

Third Saturday Seminar 2016-2017

Humanity at a Crossroads

17 September 2016

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Session 1

“Third Party Candidates”

Can a third party candidate win?

(A third party candidate could win!)

Curt Gibby

But first:

“Current Events”

ALL Program, Lone Star College – Montgomery, Conroe, Texas

Third Saturday Seminars

Third Saturday Seminars 2016-17 – Fall 2016 – 3 Sessions

To refer to an ancient Chinese saying, “our world is in interesting times” and individual citizens are assaulted with a blinding array of propaganda from every conceivable source. The Third Saturday Seminar is about demystification of what is going on around us. Time will also be spent on current events.

Meets **9/17, 10/15***, and **11/18**. (**shown in error in schedule as 10/22, a change is being issued.*)

Meets on **Montgomery Campus in B-102**.

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<http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/ce/Fall2016Schedule.pdf>

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Accepting the challenge

Most of you have in fact made real contributions during your lifetimes and careers. And now you feel you have earned a rest and start cashing in your chips and enjoying the good life.

Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

Change

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's yourself.

Aldus Huxley

The Third Saturday Seminar , 2015-2016, Session 1

Agenda

17 September 2016

- **9:30 am - Current Events**
- **10:15 am - 10 Minute break**
- **10:25 am – Discussion – “Third Party Candidates”**
- **11:55 am - Closing Remarks**
- **Next Meeting – 15 October 2016 (Change from 10/15 published in Schedule)**

<http://northstarinst.org/tss/15-16/08/TSS.15-16.Session.08.Notice.htm>

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Current Events

Don't*be***Panic***ked!*

The General Election

The General election will be Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Will you be ready? 7:00 a.m. – 7:p.m.

Early Voting: October 24 - November 4

Register by: October 11

Early Voting Hours of Operation (Harris County)			
October 24 - October 28:	8:00 a.m.	-	6:00 p.m.
October 29:	7:00 a.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
October 30:	1:00 p.m.	-	6:00 p.m.
October 31 - November 4:	7:00 a.m.	-	7:00 p.m.

You can vote absentee if you;

are sick or disabled;

are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or

are confined in jail.

Or, out of county for early voting and election days. Ballot will be mailed to address out of county.

Is this a Basket of Deplorables? No, Despicables *(I could't resist this, CG)*

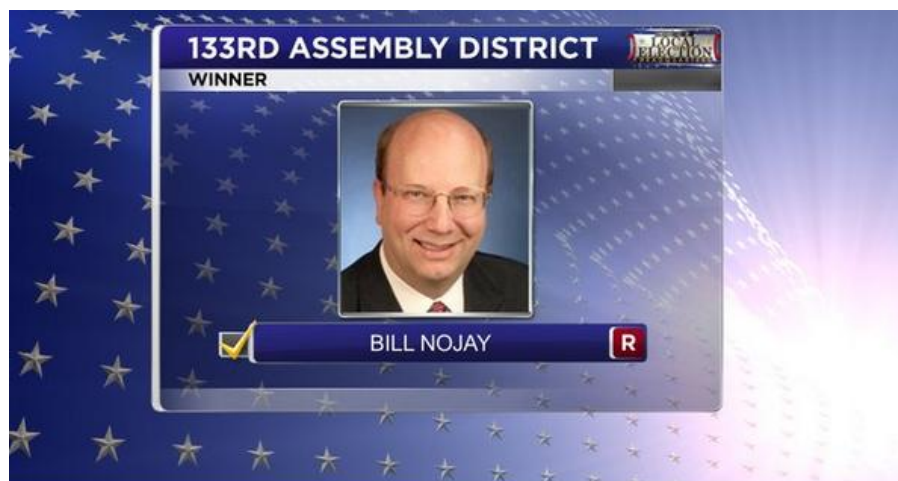


Candidate Health

Deceased Upstate Assemblyman Wins GOP Primary

by [Emma Whitford](#) in [News](#) on Sep 14, 2016 10:45 am

Republican Assemblyman Bill Nojay, an [adamant Trump supporter](#) and gun rights advocate representing parts of Rochester and the Finger Lakes region, defeated GOP challenger Rick Milne in Tuesday's primary election—**four days after [his body was discovered](#) in a Rochester cemetery in an apparent suicide**. The dead politician handily beat his living challenger 60% to 39%.



 News 8 - WROC-TV
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Late Assemblyman Bill Nojay is the winner of the Republican primary for the 133rd State Assembly District

9:40 PM - 13 Sep 2016

This unusual outcome was, it turns out, exactly what local GOP leaders had hoped for. The Hornell Republican Committee [released a statement](#) Sunday **urging constituents to vote for Nojay, freeing committee reps from three local counties to select a replacement candidate** to run in the November election. "Despite the unexpected and tragic loss of our Assemblyman, the endorsement still stands," the committee stated. **"The Hornell Republican Committee extends its deepest sympathies to Bill's wife and children in this difficult time."**

Pregnancy-Related Deaths Double in Texas Over a Short Time - HPM

Carrie Feibel | Posted on August 27, 2016, 9:00 AM

New studies show pregnancy-related deaths among Texas women doubled between 2011 and 2015. Cardiac events topped the list of direct causes, followed by drug overdoses, both legal and illegal. Other causes included hypertension, bleeding, infection, homicide and suicide. “There were several things that we identified that were more common among women who died: obesity, chronic [...]

In a report published in the prestigious medical journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, researchers found **537 Texas women died in childbirth — or soon after — between 2011 and 2015.**

[The Hunt to Find the Lawmaker Blocking the Zika Funding Bill](https://www.wired.com/2016/09/whos-behind-zika-fundings-poison-pill/)

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[Emma Grey Ellis](#) Science 09.15.16. 5:50 am. 5:50 am

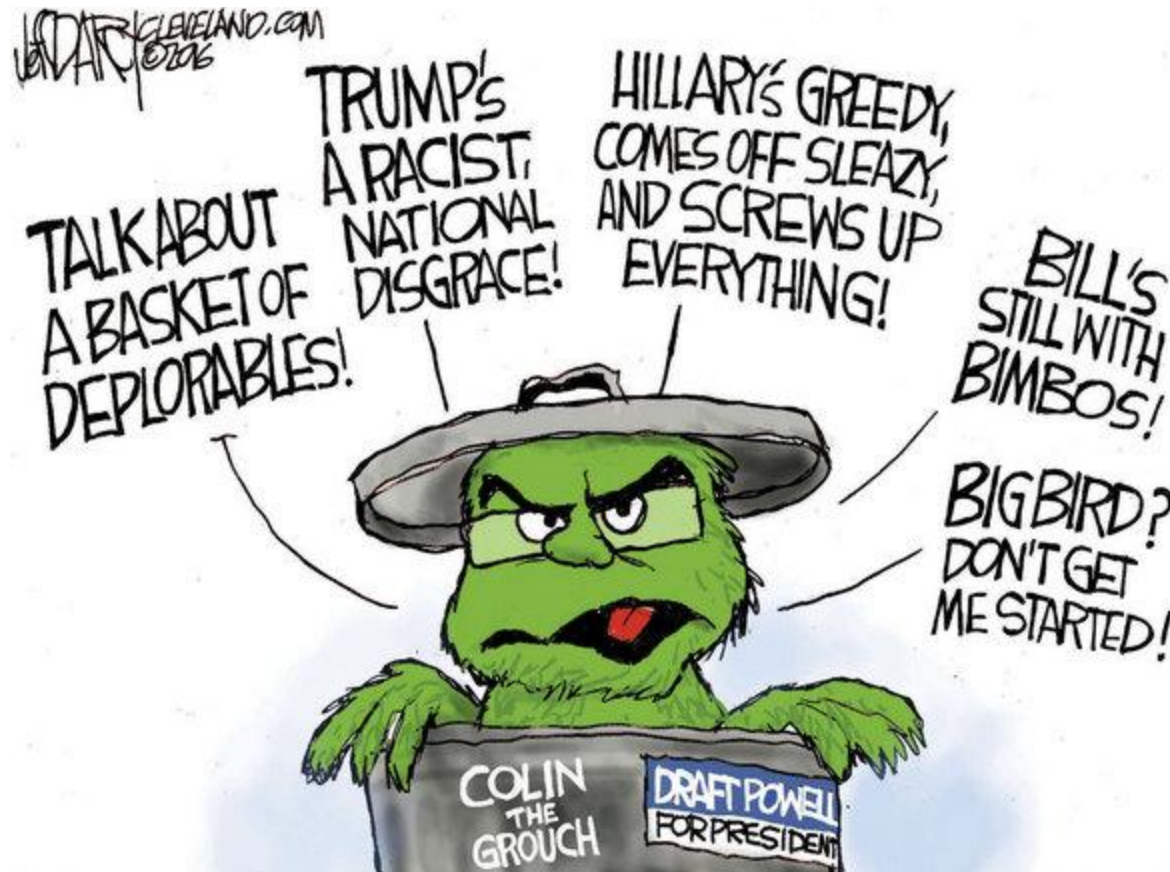
Among the things Congress has managed to not do this year is [allocate money](#) for responding to the mosquito-borne, birth-defect-causing disease Zika. That money would go toward everything from vaccine research to mosquito abatement to testing to prevention education—all the stuff you need to minimize a virus' reach, hard-won epidemiology lessons. The disease has already infected 20,000 people in the continental US, including at least 1,500 pregnant women, and another 15,000 people in Puerto Rico.

So why the stall on the funding? Republicans added a rider to the bill that would make the **Puerto Rican division of Planned Parenthood**, Profamilias, **ineligible** to get the money. Democrats see that language as a poison pill, just as Republicans knew they would.

On the bright side, that means that there's someone to blame for this mess: whoever added the rider to the bill.

No one in Congress will say who that person is.

Colin Powell emails hack Trump and Clintons: Darcy cartoon



http://www.cleveland.com/darcy/index.ssf/2016/09/colin_powell_emails_hack_trump.html

Syria war: Russia, US accuse each other of ceasefire violations

By Angela Dewan, [Joshua Berlinger](#) and [Tim Hume](#), CNN

Updated 1:11 PM ET, Thu September 15, 2016

(*CNN*)Russia's Defense Ministry said Thursday the United States was not fulfilling its obligations under the Syrian ceasefire agreement, as Moscow and Washington pointed fingers at each other for violating what had appeared to be a peaceful lull in fighting.

In a statement, the Russian ministry said that US-led "moderate opposition forces" had increased the "number of attacks on residential neighborhoods," claiming that at the end of the third day of the current cessation "only the Syrian army observes silence mode."

US State Department spokesman Mark Toner acknowledged Wednesday that the situation hadn't been perfect.

"We've seen violations by both sides," he said, adding, "we're continuing to monitor this very closely."

Aid still on hold

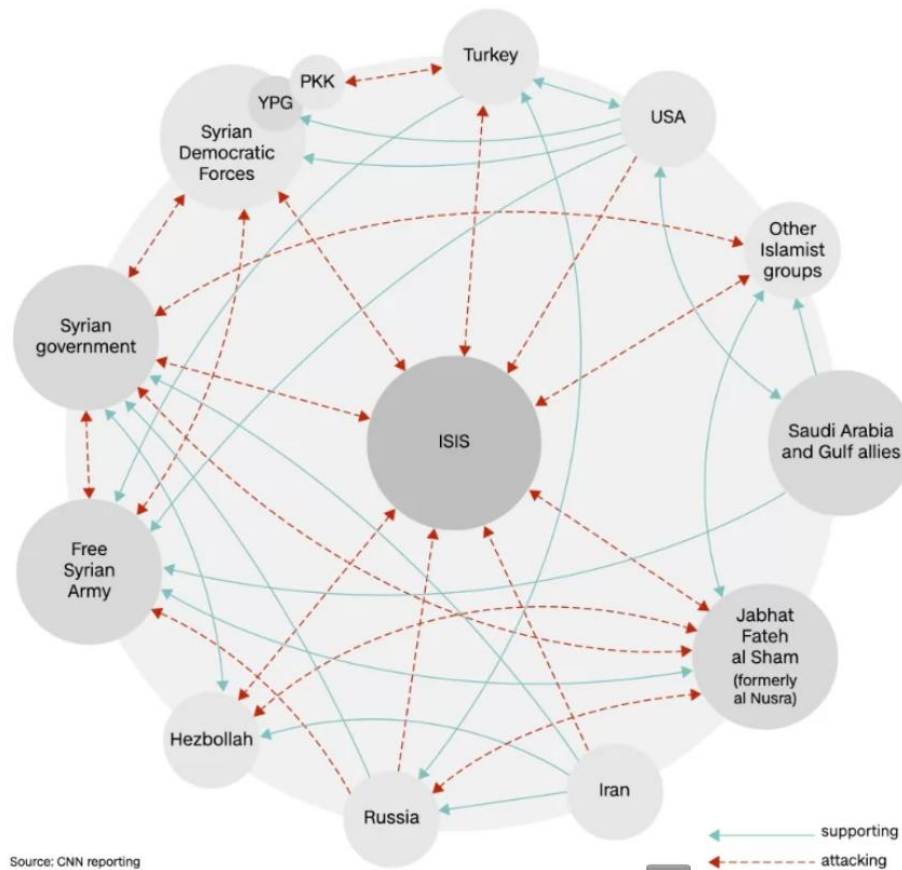
CNN



Castello Road, controlled by Syrian regime forces, is the only route into Aleppo's rebel-held east.

Relationships in Syria

http://i.cdn.turner.com/cnn/.e/interactive/html5-video-media/2016/09/13/isis_chart_animate.webm



Arab Spring star Tunisia emerges as Islamic State's No. 1 source for foreign fighters

By [Guy Taylor](#) - The Washington Times - Wednesday, September 14, 2016

TUNIS, Tunisia — It's considered the star performer of the ill-fated Arab Spring, the one country in the region where representative democracy has made major strides. But even here, the fight against radical Islamic violence requires an unceasing vigil.

The head of a secretive U.S.-backed counterterrorism Fusion Center based in the capital says Tunisian government authorities are keeping at least 1,000 people under surveillance in the nation on suspicion that they are clandestine operatives of the Islamic State group.

“Some have come back from Libya and some from Syria and Iraq,” said Karim Ammar, who heads the center at the heart of a growing struggle to prevent the Islamic State terrorist group, also known as ISIS and ISIL, from undermining Tunisia's tenuous democratic rule.

AUDIO: The Hidden Front: Why So Tunisian Men Join the Islamic State

There is little question that tiny Tunisia — sandwiched between the chaos in Libya and an authoritarian regime in Algeria — remains the lone beacon of hope left from the revolutions that began here in 2011 and rapidly spread across much of the rest of the Middle East.

But this sun-drenched patch of North Africa, just 62 miles across the Mediterranean from Italy, is also gripped by a difficult and dirty secret. It's by far the No. 1 source country for foreign fighters for the Islamic State, with as many as 7,000 — more than twice the total from any other nation — having traveled to join the terrorist group's purported “caliphate” in Syria and Iraq.

More at: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/sep/14/tunisia-emerges-as-isis-no-1-source-for-foreign-f/>

Hawking on Brexit and the future of humanity

By Frank McGuire | Friday, 29 Jul 2016 12:05 PM

[Short URL](#) | NewsMax.com

Physicist **Stephen Hawking** warns that **money and our attitude toward wealth was a key factor in the outcome of the EU Brexit referendum**, but it also is a warning that **"envy and isolationism" threaten the future of humanity.**

The June 23 Brexit vote was down to British attitudes towards wealth and money and that it was time for an "honest" debate about **"the role that wealth does and doesn't play in our society,"** Hawking wrote the [U.K. Guardian newspaper](#).

Hawking said he was "sad" about the Brexit result. "But if I've learned one lesson in my life it is to make the best of the hand you are dealt," he wrote. "Now we must learn to live outside the EU, but in order to manage that successfully we need to understand why British people made the choice that they did," he wrote. "I believe that wealth, the way we understand it and the way we share it, played a crucial role in their decision," he wrote. "We are in perilous times. Our planet and the human race face multiple challenges. These challenges are global and serious – climate change, food production, overpopulation, the decimation of other species, epidemic disease, acidification of the oceans. Such pressing issues will require us to collaborate, all of us, with a shared vision and cooperative endeavor to ensure that humanity can survive," he wrote.

Read more: [Stephen Hawking: Attitudes on Wealth, Money Threaten Humanity](#)

North Korea rips US bomber flyover as bluff

By [Brad Lendon](#), CNN

Updated 2:51 PM ET, Wed September 14, 2016

(CNN)North Korea on Wednesday scoffed at [the US Air Force's show of force](#) a day earlier, saying Washington was "bluffing" and "blustering" with the flyover of B-1 bombers.

"They are bluffing that B-1Bs are enough for fighting an all-out nuclear war," said a statement from Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency.

Two of the powerful US bombers, joined by US and South Korean fighter jets, flew over Osan Air Base south of Seoul on Tuesday to show US anger with North Korea's nuclear weapons test four days earlier.

Pyongyang claimed Friday's test showed it had a nuclear warhead that could be mounted on ballistic missiles, a possibility that increases fears for US allies in the region and also poses a threat to US bases in South Korea, Japan and Guam.

The US commander in South Korea, Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, called the North's nuclear test "a dangerous escalation" and "an unacceptable threat."

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/14/asia/north-korea-us-bombers-reaction/>

No explanation needed — UPI.Com.



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Latino Business Group Starts 'Guac The Vote' Effort

Sep 6 2016, 5:22 pm ET by Suzanne Gamboa

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/latino-business-group-starts-guac-vote-effort-n643551>

The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is trying to turn the "taco trucks on every corner" comment made by a (Latino) Donald Trump supporter into a voter registration campaign dubbed Guac The Vote.

Javier Palomarez, the chamber's president, said the organization is trying to corral the strength of the more than 200 local chambers of commerce and business associations that make up the USHCC to help make the taco trucks centers for signing up more voters.

"We are hoping in the next two weeks it will be in full swing," said Palomarez, who added that work is underway to coalesce local chambers around the idea and in determining any spending for it.

Last week, Latinos for Trump founder Marco Gutierrez, told MSNBC's Joy-Ann Reid that if illegal immigration from Mexico went unchecked, the country would end up with a "taco truck on every corner."

RELATED: [Voices: Taco Trucks In Every Corner? Where's My Cuchifrito Truck?](#)

The comment immediately set off social media with mocking responses. Soon it became a reason to vote for Hillary Clinton. Along with the **hashtag**, **#tacosoneverycorner**, some sent tweets with #guacthevote, a hashtag that has had other uses over the years on social media.

Guac the Vote Wants to Register Voters at Taco Trucks on Every Corner, Tasty and Patriotic

By [Chris Fuhrmeister @ccfuhr](#) Sep 8, 2016, 6:33p

Registering voters isn't Guac the Vote's only goal. According to its [Facebook page](#), the organization wants to park taco trucks outside polling precincts across America on election day. So those who do register may have a tasty reward coming their way in November.



Guac the Vote
about 2 weeks ago

This Facebook post features a map of the United States with numerous red pins labeled "Taco Truck" scattered across various states, including Washington, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, California, Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Florida. The map also shows parts of Canada (Ontario, Quebec) and Mexico (Mexico City, Gulf of Mexico). The post includes a profile picture of a taco truck and a Facebook logo.

This Facebook page is born with two assumptions:

1. Tacos are awesome.
2. Voting is awesome.... [See More](#)

Where did “Glock the Vote” come from?

Thank Jon Stewart (and Sen. Joe Manchin (D, WVA))

Saturday, April 12, 2014

"Glock the Vote," The Daily Show, April 12, 2014



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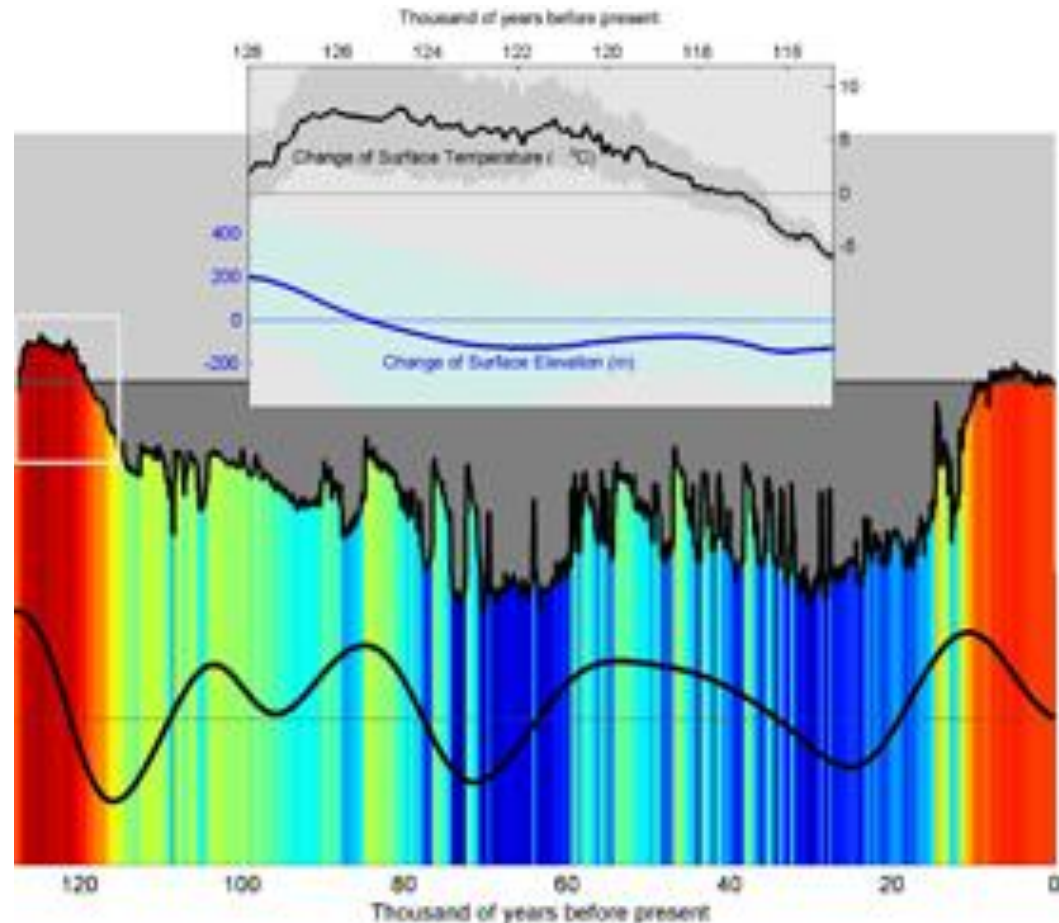
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Greenland ice cores reveal warm climate of the past

<http://www.nbi.ku.dk/english/news/news13/greenland-ice-cores-reveal-warm-climate-of-the-past/>

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In the period between 130,000 and 115,000 years ago, Earth's climate was warmer than today. But how much warmer was it and what did the warming do to global sea levels? – as we face global warming in the future, the answer to these questions is becoming very important. New research from the NEMO ice core drilling project in Greenland shows that the period was warmer than previously thought. The international research project is led by researchers from the Niels Bohr Institute and the very important results are published in the prestigious scientific journal, *Nature*.

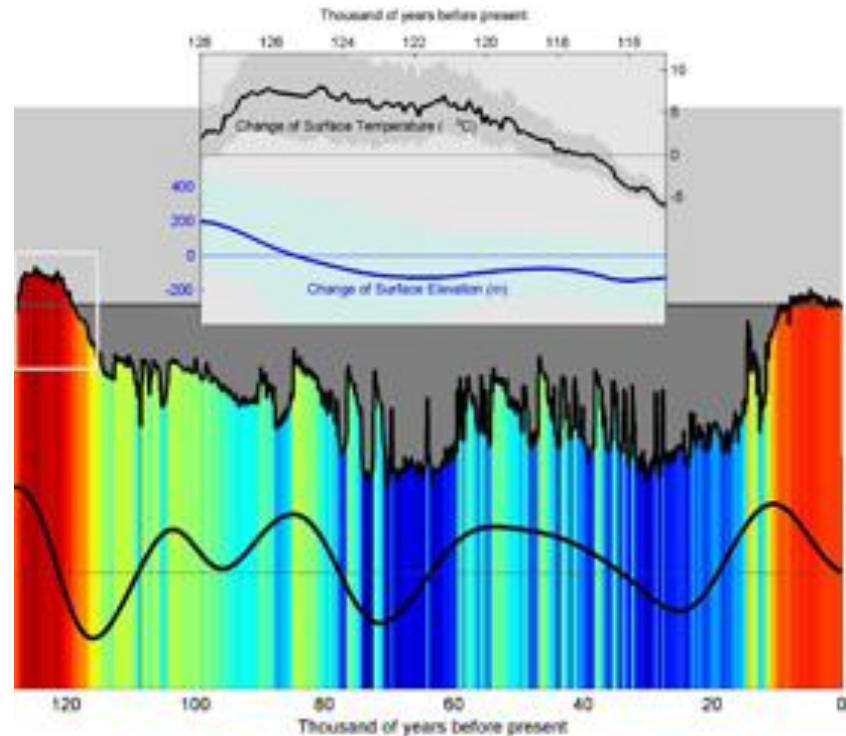


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The climate graph shows the temperature from the previous warm interglacial period, the Eemian (left) throughout the entire ice age to present time. The blue colours indicate ice from a cold period, the red colour is ice from a warm period and yellow and green is from the climate period in between. **The new results show that during the Eemian period 130,000 to 115,000 thousand years ago the climate in Greenland was around 8 degrees C warmer than today.**

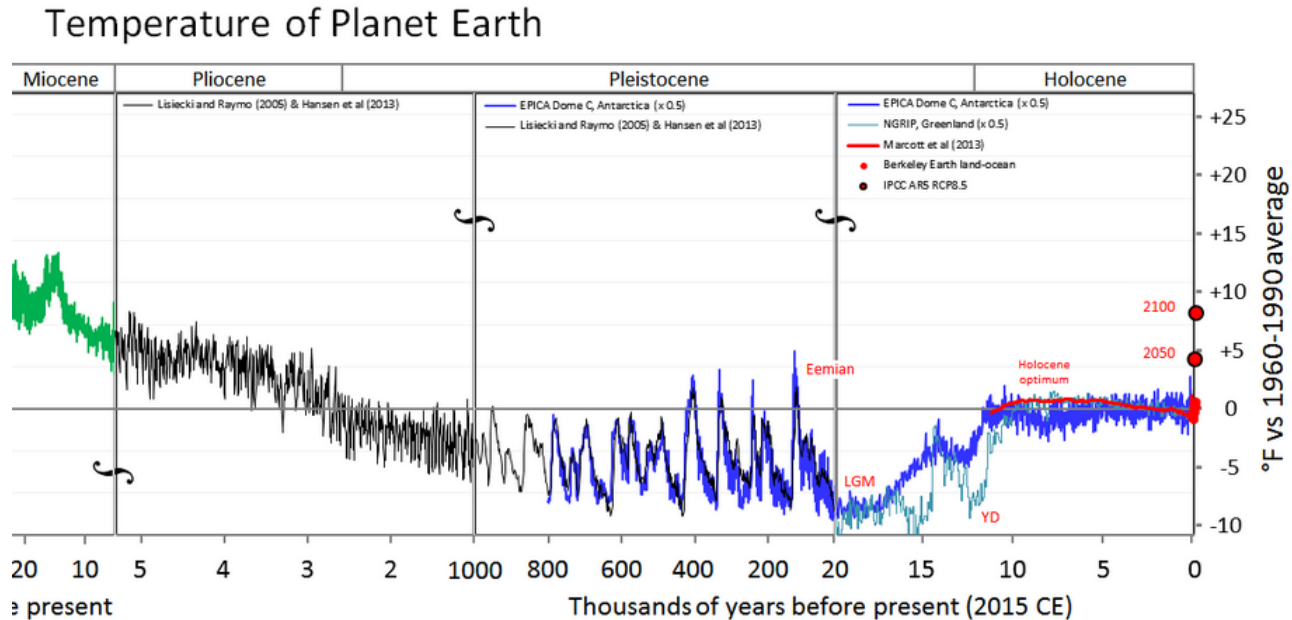


The top shows a graph of ice sheet surface temperature and altitude. At the beginning of the Eemian, 128,000 years ago, the ice sheet in northwest Greenland was 200 meters higher than today, but during the warm Eemian period the ice mass regressed, so 122,000 years before now the surface had sunk to a level of 130 meters below the current level. During the rest of the Eemian the ice sheet remained stable at the same level with an ice thickness of 2,400 meters.

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https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/f5/All_palaeotemps.png

“The good news from this study is that the Greenland ice sheet is not as sensitive to temperature increases and to ice melting and running out to sea in warm climate periods like the Eemian, as we thought” explains Dorthe Dahl-Jensen and adds that the bad news is that if Greenland’s ice did not disappear during the Eemian then Antarctica must be responsible for a significant portion of the 4-8 meter rise in sea levels that we know occurred during the Eemian.

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NEXT - 10 Minute BREAK

Then the presentation:

“Third Party Candidates”

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Curt Gibby

Presentation

Please pay attention.

The next General Election (Presidential) will be Tuesday, November 8, 2016

What will our world be like then?

Lafayette on his last visit to the United States to receive the thanks of a grateful country begged our leaders to do everything in their power to preserve our democracy

Even shortly after the Revolutionary War, naysayers, some well-meaning, were predicting that Democracy in America would be short-lived. They just couldn't see how a government of humans could hold this radical idea together and predicted a return to if not a monarchy, some dictatorial form of government. I understand that Lafayette on his last visit to the United States to receive the thanks of a grateful country begged our leaders to do everything in their power to preserve our democracy, so it would become a model for other nations, and so it has.(Or did. GCG 2016))

However, our ability to exercise strong rational governance is no longer apparent. We have become polemicized, stupid and gullible. Our forefathers put in writing a Constitution that masterfully created a balance of power and protected everyone against the excesses of the powerful, including the powerful institutions of the various levels of government as well as commercial and corporate interests. In creating the Bill of Rights that provided this protection to the individual, along with the “balance of powers” it appears that we have created what political scientist Frank Fukuyama called 'vetocracies,' which I heard used last Thursday by **Moises Naim, the author of "The End of Power," as he was being interviewed by Ray Suarez of the PBS Newshour where any number or identities or entitlements can be used to block action.**

28 Pages

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-911-classified-report-steve-kroft/>

Former Sen. Bob Graham and others urge the Obama administration to declassify redacted pages of a report that holds 9/11 secrets' Correspondent Steve Kroft, 2016 Apr 10

The following [script](#) is from "28 Pages" which aired on April 10, 2016. Steve Kroft is the correspondent. Howard Rosenberg and Julie Holstein, producers.

In 10 days, President Obama will visit Saudi Arabia at a time of deep mistrust between the two allies, and lingering doubts about the Saudi commitment to fighting violent Islamic extremism.

It also comes at a time when the White House and intelligence officials are reviewing whether to declassify one of the country's most sensitive documents -- known as the "28 pages." They have to do with 9/11 and the possible existence of a Saudi support network for the hijackers while they were in the U.S.

Good governance as a strategy to minimize the threat ...

In the meantime, most of the countries that have experienced terrorist incidents already have in place procedures to minimize the threat (**And so do we, if we would only use them**). Paris has reminded us that no country can totally avoid criminal or terrorist attacks. Stuff will happen. But the damage can be minimized by effectively managing the situation and not panicking.

If the world cannot stop the humiliation, marginalization, unemployment of all the people of the Middle East resulting from it's relationships with the West, how long do we think the state of non-conflict can last?

Then there's Africa ...

<http://www.politico.com/story/2016/05/hillary-clinton-email-investigation-fbi-james-comey-223071>

FBI's Comey: I feel 'pressure' to quickly finish Clinton email probe

Handling investigation 'well' is top priority, FBI director says, rejecting any 'external deadline'

By [Josh Gerstein](#)

05/11/16 01:23 PM EDT

Updated 05/11/16 02:25 PM EDT

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FBI Director James Comey said Wednesday he feels "pressure" to complete the federal investigation into Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's private e-mail server competently and quickly.

However, Comey said the pressure is similar to other high-profile cases the bureau handles such as terrorism investigations.

"We want to do it well and we want to do it promptly. I feel pressure to do both of those things," Comey told reporters during a roundtable at FBI headquarters. "As between the two things, we will always choose 'well.'"

Comey indicated he's not taking into account political events, including the upcoming conventions or the fall election.

"I don't tether to any external deadline," the FBI chief said.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/may/11/andrew-anapolitan-hillary-clintons-email-scandal-is/>

Excerpt: Russia reported to have hacked Hillary's Server.

It is almost inconceivable that all of his (Brian Pagliano's) emails have been lost. Surely this will intrigue the [FBI](#), which has reportedly been able to retrieve the emails [Mrs. Clinton](#) attempted to wipe from her server.

While all of this has been going on, intelligence community sources have reported about a below-the-radar, yet largely known debate in the Kremlin between the Russian Foreign Ministry and the Russian Intelligence Services. They are trying to come to a meeting of the minds to determine whether the Russian government should release some 20,000 of [Mrs. Clinton](#)'s emails that it obtained either by hacking her directly or by hacking into the email of her confidante, Sid Blumenthal.

As if all this wasn't enough bad news for [Mrs. Clinton](#) in one week, the [FBI](#) learned last week from the convicted international hacker, who calls himself Guccifer, that he knows how the Russians came to possess [Mrs. Clinton](#)'s emails; and it is because she stored, received and sent them from her personal, secret, non-secure server.

[Mrs. Clinton](#) has not been confronted publicly and asked for an explanation of her thoughts about the confluence of these events, but she has been asked if the [FBI](#) has reached out to her. It may seem counter-intuitive, but in white-collar criminal cases, the [FBI](#) gives the targets of its investigations an opportunity to come in and explain why the target should not be indicted.