

This Week's Developments

August 20 - 27, 2022

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Why Americans Are Drowning In Debt

CNBC SAT, 27 AUG 2022



EVENT

On August 24, President Biden announced the cancellation of \$10,000 in federal student loan debt for most borrowers. But student loan accounts for less than 10% of household debt in America, which reached \$16.15 trillion during the second quarter of 2022. And debt is likely to grow even further due to soaring inflation. 43% of Americans are expected to add even more debt within the next six months. So why are so many Americans in debt today and what impact does it have on the U.S. economy? Policy plays a vital role in keeping household debt in check. Experts say outdated procedures such as wage garnishment, in which an individual's earnings are withheld for the payment of a debt, are in dire need of a policy update. A survey found that about 7% of workers in America had their wages garnished, according to the most recent study in 2016. The government can also play a potential role in reducing certain kinds of borrowings, such as medical debt that is currently held by roughly 23 million Americans.

COMMENT

A significant number of citizens of developed nations are living on credit - on borrowed funds. With inflation on the rise, this could not be at a worse time. Cost of living is on the rise, and income levels are not meeting the need - in many cases even without debt servicing requirements. Much of the debt has been accumulated in buying items that are related to want rather than need and whose self-worth is based not upon who they are but on what they have. The result is increasing anxiety and stress; and inasmuch as that might be the case, the purchase that was meant to provide pleasure is doing the opposite. The children of God should be free of such a burden, but are we? It's a good time to remember the financial status of our Lord: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Luk 9:58; while "those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction." 1Tim 6:9

BIBLE QUOTE

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God."
Heb 11:8-10 ESV

Secret Service recovers \$286M in stolen pandemic loans

Associated Press Aug 26, 2022



EVENT

The U.S. Secret Service said Friday that it has recovered \$286 million in fraudulently obtained pandemic loans and is returning the money to the Small Business Administration. The Secret Service said an investigation initiated by its Orlando office found that alleged conspirators submitted Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications by using fake or stolen employment and personal information and used an online bank, Green Dot, to conceal and move their criminal proceeds. The agency worked with Green Dot to identify roughly 15,000 accounts and seize \$286 million connected to the accounts. Billions have been fraudulently claimed through various pandemic relief programs — including Paycheck Protection Program loans, unemployment insurance and others that were rolled out in the midst of the worldwide pandemic that shutdown global economies for months. Since 2020, the Secret Service initiated more than 3,850 pandemic related fraud investigations, seized over \$1.4 billion in fraudulently obtained funds and helped to return \$2.3 billion to state unemployment insurance programs. A recent analysis from SBA's OIG projects fraud within the Covid-19 small business programs could reach \$84 billion.

COMMENT

This is a sad account of the abuse of a program designed to assist people through a terrible pandemic that closed down businesses and jobs and almost everything affecting gainful employment to a large section of the public. It was expedited to get out to those affected as soon as possible so as to be of timely benefit. Many people used it as it was intended to be used, but others - and not just a few - abused it to an extent that the consequences are almost of unparalleled enormity and, unless much of the funds can be recovered, will have serious financial implications on the national debt and will just be another tax burden on those simply trying to be honest and do the right thing. The Statute of Limitations has been extended to 2024 and perhaps beyond that as the investigation & recovery may take years. This is just another prophesied sign of our times.

BIBLE QUOTE

"But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" 2Ti 3:2-4

Public Schools says parental consent not needed for gender ID change

Fox News August 25, 2022

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EVENT

New training materials for teachers in Fairfax County Public Schools show students can change their name and pronouns on school documents without parental consent. The documents obtained by Fox News show slides instructing teachers to allow students to change their pronouns in class, on official records, and use locker rooms and bathrooms in line with their chosen gender. "Students will receive diplomas and transcripts with both the legal and chosen name," according to one slide. "Parental permission is not required" is listed directly underneath the bullet. Fairfax County Federation of Teachers said they were not familiar with the exact training materials but said in a statement to Fox News, "... we encourage our members to engage in any training that will help them support students and honor students' identities and needs with sensitivity." One parent said "They are getting into areas that are parental rights areas, and you should be able to have conversations with your children based on your own personal values."

COMMENT

This is just one example of what appears to be a tendency in some schools in various parts of the nation to encourage students to explore, think about and make changes to their gender identity without parental consultation. This is also just another sign of the days in which we live wherein the Bible - the life instruction book for humans - written by their Creator, is being ignored. But for those who do still guide their lives according to its contents, it is good to be aware of the possibility of unscriptural influences being promoted by some of those enlisted to educate the children. "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Gen 1:26-27) Gender is God's domain. Man can't tamper with it with impunity - without consequences.

BIBLE QUOTE

"And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business - eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building - until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. Yes, it will be 'business as usual' right up to the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:28-30 NLT

Mossad chief says looming Iran deal ‘based on lies,’ is ‘very bad for Israel’

Times of Israel 25 August 2022



EVENT

Mossad chief David Barnea has called an emerging Iran nuclear deal between the Islamic Republic and world powers “a strategic disaster” for Israel, in recent meetings about the agreement. In comments carried by media Thursday evening, the spymaster said the deal is “very bad for Israel” and the US “is rushing into an accord that is ultimately based on lies,” citing Iran’s ongoing claim that its nuclear activities are peaceful in nature. According to Barnea, the deal, due to its sunset clauses, “gives Iran license to amass the required nuclear material for a bomb” in a few years, and will also provide Tehran billions of dollars in currently frozen money, increasing the danger Iran poses throughout the region via its proxies. He stressed that a deal will not obligate Israel, and that the Jewish state will act however it sees fit to neutralize the threat against it. Israel has already begun preparations for a military strike against Iran if such action is deemed necessary.

COMMENT

This "deal" has been in the works off and on sporadically for many months, and now appears very close to finalization. According to a report by a Saudi media outlet, "Israeli Air Force F-35 stealth fighters have repeatedly entered Iranian airspace in the past two months." The unverified report from London-based independent Arabic online newspaper Elaph said that "the jets managed to evade Russian and Iranian radar during the drills", adding that "Israel and the United States also carried out secret exercises over the Red Sea. Israel also continues to strike at areas of arms buildup in Syria. This illustrates Israel's resolve to deal with any undesirable consequences of such a deal. Given the presence of Iran's proxies so close to Israel, it is no wonder concerning Israel's alarm and preparations. Iran is Persia in Bible prophecy...

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him... I will bring you out, and all your army ... Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you. Eze 38:3- 6 NASB

Goodbye Hot Showers and Street Lights. Here's How Europe Is Slashing Energy Use

Bloomberg News August 25, 2022



EVENT

Europeans are taking colder showers, offices are turning down thermostats and stores are dimming lights to avoid blackouts and freezing homes this winter in the fallout from Russia's war in Ukraine. As the Kremlin slashes gas deliveries and power-plant outages intensify a supply squeeze, Europe has little alternative but to curtail demand. Measures so far have been uneven, but the urgency is growing as wholesale prices continue to surge. While some countries like Germany, where nearly half the homes rely on gas for heating, are more exposed than others, the European Union is seeking to band together. The bloc's member states aim to cut gas use by 15% through this winter if Russia - which historically covered about 40% of EU demand for the fuel - turns off the tap. This effects Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Austria, Greece, Ireland and involves actions like: a ban on heating private swimming pools, no longer heating some areas in public buildings, lowering the minimum office temperature to 19 C (66 F), banning most outside lighting for buildings and monuments, extend the life of coal plants to reduce gas used for power generation, factory production halts and forcing gas-burning industrial plants to switch to oil.

COMMENT

This is a result mostly from the Ukraine invasion although some of the inflation problems are also a continuing effect of the pandemic. Russia is turning off the gas almost altogether - for purposes of servicing, Russia says - although few countries believe it and are preparing for the worst. Some EU members - such as Bulgaria - are taking their own way and signing a deal with Russia for gas supply, which is causing a split in the union and playing into Russia's hands. Bible prophecy indicates, however, that one way or another, at the time of the end, all these nations; Gog (Germany/Austria/Belarus) the prince of Rosh (Ukraine) with Meshech/Tubal, & with the blessing of the Roman state-church system, advance as one upon the mountains of Israel where they experience their destruction when confronted by Christ - who they deem to be the "anti-christ".

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Russian plant 'burning off \$10m of gas a day' as supply to Germany is limited

The Guardian, August 26, 2022



EVENT

Russia is burning off large amounts of natural gas that it previously would have exported to Germany while energy costs soar in Europe, the BBC has reported. According to BBC News, which cited an analysis by Rystad Energy, a plant near Russia's border with Finland is burning an estimated £8.4m-worth of gas every day. Scientists are concerned about the quantities of carbon dioxide and soot that the new liquified natural gas (LNG) plant at Portovaya, north-west of St Petersburg, is creating. The plant is near a compressor station at the start of the Nordstream 1 pipeline, which transports gas to Germany. Finnish citizens reported seeing a large flame earlier this summer, and researchers have noted a significant increase in heat coming from the facility. While gas flaring is a normal process in the industry, researchers said the scale at which gas is being burned at the plant was unprecedented. "I've never seen an LNG plant flare so much," Dr Jessica McCarty, an expert on satellite data from Miami University in Ohio, told the broadcaster. "Starting around June we saw this huge peak, and it just didn't go away. It's stayed very anomalously high."

COMMENT

Russia is weaponizing natural gas, which is causing great consternation and stress among the Europeans as winter approaches. Leaders are struggling, they don't know what to do. We saw in the last slide all the tactics and proposals being advanced, but they know that, even with a mild winter, it probably won't be enough. Then they look across their border and witness this huge burn going on in Russia - at the rate of \$10 million per day. And if that's not enough, Russia is also weaponizing a huge nuclear power plant - using it as a base to fire missiles into Ukraine towns and cities and military positions, knowing that the fire will likely not be returned out of fear of damaging the plant. There is a heightening of the tension and stress as the war activity repeatedly gets ramped up to the next level.

BIBLE QUOTE

"There shall be ... distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
Luk 21:26-28

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**

2022-08-27 **War in Ukraine drives global food crisis; African nations suffering acute food scarcity** - WION - 2.23 min - YouTube

2022-08-27 **UK energy bills to rise by 80% in October; protesters denounce Ofgem' price cap plan** - WION - 3.38 min - YouTube

2022-08-26 **Russia burning off large amounts of natural gas as Europe's energy costs skyrocket-** BBC - 3.08 min - YouTube

2022-08-26 **Lights off in Europe as winter approaches** - Gravitas - 4.28 min - YouTube

2022-08-26 **Israel Mossad Chief WARNS of Iran Nuclear Deal DISASTER; Israel Preparing to Act** - Watchman - 8.28 min YouTube

2022-08-25 **Public Schools says parent consent not needed for gender change on school forms** - Fox News

2022-08-25 **Report- Israeli jets entered Iranian airspace - Lapid urges Biden to not sign nuclear deal** - 3.37 min - YouTube

2022-08-20 Iran drops 'red line' demand for nuclear deal; US firm on keeping IRGC on terrorist list - WION - 1.47 min - YouTube

2022-08-20 Is Ukraine ready for another Chernobyl-like catastrophe- - Latest International News - WION - 7.45 min - YouTube

2022-08-19 Why factories in China are shutting down - Gravitas - 5.07 min - YouTube

2022-08-18 Israel AIRSTRIKES in Yemen - Plus, Why Israeli Christians Are Joining the IDF - Watchman - 8.47 min - YouTube

2022-08-18 Israel, Turkey to restore full diplomatic ties - Latest English News – Fineprint - WION World News - 3.21 - YouTube

2022-08-18 Extreme weather- Farmers destroy their own crops in America - Gravitas - 4.54 min - YouTube

2022-08-17 Palestine President compares Israeli action to holocaust - Gravitas - 5.09 YouTube

2022-08-17 Mass exodus of Russian Jews amid Ukraine war - i24 News - 4.28 min - YouTube

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Snam Natural Gas Atlas

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

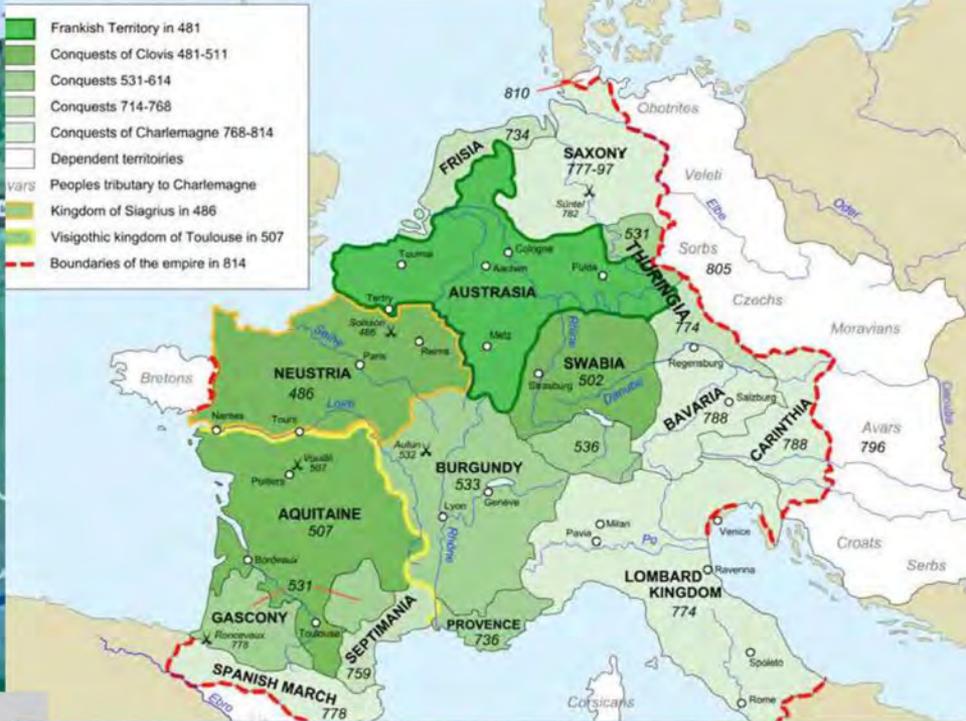
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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
- Dependent territories
- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
- Boundaries of the empire in 814



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *



“YOUNG LIONS”
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

“LION”
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

LIBYA

DEDAN
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

RUSSIA (“CHIEF PRINCE” = “PRINCE OF ROSH”)

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

INDIA

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Option 2

Name Change In Virtual Platforms

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- Virtual platforms such as BBCU and G Suite reflect chosen name

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- Name change will be reflected in SIS, SEA-STARS and all other records
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