

Third Saturday Seminar 2011-2012

Humanity at a Crossroads

Session 01

17 September 2011

Who's in Charge of the Cuckoo's Nest

Curt Gibby

Current Events Segment

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Change

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

Aldous Huxley

Return of the Elders, Unleashing Your Wisdom

Our Middle Aged Brains

David Niesel and Norbert Herzog

Ah... if only I could stay young... instead of faking it.

No kidding! It's actually true that our brains change with age. There was a report that said forty percent of your brain cells are lost with age but that's actually not true....

Something the middle aged brain is better at doing is recognizing the central idea or big picture. So if the brain is in good shape, it can build pathways that allow it to recognize patterns and their significance and find a solution faster than a young person.

THRIVE: How to Flourish in an Insane World

By [Dr. Arnie Kozak](#) | Last updated Jul 10, 2011, 11:02 am

Let's face it, the world is a mess. Political unrest, natural disasters, overpopulation, financial turmoil, depletion of natural resources, and war are everyday concerns. And thanks to the Internet and television these concerns are available 24/7 and come right to your living room.

Life has always been stressful. It's easy to idealize a bygone era as a golden age when things were different. There has always been war, unrest, and uncertainty. Yet as few as 50 years ago, it was not in our faces. The availability of information makes life more stressful.

We need tools to help us to cope with everything that is going around us – personally, in the family, community, country, and the world.

Program for TSS Meeting 17 September 2011

- 9:30 am Introduction & Current Events (45 Minutes +/-) –
Curt Gibby
- 10:15 am - 10 Minute Break
- 10:25** am – Who's Running the Cuckoo's Nest?
- 11:55 am Closing Remarks
- 12:00 noon – Adjourn - Next Session – 15 October 2011**

Third Saturday Seminars

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 is. Time will also be spent on current events. 3 Sessions. No fee.

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16019S 9/17-11/19 9:30 a.m. – Noon Gibby

Spring Session TBA

<http://wwwapps.lonestar.edu/flipbook/ALL/montgomeryfall11/montgomery.html>

Save The Date

Chaos in the Middle East

Increase your awareness of history in Islamic countries and Western Europe and gain insight into the chaos theory. Hear about lessons of history predicted today's Middle East uprisings that resulted in a state of chaos. This course will show how the universal natural law, described by chaos theory explained the rise and fall of the 15th and 16th century Catholic Monarchies and how that history lesson applies to the recent rapid fall in power of the autocratic rulers of the Middle East. 1 Session. No fee.

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1 - 2:50 p.m.

Peek

Here are some more ...

SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

The Roots and Enduring Legacy of the Enlightenment

We will discuss how a few men, from Copernicus to Newton to Voltaire to Beethoven totally changed western civilization resulting in the Renaissance and Enlightenment, encompassing the Scientific Revolution, and overturning centuries of dogma based on Aristotle and the church. 1 Session. No fee.

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16053 W 11/16 11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Haydel

The Earth: Planet of Fire and Ice

With the aid of videos and short discussions of modern geological theories, you will learn how the earth was formed. The first session is an overview and the others describe the ice shields, volcanic activity and plate movement that created the earth that we know. Develop a basic understanding of current theories of the earth's formation and that the earth will continue to change in future times. 3 Sessions. No fee.

16052 TuTh 9/13 - 9/22 11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Jones/Wagner

Third Saturday Seminar website is
operational but under eternal
renovation

<http://northstarinst.org/TSS/>

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The inclusion of materials and the facts, opinions and ideas contained within them, does not in any way mean that I personally endorse or disavow any of them in whole or in part; but, that it is of importance to the discussion.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Curt Gibby <gcgconsult@n-star.com>

Before We Get Started

1. As tempting as it might be to think so, this is not a political rally for one side or another. It is a discussion of some very important real issues and questions which many, if not most of us share. Please, don't let political differences if you know about them, affect your friendships. History will tell who was right (maybe). In the meantime we need good friends, especially those who can be candid and friends at the same time.
2. By participating, we will help ourselves as well as the other seminarians deal with these important issues. Nobody has the "right answer" except for themselves. We all owe it to each other to respect and support each other. We are all Americans or guests. We will all benefit from or have to live with the outcome.
3. Please keep your remarks brief and to the point.
4. Have faith -- in each other and yourselves. **Our republic has lasted over 200 years.** We are the oldest living Constitutional democracy. Our **Constitution** limits the power of the leaders and **guarantees the rights of its citizens.** That 200 years has not all been smooth sailing. From time to time, generally in "times of war", **leaders have** usurped the authority of the Congress, **violated the Constitution and the rights of the people** who rightly or wrongly have acquiesced, being promised security. Something has always brought us back from the brink, but I don't think we ever make a full recovery. Best, we keep our rights and respect for each other intact in the first place. Let's not let anything we say or do be harmful to each other.
5. Have fun - We always do. (Sept 22, 2005)

To Any Members of Law Enforcement

If there are any members of law enforcement here in any sort of official capacity and not in a uniform recognizable as one of law enforcement we ask that you identify yourself or selves, your agency, department or organization and your official reason for being here.

Rest assured that we are engaged in no illegal activity, but we are aware of, value and have faith in our Constitutional rights.

In any case you are welcome to stay and participate as a member or guest of the Third Saturday Seminar. But, if at any time you consider anything you see or hear happening or about to happen is or will be putting any one or all of us in jeopardy of breaking the law as you understand it, we request that you advise us of that situation .

This is consistent with your obligation as a peace officer or agent to protect and serve the people. Anything else will be a betrayal and you will be derelict in your duty. It will result in harm to those you are obligated to protect.

The donuts are free to law enforcement.

n.b. I have recently been made aware that it is legal for law enforcement to lie to anyone.

Current Events

17 September 2011

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



Freaky Friday: Astros rookies dress up (mostly in drag) and hit the streets of Chicago

Posted on September 16, 2011 at 9:52 pm by [Zachary Levine](#) The Astros held their annual rookie road trip festivities Friday. (Photo courtesy of the Astros) Despite a tough loss, the weirdest show in baseball went on. The Astros held their annual rookie road trip festivities Friday, sending their rookies out into the streets of Chicago wearing costumes, mostly feminine and mostly ultra-revealing.



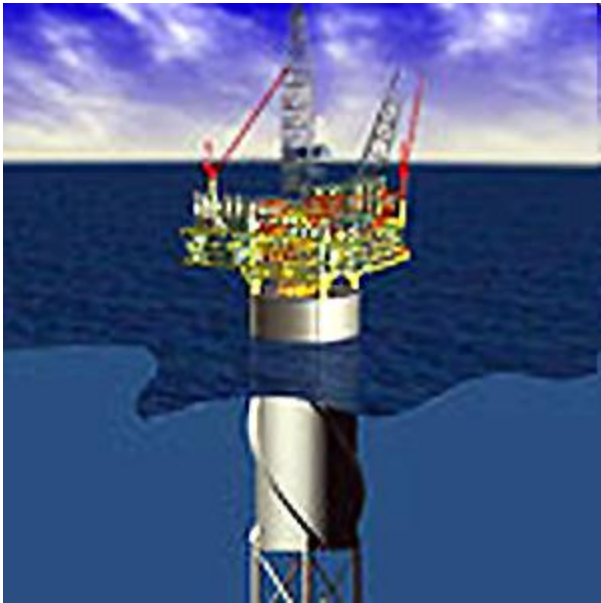
“Highlights” such as they were from a clubhouse packed with 16 rookies included Lucas Harrell’s “Seargent Sexy” policewoman’s uniform, Enerio Del Rosario’s bee costume and Wilton Lopez’s baby outfit, complete with bottle. (Lopez, by the way, is not a rookie but said he was coerced by Carlos Lee into dressing up as the lines were a bit blurred.) Jose Altuve was dressed as a jockey and Fernando Rodriguez wore a nurse outfit. 17 Sep 2011

A page from my past ...

The PERDIDO spar arriving in Ingleide, Texas from Finland --- 13 June 2007



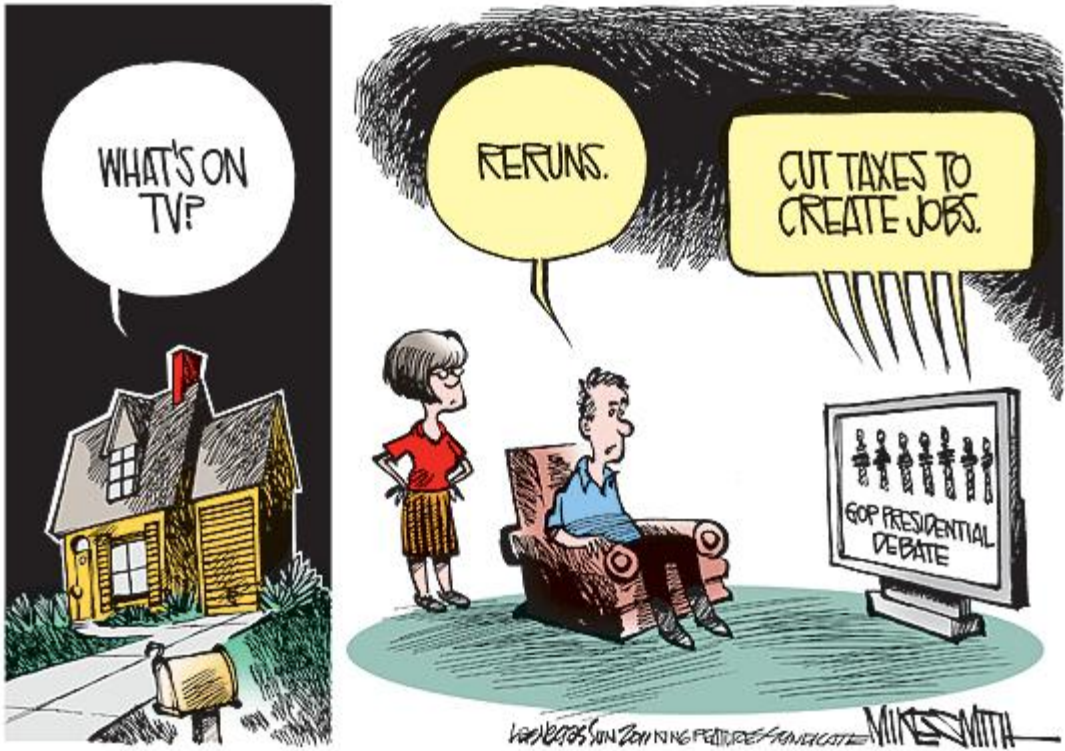
The Perdido spar is the deepest spar production facility in the world



Perdido



The Perdido foldbelt, located in the remote western Gulf of Mexico



Pro-Perry Super PAC to take on new name lacking governor's



Rick Perry (AP photo)

A Super PAC that supports Texas Gov. Rick Perry for president will change its name to one without the governor's name in it to avoid confusing itself with his presidential campaign, [Roll Call](#), a congressional newspaper, reported Friday.

[Americans for Rick Perry](#) will rename itself "Restoring Prosperity Fund" no later than Oct. 1, according to the newspaper.

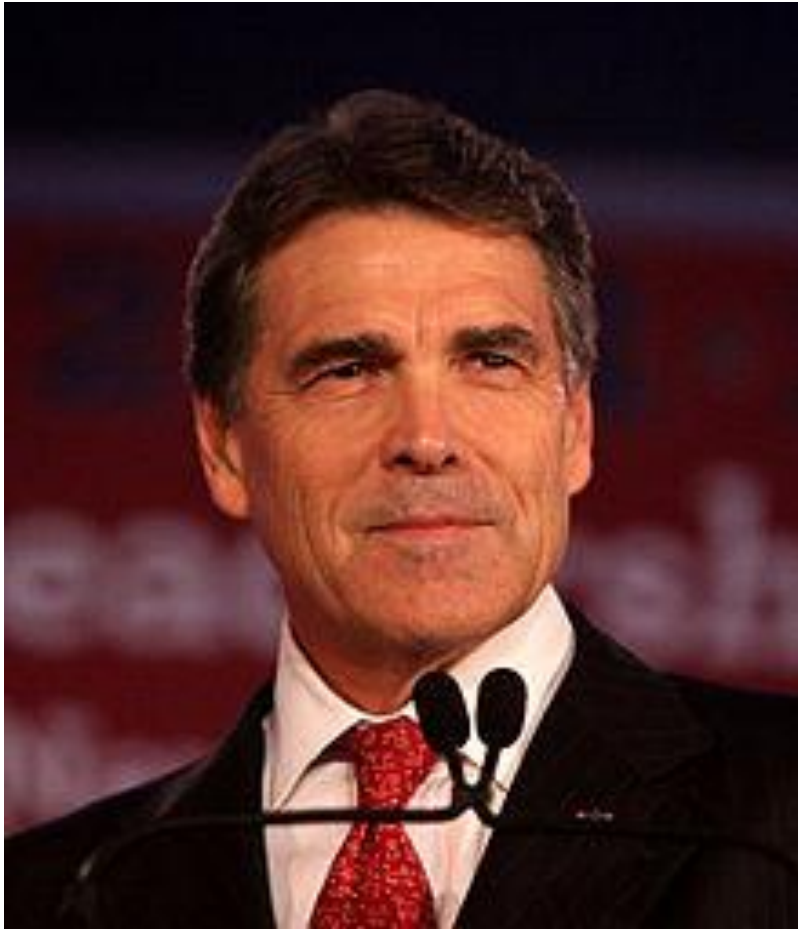
"Having his name on it, we felt, might be confusing to small donors," Bob Schuman, the group's national campaign director, told [Roll Call](#).

The group's organizers didn't want small donors to think they were giving to the Perry campaign, he said. U.S. election law forbids candidates for federal office from coordinating with independent groups such as PACs. The name change also makes it easier for the group to become permanent and get behind whoever eventually becomes the Republican presidential nominee, the article notes.

Perry has led the Republican field in a [wave of recent polls](#), with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in second place.

Posted on September 16, 2011 at 2:27 pm by Puneet Kollipara in Campaign 2012
<http://blog.chron.com/rickperry/2011/09/pro-perry-super-pac-to-take-on-new-name-lacking-governors-name/>

Rick Perry



Born March 4, 1950 (age 61)
Paint Creek, Texas Political party
Republican Party (since 1989)
Democratic Party (until 1989)
Spouse Anita Thigpen

Children Griffin, Sydney

Residence West Austin, Texas
Alma mater Texas A&M University
Profession Military Officer, Farmer,
Politician Religion Christian
(evangelical)^[2]

Website www.governor.state.tx.us
Military service Service/branch
United States Air Force, Years of
service: 1972–1977 Rank Captain

Trans-Texas Corridor

In January 2001, Perry proposed the Trans-Texas Corridor, a \$145+ billion-dollar project that would build multi-lane highways, rail lines and data lines from Oklahoma to Mexico, and from east to west in southern Texas. Instead of paying for the project with taxes, Perry proposed that it be partially financed, partially built and wholly operated by private contractors who, in exchange for a multi-billion dollar investment, would receive all toll proceeds, notably Cintra, a Spanish-owned company, and its minority partner, San Antonio-based Zachry Construction Corporation, one of Texas' largest road construction companies.^[109] Some of the more controversial aspects of the project include tolls, private operation of toll collections (at rates set by local municipalities), and extensive use of eminent domain (or the option for landowners to maintain a lucrative equity stake in the project) to acquire property.

TTC

Opponents portrayed the proposal as a "land grab", and criticized Perry for opposing the public release of the actual terms of the 50-year deal with Cintra to the public for fear they would chill the possibility of the company's investment; **Perry's former liaison to the legislature, former State Senator Dan Shelly, returned to his consulting/lobbying work with Cintra after securing the TTC deal while on the state payroll.** All of Perry's gubernatorial opponents opposed the corridor project, as did the 2006 state party platforms of both the Democratic and Republican parties. [\[110\]](#)[\[111\]](#) After much contentious debate between supporters and opponents, an official decision of "no action" was issued by the Federal Highway Administration on July 20, 2010, formally ending the project

HPV vaccine

On February 2, 2007, Perry issued an executive order mandating that Texas girls receive the HPV vaccine, which protects against some strains of the human papilloma virus, a contributing factor to some forms of cervical cancer.[94] The order provided vaccination free of charge to those who were not covered by insurance,[95] and included an opt-out provision for parents. At the time of the order, Gardasil, a newly approved drug manufactured by Merck, was the only HPV vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

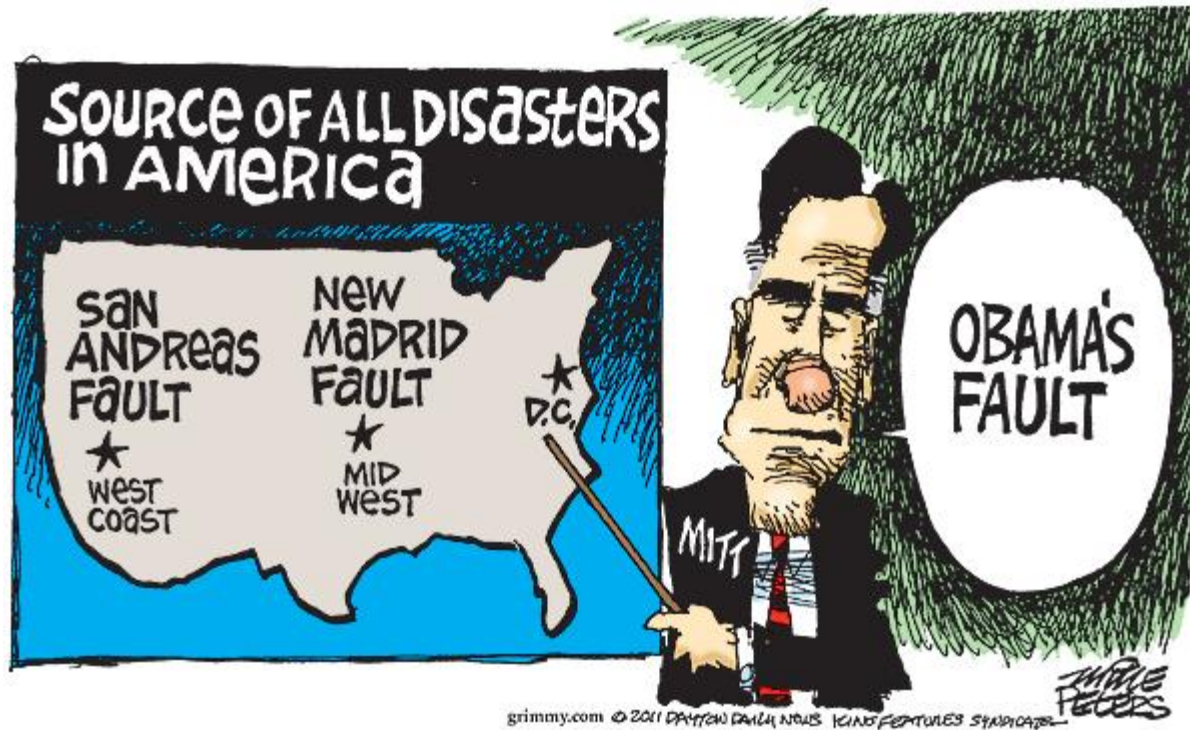
HPV

The move made national headlines,[96] and apparent financial connections between Merck and Perry were reported by news outlets, such as a \$6,000 campaign contribution and Merck's hiring of former Perry Chief of Staff Mike Toomey to handle its Texas lobbying work and Perry's "current chief of staff's mother-in-law, Texas Republican state Rep. Dianne White Delisi [as] state director for Women in Government".[94][97] Merck's political action committee has contributed \$28,500 since 2001 to Perry's campaigns.[98]

HPV

Perry's decision was criticized by some social conservatives and parents due to concerns about possible moral implications of the vaccine and safety concerns. On February 22, 2007, a group of families sued in an attempt to block Perry's executive order.[99] In May 2007, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to undo Perry's executive order. Perry did not veto it, saying the Legislature would have sufficient time and votes to override his veto.[100]





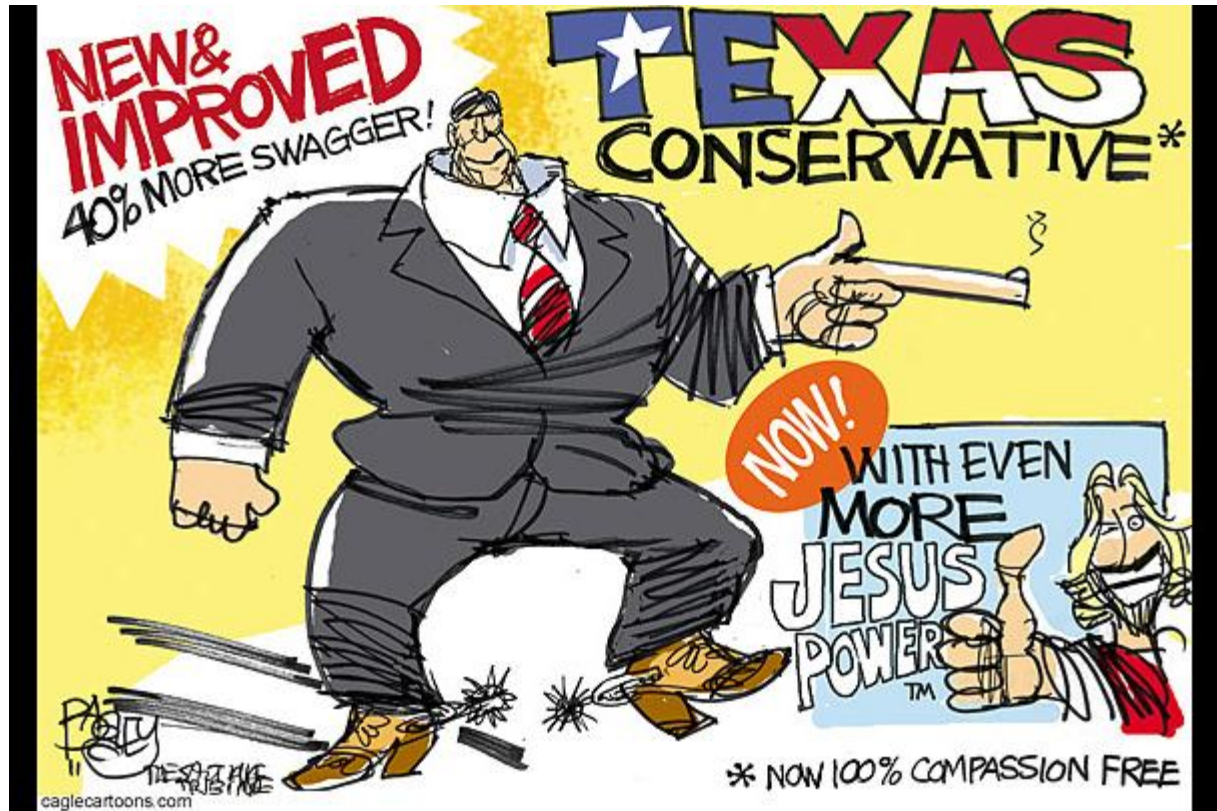
Ron Paul to the Tea Party

REP. RON PAUL: We're under great threat because we occupy so many countries. We're in 130 countries. We have 900 bases around the world. We're going broke. The purpose of al-Qaeda was to attack us, invite us over there, where they can target us. And they have been doing it. They have more attacks against us and the American interests per month than occurred in all the years before 9/11. But we're there, occupying their land. And if we think that we can do that and not have retaliation, we're kidding ourselves. We have to be honest with ourselves. What would we do if another country, say China, did to us what we do to all those countries over there?

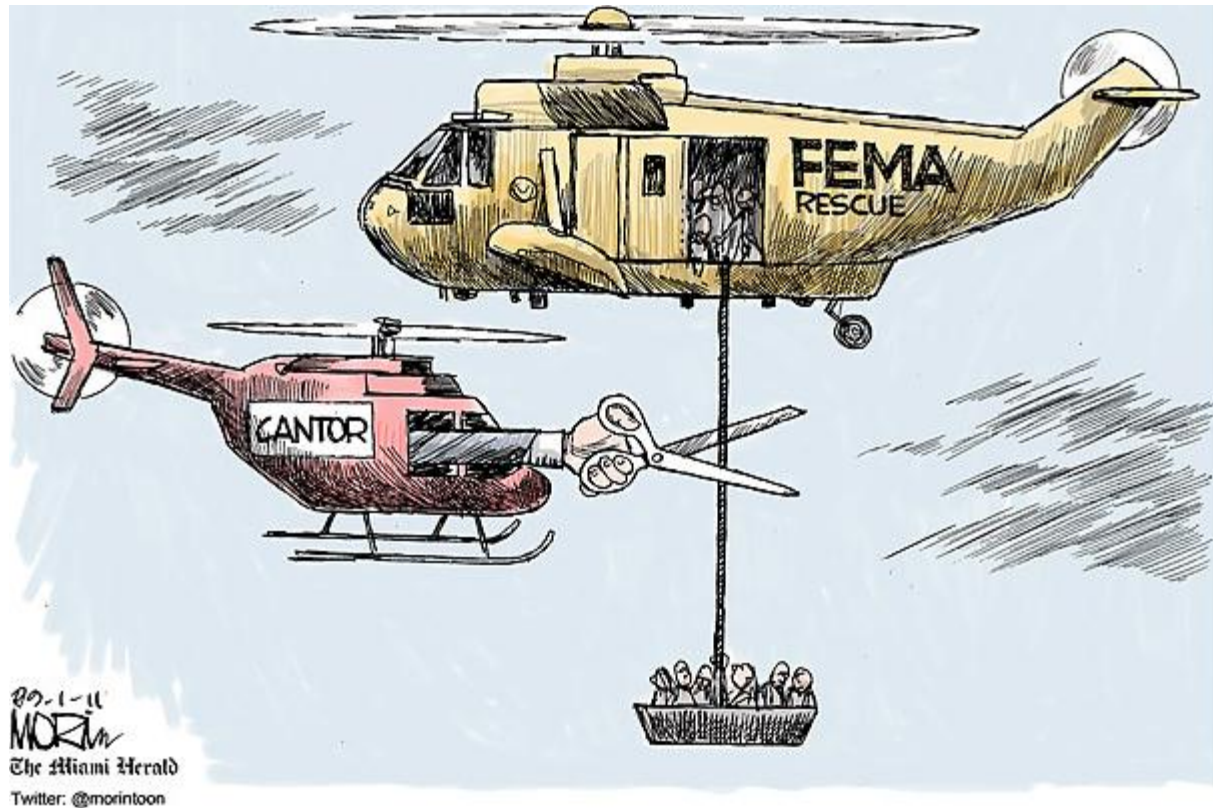
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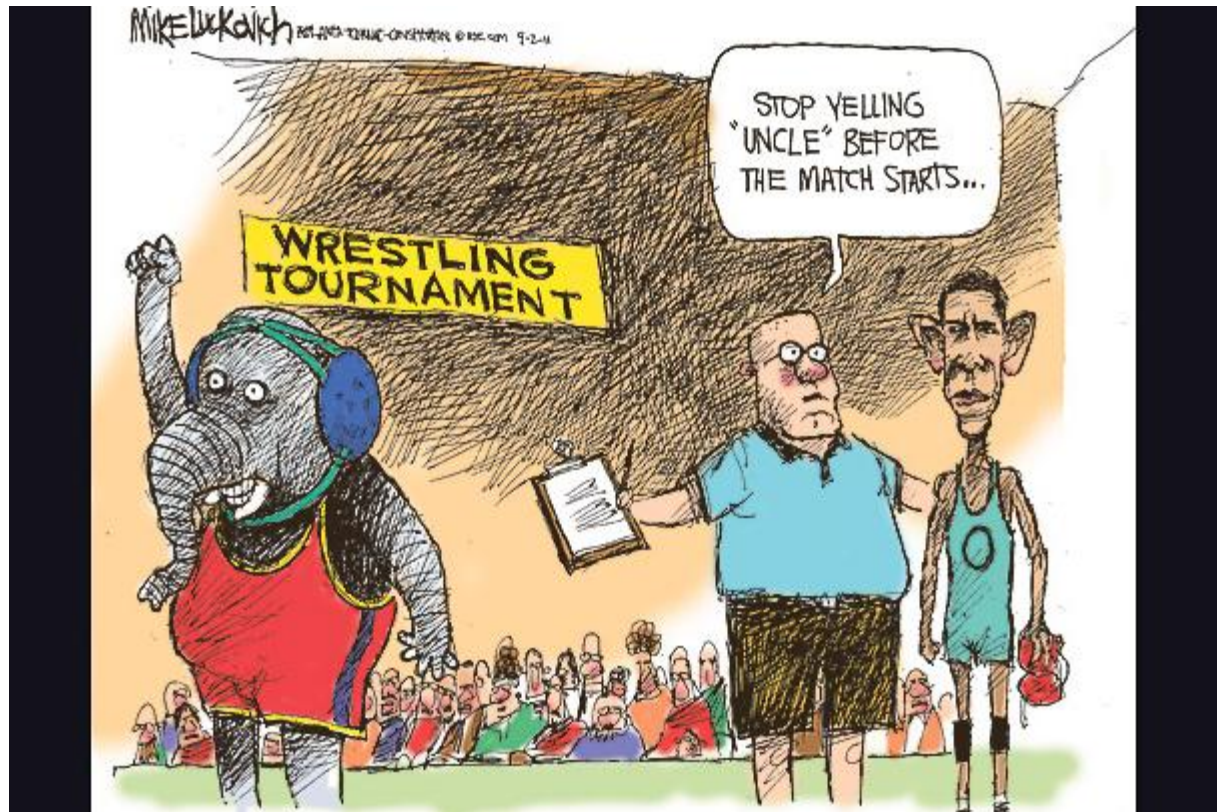
So, this whole idea that the whole Muslim world is responsible for this and they're attacking us because we're free and prosperous, that is just not true. Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda have been explicit. They have been explicit, and they wrote and said that we attacked—we attacked America because you had bases on our holy land in Saudi Arabia, you do not give Palestinians a fair treatment, and you have been bombing—I didn't say that, I'm trying to get you to understand what the motive was behind the bombing. At the same time, we had been bombing and killing hundreds of thousands of Iraqis for 10 years. Would you be annoyed? If you're not annoyed, then there's some problem.

(Applause and BOOS) which would you do?









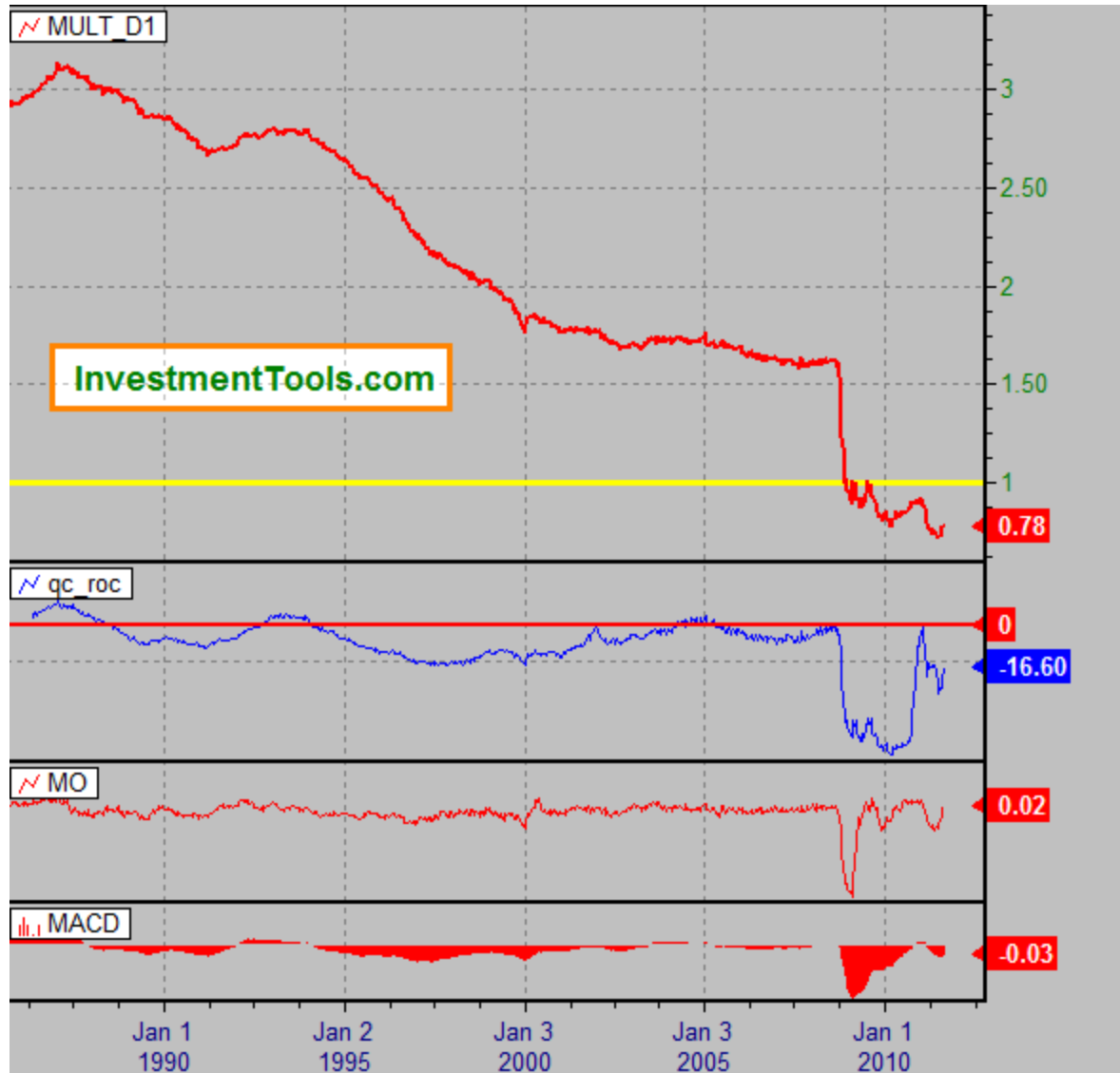


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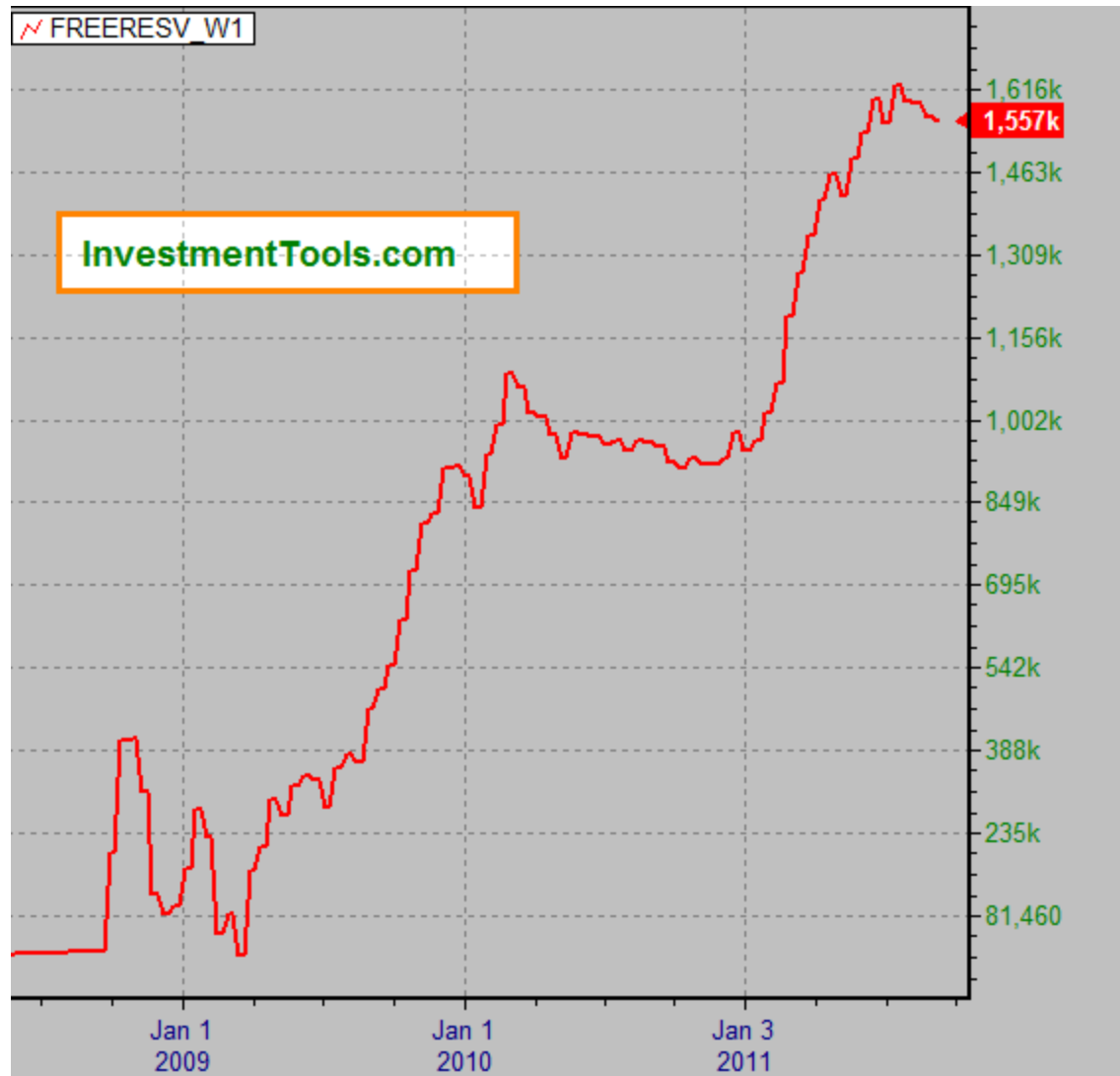
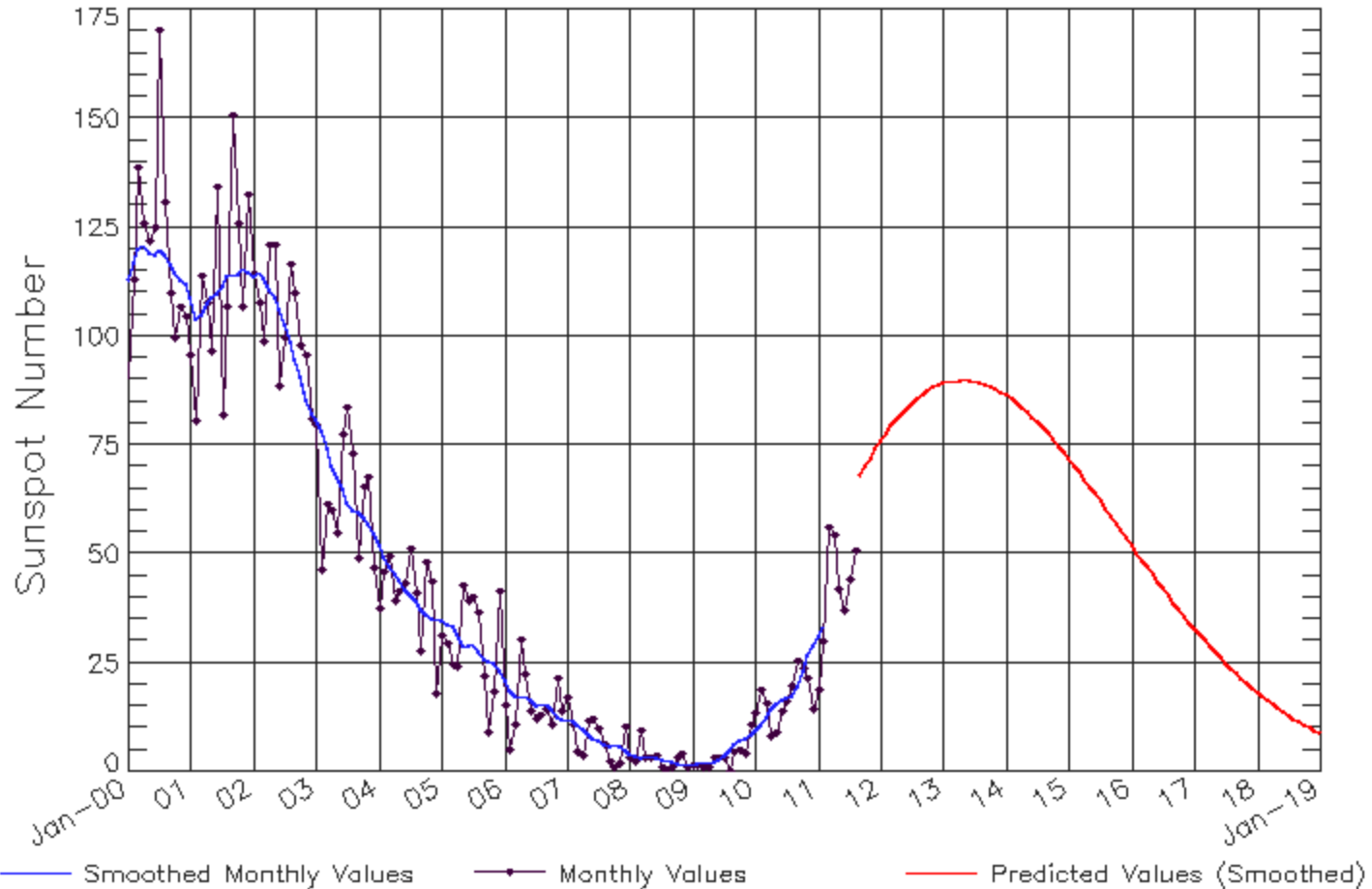


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Sun Spots

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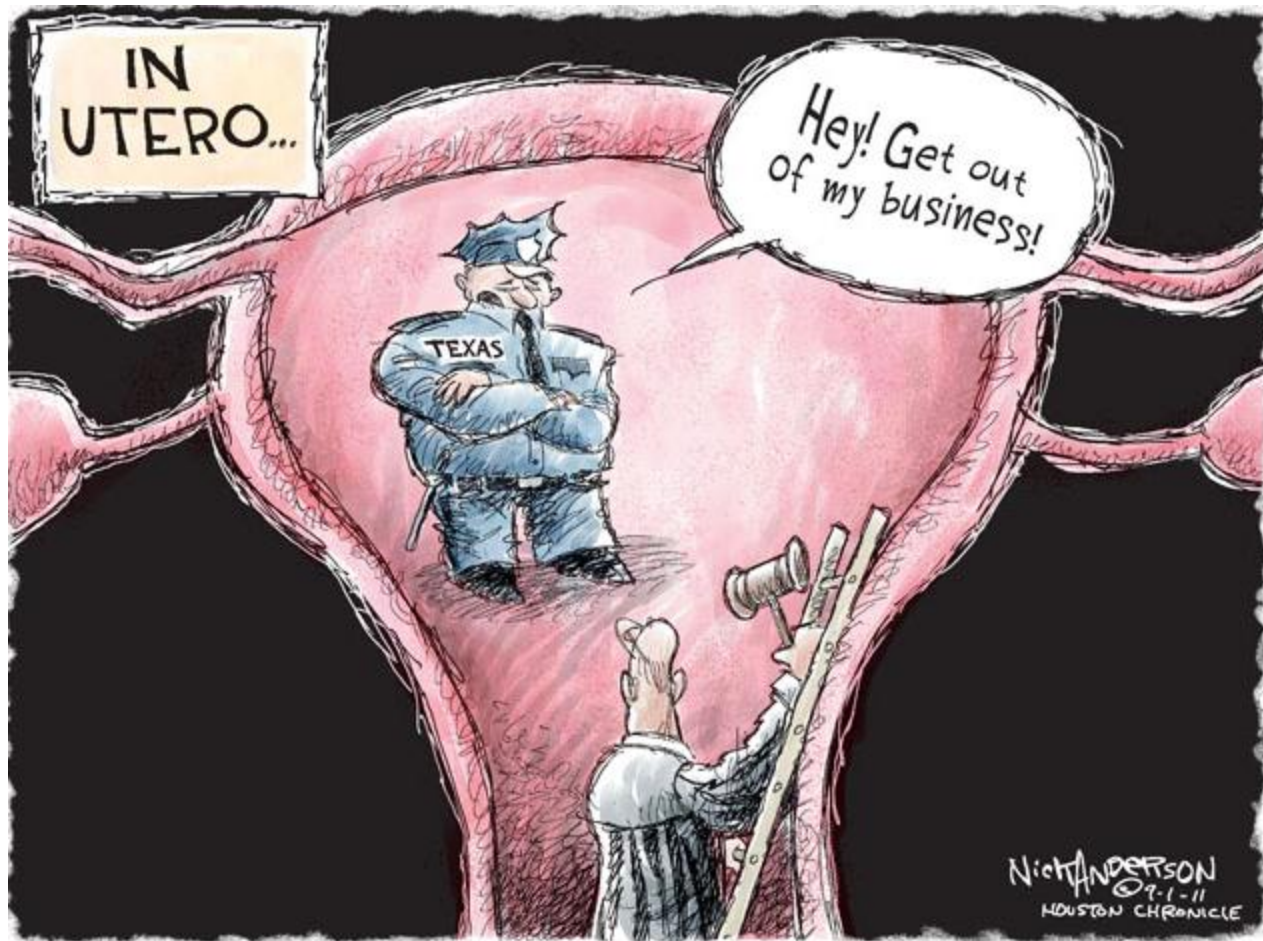


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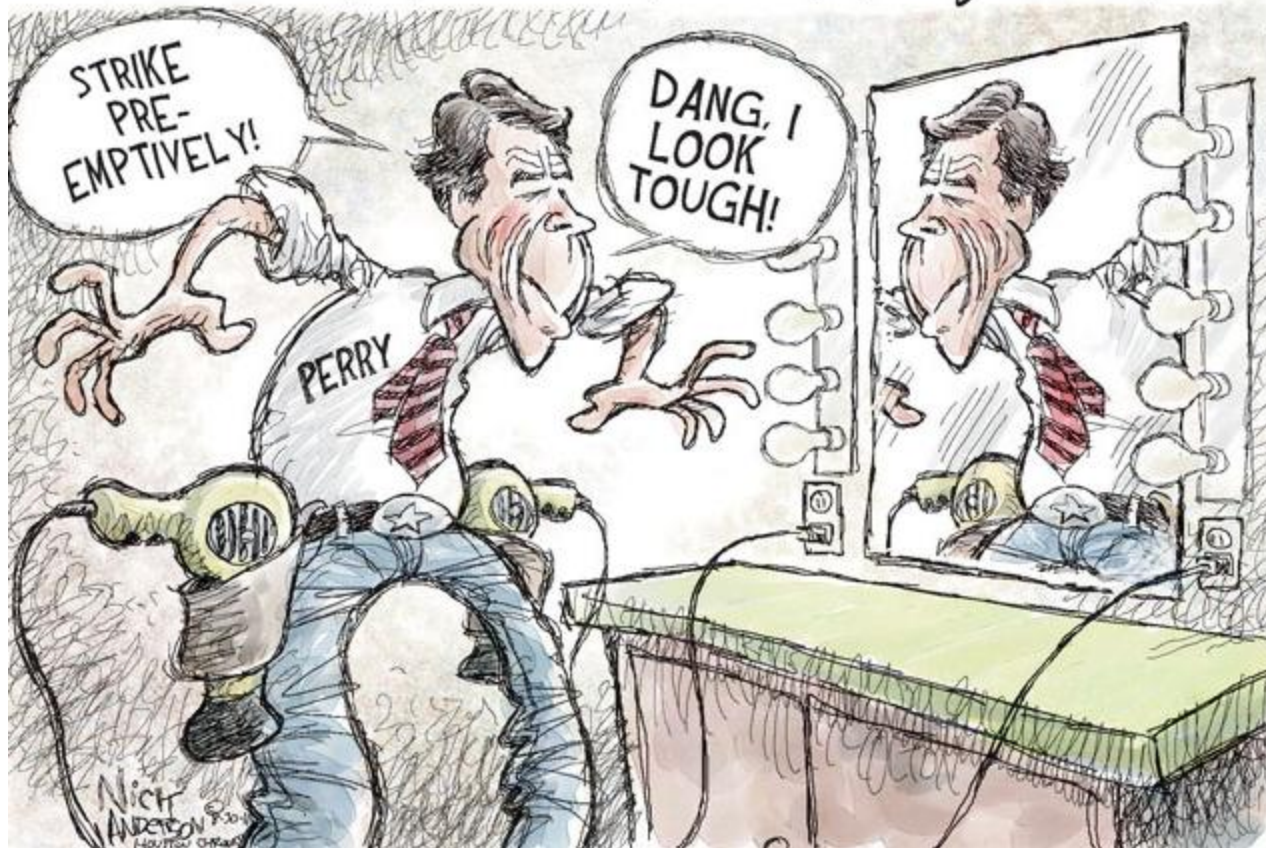
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Governor Goodhair prepares for his speech on projecting American power...



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Main Presentation

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Don't panic!

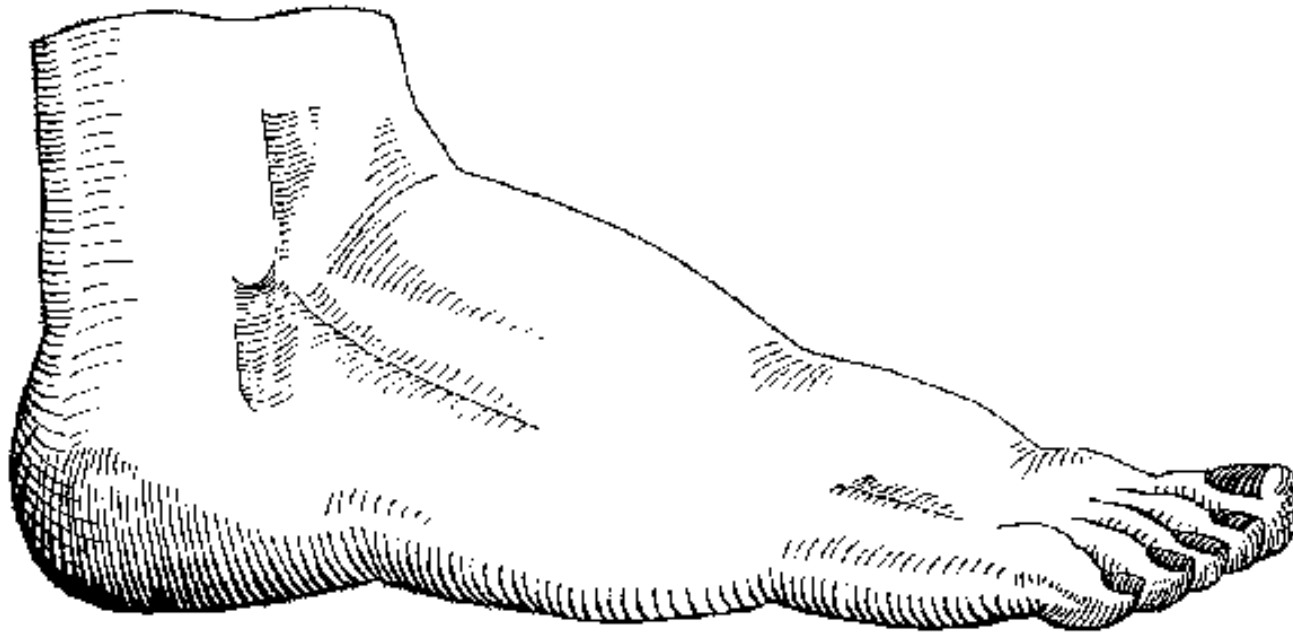
Don't be Panicked!

Welcome back to interesting times !



See You 21 May 2011

The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

Enrichment Material

What makes you an Authority?

The word authority comes from the word *author*. And the word author has a Latin root. It means: “he who enables growth”.

So, the person whom you recognize as an authority is a person who enables your growth.

The others are the ones to decide if I am an authority to them or not.

What makes you an Authority?

Your personal abilities:

1. Your Inner Power
2. Your knowledge

Authority and Inner Power:

I just said the true Authority is the result of your Inner Power.

This means I would judge your sense of Authority as your Inner Power.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

Authority and Inner Power:

Yet, most people will judge your authority by **how you appear** and **how you act**.

We could call this your intrapersonal intelligence and your interpersonal intelligence.

People will confuse your Inner Power with your appearance and your acts, which are part of the ego.

This means that may you be totally genuine or totally faked, you will be an authority for someone.

Some will like a person's big ego and strong personality.

And he will be considered as an authority to them. That's their choice.

Some others will prefer another person's genuine vibration and ability to connect and recognize the source, and he will be considered as an authority to them.

It's always the others' choice.

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Authority and Knowledge:

You can be considered an authority for thousands of characteristics:

It can be because you are a good listener, or because you react calmly and softly to others' fragilities, or because you are good at saying, "No," or because you have no fears, or because you verbalize and observe your emotions...

If you are an individual who is very much identified with your ego, you will recognize authority to egotistic people.

If you are an individual who prefers to connect to the Source, to the I Am, you will recognize authority in spiritual people, for example, but not in egotistic people.

Authority and Knowledge:

Your knowledge is your ability to master [Instruction on Matter](#).

People will like your knowledge in Economy, or in Finance, or in Law, or in Philosophy, or in Engineering, or in Astrology, or in Painting...

This means authority does not claim for obedience, never!

Only someone who feels that his authority may be at stake will claim for obedience thru the use of power.

Power inspires fear.

Authority inspires respect.

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RETURN of the ELDERS UNLEASH YOUR WISDOM

It's time for the Return of the ELDERS! Previous successful societies relied on the councils of their ELDERS to offer WISDOM in times of confusion. Folks, we can't quit yet.

What does Authority mean?

The true Authority is the result of your inner power. It's the wisdom that comes from within.

It has to do with your connection [to the source, to the I Am](#).

Authority has nothing to do with the verb to have, but rather with the verb to be.

You do not have authority. You are seen as an authority.

The big difference between the External Power and Authority lies in the fact that authority cannot be imposed, it needs to be recognized.

So your authority depends on those who look at you.

Some people may recognize your authority and some others may not.

And you cannot do anything about it.

This is why people who are very much identified with their ego, and thus seeking for others approval, can't stand those who do not recognize their authority and hence use power to submit them by force.

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Accepting the challenge

Many 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.

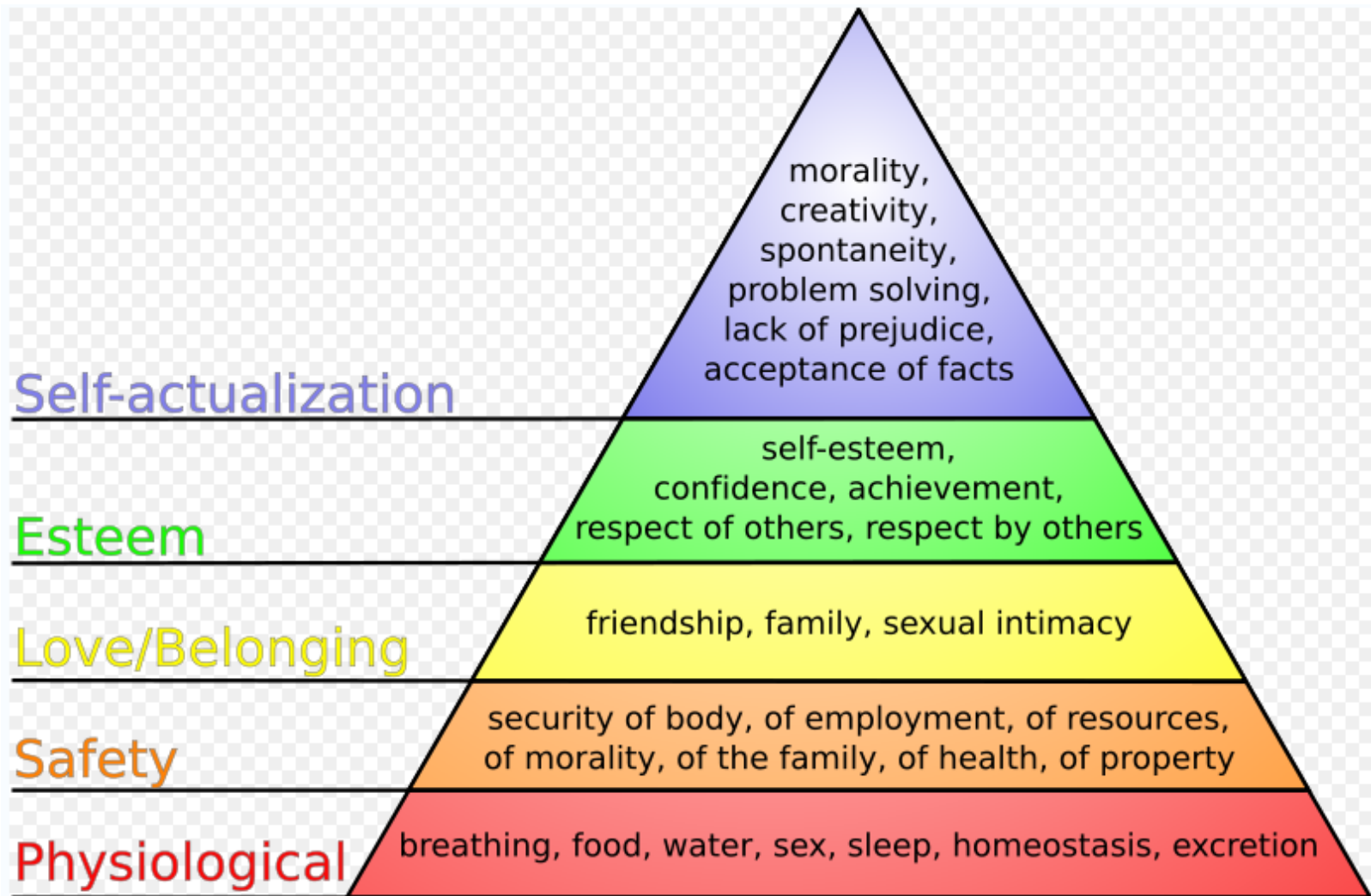
Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

One of life's persistent questions:

“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”



Mazlow's Hierachy of Needs



[Maslow's_hierarchy_of_needs.svg](#) (SVG file, nominally 1,717 × 1,124 pixels, file size: 8 KB)

It all connects

Fear, War, Greed

To much capital in the hands of the few

Too little money in the hands of the consumers.

Credit is not a replacement for disposable income

Oil is a limited resource

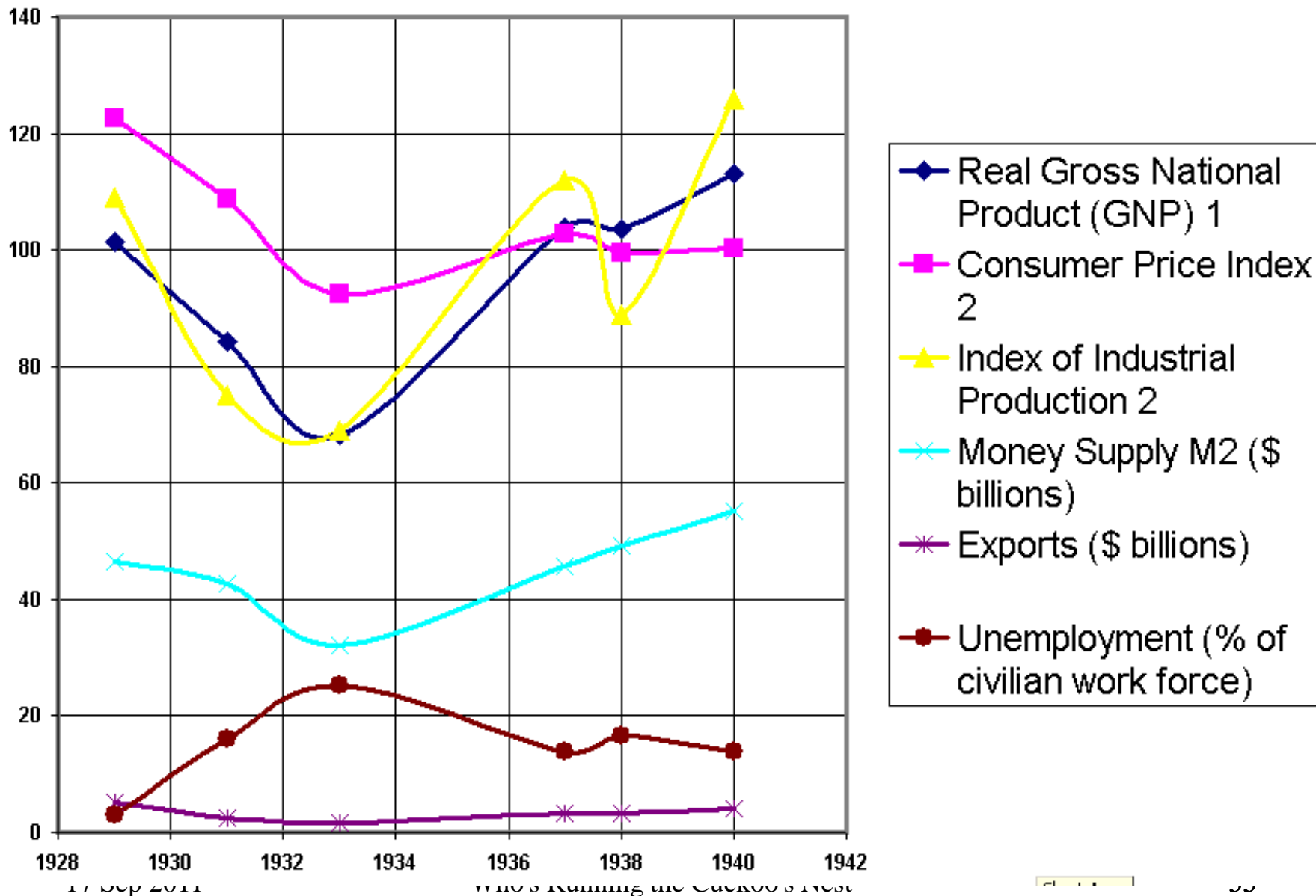
Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect

Trusting of Authority

Lacking critical ability/Education

Etc.

The Years of the Great Depression



Don't just be a thermometer, Be a thermostat

Jill Carroll

**“...we are the leaders we've
been looking for.”**

Grace Lee Boggs

Basic Wilderness Survival Skills

From: **British Columbia Outdoor Wilderness Guide**

Fear - For anyone faced with a wilderness emergency survival situation, fear is a normal reaction. Unless an emergency situation has been anticipated, fear is generally followed by panic then pain, cold, thirst, hunger, fatigue, boredom and loneliness. It is extremely important to calmly assess the situation and not allow these seven enemies to interfere with your survival.

Pain - Pain may often be ignored in a panic situation. Remember to deal with injuries immediately before they become even more serious.

Cold - Cold lowers the ability to think, numbing the body and reducing the will to survive. Never allow yourself to stop moving or to fall asleep unless adequately sheltered.

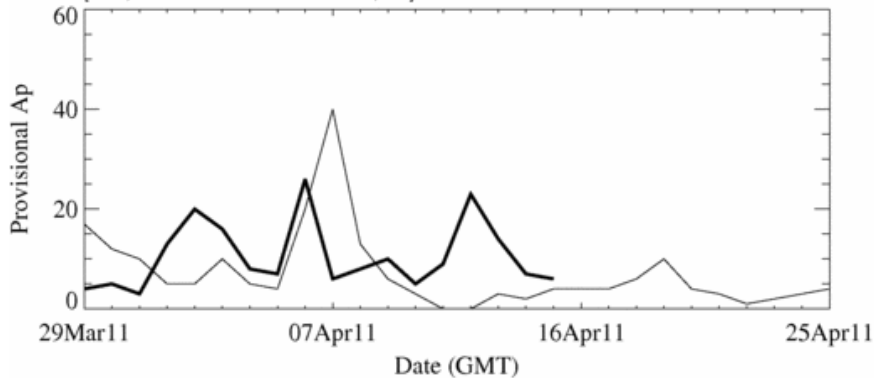
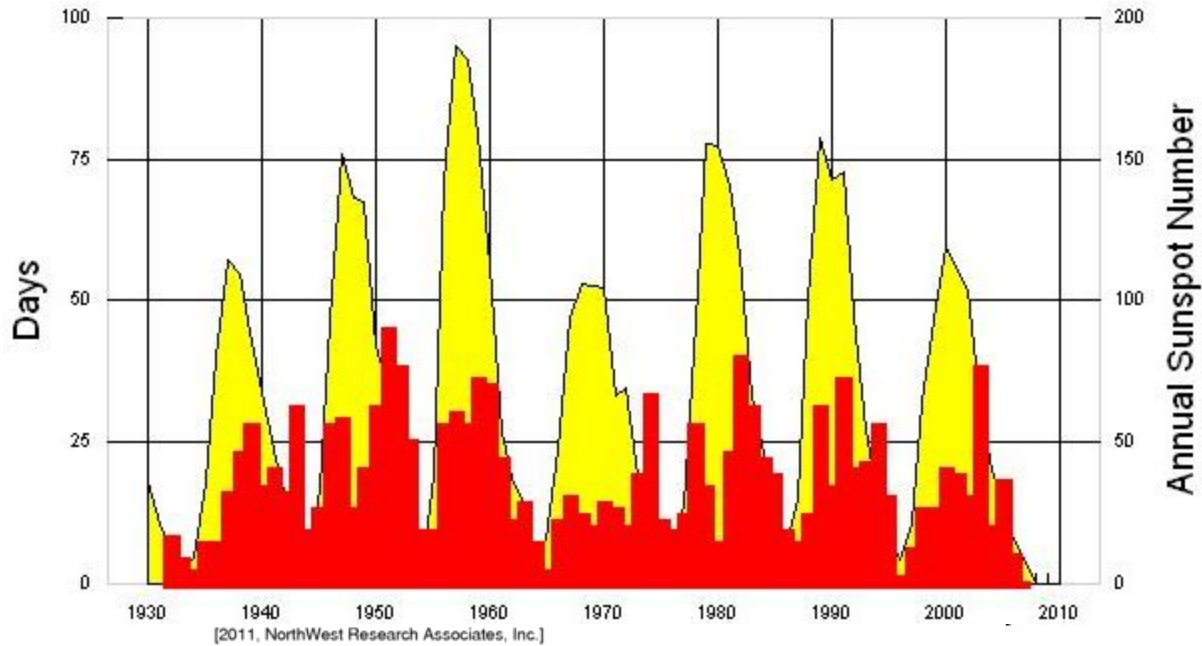
Thirst - Dehydration is a common enemy in an emergency situation and must not be ignored. It can dull your mind, causing you to overlook important survival information.

Hunger - Hunger is dangerous but seldom deadly. It may reduce your ability to think logically and increase your susceptibility to the effects of cold, pain and fear.

Fatigue - Fatigue is unavoidable in any situation so it is best to keep in mind that it can and will lower your mental ability. Remember that in an emergency situation this is often the body's way of escaping a difficult situation.

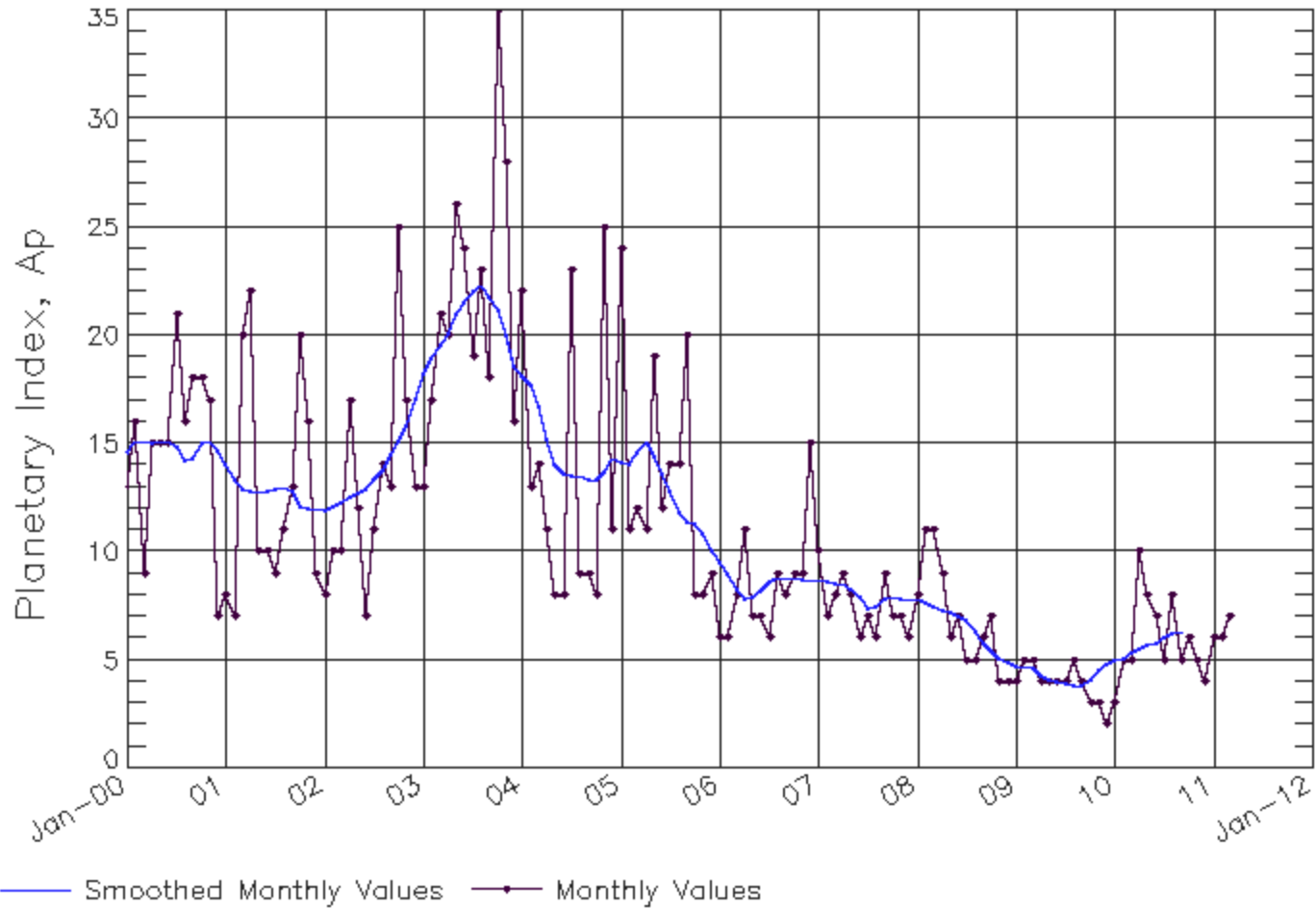
Boredom & Loneliness - These enemies are quite often unanticipated and may lower mind's ability to deal with the situation.

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1932 - 2007**



<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/>

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