

THREE THINGS: WAVES OF STUPIDITY

[NB: Check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

Scrolling through my social media feed Wednesday I noticed wave after wave of incredible stupidity. Of course there's a lot of stupid out on the internet, so much wrongness there's an xkcd cartoon for those of us who can't help but point at the trash fires burning online.

But Wednesday's exceptionally bad piles of idiocy are worth noting because they're indicative of trends.

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Jesus Christ, this woman is a moron AND she's a doctor. Proves not everyone who earns a doctorate should be trusted with sharp objects or your life.

Testimony going off the rails now.

Tenpenny is claiming there is metal in the vaccine that causes forks to stick to your forehead. She saw videos of it on the internet, you see

Also promoting the 5G cell phone network vaccine theory. This is the anti-vaccine "expert witness"

pic.twitter.com/sPpuAqmHba

– Tyler Buchanan (@Tylerjoelb) June 8, 2021

Magnetism, I has it. Now that I'm vaccinated all the metal in my house is clinging to me – even brass keys which aren't conductive. ~eye roll~

Watch as this nurse – a health care professional who must have attended secondary education and passed a state licensing exam – demonstrates before the same state legislative hearing how COVID has increased her magnetism.

Wow. An anti-vaccine nurse in Ohio tried to prove the Vaccines Cause Magnetism theory in an state legislative committee. The demonstration did not go to plan pic.twitter.com/0ubELst4E8

– Tyler Buchanan (@Tylerjoelb) June 9, 2021

Lady, take a fucking shower. It's sweat and skin oils causing small objects to stick to you.

What an incredible waste of government personnel hours. Expect more of this kind of idiocy as long as it's profitable for these hacks to monetize their wretchedness while spreading this ignorant disinformation.

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Two words should tell just how bad this next bit of stupid is: Louie Gohmert.

Rep. Gohmert has become a synonym for brain-sucking vapidty if you aren't already familiar with this elected representative's cred. But he really outdid himself today.

ORBITS: Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) asks whether the Forest Service or the BLM can alter the orbit of the moon or the Earth in order to fight climate change during a House Natural Resources hearing pic.twitter.com/yYi0yi2cMZ

– Forbes (@Forbes) June 8, 2021

Bet he also believes Superman could stop or reverse time by flying fast enough around the earth in the opposite direction of its rotation.

Gohmert tried to correct what he felt was a misunderstanding, but...

What was conveniently left out under the ellipses: <https://t.co/NTAAbzA3me> pic.twitter.com/akXQKUJg8c

– Louie Gohmert (@replouiegohmert) June 9, 2021

We knew what you meant the first time, Gohmert. Voters in TX-01 need to catch the clue train in 2022 and elect someone with a few more watts upstairs.

Best analysis of Gohmert's question in this thread:

If you **did** want to alter the earth's orbit, it would not be that hard to do.

You'd simply knock Pluto out of its orbit to swing by Jupiter, suck some of its momentum off, then swing by Earth to impart a bit of that momentum, speeding it up and thus making it orbit farther

– Anosognosiogenesis (@pookleblink) June 9, 2021

The last tweet in the thread is perfection.

Until voters get fed up with this kind of moron representing them, we can expect more Gohmert-ish output from the likes of Representatives Boebert, Cawthorn, Gaetz, Gosar, Greene, so on. What a pity they all belong to the same political entity which has apparently abandoned science.

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Remember all the posts this site has written in praise of investment firm BlackRock? That would be zero if you're a newbie here which is in line with most sites on the left.

The firm may have begun to clue in that climate change and a lack of diversity are eating into their investment performance, but that's not a shift to the left – it's an acknowledgment of facts and science.

For some reason this Ohio GOP senate candidate believes The Left – just say it, Vance, the

Democratic Party – in particular are big supporters of BlackRock:

Blackrock is pursuing an investment strategy that will make it harder for young Americans to own homes. The Left will ignore this, because Blackrock has committed to “racial audits” and other diversity BS. <https://t.co/lgtb3xSl09>

– J.D. Vance (@JDVance1) June 9, 2021

Vance, the author of *Hillbilly Elogy*, attacks Democrats instead of focusing on the problem which is plaguing Ohio homebuyers. No doubt he’ll do the same thing if he’s elected – avoid confronting the financial investment sector from which he’ll expect campaign donations while crabbing about the political party which has swept up problem after problem created by lousy GOP tax policy.

As I’ve noted before, lower wage workers can’t afford housing when prices skyrocket due to investment bankers buying single family and other residential housing. Don’t like increasing wages? Get the investment banks out of single family housing and revisit policy toward investment banking in multi-family housing.

Businesses are still going to have to respond to the suppression of wages over the last couple decades; some of the wage increases are merely catch-up. Food service, hard hit by the pandemic, may respond earliest and pass the cost immediately onto their customers.

Chipotle Mexican Grill has hiked menu prices by roughly 4% to cover the cost of raising its workers’ wages. <https://t.co/ba3L5Wkm8e>

– NBC News (@NBCNews) June 9, 2021

But at some point shareholders need to ask themselves why they are paying so much for

executives when they aren't the frontline facing customers. With Standard & Poor index members' median CEO compensation reaching \$13.7 million this past year in spite of the pandemic, executives have raked in the cash during the pandemic; they can afford to yield a few million in compensation in order to assure worker retention through pay increases to living wage level.

Betting Vance won't say anything about the inequity of executives' compensation being too busy trashing Democrats to expend any wattage on systemic problems and solutions. He's still unable to grasp the true root causes of poverty just as his hillbilly memoir revealed.

I can hardly wait for another year and a half of this crap while he runs for Ohio's open senate seat.

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There was plenty more stupid where that came from, but the stuff is toxic and one can easily overdose. Let's hope Thursday is a little smarter.