



Regenerating the Body Politic

Curing Post-Election Hangover

Establishment politicians and both major political parties in the U.S. have proved once again that they are morally and politically corrupt, out of touch with the needs and aspirations of everyday people, the middle class, the working class, and low-income communities alike. My estimate—please correct me if I’m wrong—is that 90 percent or more of the nation’s 500,000+ elected and appointed officials need to be thrown (voted) out of office.

OCA is ready to roll up our sleeves and plant the seeds of peace and disarmament, not war. We are ready to join arms together with the overwhelming majority of people who are fed-up and determined to regenerate, not just our food and farming and our health, but our politics as well. We don’t have to agree on every single issue in order to work together. But we must move beyond the empty politics, hyper-partisan polarization, and moral depravity of the Establishment Democrats and Republicans (and the billionaires and millionaires who aid and abet this madness.) Watch Russell Brand on how the Mid-Terms have distracted us from the fact that we are drifting toward nuclear war in Ukraine: <https://orgcns.org/3GpHcpY>

The Fertilizer Trap and the World Food Crisis

The Institute for Agriculture and Food Policy and GRAIN write: “The global food system is addicted to chemical fertilizers. For the past 50 years, these fertilizers have been heavily promoted by global institutions, governments and agribusiness as the means for increasing crop yields, while other options for increasing soil fertility and food production have been ignored or undervalued. As a result, worldwide use of chemical fertilizers has increased tenfold since the 1960s. Some credit chemical fertilizers for enabling global food production to keep up with population growth, but their use has come at a high cost.”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3g8cOFS>

The Lost Art of Finding Common Ground

Matt Taibbi writes in Substack:

“The star [Tim Robbins] of films like *The Player* and *Bull Durham* opens up about two tough years of pandemic politics, and worries society is purposefully phasing out the common meeting space... After the COVID-19 crisis began, actor Tim Robbins was like everyone else in suddenly having both more time to think, and more unpleasant things to think about.

Robbins says, “These last few years, they’ve taught me so much, about what is right, what is wrong. There’s so much empowerment of people that feel that they are being incredibly virtuous and generous, yet are doing things that are not very kind to other people. I think we’ve lost ourselves during this time. Just a brief stroll through social media and you’ll find that out. (laughs) The internet has become like a bar that you go to, and you open the door, and everyone yells, ‘Fuck you! Get out!’”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3EifQ3s>

Feeding the World: Why Regenerative Grazing is So Important

In the Foreword to the new book, *Grass-Fed Beef for a Post-Pandemic World*, by Ridge Shinn and Lynn Pledger, renowned holistic rancher Gabe Brown writes:

“It seems that every day we wake up to a new crisis, from the COVID-19 pandemic and high fuel prices to empty store shelves and war in Ukraine. Our world is in a constant state of change. While many cry doomsday, some, like Ridge Shinn and Lynn Pledger, know that the secret to resiliency in a changing world can be found through healthy soil, created with the help of grazing ruminants.

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3DXL4vb>

Mexican Lawmakers Push Wider Pesticide Ban

Reuters reports:

“A broad coalition of Mexican lawmakers is pushing to ban nearly 200 chemicals used in pesticides, saying they endanger human health, and the plan has alarmed farmers who say the move could devastate the country’s food production.

There is a growing movement in Mexico against the use of pesticides and genetically modified crops, but some in the government have said the latest proposal goes too far, too fast...”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3ilZMVG>

Were COVID Origins a Hidden, and a Winning Campaign Issue?

Sam Husseini writes:

“COVID upended every life in the US over the last two and a half years. It’s remarkable how the Democrats in the House have blocked any real move to investigate the origins of the pandemic. And given that it’s effectively an issue of biowarfare, that progressives have stayed silent or worse, become apologists. And it’s remarkable how little the Republicans stressed the origins of the COVID pandemic as a campaign issue. (Though, what lobby would push the issue, there’s no counter to the Big Money of Big Pharma.)

It’s virtually impossible to try to establish causality, but Republicans who did question the establishment claims on pandemic origins like Sen. Rand Paul and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis had strong showings on Tuesday.

Paul went up from 57.3% in his last election cycle to 61.8% in this year.

Paul gained notoriety by repeatedly questioning Biden’s head medical advisor Anthony Fauci on COVID origins. Fauci and much of the establishment pretended from the beginning of the pandemic that it could not have lab origin, which was a ridiculous falsehood. A reckoning on this issue is long overdue and with a few exceptions, the Republicans did not seize the political opening.”

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3Vi61bO>

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