tens of Millions Injured or Disabled

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March 28, 2023

A new report estimates that **26.6 million people were injured, 1.36 million disabled, and 300,000 excess deaths** can be attributed to COVID-19 vaccine damages in 2022 alone, which cost the economy **nearly \$150 billion**.

Research firm [Phinance Technologies](#), founded and operated by former Blackrock portfolio manager Ed Dowd, Yuri Nunes (PhD Physics, MSc Mathematics) and Carlos Alegria (PhD Physics, Finance), split the impact of the vaccines into four broad categories to [estimate the human costs](#) associated with the Covid-19 vaccine; **no effect** or asymptomatic, **those who**

sustained injuries (mild-to-moderate outcome), **those who became disabled** (severe outcome), **and death** (extreme outcome). Data on vaccine disabilities and injuries comes directly from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), while the excess death figures are derived from official figures on deaths in the US via two different methods (methodology [here](#)).

It's important to note that people in one category (injured, for example) can move into latter categories of severity – which this analysis *does not* take into consideration.

“We need to remember that not only are these groupings an attempt to characterize different levels of damage from the inoculations, they are **not static and could interact with each other**,” reads the report. “For instance, **there might be individuals who had no visible effects after vaccination but nonetheless could still be impacted.**”

“**Individuals with mild injuries from the inoculations could, over time, develop severe injuries to the extent of being disabled**, or an extreme outcome such as death.”

☐☐ *Estimated 2022 US Vaccine Damage Report:*

Estimated Human Cost:

☐ *26.6 million Injuries*

☐ *1.36 million Disabilities*

☐ *300k excess deaths*

Estimated Economic Cost:

Total: \$147.8 Billion

☐ *Injuries: \$89.9 billion*

☐ *Disabilities: \$52.2 billion*

☐ *Excess Deaths: \$5.6 Billion* pic.twitter.com/lfN9SEifXG

– Edward Dowd (@DowdEdward) [March 28, 2023](#)

Estimating the economic cost

In analyzing each of the above categories, Phinance used absolute excess lost worktime (see previous report) to determine that **the direct economic cost of vaccine injuries was \$79.5 billion in 2022, and \$52.2 billion for those with severe disabilities.**

For deaths, Phinace used the average yearly absolute rise in excess deaths since 2021, which was 0.05% for the 25-64 year-old demographic, which amounted to **\$5.6 billion in lost productivity.**

In total, they found a **total “economic cost” of \$147.8 billion in 2022** due to the Covid-19 vaccines.

Estimated Economic cost report: <https://t.co/wN7lKeXi5Tpic.twitter.com/B3ws6BHBCe>

– Edward Dowd (@DowdEdward) [March 28, 2023](#)

As Dowd notes, **these figures are just what can be currently measured**, as things like “The knock effects such as lost productivity due to a worker being present but working at say 50%-75% of capacity is missed plus burn out from those picking up slack.”

“The multiplier effects are massive.”

Project Overview: <https://t.co/vPRNgjSXpB>

– Edward Dowd (@DowdEdward) [March 28, 2023](#)

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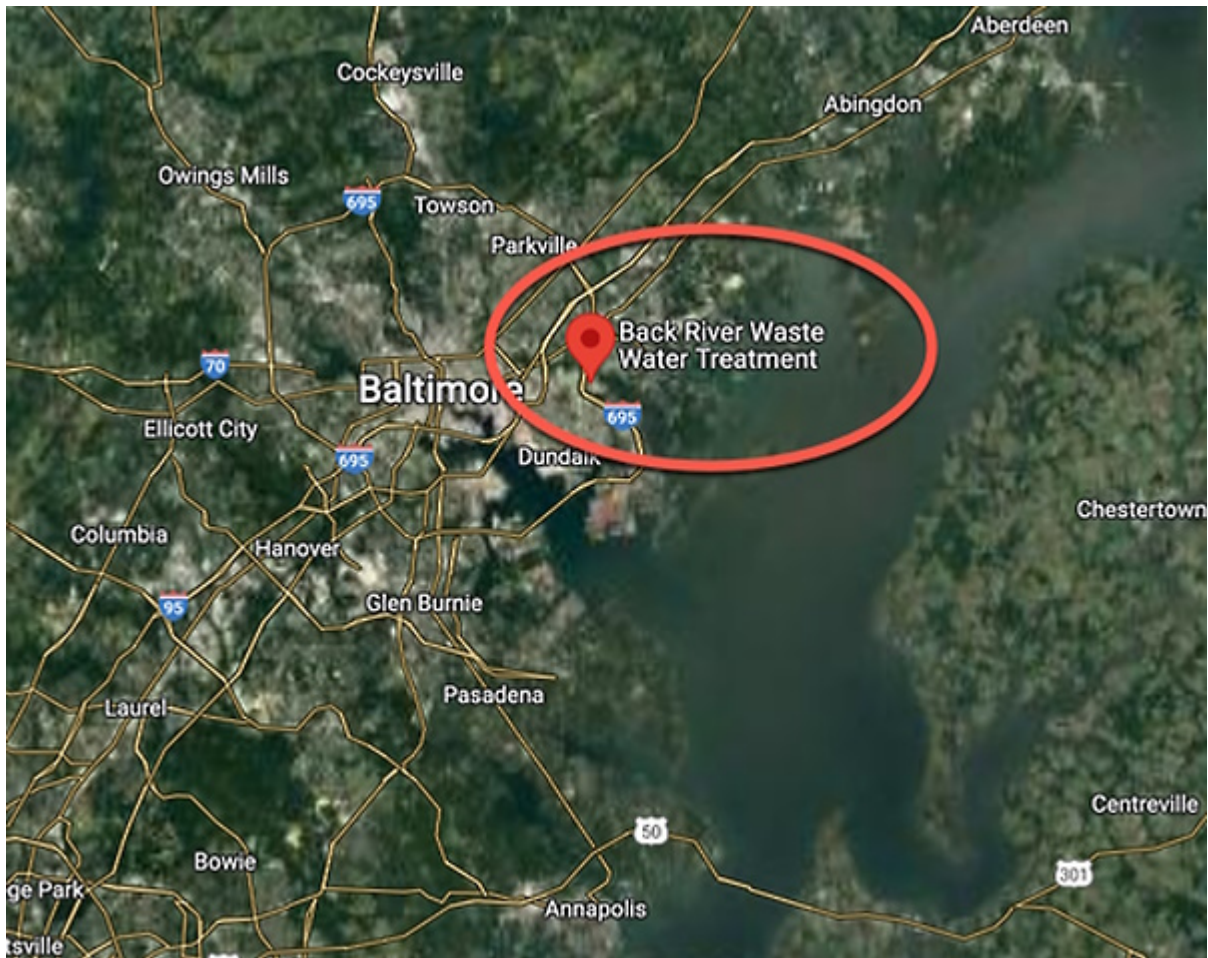
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The decision to transport a “significant” amount of toxic wastewater from the East Palestine, Ohio train derailment by rail to a wastewater treatment plant located east of Baltimore City, and eventually discharge it into the local water system, might spark outrage among residents.



Local media outlet [WYPR](#) obtained a letter from Contractor Clean Harbors of Baltimore Inc., which described itself as the “optimal wastewater treatment site to treat and discharge the wastewater collected from rainwater, collected water and stream water above and below the cleanup site of the Norfolk Southern Railroad derailment.”



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March 22, 2023

Patricia A. Boyle
Bureau of Water and Wastewater
300 Abel Wolman Municipal Building
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Dear Ms. Boyle:

It has been determined that Clean Harbors of Baltimore, Inc. (Clean Harbors), is an optimal wastewater treatment site to treat and discharge the wastewater collected from rainwater, collected water, and stream water above and below the cleanup site of the Norfolk Southern Railroad derailment in East Palestine, OH that occurred February 3, 2023.

Details of the incident including testing and sampling results can be found at the EPA's Website: <https://www.epa.gov/oh/east-palestine-ohio-train-derailment-emergency-response>

Clean Harbors proposes to begin receiving this wastewater immediately once approval is granted. The initial known quantity currently loaded in railcars is 675,000 gallons.

The proposed treatment scheme will be carbon adsorption using 4x12 mesh reagglomerated carbon followed by inorganic metals removal as needed.

The primary constituent of concern is vinyl chloride. Data provided from Norfolk Southern indicate vinyl chloride between None Detect (ND) of 1 ppb to 62 ppb.

Data provided by Arcadis indicates PFOA and PFOS at 9.4 ppt and 8.7 ppt respectively in a 5 sample composite, just over EPA's proposed drinking water standard of 4 ppt, with most other samples being ND. Clean Harbors will treat the wastewater by filtering through the reagglomerated carbon to produce an effluent below 4 ppt PFOA and PFOS.

We look forward to your response and to helping our country with the proper management of this wastewater.

Once the contractor obtains approval, the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant in Baltimore County is set to receive over 675,000 gallons of toxic water via rail transport (if you can believe it – by rail) – a fact that may concern Baltimore residents. The approval is expected to be granted imminently.

“The water would be pre-treated by a contractor then dumped into the city-controlled wastewater system then cleaned with

the city's Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant in Dundalk," WYPR said.

Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott voiced concerns about the plan to treat the toxic water.

"Both the county executive and I have grave concerns about the waste from this derailment coming into our facilities and being discharged into our system."

Scott added he wants additional testing to be conducted before the water is released from the plant and into the water system.

And we wonder what water system is near the plant. Perhaps it's the Chesapeake Bay...

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[Pooles Island Lighthouse, Chesapeake Bay, MD](#)

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For much of the day, anyone doing analysis on the now-liquidated Silicon Valley Bank was confined to using stale financial data as of Dec. 31... we certainly were when analyzing the impact of SVB's contagion (see [here](#)) as excerpted below:

For those who slept through yesterday, here is what you missed and why the US banking system is suffering its worst crisis since 2020. Silicon Valley Bank, aka SIVB, the [18th largest bank in the US](#) with \$212 billion in assets of which \$120 billion are securities (of which most or \$57.7BN are Held to Maturity (HTM) Mortgage Backed Securities and another \$10.5BN are CMO, while \$26BN are Available for Sale, more on that later)...

(Dollars in millions)	December 31,	
	2022	2021
AFS securities, at fair value:		
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 16,135	\$ 15,850
U.S. agency debentures	101	196
Foreign government debt securities	1,088	61
Residential MBS:		
Agency-issued MBS	6,603	8,589
Agency-issued CMO—fixed rate	678	982
Agency-issued CMBS	1,464	1,543
Total AFS securities	26,069	27,221
HTM securities, at net carry value:		
U.S. agency debentures	486	609
Residential MBS:		
Agency-issued MBS	57,705	64,439
Agency-issued CMO—fixed rate	10,461	10,226
Agency-issued CMO—variable rate	79	100
Agency-issued CMBS	14,471	14,959
Municipal bonds and notes	7,416	7,156
Corporate bonds	703	706
Total HTM securities	91,321	98,195
Non-marketable and other equity securities:		
Non-marketable securities (fair value accounting):		
Consolidated venture capital and private equity fund investments	147	130
Unconsolidated venture capital and private equity fund investments	110	208
Other investments without a readily determinable fair value	183	164
Other equity securities in public companies (fair value accounting)	32	117
Non-marketable securities (equity method accounting):		
Venture capital and private equity fund investments	605	671
Debt funds	5	5
Other investments	276	294
Investments in qualified affordable housing projects, net	1,306	954
Total non-marketable and other equity securities	2,664	2,543
Total investment securities	\$ 120,054	\$ 127,959

... funded by over \$173 billion in deposits (of which [\\$151.5 billion are uninsured](#)), has long been viewed as the bank at the heart of the US startup industry due to its singular focus on venture-capital firms. In many ways it echoes the issues we saw at Silvergate, which banked crypto firms almost exclusively.

The big question, of course, is what happened in the past 24 hours to not only snuff the bank's proposed equity offering, but to push the bank into insolvency.

So how many deposits were pulled from SIVB in the past 24 hours. Everyone going off the Dec 31 number

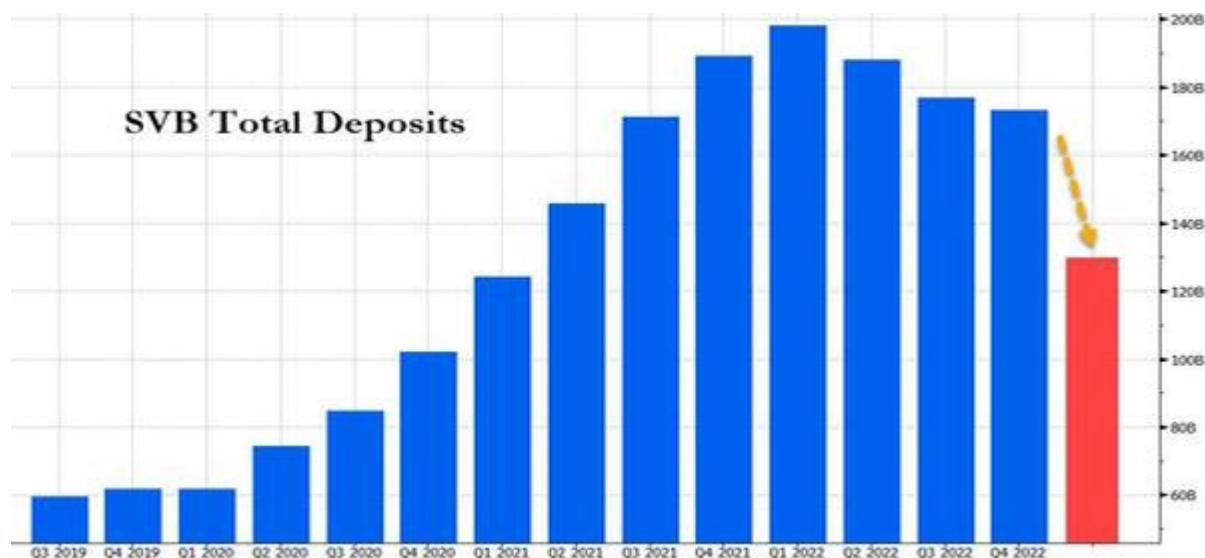
– zero hedge (@zerohedge) [March 10, 2023](#)

We got the answer just a few moments after that tweet, when the [California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation reported](#) that shortly after the Bank announced a loss of approximately \$1.8 billion from a sale of investments and was conducting a capital raise (which we now know failed), and despite the bank being in sound financial condition prior to March 9, 2023, **“investors and depositors reacted by initiating withdrawals of \$42 billion in deposits from the Bank on March 9, 2023, causing a run on the Bank.”**

As a result of this furious drain, as of the close of business on Thursday, March 9, **“the bank had a negative cash balance of approximately \$958 million.”**

At this point, despite attempts from the Bank, with the assistance of regulators, “to transfer collateral from various sources, the Bank did not meet its cash letter with the Federal Reserve. **The precipitous deposit withdrawal has caused the Bank to be incapable of paying its obligations as they come due, and the bank is now insolvent.”**

Some context: as a reminder, SVIB had \$173 billion in deposits as of Dec 31., which means that in just a few hours a historic bank run drained a quarter of the bank's funding!



But not everyone got out in time obviously, there is a long line of depositors who are over the \$250,000 FDIC insured limit (in fact only somewhere between 3 and 7% of total deposits are insured). The following list, while incomplete, is approximately sorted by size of exposure:

- **USDC – Crypto Stablecoin run by Circle – Silicon Valley Bank is one of six banking partners Circle uses for managing the ~25% portion of USDC reserves held in cash.** While we await clarity on how the FDIC receivership of SVB will impact its depositors, Circle & USDC continue to operate normally.
- **ROKU – Roku had 26% of its cash, \$487 million with Silicon Valley Bank**
- **BLOCKFI – [BlockFi has \\$227 million in “unprotected” funds in Silicon Valley Bank](#),** according to a bankruptcy document, and may be in violation of U.S. bankruptcy law.
- **RBLX – Roblox said 5% of its \$3b cash and securities balance is held at SVB.**
- **DNA – Gingko Bioworks:** Only the cash balance of the company's wholly-owned subsidiary Zymergen Inc. is held

in deposit accounts at SVB, representing **approximately \$74M or 6% of the company's cash** and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2022

- **RKLB – RocketLab USA had about \$38 million** in its accounts with the bank, representing about 7.9% of the startup's cash and equivalents
- **LC – Lending Club warned about potentially losing funds on deposit at SVB of \$21 million**, said amount isn't material to its liquidity position or capital levels, and doesn't pose a risk to the group's business or operations.
- **PAYO – Payoneer:** Of the company's approximately \$6.4B in total cash balances as of December 31, 2022, less than \$20M is held at SVB
- **PTGX – Protagonist Therapeutics** considers its exposure to any liquidity concern at SVB to be limited, given that cash held at SVB is approximately \$13 million as of March 9, 2023.
- **ACHR – Archer Aviation** entered into a \$20 million loan with SVB in 2021, \$10 million of which is due for repayment in 2023
- **COHU – Cohu** announced that it has deposit accounts with SVB with an aggregate balance of approximately \$12.3M, which is approximately 3.8% of the company's total cash and investments.
- **IGMS – IMG Biosciences:** 'As of March 10, 2023, the Company holds less than \$5.0 million in deposits at SVB. Therefore, the Company believes it does not have any material exposure to any liquidity concerns at SVB.'
- **RYTM – Rhythm Pharmaceuticals** announced that it has deposit accounts with SVB with an aggregate balance of approximately \$3.4 million, which is approximately 1.1% of the Company's total cash and cash equivalents.'
- **SYRS – Syros Pharmaceuticals** discloses that, as of March 10, 2023, it has two deposit accounts at Silicon Valley Bank. One of these accounts has a balance of less than \$250,000, and the other has a balance of approximately

\$3.1 million pursuant to a letter of credit that the Company was required to provide to its landlord in connection with the execution of the lease for its corporate headquarters...

- EYPT – EyePoint Pharmaceuticals currently maintains a de minimis amount of cash, in the single digit millions of U.S. dollars, with Silicon Valley Bank (SIVB)
- ATRA – Atara Biotherapeutics currently maintains an account at Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”) holding cash deposits of approximately \$2 million, which amount the Company considers to be immaterial to its liquidity.’
- ISEE – Iveric Bio currently maintains a de minimis amount of cash and cash equivalents, in the low single digit millions of U.S. dollars, with Silicon Valley Bank (“SIVB”).’
- VERA – Vera Therapeutics currently holds approximately 1.2% of its cash and investments with SVB. Accordingly, the Company considers its risk exposure relating to SVB to be minimal.
- XFOR – X4 Pharmaceuticals had approximately 2.5% of its cash deposits with SVB.
- CTMX – CytomX Therapeutics does not consider its exposure to any liquidity concern at SVB to be significant. The cash held at SVB in CytomX’s operating CTMX account is at or near the FDIC-insured limit of \$250,000. CytomX also maintains a deposit account at SVB under a standby letter of credit issued pursuant to its office lease for approximately \$917,000.’
- AXSM – Axsome Therapeutics has material cash deposits with SVB.
- WVE – Wave Life Sciences aggregate amount of the company’s cash and restricted cash held at SVB is approximately \$1.5M.
- JNPR – Juniper Networks maintains operating accounts at SVB with a minimal cash balance of less than 1% of the company’s total cash
- QS – QuantumScape has very limited exposure to SVB, with

only a low single digit percentage exposure relative to both the Company's total liquidity and total assets.

And now the 64 trillion dollar question: was the bank run sparked by the bank's attempted capital raise – which followed a modest \$1.8 billion in losses as the bank sold off its AfS holdings to boost its liquidity – or was it the result of an external influence? What we mean by this is that as reported yesterday, several prominent venture capitalists – such as Peter Thiel – advised their tech startups to withdraw money from Silicon Valley Bank on Thursday. Would the bank run have happened if it wasn't for their urging? Or another question: why would some of the VC luminaries actively encourage a bank run? Yesterday we proposed one possible answer.

Why are VC icons ganging up and Lehmaning SVB? If your business model relied on QE wouldn't you try to trigger the next QE too <https://t.co/7teJl0biji>

– zero hedge (@zerohedge) [March 9, 2023](#)

And while such a course of action by venture capitalists would be understandable, if ethically questionable, what is perhaps more notable is what [Bloomberg reported earlier](#), citing The Information: it wasn't just the Peter Thiels of the world:

Prominent venture capitalists [advised their tech startups](#) to withdraw money from Silicon Valley Bank, while mega institutions such as JP Morgan Chase & Co [sought to convince some SVB customers to move their funds](#) Thursday by touting the safety of their assets.

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modest cash to satisfy deposit demands: certainly not enough to meet \$42 billion in deposit outflows.

Of course, Jamie, who has suddenly emerged as a key figure in the Jeff Epstein scandal alongside Jes Staley, knows this, and would be delighted with an outcome that kills two birds with one stone: take his name off the front pages and also make JPMorgan even bigger. Actually three birds: remember it was JPM that started that “Not QE” Fed liquidity injection in Sept 2019 when the bank “suddenly” found itself reserve constrained. We doubt that JPM would mind greatly if Powell ended his rate hikes and eased/launched QE as a result of a bank crisis, a bank crisis that Jamie helped precipitate.

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As Klaus Schwab recently [opined](#), the future of global hegemony will be dependent on the mastery of avant garde technologies which were once relegated to the realm of science fiction. With that power in mind, technologies advancing artificial intelligence, synthetic biology, and other pillars of the World Economic Forum's so-called fourth industrial revolution have begun to permeate into our everyday lives. Perhaps no greater example of the imperative of the technocratic elite to harness these technologies is the [digital ID](#). The premise of an over arching digital identity as a mechanism for vast government surveillance was one of the cornerstones of the authoritarian response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Apparently, that crisis wasn't the only instance of an opportunity to beta test the tools of dystopian oppression.

The town of East Palestine, Ohio shows how deeply embedded this agenda is in the plans of the elite. Before the town entered into the public discourse by becoming the scene of one

of the [worst environmental disasters in US history](#), the biggest piece of news to come out of it appears to be another iteration of the ongoing initiative to implement digital surveillance tools into public infrastructure. In late January, East Palestine officially launched its MyID program in order to equip residents of the town and neighboring Unity Township with digital IDs. The premise was purportedly to equip emergency responders with digital health profiles of those who they would be treating. East Palestine's digital ID initiative was first announced in October 2022.

The rollout of the MyID program was vested in the East Palestine Fire Department.

"It's kind of like the old Medical Alert bracelet or old Vials of Life Program, however this is with new technology. It's a QR code that we're able to scan and it will bring up your pertinent information medically related. There is no information that anybody can take and steal your ID with. It's just for us to be able to take care of patients who aren't able to communicate with us," East Palestine Fire Chief Keith Drabick said.

The East Palestine Fire Department held a sign-up event at the town's community center this January in an effort to drive enrollment into the cloud based information system. They were able to collect \$5,000 in donation to aid in the roll out of the program to make the first 250 wearable devices available to enrollees for free. The QR codes can be affixed to a wristband or a key fob but depend on digital ID software storing a person's health information in a cloud-hosted database in either instance.

During the event, Drabick emphasized that the MyID pilot program was intended to have a limited scope narrowly pertaining to sensitive medical information of those enrolled, tacitly alluding to underlying concerns about privacy that has

skeptics of digital IDs reticent about the technology. Drabick would go on to compel skeptics to explore the program despite their reservations. "Anybody that skeptical? Please come on down. Sit down, talk to us. We'll be happy to show you everything that goes on with it. We'll be happy to show you how secure it is."

Despite the initiative to implement the MyID program, even the fire department officials tasked with its roll out likely could not have foreseen the devastation East Palestine would incur following a botched controlled burn of a chemical spill that has turned the small town into North America's own version of [Chernobyl](#). **However, the impetus to start a digital ID initiative preceding what would have been an unforeseen crisis is a pattern that supposed "conspiracy theorists" know all too well.**

Before the hysteria surrounding COVID-19 gripped the world, an event held in collaboration between the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Johns Hopkins University foreshadowing the eventual pandemic. Event 201 created a simulation to gauge the global response to a coronavirus epidemic as a means of pushing forward the very technologies at the center of the World Economic Forum's vision of the future which were also implemented in East Palestine before the watershed crisis that would alter the landscape of the town forever. One of the partners for Event 201 was ID2020, a digital ID initiative that Bill Gates was heavily invested in that served as an archetype for the vaccine passports that global NGOs and sovereign governments alike have been [steadfast](#) in attempting to implement.

The devastation in East Palestine rightfully puts an emphasis on an effective emergency response to save the 5,000 or so residents of the town from the peril they face as they are engulfed in a carcinogenic miasma which threatens their short term and long term health. While that is the understandable

priority, the underlying currents of patterns which have preceded previous manufactured emergencies are putting the chemical catastrophe into a new light. First, there was the re-emergence of the 2022 film *White Noise* which seemingly served as a piece of predictive programming as its plot centered around the aftermath of a chemical explosion affecting a small town in Ohio. Now, the roll out of a digital ID program like that which was showcased during Event 201 raises even more questions than answers about what is really going on in East Palestine.

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‘Ohio Chernobyl’: East Palestine Town Hall Scrapped After Residents Report Health Problems

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February 15, 2023

Nearly two weeks after a Norfolk Southern Railway freight train with 150 cars (20 of which were carrying hazardous

materials) [derailed in the small town of East Palestine, Ohio](#), resulting in a chemical disaster, the extent of the damage to the town and surrounding communities remains unclear.

On Tuesday, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine held a press conference for the Feb. 3 derailment. He said Norfolk Southern did not classify the train as a “high hazardous material train” despite multiple cars containing toxic chemical vinyl chloride.

“This is absurd ... Congress needs to take a look at how these things are handled,” DeWine said.



There’s already an effort by lawmakers on Capitol Hill and federal agencies to investigate the derailment. [Epoch Times](#) noted:

Key committees in the Republican-controlled House are holding their peace as investigations of the derailment and its

environmental impact proceed.

A spokesperson for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, led by Chairman Sam Graves (R-Mo.), said the committee was talking with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration, and the railroad involved, Norfolk Southern.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and NTSB's ongoing investigation," the spokesperson told The Epoch Times in a Feb. 14 email.

Investigators have uncovered security camera footage 20 miles before East Palestine of the suspected railcar that caused the derailment. Footage shows one of the cars was on fire well before the small town.

"NTSB investigators have identified and examined the rail car that initiated the derailment. Surveillance video from a residence showed what appears to be a wheel bearing in the final stage of overheat failure moments before the derailment," NTSB wrote on its website.

OHIO – Security camera footage captured the Norfolk Southern train passing by Salem, OH with flames and sparks under at least one of the cars. [#ohiotrainderailment pic.twitter.com/bh1WgiPpSr](https://twitter.com/bh1WgiPpSr)

– Emmanuelle Saliba (@_esaliba) [February 15, 2023](#)

Michael Graham, a member of the NTSB, told reporters one day after the derailment:

"We're also looking at a lot of different footage that has been provided to the investigators out there to determine if there's some data on footage that we have from videos and

cameras that might tell us something more than what might have happened to cause this accident."

At a follow-on briefing on Feb. 5, Graham said investigators were analyzing locomotive footage. He said the focus was one of the rail car's axles.

"We have obtained two videos which show preliminary indications of mechanical issues on one of the rail car axles," Graham said.

Graham added engineers on the train were alerted by a "wayside defect detector shortly before the derailment, indicating a mechanical issue."

"Then an emergency brake application initiated," he continued, adding that a preliminary investigative report was expected within several weeks, though a full probe could take as long as 24 months.

As investigators pinpoint the likely cause of the derailment, the environmental impact of the controlled burn of 20 railcars that contained toxic chemicals, including vinyl chloride, ethylhexyl acrylate, and isobutylene, has released what some described as a 'chemical nuclear bomb' that has contaminated the town and other surrounding communities.

Following the burn, there have been numerous reports of wildlife dying, including fish and frogs in nearby streams.

While East Palestine residents are being told by Norfolk Southern and Ohio officials that everything is safe after the toxic "controlled release" – I'm here and witnessing creeks filled with dead frogs and fish. pic.twitter.com/UBh3zes59j

– Jeremy Loffredo (@loffredojeremy) [February 14, 2023](#)

https://twitter.com/2_Acre_Living/status/1625610406994518032

People have reported that their chickens, dogs, and horses were either sick or died.

People in East Palestine and surrounding communities have reported various symptoms they can't explain since the burn, according to [News 5 Cleveland](#).

Therese Vigliotti said she hasn't felt right since the controlled release and burn after train cars derailed more than a week ago.

She sent us a picture of her tongue.

"I noticed my lips were numb, the soft palate of my mouth was numb, my tongue was burning and my throat was burning," Vigliotti said.

We asked what her biggest concern was.

"That I'm going to get cancer and die," Vigliotti said.

Vigliotti doesn't live in East Palestine but rather 15 miles north of the derailment site in Poland, Ohio.

Jim does call the village home.

You can hear train horns from his front porch.

"It used to not bother me hearing, now it does," Jim said.

He too is worried about what he is experiencing.

"I've had a migraine. I've been dizzy, all my mucus membranes irritated. I haven't felt very well since then," Jim said.

And on a long enough timeline. People exposed to vinyl chloride might have an increased risk of developing a rare form of liver cancer (hepatic angiosarcoma), liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma), brain and lung cancers, lymphoma,

and leukemia.

I GOT A DISTRIBUTION MAP pic.twitter.com/X7jzUI0mrB

– □ (@FalconryFinance) [February 15, 2023](#)

<https://twitter.com/WaverlyWakeUp/status/1625938204263125011>

Protesters standing on a street corner in downtown East Palestine. Town hall meeting for residents at 7pm. @WTOV9
pic.twitter.com/uXExImoIBP

– Chloë Mesogitis (@ChloeWTOV9) [February 15, 2023](#)

"There are a lot of people who are very, very scared," said East Palestine resident Lynn Guy to Breitbart News' Alana Mastrangelo, who is on the ground in Ohio.
pic.twitter.com/ZjQH6vuyF5

– Breitbart News (@BreitbartNews) [February 15, 2023](#)

"That's all they are really concerned about. It's not us, it's moving the money".

Family protesting how the toxic train derailment was handled in East Palestine, Ohio.

□ [@lincolnmjay](#) & [@realmonsanto](#)
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– Rebel News USA (@RebelNews_USA) [February 15, 2023](#)

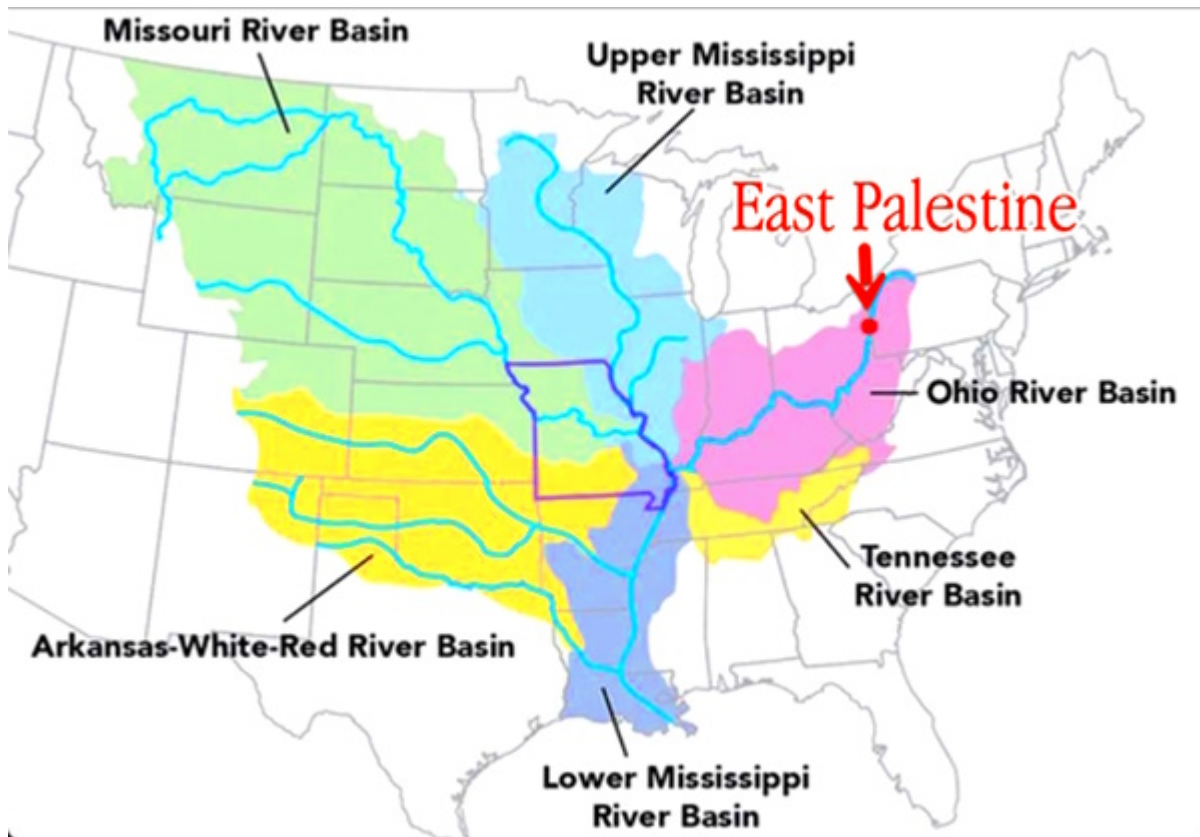
Citizen reporter on the ground in East Palestine, Ohio:

"It stinks out here... It smells really weird over here, for sure... These are nice people, they don't deserve to be nuked

with toxic chemicals." pic.twitter.com/Ib23XI91b3

– Citizen Free Press (@CitizenFreePres) [February 15, 2023](#)

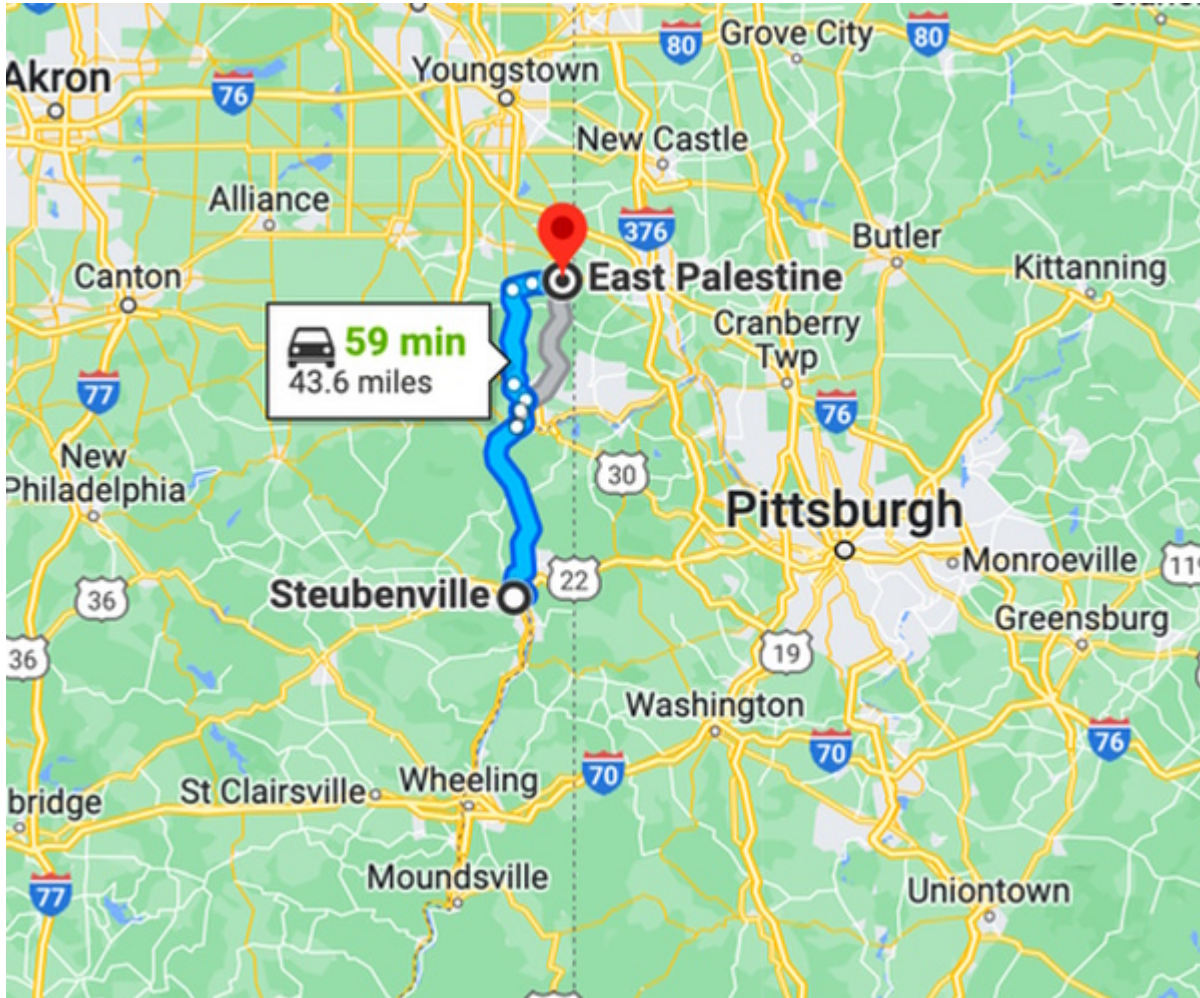
And these toxic chemicals have also been identified in the Ohio river, which supplies more than 5 million people with drinking water, according to local news station WLWT.



Must watch ! More on East Palestine, Ohio, toxic chemical burn may be the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history. pic.twitter.com/jcrBMdbp6y

– VeBee (@VeBo1991) [February 13, 2023](#)

About 60 miles south, the city of Steubenville detected butyl acrylate in their water intake, the same toxic chemical found in East Palestine, according to [local news WTRF](#).

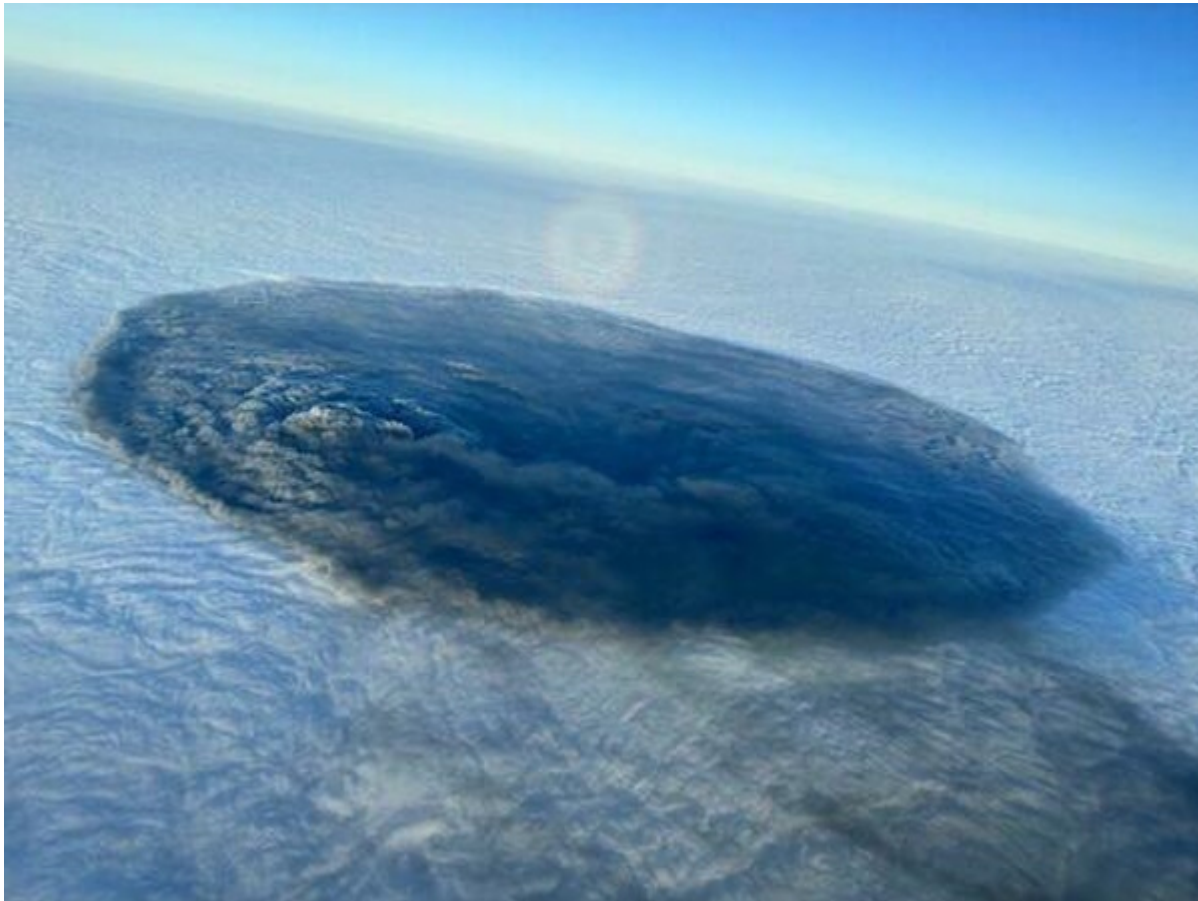


Recall the Biden administration and other federal officials were silent about the derailment for more than a week. This week, Transportation Secretary Pete [Buttigieg finally spoke about the incident.](#)

And on Feb. 8 press conference in East Palestine, a NewsNation reporter covering DeWine was arrested. DeWine said this week that the reporter should “never have occurred in the first place.” The reporter was merely just trying to report the news.

There’s been a massive lack of transparency since the derailment happened by the government and mainstream media. And we wonder why?

Look at an alleged aerial picture (posted [on Reddit](#)) ovetop East Palestine during the controlled burn. Maybe this is why?



Meanwhile, environmentalist advocate Erin Brockovich called out the Biden administration to do more for residents of East Palestine:

“The Biden Administration needs to get more involved in this train derailment now. We are counting on you to break the chain of administration after administration to turn a blind eye.”

As for Norfolk Southern, they’re expected to rack up tens of millions of dollars in costs associated with cleanup and lawsuits.

“I’ve had discussions with some people who live right near ground zero who are hesitant to come back.”

“There are people with young children, and they don’t know what effects it’s going to have,” James Wise, a local attorney who filed a class-action lawsuit against the

railroad on behalf of some residents, told Bloomberg.

And you would never guess who is one of the largest shareholders of Norfolk Southern... It's ESG-pusher BlackRock.

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Things that make you go, hmm...



And by the way, East Palestine scrapped a town hall for tonight as the toxic chemicals are causing illness among residents, according to the [Independent](#).

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