

The Fortnightly Rant

A Belated Happy Easter, All

For one reason or another, spring has returned to the northern hemisphere.

Some may say it's the will of the Lord: the warming earth and returning birds are a manifestation of His infinite grace and wisdom. Perhaps so; it's certainly not for the likes of us to say. That will, though, if indeed it exists, seems so wildly unpredictable, the regularity of spring's arrival raises our suspicions as to His involvement.

Others ascribe this recurring phenomenon to the slightly more scrutable laws of physics. Because those laws are contingent upon verification through experimentation, this argument has won fairly widespread acceptance. It's a bold strategy, though—at this very moment, those laws are being shaken to their roots.

Physicists have been mucking around with muons—chunky sub-atomic siblings of svelte electrons—and gotten results that fail to fit into their Standard Model. One might think, from its name, that the Standard Model was a type of automobile formerly produced by the U.S.S.R.'s Factory for Automobile Production, but no.

The Standard Model is the über-bland name of the ultra-fundamental theory that describes “three of the four known fundamental forces (the electromagnetic, weak, and strong interactions, and not including gravity) in the universe, as well as classifying all known elementary particles,” or so says *Wikipedia*.

Now news reports suggest that *Wikipedia* may be due for an edit: there could be a new force or new particle on the block. If so then, as Joe Biden once whispered, “This is a big _____ing deal.”

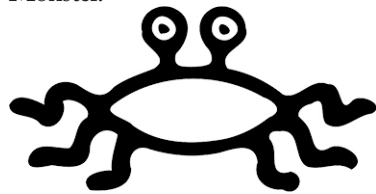
The fun-loving physicists of whom we speak decided to try fling-

ing some muons through a magnetic field and watching how they wobble. Kids, this is a perfect example of why you should stay in school and study—doesn't this sound like more fun than peeing in a bottle as you hustle off to your next stop in one of Jeff Bezos' delivery trucks?

The Standard Model predicted that our fat little sub-atomic friends would show up in a certain area upon a graph. As the *New York Times* reported Wednesday, that's not what happened:

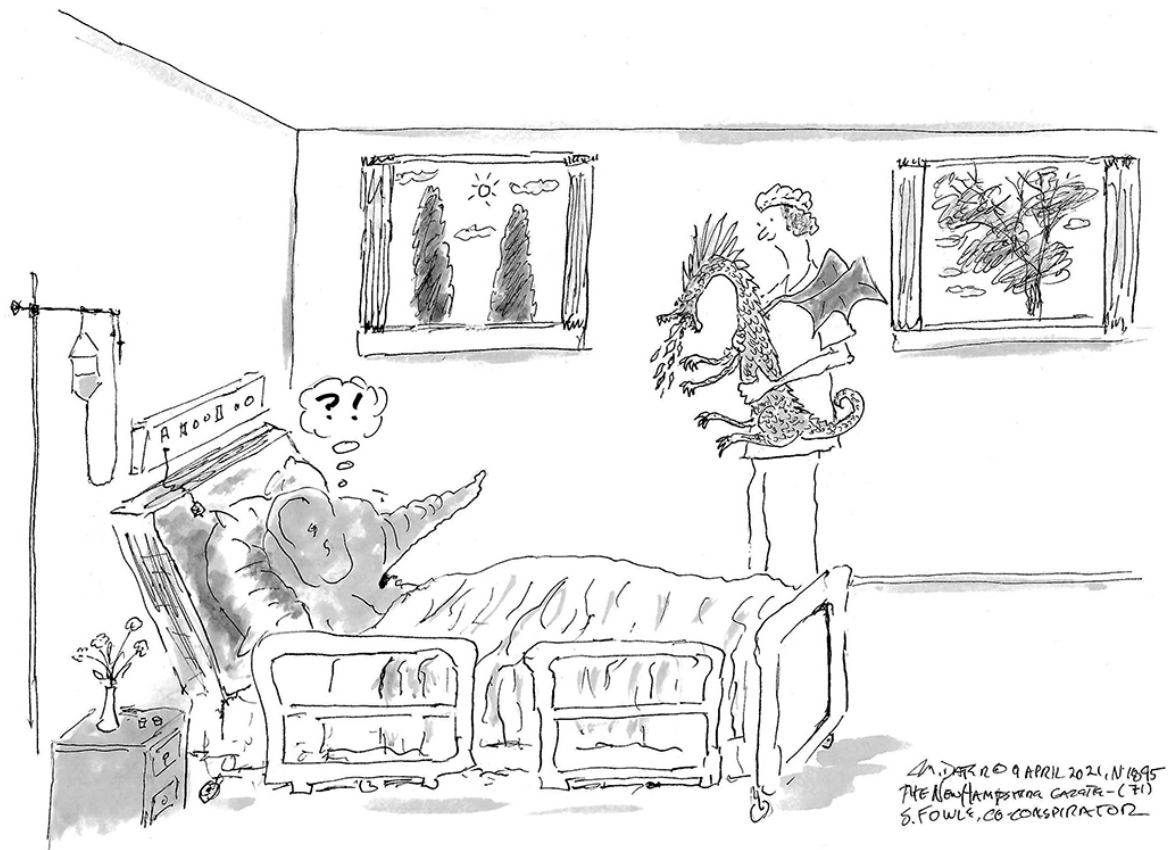
“At a virtual seminar and news conference on Wednesday, Dr. [Chris] Polly pointed to a graph displaying white space where the Fermilab findings deviated from the theoretical prediction. ‘We can say with fairly high confidence, there must be something contributing to this white space,’ he said. ‘What monsters might be lurking there?’”

Dr. Polly's question was probably rhetorical. Nevertheless we have the answer: that Delicious Deity of Pastafarians, the Flying Spaghetti Monster.



In keeping with the laws and values of the nation in which it is proud to hold seniority, the *New Hampshire Gazette* imposes no religious strictures on its staff or its readership. An informal survey of the newsroom, though, as this is being written, reveals that we are all Pastafarians. Ten Commandments is a bit too much for hopeless sinners like us; eight “I'd Really Rather You Didn'ts” is more our speed.

Some will say that this is preposterous. Of course it is. Read any recent paper and show us what isn't.



EVOLUTION STRIKES AT THE G.O.P. MATERNITY WARD

“But the pandemic,” you may say, “and the wars and the poverty and the hunger and the floods and the pollution and the climate and the....”

Yes, quite so. All of that goes to prove our point. What could possibly be more preposterous than to witness all the suffering in this world, and to say, in response, “eh... let the Invisible Hand of the Infalible Free Market sort all that \$#!* out?”

Smug neoliberals would have us believe that there is no such thing as unearned income; that anyone who is poor is lazy and undeserving of whatever they lack; and that any minor glitches in our benevolent matrix can be corrected by shredding regulations and lowering tax rates even further for the richly-deserving rich.

At least the Flying Spaghetti Monster offers us plates full of noodly goodness.

By now it should be well established that the beliefs and alleged thought processes of the nation's most venerable news organization are fair game for questioning and debate. Nevertheless, we persevere in questioning the beliefs and thought processes of those who currently wield the power in this country.

We find it somewhat strange that a political party could have gotten away with unilaterally designating one particular faith as the nation's *de facto* quasi-official religion by default—and please do not try to gaslight us by saying it ain't so.

The First Amendment clearly prohibits “laws respecting an establishment of religion.” The U.S. Code, though, is stuffed with laws which might as well come with Biblical citations, complete with chapter and verse. Yet the same folks whose footprints are all over this Amendment will whip out a Glock if you question the next one.

That's strange enough. What truly surpasseth our meager understanding, is, if you're going to force down the nation's throat a religion whose tenets include “loving thy neighbor as thyself,” why cling so bitterly to the draconian Old Testament while ignoring the New? Isn't that, like... missing the whole point?

If only they would 'splain it to us, in terms so simple even we could understand. Because the only answers we can come up with are more than a little unsettling.

Being good Americans, they are naturally competitive...are the Hypocrisy Olympics coming, and are all these folks in training?

The only other explanation we can conjure up is that a certain Party is evolving—in a way that would make Darwin shudder.

Evolution doesn't care if you believe in it or not. If you breed long enough for certain characteristics, that's all you're gonna get.

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God gave Moses the rainbow sign/No more water, but fire next time...

Well, maybe water *and* fire.... Starting this fortnight's news at the top, we can report that things are looking a little squishy up there at the top of the ancient oblate spheroid we all call home.

It's early in the season, but according one authoritative source,* the extent of arctic sea ice is now lower than it was in 2012, and has been since mid-February. That's not good, since 2012 holds the record for minimum sea ice.

Members of the Party of Lincoln may choose to refute this, but it's widely believed that ice melts as a result of higher temperatures. Another phenomenon associated with higher temperatures is more frequent thun-

derstorms.

Violent thunderstorms overhead can be unsettling enough. After reading a report in *Wired Magazine*, now we're worried about thunderstorms 3,200 miles away.

Matt Simon wrote, “The Arctic has gone so bizarre that lightning—a warm-weather phenomenon most common in the tropics—is now striking near the North Pole.” We'll skip over the details, but those who read Simon's “More Lightning in the Arctic Is Bad News for the Planet,” will recognize the usual pattern: lightning causes fires, fires burn vegetation, burning releases gasses, gasses cause more heating, yadda yadda yadda.

We gloss over the rest because there's also news from the nether end of the big blue ball. Yes, it's bad news. Of course it's bad news. What

did you expect? Do you need a refresher course in News 101? Very well, then.†

Researchers from Northumbria University in the UK—which technically, we believe, makes them “boffins”—have developed a technique for modeling ice flows which allows them, for the first time, to identify tipping points in an Antarctic ice sheet. The Pine Island and Thwaites glaciers in West Antarctica are already producing about 10 percent of global sea level rise.

† The term “bad news” borders on redundancy. Once in a while you may be surprised by some pleasant turn of events, but if you go around expecting a steady diet of good news, you're going to be chronically disappointed and thus a miserable person to be around. News is for keeping people alert to the conditions around them—particularly as those conditions may affect their well-being. No one needs to be constantly reminded that the local water treatment plant has prevented yet another cholera epidemic, just as it did yesterday and the day before that. If you find it upsetting to be constantly reminded by the news that humans are a dumb, fumbling, greedy, lot of featherless bipeds, you have a choice. You can either take it up with their alleged Maker, if you believe in that sort of thing, or do as we do: marvel at the fact that after arising out of the primordial ooze, humans turned out as well as they did.

“The potential for this region to cross a tipping point has been raised in the past, but our study is the first to confirm that Pine Island Glacier does indeed cross these critical thresholds,” Dr. Sebastian Rosier told *SciTechDaily*.

“[I]dentifying whether a period of retreat in these models is a tipping point is challenging,” Rosier said. “This is a major forward step in our understanding of the dynamics of this area.” So, cool—all we have to do now is something about it.

We'd best hurry, though. Emily Ury wrote yesterday in *The Guardian* that rising levels of seawater along the Outer Banks of North Carolina are killing off trees and creating “ghost forests.”

Cut Down in the Prime of His Dotage Britain's Sky News reported this morning that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has died.

“Take it back to the beginning for us, Alastair,” said a woman with a posh-sounding voice, “and tell us how the young Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark met the then-Princess Elizabeth.”

Alastair replied, after a three-second pause, “Well...they were...related.”

* The National Snow & Ice Data Center's Interactive Sea Ice Graph: <https://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/chartic-interactive-sea-ice-graph/>.

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We checked, it's true the Queen and her late consort were third cousins.

The world will be more boring but less abrasive without him. In 1966 he said to the matron of a Caribbean hospital, "You have mosquitoes. I have the press." Consoling a woman who lost two sons in a fire in 1998, he said "[Smoke alarms are] a damn nuisance—I've got one in my bathroom and every time I run my bath the steam sets it off."

Pardon us, please, if our coverage of this tragic loss seem insensitive. We're just trying to balance out the unctuous coverage of the allegedly royal family coming from Fox News. One of the dimmer bulbs at the Re-

publican Party's on-again, off-again official media platform implied that a Black woman played a role in the death of the 99 year-old figurehead. Brian Kilmeade—who is not, to our knowledge, a certified medical examiner—suggested that the stress of a televised interview of Meghan Markle and her husband, whatever his name is, may have been the final straw for the Duke.

Relatively speaking, the Duke got off easy. In 1936, King George V was killed by his own physician with an injection of cocaine and morphine. According to a 2017 article in *The Guardian*, the murder—what else to call it?—was almost certainly carried out with "the consent of that monarch's successor. That successor, Edward VIII, hated his father—and the feeling was mutual. This was an



Oxen in front of a sugarhouse, in Washington, New Hampshire, 1978 or '79. The sugarhouse might have been built by Perley Crane, early in the 20th century. Perley's son Donny trained the oxen; once hitched to the sledge, they plodded along without any need of further command. Atop the sledge sat a huge, covered wooden tub. Perhaps five feet across at the base, it was considerably smaller at the top. The shape gave the tub a lower center of gravity—an important consideration in such hilly terrain. Donny carried the buckets through the snow, from tree to tub, and poured the sap into the tub through a hatch. Other than gathering a few dozen cords of wood, and boiling nearly 'round the clock for a couple of weeks, that's all there is to it. Donny sometimes represented New Hampshire maple syrup producers at the Big E—the Eastern States Exposition, in Springfield, Mass. It's the largest agricultural event in the East, and the sixth-largest fair in the nation, according to the all-knowing socialist endeavor, Wikipedia. "People always want to know," said Donny, the day this photo was taken, "what does tapping do to the tree? No one has ever asked me, though—what does it do to the man?"

era when treason was still punishable by execution. Means, motive, opportunity—the prerequisites were there. Dawson's [Bertrand, 1st Viscount Dawson of Penn, the Royal Physician] notes are the signed confession that puts the seal on the entire deal. There is no such concept as euthanasia in law to this very day, and what Dawson did was unquestionably murder." Edward VIII succeeded his father, but later abdicated so he could spend more time with his wife, an American divorcee. Both seemed inordinately fond of Adolf Hitler. Dawson timed George V's death so that it could be reported in the more-dignified morning newspapers, rather than the evening rags.

The King's last words, "God damn you," were directed not at the man who killed him, but at his nurse, Catherine Black, who had just given him a sedative. Black had served as a nurse in France and Belgium during World War I. She wrote in her autobiography, *King's Nurse, Beggar's Nurse*, "you went into [a casualty-clearing station] young and light-hearted. You came out older than any span of years could make you."

Happy Appomattox Anniversary Day

Seven score and 16 years ago today, at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, West Point graduate and alpha-level traitor Robert E. Lee threw in the towel and admitted that U.S. Grant had whupped his rebel ass, and that Abe Lincoln could beat up Jefferson Davis.

We regret the necessity of reminding certain persons of these facts, but the sooner they are assimilated, the happier we all will be.

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**Bezoz's Wish Is DeJoy's Command**

It now appears that a few hundred Amazon workers in Bessemer, Alabama were unsuccessful in their efforts to overcome the combined powers of their bosses, their bosses' boss, the richest man in the world.

This is not all that surprising, considering that the above-mentioned powers were abetted by local police, other local government officials, the state government, the Republican Party, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Postal Service, and an unholy host of right wing propaganda mills. Other complicit parties include every gutless news medium which uncritically accepts the in-

herently dishonest label "Right to Work" applied to legislation.

The workers' loss in Bessemer does not prove that people don't want unions. It proves that unions are what workers need. Just ask a union buster.

"Union busting is a field populated by bullies and built on deceit. A campaign against a union is an assault on individuals and a war against the truth. As such, it is a war without honor. The only way to bust a union is to lie, distort, manipulate, threaten, and always, always attack. Each 'union prevention' campaign, as the wars are called, turns on a combined strategy of disinformation and personal assault." That's Martin Jay Levitt in his 1988 book, *Confessions of a Union Buster*, quoted recently by Jane McAlevey in *The Nation*.

The rest of the country has seen U.S. Postal Service facilities closing down around the country. In Alabama, it seems to have gone out of its way to do Amazon's bidding.

Amazon wanted a mailbox installed at its Bessemer warehouse, specifically for the union election.

"...[T]he NLRB definitively

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— Joe Keefe

denied Amazon's request for a drop box on the warehouse property. Amazon felt it was above the law and worked with the Postal Service anyway to install one. They did this because it provided a clear ability to intimidate workers," according to Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union President Stuart Appelbaum.

**This Just In: Union to File Charges Against Amazon Over "Blatantly Illegal Conduct" in Bessemer Election**  
by Jake Johnson, staff writer,  
*Common Dreams*

As Amazon on Friday received the votes needed to defeat a unionization effort at its Bessemer, Alabama warehouse, the Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union [RWDSU] announced that

it intends to formally object to the election results and file unfair labor practice charges against the tech behemoth for "unlawfully interfering" with employees right to organize.

"We won't let Amazon's lies, deception, and illegal activities go unchallenged, which is why we are formally filing charges against all of the egregious and blatantly illegal actions taken by Amazon during the union vote," said Stuart Appelbaum, president of RWDSU, the union that attempted to organize the roughly 6,000 Bessemer warehouse workers.

"Amazon knew full well that unless they did everything they possibly could, even illegal activity, their workers would have continued supporting the union," Appelbaum



A wildfire recently forced the evacuation of 400 homes in South Dakota, and shut off access to Mt. Rushmore. That fire has since been contained. Given the hardness of the granite from which it is carved—it only erodes at a rate of one-tenth of an inch per century—the argument over that unique and peculiar feature of the American landscape is likely to last as long as Homo Americanus. Is it a hallowed monument to American greatness, or just an enormous example of sacrilegious schlock? That depends on one's point of view. @Ruth\_HHopkins, aka Red Road Woman, wrote on Twitter, "It's not Mount Rushmore. It's a Lakota sacred site called the Six Grandfathers that was defaced by a White supremacist KKK supporter. The Black Hills rightfully belong to the Ojéti Sakowin (Great Sioux Nation). Give it back. We'd protect it. #LandBack." Hopkins is right about Gutzon Borglum. Before he attacked the Black Hills he was defacing Stone Mountain, Georgia with a huge tribute to the Confederacy. This aerial view of the Black Hills, part of Carol M. Highsmith's America Project, available in full color at the Library of Congress' website, puts the matter into perspective. Borglum's vision, however grandiose and grotesque, is dwarfed by the natural world.



said. "That's why they required all their employees to attend lecture after lecture, filled with mistruths and lies, where workers had to listen to the company demand they oppose the union. That's why they flooded the internet, the airwaves, and social media with ads spreading misinformation. That's why they brought in dozens of outsiders and union-busters to walk the floor of the warehouse."

"Amazon's conduct has been despicable," added Appelbaum. "We demand a comprehensive investigation over Amazon's behavior in corrupting this election."

The RWDSU's statement came as an initial tally showed that Bessemer workers voted decisively against forming a union following a monthslong process that saw Amazon deploy a variety of aggressive anti-union tactics, fearing that a union victory would galvanize similar organizing efforts nationwide.

Nearly 1,800 of the 3,215 total votes cast went against the union while 738 ballots were in favor, according to the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) count.

If RWDSU challenges the election results, there will be "a hearing to investigate the union's claims against Amazon," as *HuffPost* labor reporter Dave Jamieson explained Friday.

"NLRB officials could potentially set aside the results and order a new election if they find Amazon's behavior to be as egregious as the RWDSU has portrayed it," Jamieson noted. "A lengthy dispute could eventually go before the NLRB's board in Washington, which President Joe Biden could reshape in Democrats' favor as early as August."

Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wis.), chair emeritus of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said Friday that he supports "RWDSU's filing an objection to the conduct of the election and related unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board—a right that they clearly have under the National Labor Relations Act."

"Amazon's workers deserve to be treated better than they have been on the warehouse floor," added Pocan, "and better than they have been during this election."

In a statement on Friday, AFL-CIO president Richard Trumka applauded Bessemer workers for courageously fighting for collective bargaining rights in the face of "systematic bullying and intimidation by one of the largest companies in the world."

Trumka argued that Amazon's "outrageous behavior" throughout the Bessemer election spotlights the urgent need for Congress to pass the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, a proposed revamp of U.S. labor law that would strengthen union rights and crack down on employers' coercive activities. The bill won House approval in March but has run up against the 60-vote legislative filibuster in the Senate.

"Our rights have been steadily eroded by a handful of powerful elites," said Trumka. "We can't allow this societal failure to deprive one more worker of the freedom to organize. This is the fight of our time, and it starts with passing the PRO Act."

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**Murph's Fortnightly Quote**

"We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm. Some of us are on super-yachts. Some have just the one oar."

—Damian Barr (1976- ), British writer, columnist, playwright

"The brain that has made our success could also be our undoing, simply not being good enough to manage its own creations."

— Christian de Duve

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"This habit of forming opinions, and acting upon them without evidence, is one of the most immoral habits of the mind. ... As our opinions are the fathers of our actions, to be indifferent about the evidence of our opinions is to be indifferent about the consequences of our actions. But the consequences of our actions are the good and evil of our fellow-creatures. The habit of the neglect of evidence, therefore, is the habit of disregarding the good and evil of our fellow-creatures."

James Mill (1773 –1836)

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# Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire: An Open Letter to Members of the New Hampshire Legislature Regarding "HB544 — Relative to the Propagation of Divisive Concepts"

New England is often seen as the cornerstone of United States history and, as such, the history of New Hampshire is integral to the history of this country.

For too many years, however, a critical part of our state's history has been omitted from its historical markers and from our classrooms—the contributions of Blacks and African Americans. The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire [BHTNH] promotes awareness and appreciation of African American history and life in order to build more inclusive communities today.

When one thinks of New Hampshire, racial diversity is often not at the forefront of minds. Yet, our state has significant stories from the Black community that add to its already rich history. Our work is to ensure that all voices and stories, but especially those from people of African descent, are heard in every corner of the state.

Many of our supporters, your constituents, have shared their excitement and appreciation for adding this perspective to our state's history. The explosion of support for the Trail over the last year is a testament to the ways in which organizations, schools, and residents see the critical link between our mission and our collective vision for New Hampshire.

Unfortunately, not everyone agrees that Black history is inclusive, and there are some who see it as divisive. HB544 could bring significant harm to the progress we have made in ensuring that all of our history is seen and told throughout the state. HB544 will make it difficult to have honest conversations about both the good and bad of New Hampshire history. It will impede our ability to discuss how racism affects the lives of Granite Staters, and how we can work together to make New Hampshire a more just and inclusive state.

In the famous words of Maya Angelou, "Do the best you can until you

know better. Then when you know better, do better." New Hampshire can do better. The Board of Directors of BHTNH urge our elected legislators to support the House Minority Committee vote "Inexpedient to Legislate." Vote "indefinitely postpone" should this bill or similar efforts reach the floor of the House or Senate.

BHTNH Board of Directors

## Shutting Down Honest Conversations To the Editor:

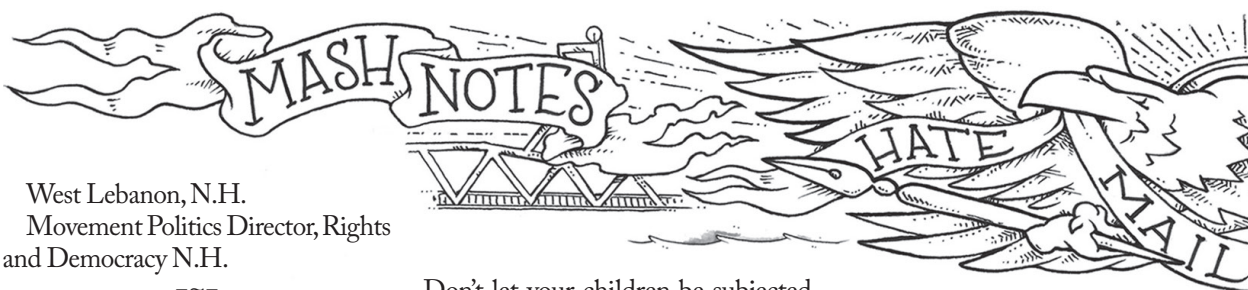
On Feb 11, Rep. Keith Ammon introduced the controversial HB544 banning conversations about race and gender in government. This Bill has now also been included in the budget bill. This is another attempt by elites in this country to pit people against each other, maintain control, and hoard the vast majority of wealth and resources.

We know for this country to live up to its promise of a multiracial democracy where Black, Brown and White communities can thrive together, we are going to have to talk about racial and gender justice, in particular within government. Against the wishes of the majority of Americans, including its employees, some don't want those conversations to happen.

The broad purpose of the bill was clearly stated when Rep. Ammon publicly denied that systemic racism exists and claimed that our country has rooted out "those last vestiges" already.

This attempt to shut down conversations within the very entity producing the harm—government—by banning certain words is dangerous for New Hampshire and for racial and economic justice. It's vital Granite Staters make their voices heard by calling or writing their representatives and demanding they vote against HB544 and its copied language that was just introduced into the budget as an amendment recently. And while you reach out to your reps be sure to include your opposition to a similarly racist bill HB266 punishing towns and cities for being inclusive towards immigrants by ensuring they are not being targeted or profiled.

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## How To Defend White Supremacy To the Editor:

Do you want your young children, grandchildren, or anyone's children taught that, not due to their own actions, speech, or thoughts but, simply because of their race or gender:

- They are racists, sexists, immoral, and/or unworthy of respect?
- They should be made to feel uncomfortable, ashamed, or otherwise distressed about who they are?
- They are oppressors of others?
- One race or gender is inherently superior or inferior to others?
- They should confess that they are horrible (e.g., racists, sexists, rapists, immoral) people?
- There's something wrong with them and their family if no family member is gay, bisexual, transsexual, or of a different race?
- New Hampshire and the United States are fundamentally racist or sexist?

These kinds of things are being taught to children in our schools as part of "Diversity," "Inclusion," "Equity," "Social Justice," or similarly named training.

[Note: We do not profess to have any particular expertise in the field formally known as Critical Race Theory. We have, however, for more than half a century, studied the systems and structures which have perpetuated a cruel power structure which former U.S. Representative Ron Dellums once called "government of the people, by the powerful, for the rich." In our view, racism is the single most important weapon wielded "by the powerful, for the rich," in order to maintain control of the government and the economy—to whatever extent there is any difference between those two things. — The Ed.]

Such teachings are child abuse!

Don't let your children be subjected to these vile attacks. Children have enough problems without blaming them for the actions of others.

[Note: Oh the children! By all means bring out the children! Children do indeed "have enough problems"—especially in a state which refuses to provide them with an adequate education, because the only fair way to do so would require taxing the income, or the wealth, of the powerful. God forbid that "the children" should grow up with the truth—how, then, could they end up like you? — The Ed.]

Similar "Diversity Training" is sometimes imposed on white employees who must confess their racism, advantages, oppression of others, and responsibility for the acts of others without regard to their own actions, speech, or thoughts...if they want to keep their jobs.

[Note: It's fascinating: in your view—which appears to reflect perfectly that of the Heritage Foundation, the American Enterprise Institute, Hillsdale College, &c., &c., ad nauseam, everything always comes down to the atomized individual. There is no such thing as a society, only isolated consumers in a "free" market.

The issue here is not, "Is person A bad? Is person B good?" The issue is that our government, our economy, and our society have been engineered in such a way that Black people, Hispanic people, Asian people, women, disabled people, and numerous other categories of people have been given short shrift—and the time for putting up with that is over.

So put your ego aside—it's not all about you. — The Ed.]

There are few things worse than falsely accusing an innocent person; that is why bearing false witness is prohibited by the Ninth Commandment.

[Note: It's none of your business, but we happen to worship the Flying Spa-

ghetti Monster. Thanks to the First Amendment, your Commandment has no power here. — The Ed.]

Behind all these innocuous-named trainings is Critical Race Theory (CRT) which essentially says that white people cause all the world's problems and are born as evil oppressors of others. [Wrong twice.]

When did Americans accept the idea that one person or one group of people is responsible for other peoples' misdeeds? We didn't and we don't! Blaming people for the deeds of others is wrong, unjust, divisive, and un-American. [Spectacularly wrong.]

But dividing Americans is the purpose of these innocuously named (CRT front) trainings/teachings; they are attacks on "E Pluribus Unum." United, Americans protect their freedoms. When divided, radical leftists can destroy our Constitutional Governments and our Rights, and impose radical leftist policies on the American people. [Wrong squared.]

We know that the goal of CRT training is political rather than helping race relations because CRT training isn't about "The Golden Rule," it's about requiring whites to be "Anti-Racist" which requires supporting the far left's political, essentially Marxist, ideology and far left politicians. [Wrong issue.]

Citizens of every race in countries which have implemented the far left governments desired by CRT supporters flee those countries to come here. We should learn from observation and these immigrants to reject far left policies and any subtle subterfuge like these CRT based trainings used to undermine our freedoms. [Irredeemably wrong, but spatial limitations preclude a correction.]

Don Ewing

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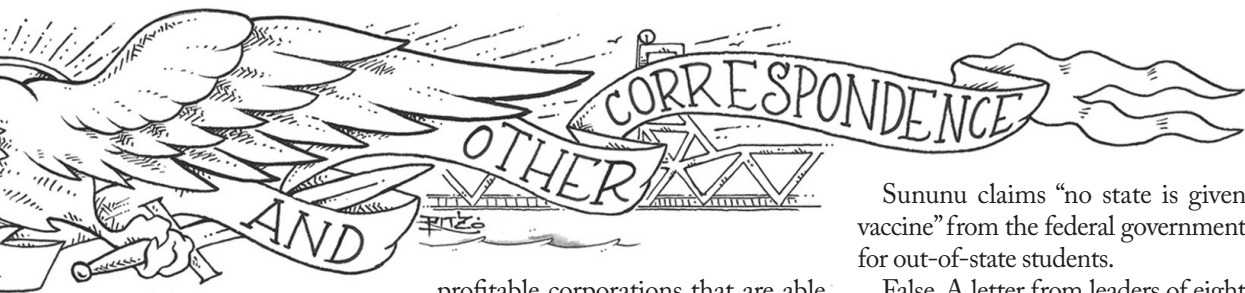
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Meredith, N.H.  
Don:  
Thank you for providing a vivid demonstration of why the bill you clearly support must not pass. It's unfortunate we had to riddle your letter with so much nit-picking, but hey—it was you who forced those nits upon us. Overlooking them would have been a dereliction of our duty.  
This situation would be hilarious, if it were not so tragic: in our ongoing culture war, the side that sneers "snowflake," yatters about "cancel culture," and denounces "big government" now wants the state to pass a law protecting them against—God forbid—someone telling the truth.  
Take it from us: not only is it possible to admit that you have benefited from structural racism, it is downright liberating.  
As this state's pioneering printer, Daniel Fowle's success was built on the bent back of an enslaved African man named Primus. Everyone who has benefited in any way from this paper—its two dozen subsequent editors, most of all—owes an unpayable debt to Primus. One thing we can do is give him the truth.  
The Editor

profitable corporations that are able somehow to avoid taxation on billions in profit are another and there are probably six or seven others hidden in the labyrinth of U.S. Tax code. I bet the *New Hampshire Gazette* has a list of them laying around. Put it in the comment, Steve.  
Look how well a very mediocre Republican party is doing just sticking it to the malefactors it identifies. Time for the Democrats to play that game with the malefactors of great wealth. Democrats, remind that guy who can't avoid taxation about the institutions that can, and then tax them.  
People might start taking you seriously if you do.  
Tom Laperriere  
Rochester, N.H.  
Tom:  
You give us a little too much credit for being organized, but thanks for writing.  
We can think of only one reason why Democrats have been loathe to put a bit of a squeeze on the wealthy: Republicans aren't the only ones who rely on them for campaign funding.  
The Editor

Step Up, Democrats

To the Editor,  
Democrats, in the future the filibuster will go away.  
The relevant question is, will the Democrats do it, or will they wait till the Republican have a narrow majority and do it (citing numerous Democrats opining that it should be eliminated to justify doing so).  
Either way it's gone.  
The Democrats can dump it now. They can pass lots of stuff that helps lots of people and pay for it by taxing institutions that need to be taxed.  
A small per-transaction tax on stock purchases is an example of an "institution that needs to be taxed." Super

Governor Sununu vs. The Truth  
To the Editor:  
Covid spreads easily in college towns, where students live, shop and work alongside the adult population. Durham recently reported 164 active Covid cases, 155 of them students (*Foster's*, March 25, 2021).  
Governor Sununu is denying Covid vaccines for out-of-state students, claiming "No state in New England is giving out-of-state college students vaccine."  
False. Associated Press reports all other New England states are making out-of-state students eligible for the vaccine (*Portsmouth Herald*, April 2, 2021).

Sununu claims "no state is given vaccine" from the federal government for out-of-state students.  
False. A letter from leaders of eight New Hampshire college towns contradicts: "The U.S. Census counts all college students residing in a community while attending school, irrespective of their home state, as New Hampshire residents...vaccine is distributed to U.S. states on a pro-rated, per capita basis...students from other states attending school in New Hampshire have been included in New Hampshire's vaccine allocation."  
Sununu maintains "By the time they have antibodies, they will be out of the state."  
False. UNH hosts two Covid vaccination clinics April 8 and April 9, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Final exams begin May 13th, so students remain in New Hampshire for their second shot, even if they aren't staying for a summer job, internship or study.  
Register at [https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6XteRE4xpHUnV8a](https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6XteRE4xpHUnV8a).  
Sununu insists vaccinating out-of-state students would "push back appointment dates for thousands of New Hampshire residents."  
False. Strafford County Public Health Network announced its team is "ready to execute the vaccines without reducing capacity for New Hampshire residents...it would not delay New Hampshire resident vaccinations...We believe it's best for our region's health and economy."  
David Richman  
Durham, N.H.  
David:  
We can no more correct Governor Sununu the Second's myriad "mistatements" than we could clean the Augean stables; aversion to the truth appears to be as hereditary as the office. This pile of gubernatorial BS is really about denying that students are domiciled here—and thus have the right to vote here, too.  
The Editor

GOP Promotes Gag Rule

To the Editor:  
Are you concerned about the effects of global warming? In New Hampshire, carbon pollution in the air increases asthma and health costs. Extreme weather brings floods and drought, threatening our homes, roads and bridges, and our farmers' crops.  
We look to our government to help find solutions. But in New Hampshire our representatives on the Science, Technology and Energy Committee are promoting a bill that would *prevent* discussion of any plan. House Bill 373 "prohibits the department of environmental services from participating in discussions of any state, regional, or national low carbon fuel standards program...or planning of such programs."  
This bill is promising New Hampshire citizens that our government will *not* plan to reduce carbon. We will continue to put carbon in the atmosphere. And we won't even talk about it.  
In case this sounds like a bad idea to you, please contact the representatives who have sponsored this "gag bill," HB373: Representative Jeanine Notter of Hillsborough 21; Representative Michael Vose of Rockingham 9; Representative Michael Harrington of Strafford 3; Representative Glen Aldrich of Belknap 2; and Representative Jason Osborne of Rockingham 4.  
We need representatives who solve problems. Not those who turn their backs on them.  
Susan Richman  
Durham, N.H.  
Susan:  
Once again, those screaming "cancel culture" are found to be revealing their own hypocrisy.  
The Editor

Let's Show Some Humanity

Dear Editor,  
HB138-FN, allowing prisoners serving life sentences to be eligible for parole after 25 years, is currently before the New Hampshire House for an April 9th vote.  
This bill is by no means a get-out-of-jail-free card. It merely provides

an opportunity for select individuals to be heard, to plead their case before the New Hampshire Parole Board. Only those who have shown genuine remorse and willingness to make amends by whatever means possible, have a clean record, have fulfilled all rehabilitation programs required of them, have demonstrated themselves to have transformed their lives within prison, and have a concrete and practical plan for success on the outside, would have some chance of seeing release in the end. The punishment for a crime is the deprivation of liberty. To have individuals who are demonstrably changed languish for three, four and more decades does not make our community safer.  
To quote a hero of mine, Bryan Stevenson, a noted attorney and justice advocate:  
"Each of us is more than the worst thing we have ever done."  
Which of us would want to be known forever as "The Liar," "The Thief," "The Cheater," to have the whole of our identity irrevocably tied to a moment's indiscretion or lapse in judgment?  
It is often easier to look the other way than to show mercy. But a society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable. I urge you to contact your New Hampshire state representative to voice support.  
In the end, our humanity depends on recognizing everyone's humanity.  
Russell Roy  
Manchester, N.H.  
Russell:  
As we noted in our reply to Mr. Ewing, above, we are followers of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. Like Christianity, our faith emphasizes humility and, when warranted, forgiveness.  
We also have a certain reverence for irony, which, we feel, reveals certain truths about the cosmos. It also often provides amusement.  
In the case of purported Christians, however, who revel in their support for forms of "justice" ripped straight from the pages of Old Testament, amusement turns to nausea.  
The Editor

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# Welcome to the Shooting Gallery

by W.D. Ehrhart

Welcome to the Shooting Gallery, folks, at the Great American Firearms Bazaar! Step right up and win your sweetheart a Kewpie doll! No background check required! No waiting period! Just plunk down your \$\$\$\$\$, pick up a gun, and start blasting away! It's easy! It's fun! Guaranteed to win a prize every time!

Just when we thought things were looking up—coronavirus vaccinations increasing by the week, Cadet Bone Spur relegated to May-be-Lar-Gesse and facing dozens of law suits and maybe some criminal prosecutions too, a real president in the White House, and the crocuses and daffodils beginning to bloom—we get forcefully and depressingly reminded that this country we live in is still the most insane gun culture on Planet Earth.

In the space of two weeks in late March, twenty-one more unarmed innocent Americans and the police officer who tried to protect some of them were murdered by men who had legally acquired the firearms they then used to kill people who had never done them any harm: eight shot dead in Atlanta, Georgia, March 16th; ten shot dead in Boulder, Colorado, March 22nd; four shot dead in Orange County, California, March 31st. And as I type this, I wonder how many more murders will happen before this essay is published.

Meanwhile, once again, out come the handwringing calls for background checks, waiting periods,

banning of assault rifles, limiting magazine capacities. Once again, the National Rifle Association declares that guns don't kill people. Once again, the dust will settle, and the 24-hour news cycle will go on to the latest shenanigans of the British royal family and the NCAA men's basketball tournament and President Biden's proposed two trillion dollar 21st century New Deal.

And nothing will change. It's like that movie "Groundhog Day." Only it's not a movie, and it's not entertaining. It's just real people dead. Different ones each time. Young, old, male, female, white, Black, Asian. Sooner or later your friends and family, my friends and family. Maybe you and me.

And you know what? Even if Congress mandated national background checks and waiting periods, and outlawed assault rifles and large capacity magazines, the slaughter would continue. None of those changes to our current gun laws would mean a tinker's damn in Hell.

If I choose to, I can pass a background check, wait two days, walk out of a gun store with a .45 caliber pistol that holds eight bullets, and kill eight people in eight to ten seconds. I can replace that magazine in three to four seconds, and kill another eight people. Sixteen people dead in less than thirty seconds. Who needs assault rifles and high capacity magazines?

There is a reason why the men who wrote our Constitution made provisions for amending that Constitution: they knew that situations and circumstances change, and they

understood that our Constitution would need to be able to change, too.

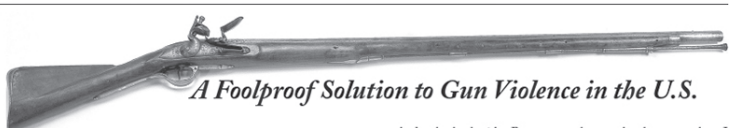
Consider some of the changes we've made to that document over the past two and a half centuries: slavery has been abolished; Black Americans, Native Americans, and American women can now vote; senators are elected by the people instead of by state legislatures, presidents are limited to two terms. I was not eligible to vote until long after I returned home from Vietnam as a combat-wounded Marine, but the voting age is now 18, not 21.

It isn't easy to amend the Constitution, but the very fact that the men who wrote that document included the mechanism for changing it puts the lie to those who insist on knowing and acting on "the original intent" of the Founding Fathers. That the Constitution provides for amendment makes it perfectly clear that those wise men realized the world they lived in would not remain unchanged for all eternity.

So how in the world did the 2nd Amendment become the one tiny piece of the Constitution that is handed down directly from God and James Madison, unchangeable, immutable, sacrosanct for all time now and forever ad infinitum?

Back in 1787, a lot of Americans put food on their tables by hunting. Some of them lived in circumstances where self-defense was sometimes necessary. And the weapon they had was a muzzle-loading, smoothbore, flintlock musket that could maybe crank off three shots a minute if you were really good with it.

Seriously, I ask you: what do you



### A Foolproof Solution to Gun Violence in the U.S.

Most people who pay attention to the issue of gun violence know the grim statistics. According to the BBC, 21,386 Americans committed suicide in 2014 using a firearm, while 11,008 Americans were murdered with firearms. In addition to deaths, firearms cause nearly three times as many nonfatal injuries, upwards of 75,000 annually. Figures vary from year to year, but the trend is upward. Americans are in possession of 270,000,000 firearms.

idenc makes it clear that being in possession of a legal firearm actually increases the risk of injury or death rather than reducing it.

And as for the arguments involving the Constitution, unlike the late Antonin Scalia and others who claim to be "strict constructionists" following the "original intent" of our Founding Fathers, I am a true strict constructionist. I believe the 2nd Amendment should be strictly interpreted as the Founding Fathers originally intended.

somebody rob a bank with a Brown Bess. Or shoot up a nightclub. Or commit suicide.

But what about all those Americans who love to hunt? Easy. State-run and regulated armories where hunters—once they've fulfilled certification requirements (much like drivers have to do)—can rent out a rifle or shotgun, and purchase ammunition. When their hunting adventure is over, they turn in their weapons along with the spent cartridges and unused ammo. Weapons not turned in or ammo not

we shop, or the classroom where I teach, even though we've done nothing wrong or illegal.

I am as law-abiding as all those law-abiding gun owners who argue that law-abiding gun owners are not the problem. Yet because those law-abiding gun owners demand the right to have unlimited access to all the guns and ammunition they can cram into their houses and garages and cars, I have to live 24/7 in the slaughterhouse that has become ordinary life in America, where 96 people are killed with guns every

For the original essay referenced below and depicted above, see: [https://www.nhgazette.com/pdf/262\\_24.pdf](https://www.nhgazette.com/pdf/262_24.pdf).

think George Washington or Benjamin Franklin or James Madison would have thought about fellow citizens who own three or eight or twenty-seven high-powered assault rifles and automatic pistols and pump shotguns? About gun stores on every other street corner that any Tom, Dick, or Harry can just walk into and buy an arsenal? About state legislatures who refuse to limit gun purchases to just one-per-month? (At that rate of purchase, at my current age I could now be the proud owner of 648 firearms, but the Pennsylvania state legislature says that such a law would limit my right to keep and bear arms.)

I must admit that the NRA has me pegged: I really don't want to regulate guns; I want to take them away entirely. I see no reason why any private citizen needs to own a gun. Most countries do not allow their citizens to own firearms. Those that do carefully regulate those guns.

In this country, it is easier to buy a gun than to get a driver's license or apply for a passport or even adopt a pet from the SPCA.

But how would we ever retrieve all those guns that are already in the

hands of Cliven Bundy and Lauren Boebert and Wayne LaPierre and hundreds of thousands of other Americans who think that God gave them their guns?

Back in 2018, I wrote an essay called "A Foolproof Solution to Gun Violence in the U.S." (*The New Hampshire Gazette*, Vol. CCLXII, No. 24, August 17, 2018) in which I proposed a way to do that. I even took into account, and provided for, those who want to go out and shoot deer and pheasant instead of their neighbors and co-workers.

Many people thought my proposal was more than draconian, but the problem we face is itself draconian (that is, harsh and severe). Until we get guns out of the hands of people who neither need them nor have any legitimate use for them, the slaughter we live with on a yearly, monthly, weekly, and even daily basis will continue unabated.

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Mash Notes, Hate Mail, &c.  
from page five

**Mmm...Lab Meat!**

To the Editor,

Way back in 1931, Winston Churchill predicted the rise of cultured meat. For those who don't know know, this revolutionary

protein is grown from animal cells, without slaughter. It has only recently been granted regulatory approval in Singapore. An Israeli company has reduced its production cost to \$7.50 for a quarter pound of cultured chicken.

"With a greater knowledge of what are called hormones, *i.e.* the

chemical messengers in our blood, it will be possible to control growth," the future British leader wrote in *Strand Magazine*. "We shall escape the absurdity of growing a whole chicken in order to eat the breast or wing, by growing these parts separately under a suitable medium."

Now, more than ever, our food

system is an absurdity. It's environmentally destructive, terribly cruel, and a potential breeding ground for pandemics. That's why we need federal funding for cultured-meat research. We must bring this groundbreaking protein to market as quickly as possible—at a price competitive with slaughtered meat.

Jon Hochschartner  
Granby, Conn.

Jon:

Our heading mocks the topic, but likely the joke's on us. That this comes from the deeply problematic Churchill only compounds our confusion.

The Editor

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# New Hampshire is better, and braver, than HB 544

by Dan Weeks

In 1645—decades before the colony of New Hampshire was independently established—historical records show that the purchase and sale of human beings began in the “Live Free” state. In that year, an African man was kidnapped in Guinea and brought to Portsmouth for a life of servitude. His European enslaver would later be punished by the local Puritan authorities—not for owning another human being but for working his human chattel on the Sabbath.

On the eve of the Revolutionary War in 1773, official statistics showed that 674 persons of African descent were enslaved in New Hampshire. One of them, Prince Whipple, fought for American independence as the property of General William Whipple, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. After serving in the battles of Saratoga and Delaware, Prince Whipple joined with eighteen other enslaved Africans in petitioning the New Hampshire legislature for emancipation. Although the petition rightly claimed that slavery was incompatible with “justice, humanity, and the rights of mankind,” it was ignored. Legal enslavement persisted in the state I love until 1857.

In 1835, New Hampshire’s first integrated school was established in Canaan. Noyes Academy attracted gifted students like the future abolitionist minister Henry Highland Garnet, who had escaped enslavement in the South and was denied

the right to travel in a stagecoach in the North. Within months, proslavery newspapers like the *New Hampshire Patriot* were viciously attacking the school and Canaan was declared “N\*\*\*\* Town.” Local mobs forced its students to flee, fired cannon at the homes of its supporters, and pulled the school from its very foundation with 90 oxen. The damaged building was later burned to the ground.

From the founding of our state until the 20th century, New Hampshire’s economy benefited handsomely from the enslavement and legal subjugation of human beings. Our merchants and tradesmen built and outfitted ships that transported human cargo across the seas; our farms and factories sold garments and agricultural goods to southern plantations; our industrialists purchased cotton subsidized by generation after generation of enslaved, and de-facto enslaved, people to power our mighty mills along the Merrimack, to name a few.

Neither these nor any other facts about New Hampshire’s “shadow” history of enslavement and segregation, from 1645 to the present, were taught to me in school. If House Bill 544 becomes law, their teaching as “divisive concepts” which point to systemic racism would become illegal in New Hampshire schools, universities, state agencies, and any private business or nonprofit that does work on behalf of the State.

The bill, which recently passed the House Administration Committee with full Republican support, claims to oppose racism and sexism

by sweeping the very possibility of each under the carpet. It would be laughable if it did not represent such a bold attack on our Constitutional rights—and truth itself—in a society that aspires to “liberty and justice for all.”

Echoing the former president’s dangerous attempts to further supplant honest inquiry with a white-washed “patriotic history” of the United States, this “divisive concepts bill” would ban any training or curriculum which accurately illuminates the role that people of European descent like me have played in creating and maintaining structures of racial inequity that persist in the present day.

If a high school history teacher informs his students of the well-documented linkages between notions of “meritocracy” and racial oppression—notwithstanding the fact that one so-called race was legally barred from learning for a quarter-millennium and is systematically denied an equal education today—he would be breaking the law. Should a student inquire of him why the average child of European descent is born with nearly ten times the household wealth of a child of African descent today, following centuries “white” affirmative action, the teacher had best leave the room.

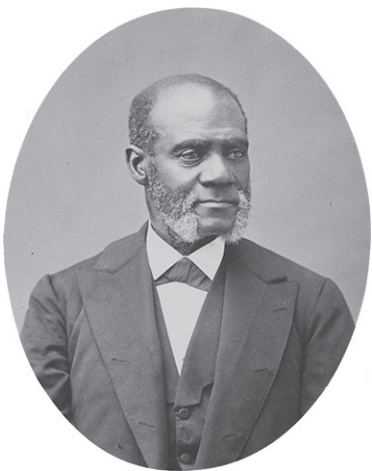
If a college professor is assigned to teach her students cultural competence and dares to suggest that an individual “should feel discomfort... on account of race or sex,” she too would be breaking the law. Tough luck if her students encounter the

uncomfortable reality of racial oppression on their own and seek to understand their privileged position in the American caste system—they had better not turn to their instructors for help.

If a diversity trainer at a nonprofit agency assisting homeless individuals correctly identifies certain “privileges [and] status” as having been legally ascribed to one racial group, their employer could have its government contracts canceled and be declared ineligible for any future work on behalf of the state. Instead of permitting such “divisive concepts,” the authors of HB 544 would rather impose their own apparent beliefs that people in need of help are nothing more than the victims of their own “laziness,” “stupidity,” or “criminality”—traits long assigned by those in power to people of color to justify their continued subjugation.

I believe New Hampshire is better, and braver, than this. So do our state’s largest employer, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and leading social service providers like New Futures and Neighborworks Southern NH. So do some of our most respected businesses like Velcro USA, Stonyfield, and Hypertherm. So do leading universities like UNH and SNHU, and the largest private investors in social well-being like the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Community Loan Fund.

These and dozens of other business and civic institutions, organized by New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility, have public-



Henry Highland Garnet

*“Address to the Slaves of the United States of America,” by Henry Highland Garnet, 1843: “...go to your lordly enslavers, and tell them plainly that you are determined to be free... If they then commence the work of death... rather, die free-men, than live to be slaves.”*

ly declared their opposition to HB 544 out of the simple conviction that Granite Staters do not hide from hard truths. We confront our past with courage, knowing that good and bad alike are intertwined in any human story. Only by doing so, can we build an even better future marked by “justice, humanity, and the rights of [hu]mankind” in this state we love.

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## Forget Trickle-down BS – Let’s Push Percolate-up Economics

by Jim Hightower

The past year proves that a lot of conventional economic wisdom is neither true nor wise. For example:

“We don’t have the money.” The power elites tell us it would be nice to do the big-ticket reforms America needs, but the money just isn’t there. Then a pandemic slammed into America, and suddenly trillions of dollars gushed out of Washing-

ton for everything from subsidizing meatpackers to developing vaccines, revealing that the money is there.

“We can’t increase the federal debt!” Yet, Trump and the Republican Congress didn’t hesitate to shove the national debt through the roof in 2017 to let a few corporations and billionaires pocket a trillion-dollar tax giveaway. So, if those drunken spenders can use federal borrowing to make the likes of Amazon and Zuckerberg richer, we can borrow

funds for such productive national needs as infrastructure investment and quality education for all.

“The rich are the ‘makers’ who contribute the most to society.” This silly myth quickly melted right in front of us as soon as Señor Coronavirus arrived, making plain that the most valuable people are nurses, grocery clerks, teachers, postal employees, and millions of other mostly-low-wage people. So, let’s capitalize on the moment to

demand policies that reward these grassroots makers instead of Wall Street’s billionaire takers.

“Tax cuts drive economic growth for all.” They always claim that freeing corporations from the “burden” of taxes will encourage CEOs to invest in worker productivity and—voila—wages will miraculously rise. This scam has never worked for anyone but the scammers, and it’s now obvious to the great majority of workers that the

way to increase wages—Hello—is to increase wages! Enact a \$15 minimum wage, restore collective bargaining, etc. and workers will pocket more, spend more, and the economy will rise.

Percolate-up economics works – trickle-down does not.

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