

Third Saturday Seminar 2011-2012

Humanity at a Crossroads

Session 08

19 May 2012

“Creativity”

Unleashing Your Wisdom in the Brave New World of Tomorrow may be a Challenge

Current Events Segment

Curt Gibby

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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 19 May 2012

- **9:30 am** Introduction & Current Events (45 Minutes +/-) – *Curt Gibby*
- **10:15 am** - 10 Minute Break
- **10:25 am** – Curt Gibby **Creativity**
Unleashing Your Wisdom in the Brave New World of Tomorrow may be a Challenge
- **11:55 am** Closing Remarks and Feedback

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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Next Meeting 15 September 2012

9:30 a.m. – Noon Gibby

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It could not have happened without every one of us.

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*Keep talking about it - on line, in person, letters to your newspaper,
and every way possible.*

Here is a great compilation [video](#) of the day - thanks Egberto!

After a short breather we will be back with more organizing and activism.

Love --- Your sisters in Austin.



Bad Credit - Cognitive Dissonance

The Daily Show with Jon Stewart



June 2, 2009
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Tuesday May 8, 2012
Bad Credit
Instead of having to find reasons to criticize President Obama for things he's done right, Mitt Romney finds ways to claim those achievements as his own.

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-CHIEF CHARLES A MCCLELLAND, JR.

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By Li Xiaokun and Hu Yuanyuan in Beijing and Tan Yingzi in
Washington (China Daily) | May 9, 2012



President Hu Jintao welcomes US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner at the opening session of the China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue in Beijing on Thursday as US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice-Premier Wang Qishan look on. [Xu Jingxing / China Daily]

Beijing and Washington must set their own destiny, president says

President Hu Jintao on Thursday called on China and the United States to escape from the outdated thinking that major powers are predestined to engage in conflict. Hu also said that the two countries should seek new ways to enhance their relations in remarks he made at the opening session of the China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue in Beijing.

<http://chinawatch.washingtonpost.com/2012/05/hu-stresses-partnership.php>

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Arctic Sea Ice Gone in Summer Within Five Years?

Seth Borenstein in Washington

Associated Press

December 12, 2007

2007 Prediction

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/12/071212-AP-arctic-melt.html>

An already relentless melting of the Arctic greatly accelerated this summer—a sign that some scientists worry could mean [global warming](#) has passed an ominous tipping point. One scientist even speculated that summer sea ice could be gone in five years.

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[Global Warming Impacts Interactive Map](#)

[Arctic Ice at All-Time Low \(August 20, 2007\)](#)

[Arctic Ice Melting Much Faster Than Predicted \(May 1, 2007\)](#)

Greenland's ice sheet melted nearly 19 billion tons more than the previous high mark, and the volume of Arctic sea ice at summer's end was half what it was just four years ago, according to new NASA satellite data obtained by the Associated Press (AP).

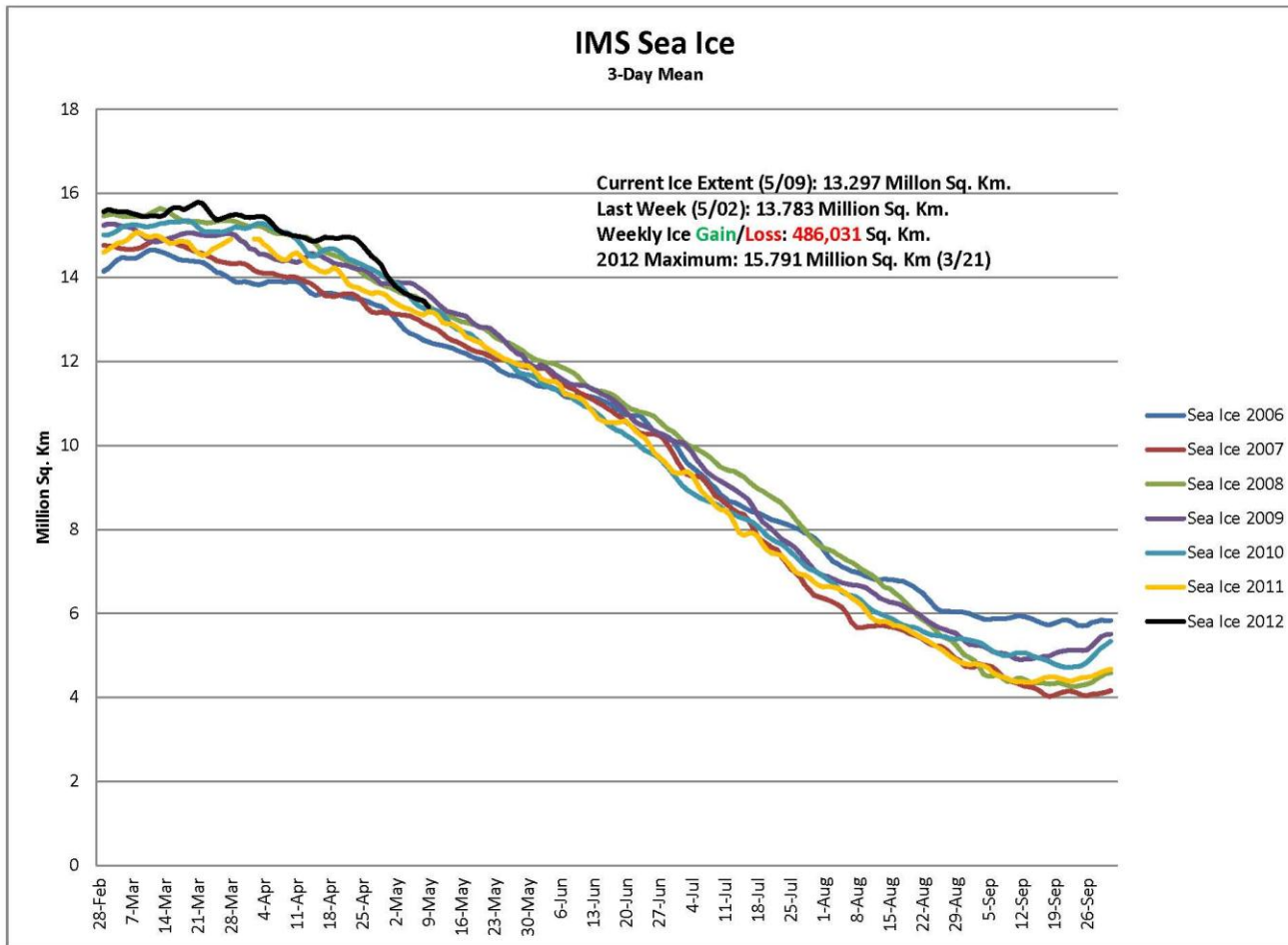
"The Arctic is screaming," said Mark Serreze, senior scientist at the government's snow and ice data center in Boulder, Colorado.

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Just last year two top scientists surprised their colleagues by projecting that the Arctic sea ice was melting so rapidly that it could disappear entirely by the summer of 2040.

This week, after reviewing his own new data, NASA climate scientist Jay Zwally said: "At this rate, the Arctic Ocean could be nearly ice-free at the end of summer by 2012, much faster than previous predictions."

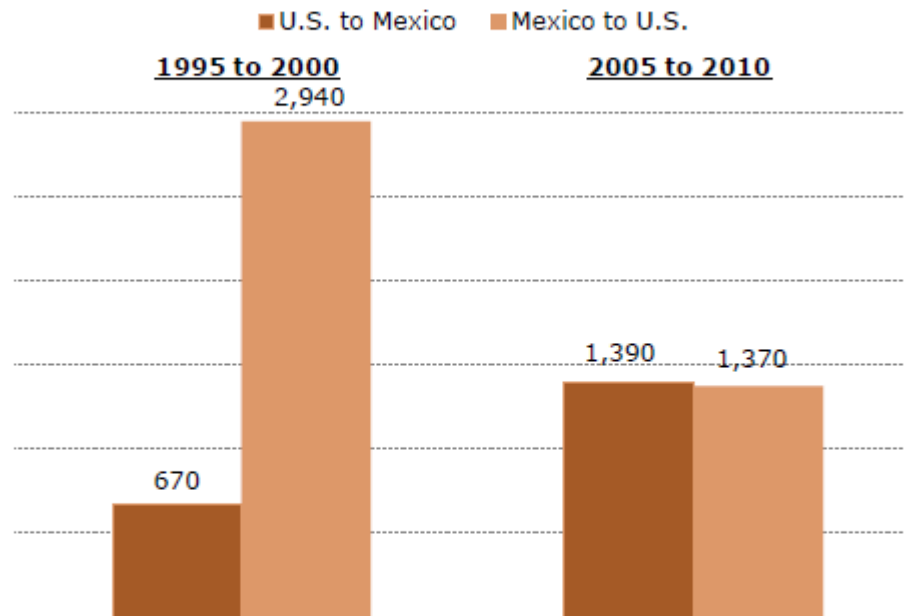
So scientists in recent days have been asking themselves these questions: Was the record melt seen all over the Arctic in 2007 a blip amid relentless and steady warming? Or has everything sped up to a new climate cycle that goes beyond the worst case scenarios presented by computer models?



Migration to and from Mexico net zero

- Characteristics of Mexican-born immigrants in the U.S.

Five-Year Migration Flows between the U.S. and Mexico, 1995-2000 and 2005-2010 (in thousands)



Note: Estimates are for February 1995 through February 2000 and June 2005 through June 2010. Migration from U.S. to Mexico includes persons born in Mexico, the U.S., and elsewhere; Mexico to U.S. includes Mexican-born persons only.

Source: U.S. to Mexico: Pew Hispanic Center estimates from population, household and migrant microdata samples of Mexican Censuses of 2000 and 2010; Mexico to U.S.: Based on Pew Hispanic Center estimates in Figure 1.3 from various sources; see Methodology

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Americans-Elect will not have a candidate this election



Dear Delegate,

There is a desire among Delegates and millions of Americans who have supported Americans Elect to see a credible candidate emerge from this process.

However, the rules, as developed in consultation with the Americans Elect Delegates, are clear. As of this week, no candidate achieved the national support threshold required to enter the Americans Elect Online Convention in June. The primary process for the Americans Elect nomination has come to an end.

Americans Elect, from the outset, has been a rules-based process, with the rules publicly available and open to debate by the Delegates. Our key priorities have been to: 1) honor the trust Americans Elect has built with the Delegates and American public; 2) require candidates to earn the nomination by building support among the Americans Elect Delegate community and American voters; and 3) create a basis for a solid future for the Americans Elect movement.

This decision honors these priorities.



Early Voting

Alert! The Early Voting for the primaries has started and will continue until the 25th. The Primary Election is Tuesday, 29 May, the day after Memorial Day is celebrated

May 2012

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14th First day of early voting by personal appearance for May 29 primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).

22nd Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for May 29 primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 84.007(c).

25th Last day of early voting by personal appearance for May 29 primary election. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 85.001(a).

29th Primary election day. **(Date set by the 3/1/2012 federal court order.)**

Note: The primary ballot will contain all public offices that are scheduled to be on the general election ballot on November 6, 2012 (except offices for expired terms that become vacant after March 5, 2012) and all party offices, except the office of precinct chair. If the office of precinct chair is contested, it will appear on the runoff primary election ballot on July 31, 2012, in accordance with the 3/1/2012 federal court order.

Under Texas law, precinct conventions to elect delegates to county or district conventions of parties holding primaries may be held on primary election day. Tex. Elec. Code Ann. § 174.022(a). (NEW LAW, HB 2817, 2011 Legislative Session, provides that precinct conventions may be held on primary election day or not later than a date determined by the county executive committee that occurs not later than the fifth day after the date of the general primary election.) However, under a federal court order signed on February 28, 2012, the requirement to hold precinct conventions under Tex. Elec. Code Ann. Chapter 174, precinct conventions is suspended. The February 28, 2012 federal court order directs the state executive committee of each political party to prescribe rules providing for the selection of participants in county and senatorial district conventions. The order also suspends Tex. Elec. Code Ann. §§ 163.006, 191.007, and 191.008 for the purpose of modifying party rules made pursuant to the federal court order.

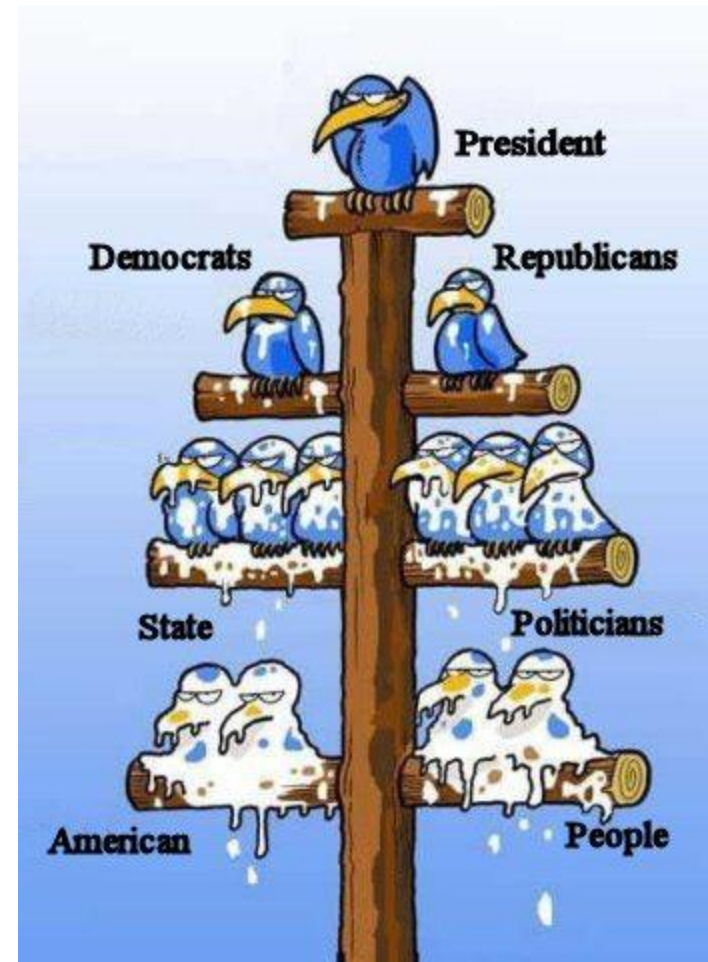
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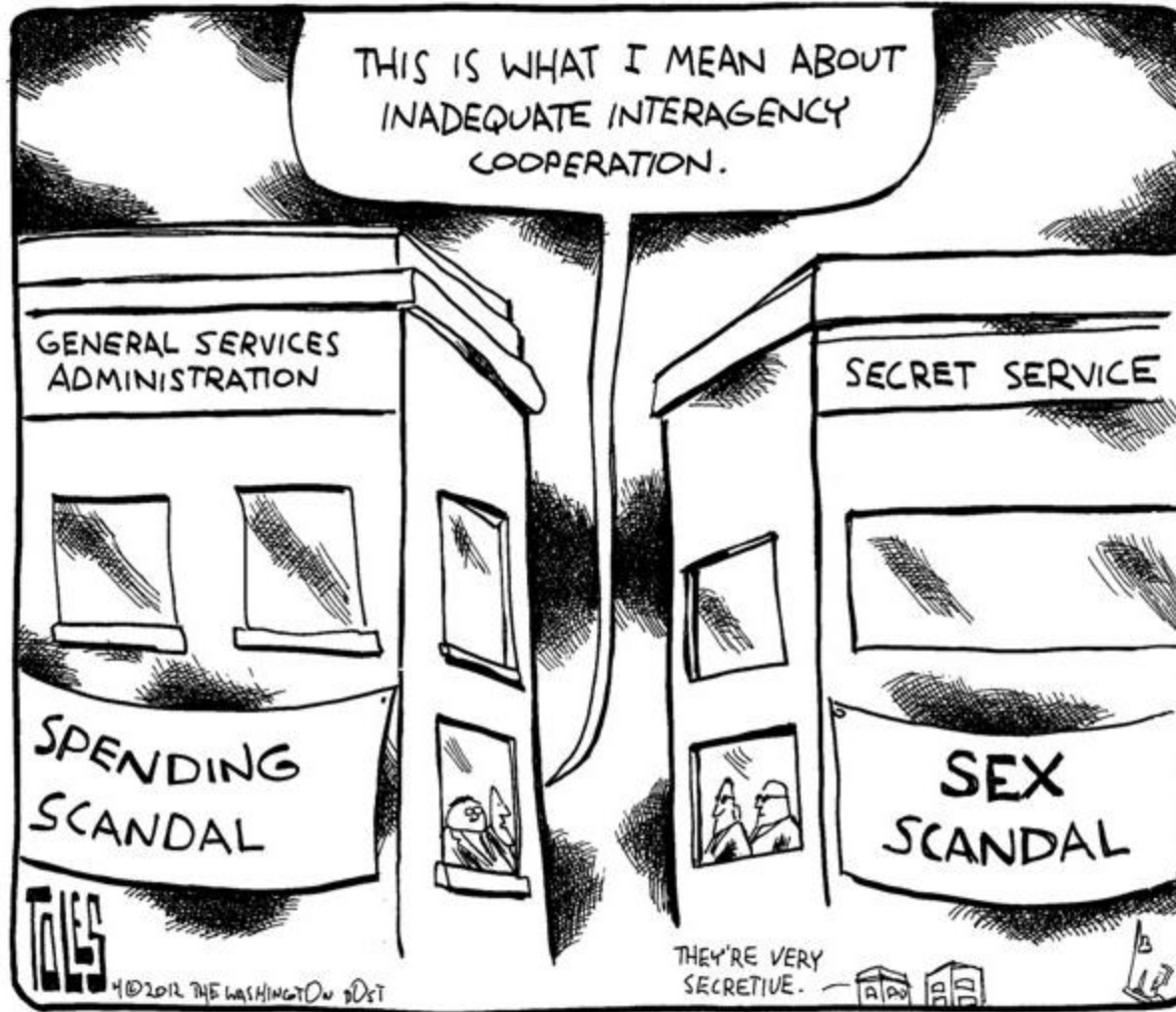
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**When top level people
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They see only shit-heads;**

**When the bottom level
people look up,
They see only ass-holes.**

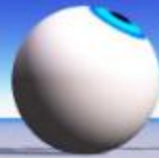
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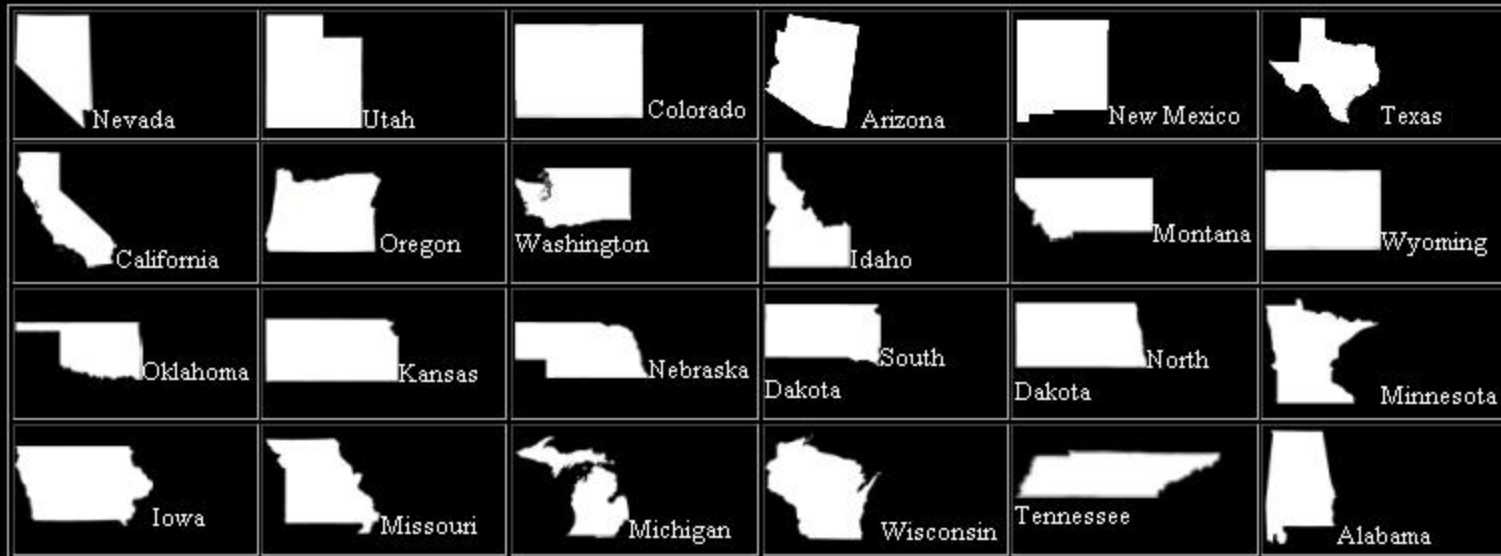
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How does the annular eclipse of the sun this month look in the following states?



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The safest and simplest technique to observe and photograph the eclipse is to use your telescope (or one side of your binoculars) to project a magnified image of the sun's disk onto a shaded white piece of cardboard.

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HOW TO LOOK AT THE SUN AND NOT GO BLIND

DO NOT look directly at the sun. Unfiltered sunlight will damage your eyes and could cause permanent blindness. Sunglasses will not provide sufficient protection. **ONLY** look at the sun through an approved solar filter. Even safer is to observe indirectly by projecting the sun's image with a pinhole or binoculars.

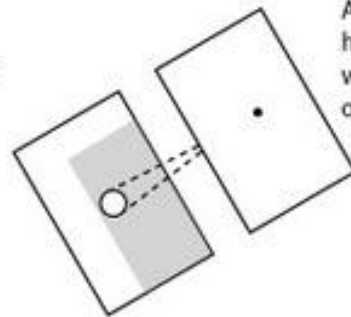


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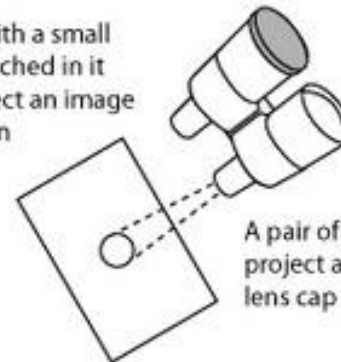
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"Eclipse" glasses



A card with a small hole punched in it will project an image of the sun



A pair of binoculars will also project a solar image. Leave the lens cap on the unused side.



House OKs continued war in Afghanistan

By Donna Cassata - The Associated Press

Posted : Friday May 18, 2012 8:34:48 EDT

WASHINGTON — The House endorsed the continued war in Afghanistan on Thursday despite acknowledgment from Republicans and Democrats that the American people are war-weary after more than a decade of conflict.

By a vote of 303-113, lawmakers rejected an amendment that would have swiftly ended combat operations in Afghanistan by limiting funds only to the "safe and orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops and military contractors from Afghanistan."

Related reading

[Obama will request help to pay for Afghan army](#) (May 17)

[Obama threatens to veto defense spending bill](#) (May 16)

More than 10 years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, American public support for the overseas conflict has deteriorated. An Associated Press-GfK poll released last week showed that backing for the war has hit a new low and is on par with support for the Vietnam War in the early 1970s. Only 27 percent of Americans say they support the war effort, and 66 percent oppose it, according to the survey.

"The American people are far ahead of Congress," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., sponsor of the amendment, who called on Congress to stand squarely with the American people. "It's past time to end the war and bring the troops home."

Opponents of the amendment conceded that the public has grown tired of war, but they argued against a precipitous withdrawal.

U.S. Intel Head James Clapper on Greatest Threats in 2012



FBI Director Robert Mueller, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and CIA Director David Petraeus appear before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on Capitol Hill on Jan. 31, 2012 in Washington, DC. (Win McNamee/Getty Images)

http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/us-intel-head-james-clapper-worldwide-threats-2012/story?id=15479381#.Tz8P_IEpBFQ

Greatest Threats in 2012

On Iran: We Don't Know If They'll Go for The Bomb, 'Concerned' About Attack on U.S.

On Terrorism: Al Qaeda 'Core' Weakening, Affiliates and Homegrown Terror Greater Threats

On Afghanistan: Taliban Still Has 'Safe Haven' in Pakistan

On North Korea: Too Early to Judge New Leader, Two Nuclear Weapon Tests

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A Point of Diminishing Returns ... ?

Army Sergeant charged with killing 17 Villagers, 4th deployment...

Mohammed Merah, slays four men and three children under surveillance by the French ...

Al-Qaeda suspected as 49 die in Iraq bombings ...
Unhappy Sunnis?

George Zimmerman, something went terribly wrong...

Are we all, everybody, everywhere missing something really obvious ... ?

The Coming Accidental War with Iran, by Lyric Hughes Hale

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lyric-hughes-hale/the-coming-accidental-war_b_1170574.html

Now that America's withdrawal from Iraq has been formalized, and Osama **bin Laden**, Hosni **Mubarak**, Muammar **Gaddafi**, Ali Abdullah **Saleh**, and Zine el Abidine **Ben Ali** have all been vanquished, after a year of unbelievable changes throughout the Middle East, my prediction is that **Iran is about to regain center stage in the region**. As a result of the US withdrawal, Iraq could be prone to more violence, and the Iranian leadership must certainly have taken note that **none of the toppled leaders, including Saddam Hussein, possessed formal nuclear capabilities**.

The first act is already being played out in Syria, the only Arab state to align itself with Iran, and in the streets of Bahrain, its neighbor under Saudi control. The Saudis and the Israelis are mulling diplomatic as well as military options to stop Iran from developing a nuclear weapons capability

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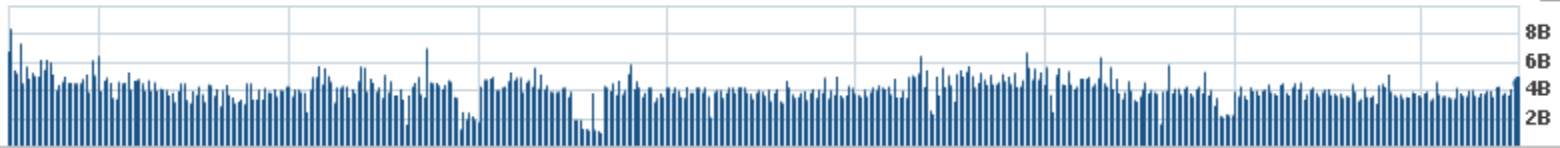
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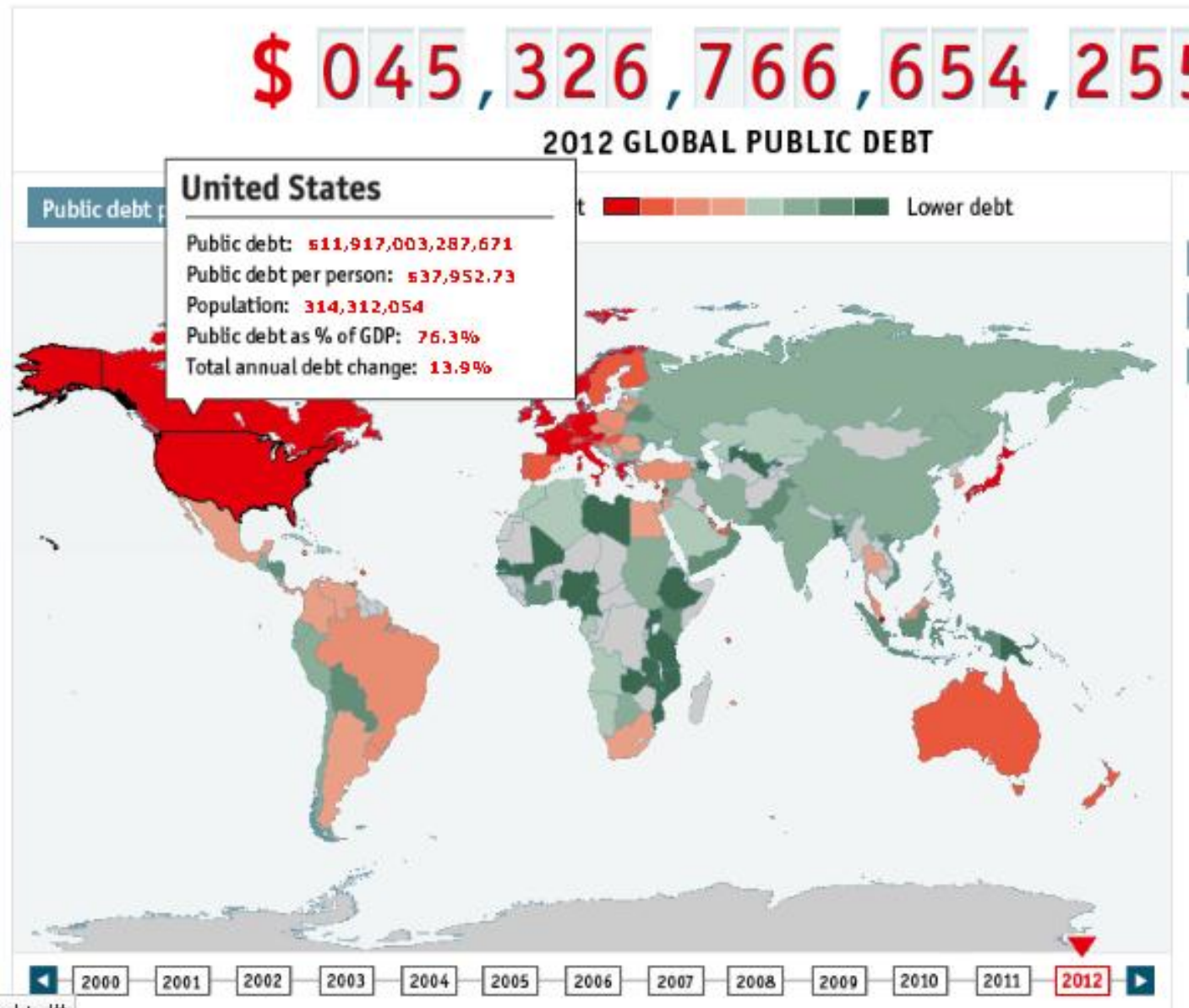
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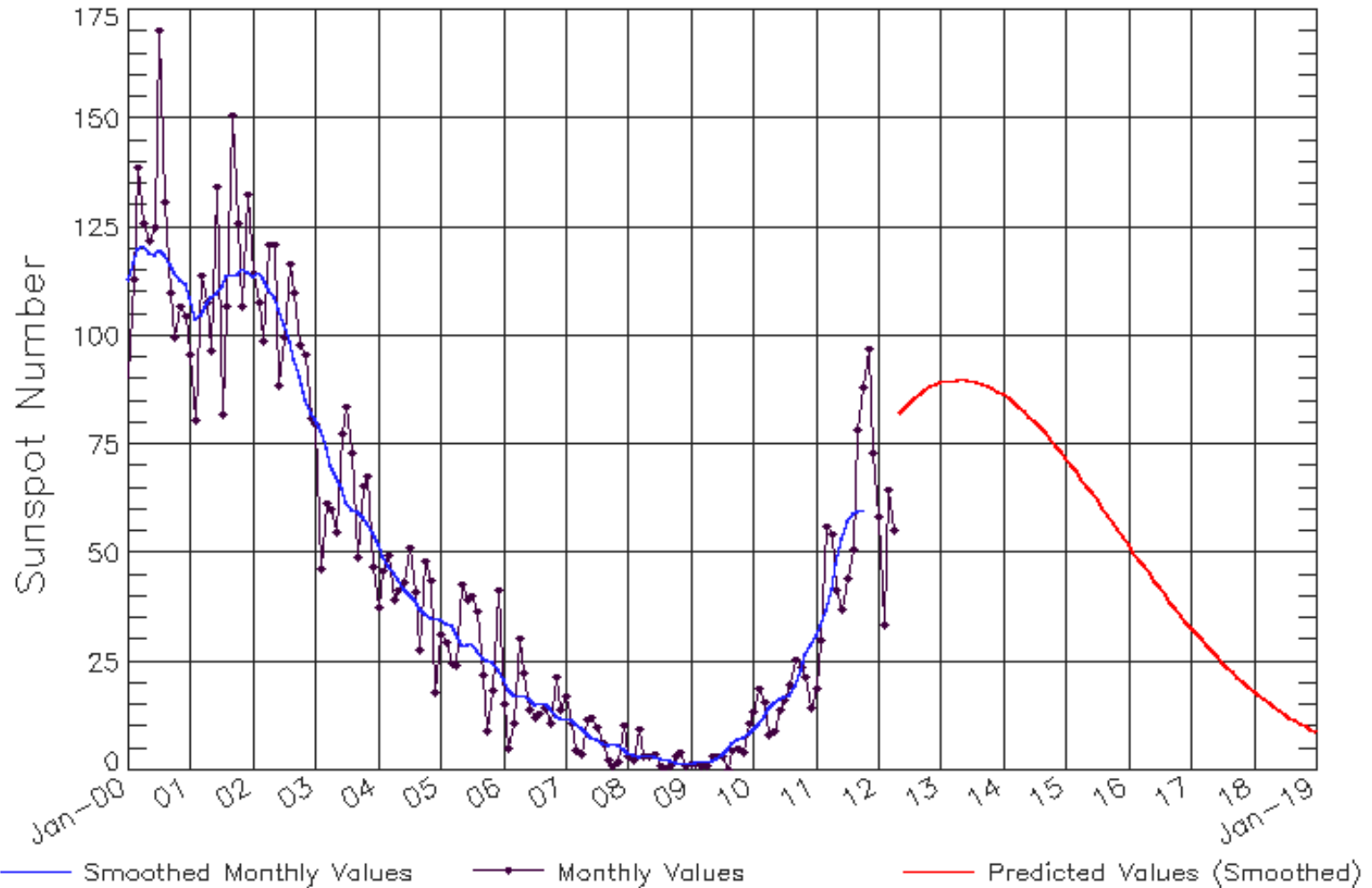
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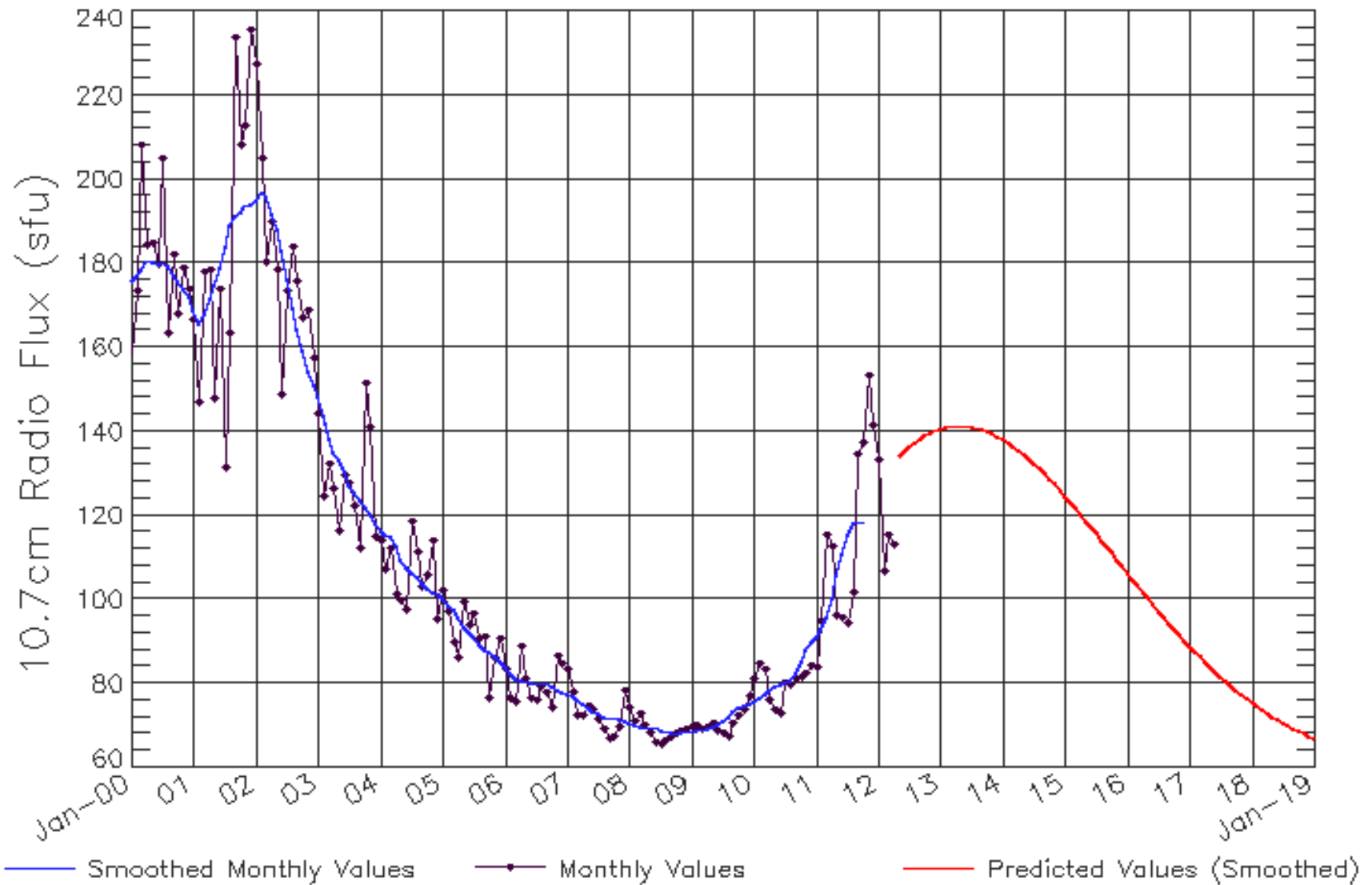


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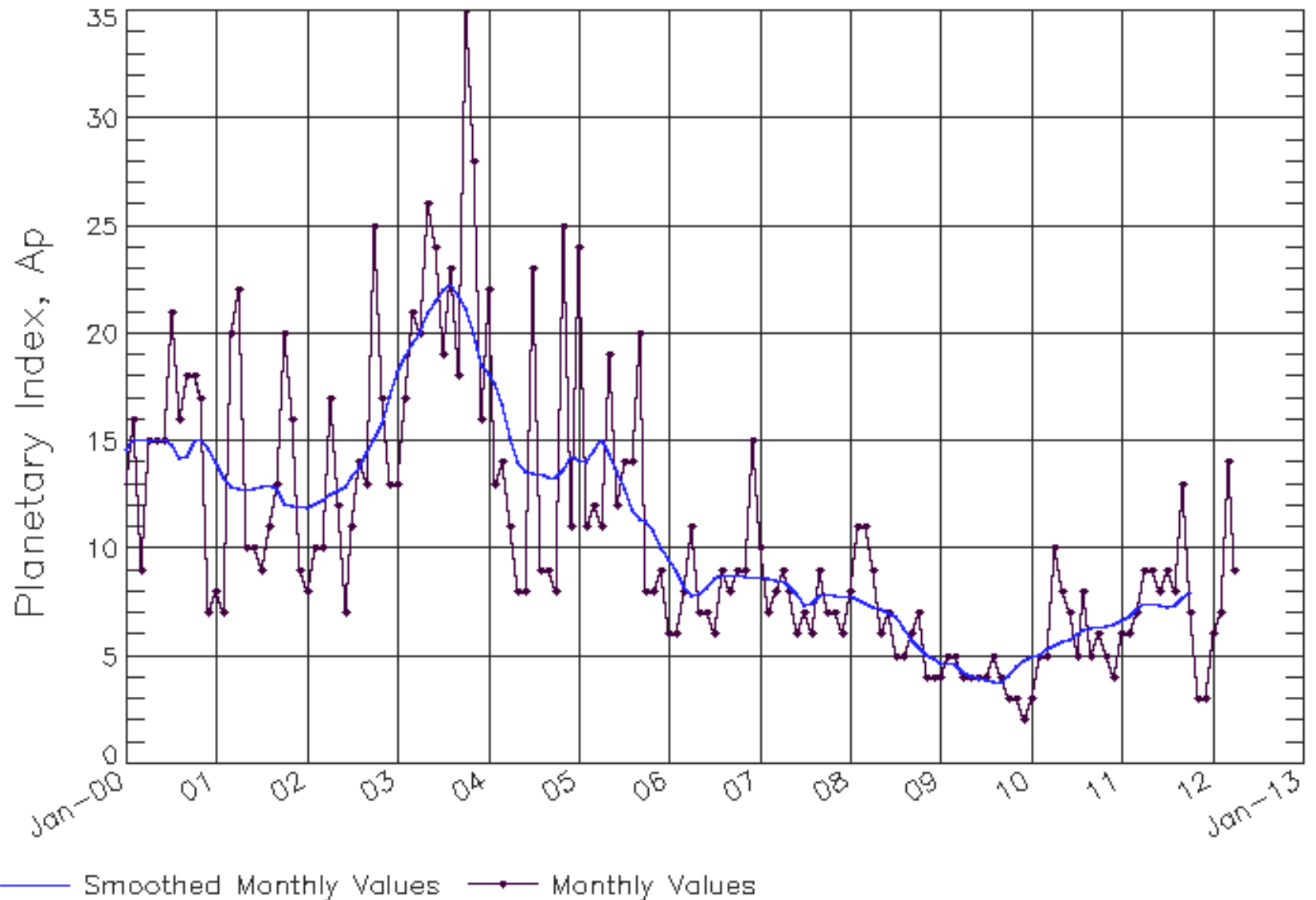
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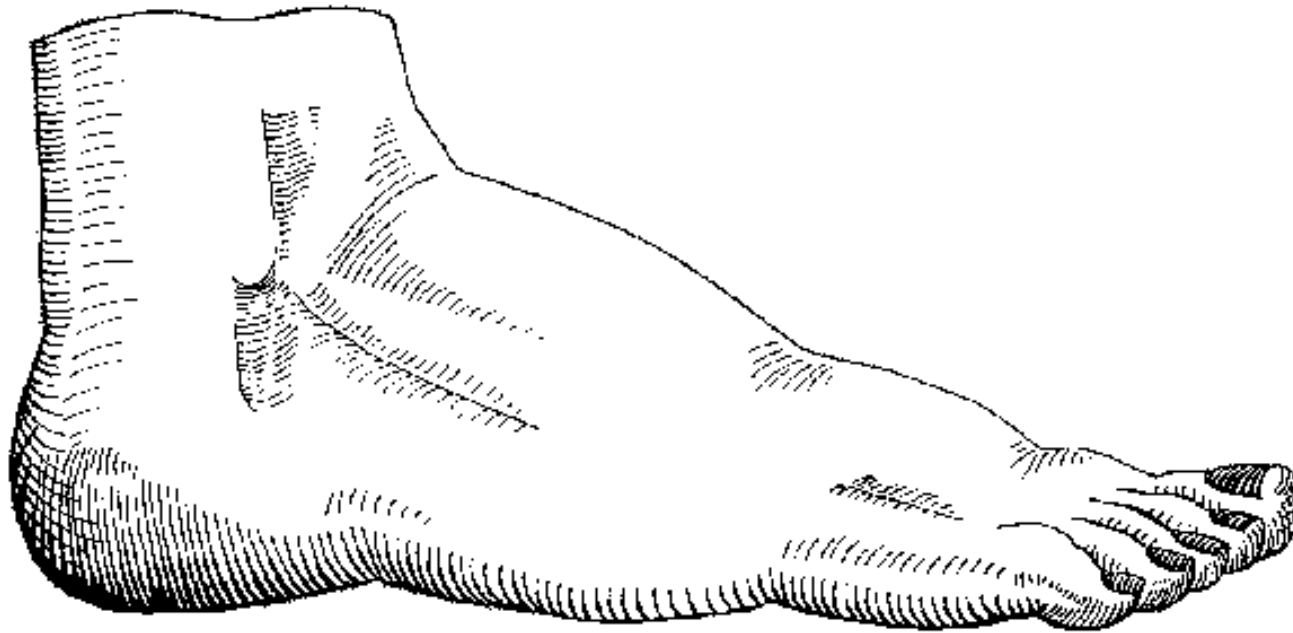
Don't be Panicked!

Welcome back to interesting times !



See You Next Time

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.

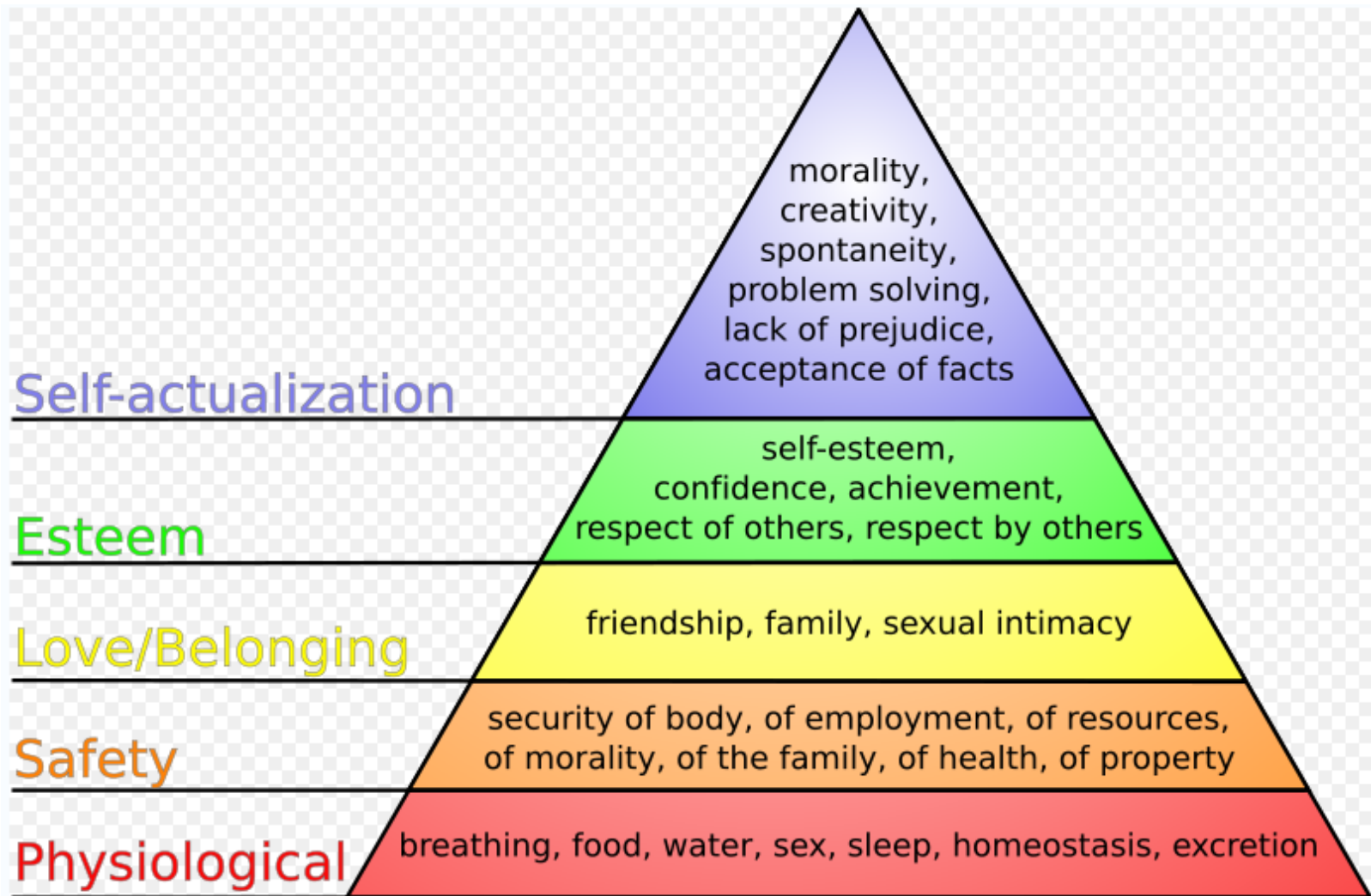
Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

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

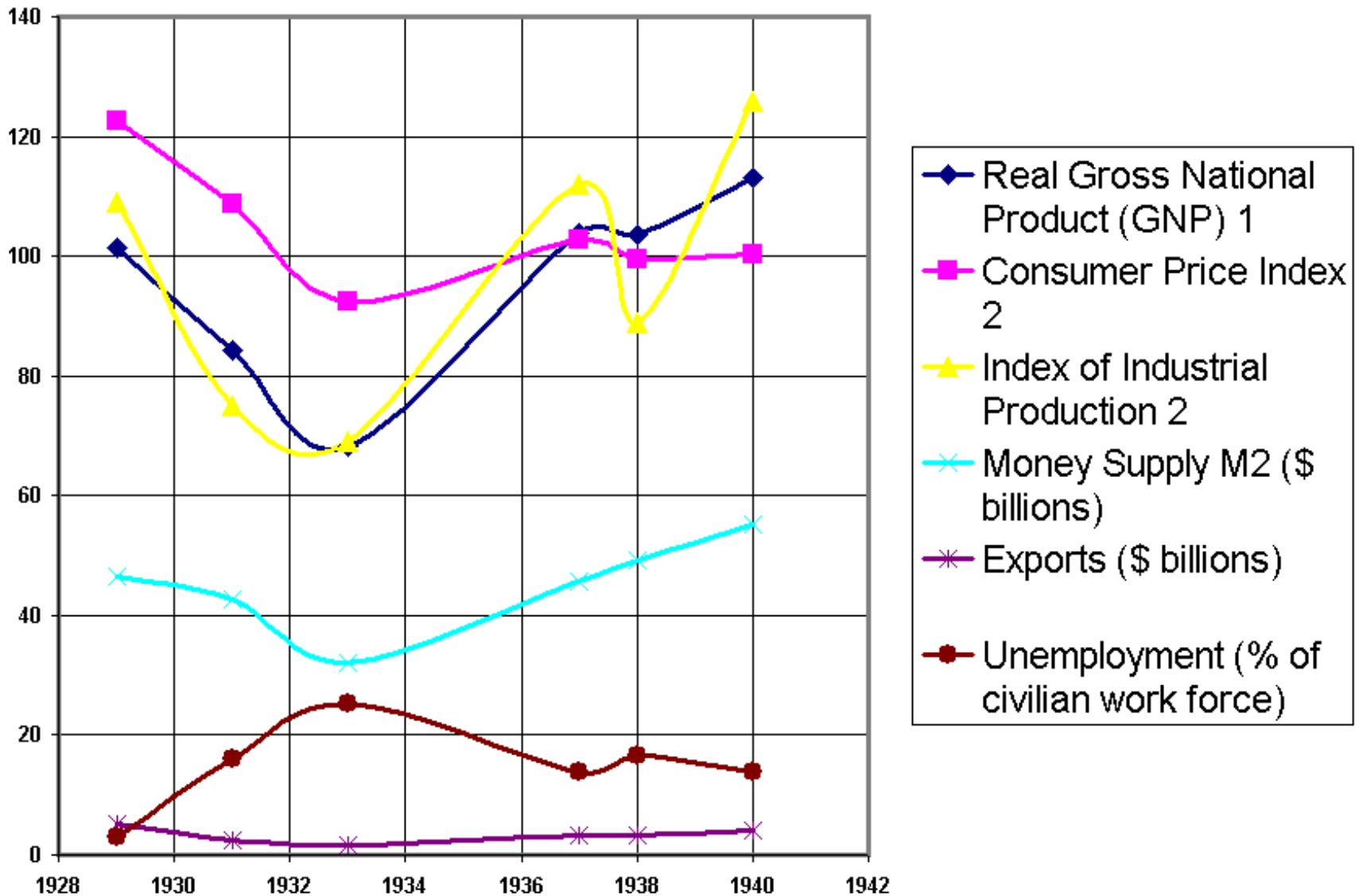
Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect

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.

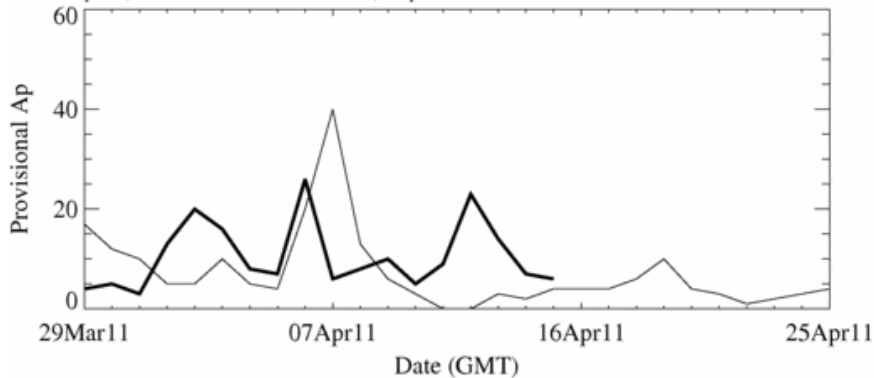
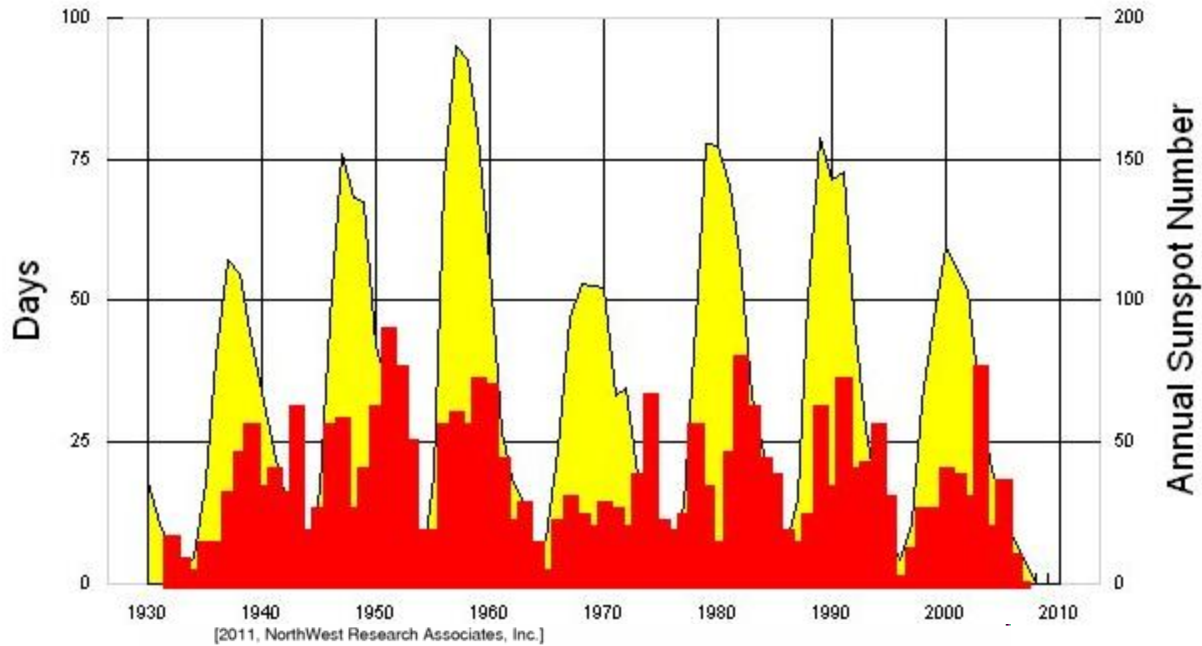
Hunger - Hunger is dangerous but seldom deadly. It may reduce your ability to think logically and increase your susceptibility to the effects of cold, pain and fear.

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.

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/geomag/image/apstar07.jpg>

Number of Days $A_p^* \geq 40$ 1932 - 2007



Money Multiplier (seasonally adjusted) 52 two week ROC (Rate of Change) blue (the data is bi-weekly)

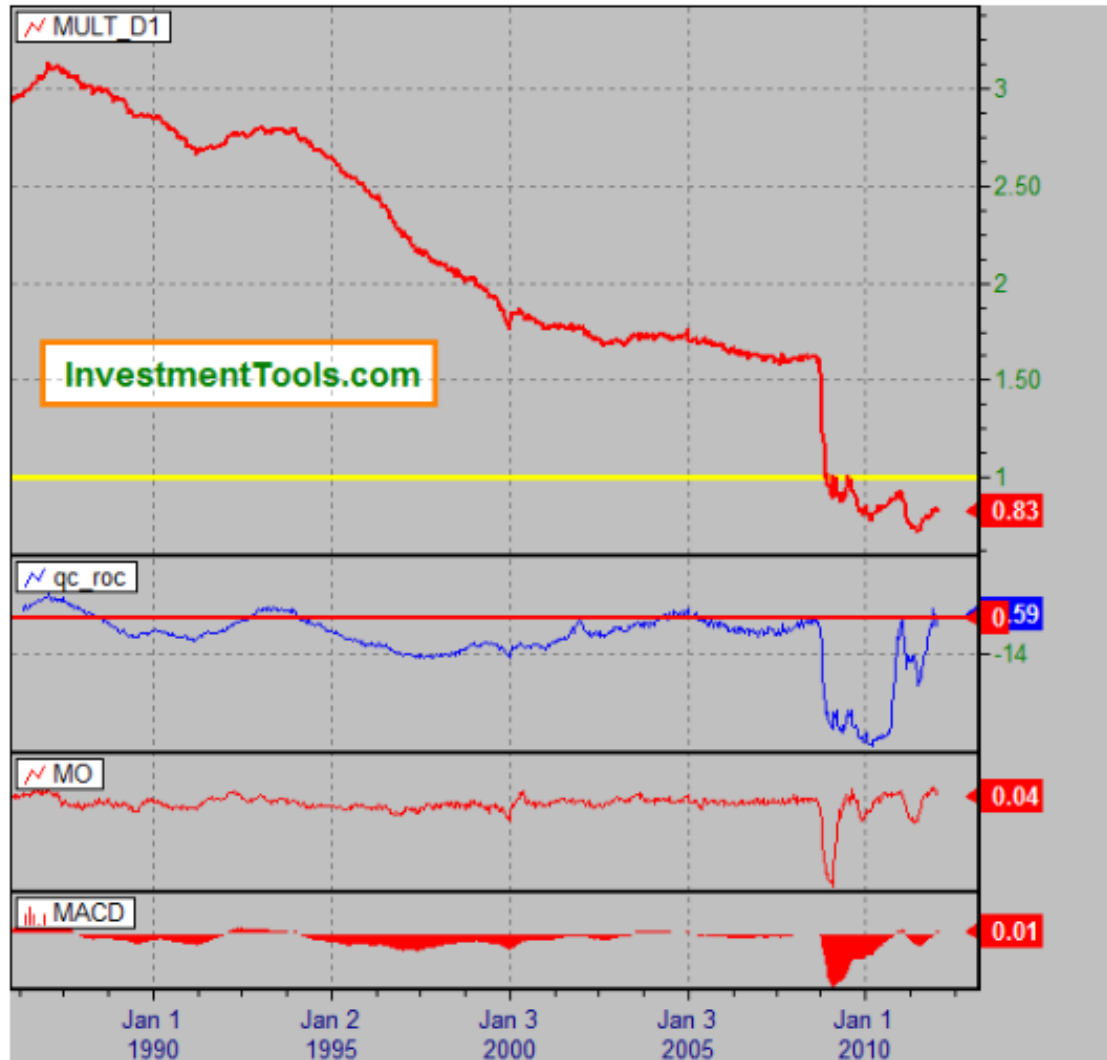


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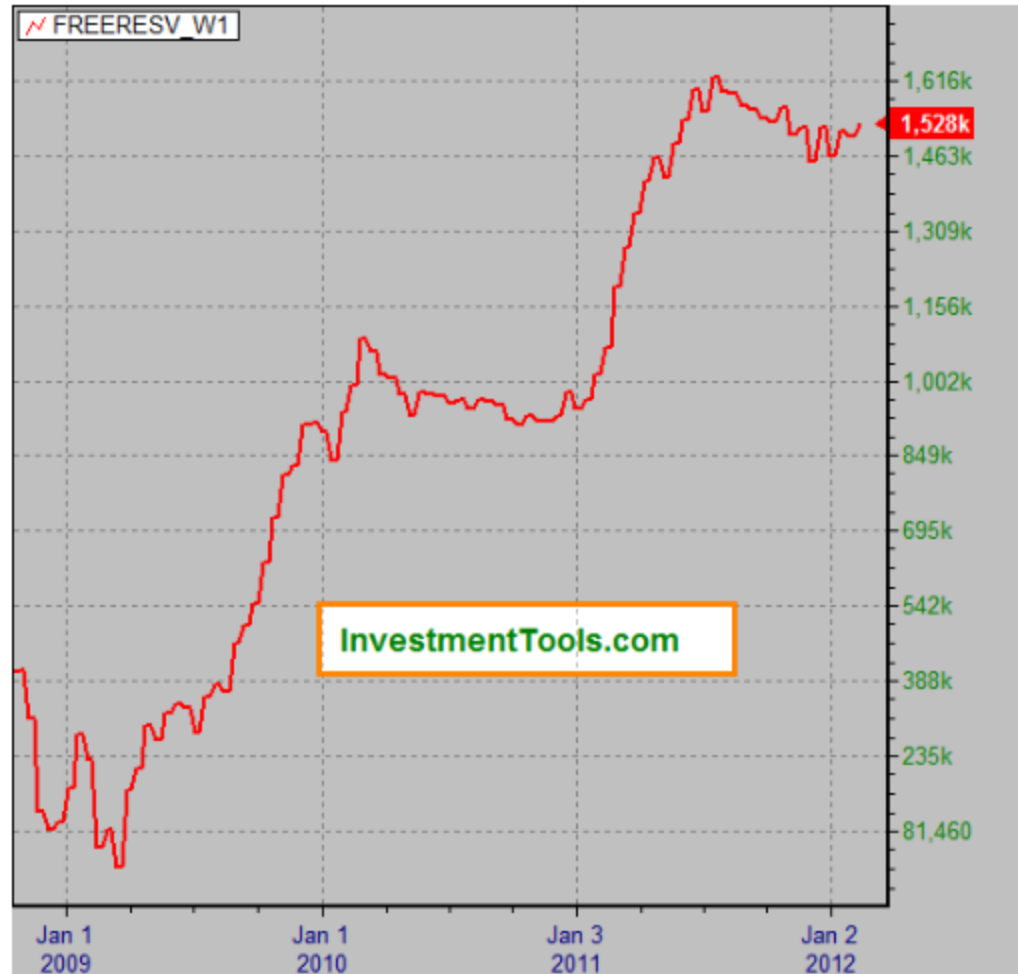
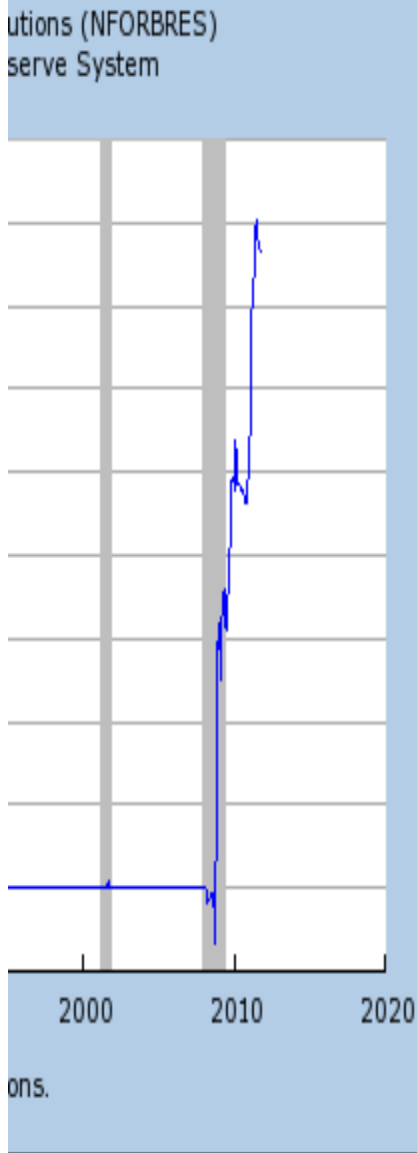


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