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Art and Culture

“Global warming, our future is disappearing”

London, 2040

“Mom! Mom! Can I go outside play with Camille?”

“Listen Sweetheart, today’s level of pollution is way too high...”

“But Mom, you said that yesterday already! And the day before! I can’t stand staying in the house any longer. Do you even know when school is going to open again?”

“They haven’t communicated the date yet because the weather broadcast wasn’t very clear on the length of the pollution peak.”

“Oh man... And even the mask isn’t enough to protect me against the air?”

“No unfortunately it’s not only a question of air nowadays. The atmosphere is so acid it can burn your skin. We’ll have to go get ourselves one of those “earth suits”.”

“Yeah sure... Hey, when is Dad coming back? He’s been gone for a while now...”

“Well he called me this morning saying that his boss asked him to stay a few days more on the project.”

“What is it again? Some kind of housing development?”

“No, not really. This time, he’s part of the architect team responsible for the dam of the Thames.”

“So it wasn’t a rumour? ‘Cause some guys at school kept talking about a flood ‘bout to happen in East London!”

“If you listened a bit more to your teacher or to the news maybe you would be more informed. I should remind you that the sea level has risen by more than 10 centimetres since your birth.”

“Wow... but Mom-“

A phone rings

“Hello Carol! How are you?”

Silence

“No? That’s great! I’ll be there in five, see you! Honey, I’ve got to go, Carol just told me a

delivery of fresh vegetables and fruits arrived at the supermarket down the street, it's been days since I've seen any around town."

The boy sat on the couch of his living room, watching his mother leave the small dried out garden and running down the street, holding a large scarf on her head to protect her face and eyes. In the dull sky, the sun seemed to be fiercely biting the mixture of pollution and clouds, throwing a deadly shade on the suffocating city.

South Korea, 2018

It's the symbol of the catastrophe heading straight towards us: a statue of a mother holding the hand of her child. But the child is

only made of ice. In the heating sunlight, the child begins to disappear, under the stunned looks of bystanders. They don't seem to understand, unless if their eyes meet the caption engraved beneath the mother and child: "Global warming, our future is disappearing". No clearer message could be expressed. The world in which we are evolving is the one our children will inherit, and we can't keep telling ourselves our close descendants won't be affected by global warming, because they will. This isn't a declaration of your culpability but only a wake-up call from your future children. Our parents and grandparents may have forgotten us during their cheerful exploitation of the planet, but we will fight for the next generation.

Aliénor Bierer



A Greenpeace International Campaign, South Korea



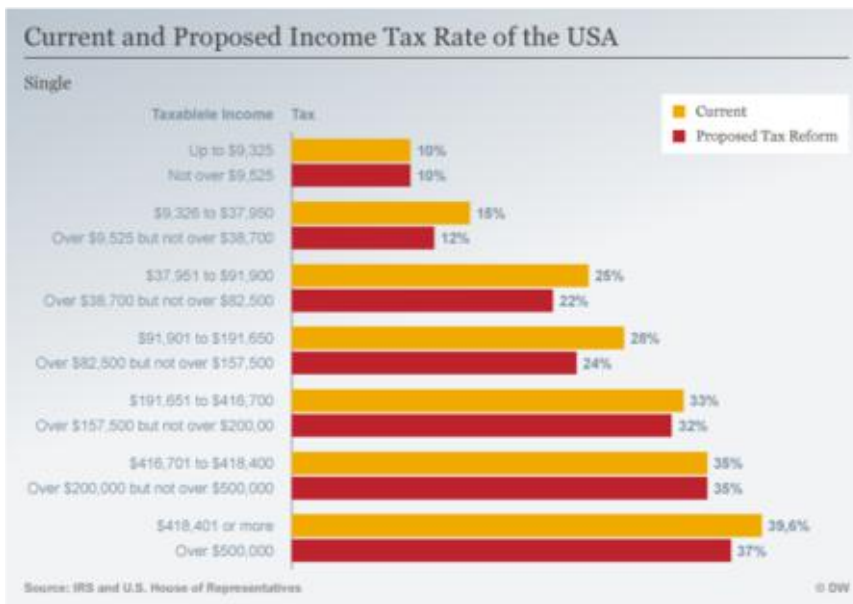
International

News Report

The unpredictable president

Trump’s economic policy goes against everything the international community has seen before and puts the traditional global order into question.

New president, new methods.



the country, the United States follow now an inedited path with Donald Trump. In comparison with his predecessor, Barack Obama, the American president has assumed a strong protectionist policy. One of the first decision he has taken had been to cut off taxations on several levels. Such a measure is symbolic, giving priority to the country and only itself, and forgetting about the rest of

We all know it, Donald Trump did neither play the card of the delicateness nor discretion. When he takes decisions, there are usually drastic, and his economic policies have followed this rule ever since he was elected. Against everything that his old partners would have expected from

the world. But fact is when the United States focus on themselves, it’s the whole planet that feel the consequences. New American economic and diplomatic policies mean brand-new worldwide geopolitics.

A national reform to “make America great again”.

The reform meant a cut of 1 450 billion of dollars in taxes, so the same amount in loss for the American state. Less taxes lead to less income for the government. The first winners were obviously the enterprises, and especially the multinationals. The tax on firms has decreased from 35% to 21%. And this goes with a strong incitation to invest their profits from foreign chains in the US. The loss of income was supposed to be compensated by this creation of output with these incentive policies. But protectionist measures like this only harm most of the biggest American firms like Apple, which outsource lot of their production. For the other countries, it means also a loss, as American firms are

less eager to invest over there. After the companies, the households are the second winners, even if the effects are lighter. Most of the cut benefits especially to the wealthiest part of the population. This reforms echoes Reagan’s one during 1989, with more money for the firms and for the richest, in order to create economic activity.

Most economists agree on thinking that the stimulus will be very limited. Indeed, the reform comes after eight years of growth, and when the unemployment rate is at its lowest. Firms profits are already very high, so the effect would be minimal. Such an economic policy would be so much more effective in recession times.

The war against international trade.

Old partners and new conflicts.

Donald Trump has not only followed a total new economic trend after Obama, but he has also denied the traditional partners of the country, bringing a wave of uncertainty on the world, and on the international relations. But more than just a protectionist economic policy aiming at creating

growth, Donald Trump has triggered a commercial war with most of America’s oldest partners. Many countries are worried about this come back to old ways of doing, in the spectrum of the *Monroe doctrine* which prevailed in the beginning of the 20’s century.

When economics meets geopolitics.

Europe, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Iran and now China... Donald Trump’s decisions toward foreign products has provoked many protestations and counter-attacks across the world.

has consequently replied with taxes on symbolical American products such as Bourbon, whisky, or Harley Davidson ... It has cost the Americans around 3,2 billions of dollars.

The Trump administration has voted taxes mainly on steel (25%) and aluminum (10%) against the European Union, violating consciously the rules of the World Trade Organization. The response of the Europe has not been waiting too long. Bruxelles

The union however was mostly worried about a possible tax on the automobile sector. An agreement has been found, maintaining this last threat away for now, but this option has not totally disappeared.

The same way they did with the European Union, the United States have adopted tax on aluminum and steel against Canada and Mexico. And the same scheme has been followed; the response was invariably new taxes from both Canadians and Mexicans.

The measures voted by the Canada should cost the United States 12,6 billions of dollars. Furthermore, such behavior seems to jeopardize the renew of the ALENA free-trade agreement of 1994. Negotiations are still taking place, but the Donald Trump's wall between Mexico and the United States do not help to calm down the relations.

The most recent and outstanding case in Trump's war against free-trade has been with China. If the two countries were in negotiations at first, the situation has severely degenerated. Donald Trump has decided in September to tax at 10% around 50 billions of Chinese products.

The WTO overpassed.

The war against free trade.

Not only did the president ignore the WTO trade rules, but Donald Trump has repeatedly threatened to pull the United States out of the World Trade Organization, if it didn't "shape up" and treated the US better. According to the American information website Axios, the president has even declared: "I don't know why we're in it. The WTO is designed by the rest of the world to screw the United States".

The real issue behind this protectionist policies is the current US veto paralyzing the appellate body. It is the most powerful instrument of the WTO, an international tribunal that countries

This happens right after his first measure in July implying an increase of 25% on tariffs for 50 billions of Chinese products. China had already answered by taking the same measures. But in the view of the last decision of the American president, it would be all of American products in China and respectively all of the Chinese products that would be hardly taxed.

Such a behavior had consequences not only for the American economy itself but the whole world. If the big reform of Donald Trump had supported in some extent the actual growth of the country, the consequences of his protectionist policies are mostly going to hurt strongly the States that do not have enough weight to advocate for themselves.

By negotiating one-to-one deals, Donald Trump seems to ignore the years of free-trade development and market globalization.

approach when they are unable to resolve matters with their trading partners.

Since 1995, over 500 disputes have been brought to the WTO and over 350 rulings have been issued. It is composed of seven members appointed by the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) and has the authority to pass final rulings. The appellate court is supposed to have seven judges, but it will be down to three this year, the legal minimum required for it to work.

The US are conscientiously blocking the reappointment of one of the four remaining judges and if the body dips to two, it will not be able to operate, ending 23 years of international efforts to prevent trade protectionism.

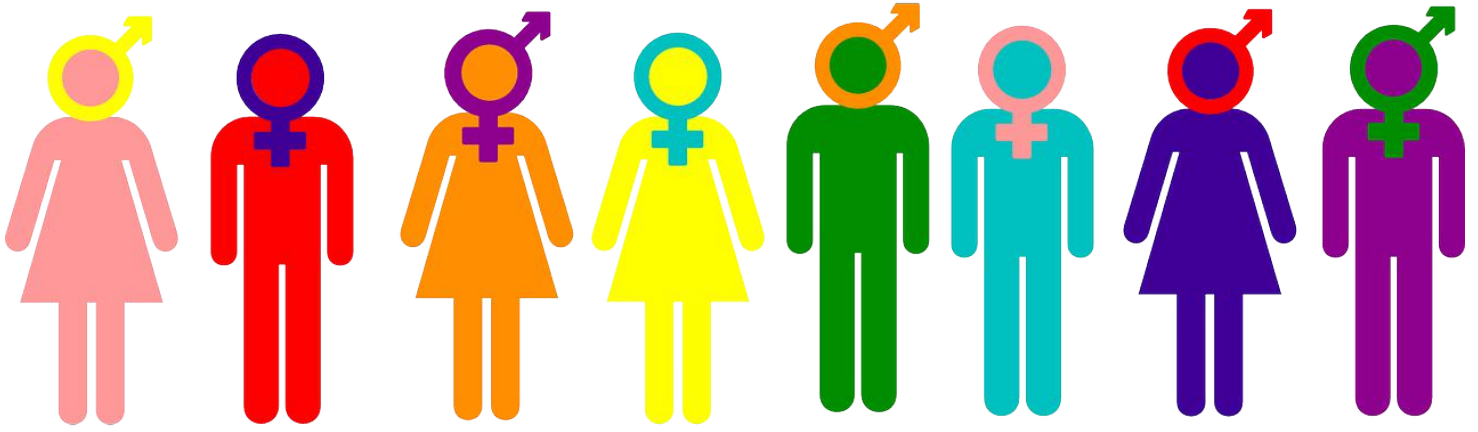
Furthermore, the three remaining judges are from the US, China and India, three countries at the heart of some of the world's most sensitive trade disputes as we have seen it, and in case of conflict between the US and China, only one judge will be able to intervene.

Trump argues against the WTO that the US have lost too many cases but experts say they have a better lose-win rate than any other country that has taken complaints to the WTO. The Economic Report of the President for 2018, which bears Trump's signature, states: "The United States has won 85.7% of the cases it has initiated before the WTO since 1995, compared with a global average of 84.4%. In contrast, China's success rate is just 66.7%." Trump has recently said the organization is not tough enough on China. It underlines the real motive of the American president for paralyzing the organization, it leaves the United States totally free of movement in their trade wars. Brussels is

offering to update some of the WTO's treaties in order to reduce the consequences of heightened global trade tensions. Before 1995, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was in charge of promoting international trade by reducing or eliminating trade barriers, such as tariffs or quotas, but as we witness it currently, it didn't and still does not prevent trade wars from happening. In a world returning to the law of the jungle, Trump reckons the United States will win. That might be true for now. However, a complete US withdrawal from the WTO would blow up a pillar organization of global economic and political stability; should Trump defy his advisers and announce a withdrawal at some point in the future, he would run into significant legal hurdles. Quoting Axios, a top trade lawyer in Washington said: "We think he's nuts, but not that nuts. »

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Feminism and Societal Debates

Check them Out **Mens sana in corpore sano**

“New Year, New Me” has been said/ heard by every one of us at least once since going back to school is. And because I know you all already took marvellous resolutions on your work and your everyday organisation, I will suggest one new engagement towards yourself for this year to come.

For this environment issue, I decided that we could all rewind to how Mother Nature made us. Far from gender, far from society and from stereotypes, I want you to embrace your inner self, effective now.

In order to do so, you need to distance yourself from societal biases. I point at all those (not so) implicit rules exhorting you to

match a defined image. Namely, girls having to be totally hairless on every single part of the body while boys, conversely, have to wear a beard to be considered virile.

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Constantly trying to reach those ideals only keeps us away from our natural state of being. But additionally, we are widening gender expectations. The hygienist society which we evolve in made us believe that hairs are dirty...but only for women, as it would make grey hair sexy just for men. Magazines, advertisement and pornography showcasing

women with hairless armpits or photoshopped bikini lines are so omnipresent we interiorised those concepts. We are now living in an sterilised world where women are reduced to

smooth creatures supposed to embody their delicacy and tenderness. However, reality is the mere opposite. Hairs do exist to protect us from cold, infections, in brief, they prevent us from exterior aggressions and keep our bodies healthy.

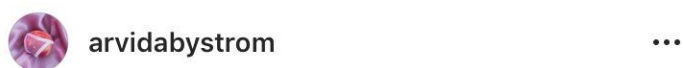
When we preach perfect (non-)pilosity, we convey the controversial message that keeping one's hairs is dirty. This is society driving us to deny our original nature and it should make us consider why we follow its standards.

Instead, we need to empower ourselves by preaching the beauty of our natural and imperfect bodies, with or without hairs, scars, stains... Caring about nature is also caring about *our* nature and love every bit of us. I want us to feel sexy thanks to who we are deep

down, original and unique and not because we reached to get an Instagram-model-body.

So yes, I want this month, and the ones to come to be those of a progressive body positivity, in phase with who we are, as to reconnect not only on a physical level but also on a psychological one. Winnie Harlow with her vitiligo skin, Arvida Byström and Sophia Hadjipanteli for their pilosity pride or even Sophie Fontanel and her grey hair, to name but a few, will all encourage you to do down this path of a natural body and soul, so make sure to check them out!

Savannah Quero-Isola



Screenshots from Arvida Bistrom and Winnie Harlow Instagram pages (from left to right)



Sports

NBA Green

To stay in line with this month's edition special regarding environment, we will talk about NBA Green first.

Yes, the NBA has an environmental program even if you might not have been aware of it.

It collects funds to protect the environment and raise awareness. To do so, it has a partnership with Green Sports Alliances and NBA is not the only to have joined this team! 17 leagues are part of it already, among other members.



To give you an idea of the effort they put into developing a sustainable community, they already power all the All-Stars events fully with renewable energy; solar panels have been installed in some of the arenas; the teams reduce their carbon footprint as much as possible by supporting local agriculture, etc.

This was to demonstrate that, not only the government or NGOs are trying to enhance change in the environment sector: sports societies as well, and with their fans they can make a difference.

Why the Lakers will surprise everyone in the 2018/2019 NBA season.

Underrated Team

Inexperience, lack of playoff experience and unpolished talents were some common observations made by naysayers. The betting companies gave slightly higher odds for the Lakers making the playoffs but most of them planted the Lakers win-loss count at 45-37. Some analyst proclaims that the Lakers will have a hard time dealing with the erratic temperamental new players and that Luke will be fired after a season of dismay. Even NBA 2K gave less than ideal ratings for the Lakers players in their game ranking.

From Lance Stephenson to Rajon Rondo to Kyle Kuzma or even Michael Beasley, the type of players on the Lakers roster are not the exact type of players that you want to throw doubts and trash talk at, for that definitely do not sit well with them and you can expect a return of favour on the court showing their true potential. It awaits to be seen how the mesh-work of players can collectively put that fire into good use on the court.

Young and dangerous

Lonzo Ball is a transcendent talent who gave Lakers the spark last season. If you look beyond the LaVar Ball circus, Lonzo's court awareness, ball distribution, playmaking and defensive prowess gave the Lakers a chance last season to stay competitive.

The Lakers winning ratio was a notch higher with him on the floor. The main Achilles' heel for him will be his poor shooting that has to change in order for him to command more attention and draw defenses.

Josh Hart brings the defensive intensity of a tough-headed bulldog that locks down assignment and switch with ferocity, providing additional firepower and distribution as we saw in the last stretch of the season and during the Vegas Summer League.

Kyle Kuzma has the makings of a star in his rookie year, producing high levels of offense and often the proud recipient of many of Lonzo's laser dishes. He is a rare rookie talent who brought



back the proprietary Lakers baby hook, running hook and jump hook shots through hard work practice. With the new addition of rookies this season, our number 25th pick, **Moritz Wagner**, and 47th pick, **Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk**, showed their range and defensive ability in Summer League. The hustle intensity and loud communication style of Moritz can provide some help under the basket helping to keep guards from being blind sighted on defense. Sviatoslav showed flashes of a quick shooter who can be inserted from time to time to give starters some rest, yet provide some buckets. If they are not used as trading pieces, they would be stable bench players

Fast Break Leader

Last season, the Lakers consistently rank top few in pace and transition points. Thanks to the vast court vision, pinpoint accuracy in passing and super fast lops from Lonzo Ball, the Lakers were able to move fluidly without the ball and faster than opponents can call on the defense. With a veteran point guard like Rajon Rondo mentoring Lonzo Ball this season, the ceiling is definitely unlimited for Lonzo to be even better in pushing the pace.

Rob Pelinka and Magic Johnson have been meticulous and deliberate in picking veterans who

have a great shape and fitness. This is crucial as the young stars are fast and the Lakers want to play **ShowTime 2.0 basketball**, which means the faster pace and speedier offense. With the physically fit roster and everyone capable of running coast to coast, fast break is a free-play of any permutation possible. Even the bigs like JaVale McGee and LeBron James can run the floor as fast as anybody. One can only wonder how exciting Lakers ShowTime 2.0 can be to watch.

Winning in the DNA

Little is mentioned by the media but the Lakers rosters contains more winning DNA that pundits give them credit for.

For a start, three veterans are Champions, namely: LeBron James, Rajon Rondo and JaVale McGee. So for sure there are multiple players who can share with the young guns what it means to be a winner and how to respond and conduct yourself during critical moments. Crunch time psychology and stability in performance can greatly benefit with not one, not two but three wise mentors around in the locker room.

Lonzo Ball and Josh Hart are respective Vegas Summer League Most Valuable Players for 2017 and 2018. Brandon Ingram was part of the highly coveted Duke program under legendary winning college coach Mike Krzyzewski. As elite a player

he is, Brandon was also the High School Championship Most Valuable Player. Kyle Kuzma impressed everyone coming from a late 27th pick in 2017 to win the Summer League Finals Most Valuable Player.

He credits his winning ways to Mamba Mentality, how pure a Laker can he get? LeBron deserves honorary mention, being the league's Most Valuable Player for four times and three-time Finals Most Valuable Player.

All these means that the roster is full of positive, world-class work ethic and attitudes. The atmosphere in the Lakers is one that is transformational and awaiting to erupt in greatness once the pieces and system get well oiled.

Charles Pellé





London Life

Paul's wonders

St James's Park

In this ecology-oriented edition of the Thames Dolphin, we thought it would be interesting to share some of our favourite green areas you can see or visit in London. The most well-known parks in London are probably Hyde Park, Regent's Park or Victoria Park. One of the maybe more discrete ones but still just as nice, would be St James's Park. It is ideally situated, just bordering Buckingham Palace, and is in

between Piccadilly Circus, Pimlico, and Knightsbridge, on the north side of the Thames.

The park is quite small, but its great location means it is perfect to spend a couple hours on a sunny afternoon. St James's Park has a lake, and two islands: West island and Duck island named for the park's sizeable collection of birds. There is one "main" bridge on the island allowing visitors to get from one bank to the other and which offers a fantastic view (*see pictures attached*) towards Buckingham Palace from which you can also see the London Eye.

Nomadic Community Gardens

Another place, but substantially different one can visit in London are the Nomadic Community Gardens, in Shoreditch. They are only a few minute's walk away from Brick Lane, iconic street in London, where one can find thrift stores, small places to eat, and cheap souvenirs. But the community gardens are not the traditionally well-kept and cliché gardens that we can think about when we think of English

noticeable thing you can see would have to be the numerous series of graffiti art that are exposed there, that cover walls, cars, doors and more. There are also other standalone pieces of art, constructions made from a plethora of different materials: metal, rubber, or wood. The gardens have big compost pots ("grow boxes") planned for people to come and plant whatever they want, benches, and two mobile food trucks that offer a few snacks and drinks.

gardens. You can access them by passing underneath a railway, and they border Allen gardens. Entering the gardens, the most

Paul Benney

Edito

Donald Trump and the Paris Accords: who's laughing now?

When Trump decided to pull the US from the Paris accords, he caused quite an outrage. The world was united to make the planet great again, and Trump was throwing all these promises of a bright future, of a united human race, into the garbage can where, according to the mainstream media, he belonged.

Three years on, let's see what the Paris Accords have done. That's right, nothing. As of 2018, coal, oil and natural gas still make up 90% of the world's energy production. Of the remaining 10%, nuclear power makes up half of this. Only 5% of the world's energy production is from renewable source. Carbon emissions have not gone down. Even though they are stagnant, they are still not showing any signs of potential regression. Recently, the carbon level in the atmosphere hit 390 ppm, and when you compare this to the fact that the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere before the Industrial Revolution was about 250 ppm, you should be frightened. The Paris accords have done nothing to change the trend, since most countries only follow unconditional agreements which are useless when it comes to actually saving the planet. "Chiffon de papier!" as Theobald von Bethman once said regarding the treaty of non-aggression with France in 1914. Conditional agreements, those which actually make a slight change, are discarded and laughed at. The number of natural disasters has

skyrocketed in the past few years. More storms hit the east coast of the US every year, Europe is scorched by droughts, Bangladesh keeps getting flooded, and earthquakes seem to happen just as often as Islamist terror attacks. What can we puny humans do about it?

The EU, pathetic excuse for a union, has been trying to reduce its carbon emissions since the 90s. Since then, they haven't done much, and remain the third biggest carbon emitter after China and the US. In the EU, only 17% of energy comes from renewable source. The best-case scenario in the EU is Portugal, a ridiculously small country the size of Massachusetts, where only 50% of the energy comes from renewable sources, and, since Portugal has no nuclear plants, the other half comes from oil, gas and coal, which as we know is full very eco-friendly. Even if the EU reach their unrealistic target of 27% by 2030, that would still lower emissions by only 40%, giving them a slim 50% chance of staying within the "safe" zone, which had previously been described as an increase in temperature less than 2°C, just in Europe.

But such an increase in temperature still brings doomsday scenarios to the table. Just to put it into perspective, only 5 degrees separate our modern world from the last Ice Age. Imagine the boiling

temperatures which will be reached after we hit that threshold. And if the EU is best in the class, don't get me started on China and India, which will only be able to reduce their emissions by -5%. That is, they will manage to not increase their emissions by more than 5%...and that's a best-case scenario. Let's recap: in a best-case scenario, Europe reduces its emissions by 40% and China and India promise not to increase their emissions by more than 5%. This will overall lead to a 4% increase in carbon emissions, giving an extra 2.7°C to the doomsday thermometer. And remember that 2°C is already a small apocalypse. OK. Who feels like fighting mother nature now?

When it comes to scientific opinion, many in the science world are already evoking the possibility of an imminent apocalypse. Even if we suddenly cut our carbon emissions to 0, temperatures would still rise, as the oceans are packing a lot of heat and would carry on expanding, displacing -if not killing- millions of people. It's too late to reverse climate change. Even if a large proportion of the scientific community remains optimistic regarding the issue, there is little, if at all any, hope. In a nutshell, it's too late to fight climate change and governments can't do shit about it. Even Nicolas Hulot, leading ecologist in France, has admitted that the young, start-up-ish and planet-friendly Macron administration has failed to reduce carbon emissions and pollution in France.

But hang on, what does Donald Trump have to do with this?

The current US president has seen the big lie of the mainstream media and leftist governments, the lie that we were told since we discovered global warming was real. We were told that we could make a change, we were told that we could resist the incommensurable forces of Nature to try and

repair our foolishness. We cannot reverse global warming, so why worry about it? Here's an idea, how about we do something about the people who don't have jobs, who can't feed themselves or find a place to sleep every night? How about we solve the immigration crisis all over the world? How about we find a deal with North Korea? How about we find fair trade deals with our commercial partners? Every year, billions of dollars of taxpayer's money is wasted on organizing planet-friendly marches and funding scientists who, even if they figure out a solution, won't make a change anyway. All this money could be used to create jobs, develop infrastructure, reduce poverty.

And this is exactly what Trump did. He put in place drastic measures to fight unemployment and boost the economy. As a result, economic growth is at a staggering 4%, twice the level that was reached under the Obama administration. Over three million jobs have been created and, thanks to protectionist measures, the dollar is stronger than ever, unlike the volatile pound and the rusty euro. Not to mention tremendous advancements in foreign policy. The North Korean threat has been dealt with, Russia isn't behaving like a mad dog and Mexico agreed to pay for the Wall. Iran is being reprimanded as it deserves, but not in the Clinton way. She wanted to nuke Iran, which would potentially have started World War III and you wouldn't be here to read this article, so be grateful there are still some republicans in the United States. Despite the incredible lies of the left and the mainstream media, his approval rate has reached a staggering 50%, a number that not even the popular, handsome Macron could dream of. He doesn't care about all this "politically correct" bullshit which comes straight out of an Orwellian novel.

Look, you can call Donald Trump a racist, you can call him a bigot, you can call him a misogynist. But one thing you can't call him, is crazy. Donald

Trump saw the big lie and decided to devote time and energy into things that really matter, into things that will actually make a change, for the better. He saw that trying to reverse climate change was like trying to fight a tank with toothpicks or trying to take guns away from the American people. And this is why I affirm, with all due respect, that Donald

Trump might go down as one of the best presidents the United States has ever known.
Mmh, liberal tears. Salty.

Diego Libreros





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We hope you have liked reading us.

Thank you.

Literally yours.



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