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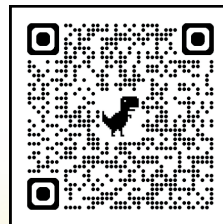
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and build the future together!*



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Exciting News for Nebraskans for Peace!

We're thrilled to announce that we've hired a new Community Organizer to help build and strengthen connections in Omaha and across the state. This latest addition to our team will focus on expanding our reach, engaging local communities, and supporting our mission for peace and justice throughout Nebraska.

Please join us in welcoming Amanda Kephart to the Nebraskans for Peace family! We're excited to see the positive impact they will bring to our communities and our work.

Amanda is proud to be part of the Nebraskans for Peace Team. She is a lifelong Nebraskan and a native of



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*Because the
system isn't*

BROKEN

by Schmeeka Simpson

OF PEACE AND PROTESTS

*“This government was
founded on protest.”*

- Thurgood Marshall

Since the election of the current regime our false peace here in the United States has been disrupted by protests, civil unrest and musical festivals (code for protests), not only in our state, and across the country but across the world. The media has been largely quiet on these protests due to censorship and propaganda being at an all-time high so you may not know that a Music Festival has been running daily in Los Angeles, ALL DAY, 24hrs a day birthed from the June 6th Ice raids. Anti-regime and Ice protests have been held in all 50 states and numerous cities right here in Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, which includes a group of women dressed in red robes and white hoods emulating the Handmaids Tale, participating in a local parade and following a local elected official around. A 104 year-old woman in Florida is protesting every Thursday with her neighbors and friends. The No Kings Protests throughout the nation attracted over 5 million people. Across the globe countries like Germany, England, Portugal, even Switzerland are protesting the current federal administration through their presence on the streets, in the media, even in their entertainment. Because the least we can do as human beings of course is make our voices heard when things are bad in our communities, right?

*When Oppression
Becomes Law, Resistance
Becomes Duty”*

- Thomas Jefferson

Of course, there are those on both sides of the aisle that don't believe that protesting is effective and that we should shut up and go away or spend our time doing something else. I would say that history would beg to differ. In just the last 100 years there have been many protests that were influential and successful, here are a few remainders:

Salt March (1930) - Led by Mahatma Gandhi, a nonviolent protest of the British salt taxes in colonial India. **Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-1956)** - Sparked by Rosa Parks' arrest, this boycott led to the desegregation of public transportation in Montgomery, Alabama. **Stonewall Riots (1969)** - A series of spontaneous demonstrations by the LGBTQ+ community in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. **Soweto Uprising (1976)** - South African students protested the forced introduction of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction, leading to increased opposition against apartheid. **Solidarity Movement (1980s)** - A Polish trade union that organized strikes and protests, ultimately contributing to the fall of communism in Poland. **Velvet Revolution (1989)** - A nonviolent transition of power in Czechoslovakia, leading to the end of 41 years of communist rule. **Anti-Apartheid Protests (1980s-1990s)** - A global movement against apartheid in South Africa, contributing to the eventual dismantling of the system. **Zapatista Uprising (1994)** - An indigenous rebellion in Mexico against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Mexican government's treatment. **Arab Spring (2010-2012)** - A series of anti-government protests, uprisings, and armed rebellions that spread across the Arab

world, leading to regime changes in several countries. **Black Lives Matter Protests (2013-present)** - A global movement against systemic racism and police violence, sparked by the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's killer. **Umbrella Movement (2014)** - Pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, in response to proposed electoral reforms by the Chinese government. **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Protests (2016)** - Protesting the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and environmental activists. **Women's Strike for Equality (1970)** - A nationwide protest in the United States demanding equal rights for women in the workforce, education, and politics. **Climate Strikes (2018-present)** - Inspired by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, these global protests advocate for urgent action to address climate change and its impacts on the planet. **Yellow Vest Movement (2018-2019)** - A grassroots movement in France that began as a protest against fuel tax increases, later expanding to include broader demands for economic justice and government reform. **Belarusian Protests (2020)** - A series of protests against election fraud and the authoritarian regime of President Alexander Lukashenko in Belarus, calling for new, fair elections and greater political freedoms.

*Those who make
peaceful revolution
impossible will make
violent revolution
inevitable.”*

- John F. Kennedy

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Because the system isn't broken, continued

These are examples of mainly peaceful protests that led to impactful change. Sometimes, however, stronger measures have been taken throughout the centuries to combat brute authoritarian force and mass gross injustice, which take us from the realm of peaceful protests to insurrections, uprisings, and revolutions. Successful rebellions against injustice and fascism, such as the American Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the French and Haitian Revolutions, easily come to mind.

But truthfully violent uprisings often fail, and so do peaceful protests, and there are many reasons why that need to be analyzed. These reasons can be categorized into three general groups: logistical and tactical issues, communication and messaging challenges/barriers, and socio-political factors. A myriad of issues can render protesting ineffective, such as a lack of clear goals, inadequate organization, **insufficient funding**, poor communication among protesters, ineffective leadership, limited public support, and **inability to sustain momentum**. Government repression, including excessive use of force by authorities, legal challenges, and other external interferences. Absence of media coverage, infighting among protesters, **insufficient planning, failure to develop concrete strategies, over-emphasis on symbolic actions**, focusing on the wrong issues, ignoring expert advice, unfocused demands, lack of measurable outcomes, and disregarding historical context. Also, factors such as low turnout, **inadequate training**, co-optation by other movements, unwillingness to compromise, use of **exclusionary tactics** like lack of diversity in participants, being unwilling to compromise, disregarding cultural sensitivities, and **ignoring** allies will all kill a movement. Don't forget poor messaging, the inability to adapt to

changing circumstances, fragmentation of movement, misuse of resources, **reliance on a single leader**, failure to establish a united front, neglecting grassroots activism, overlooking local issues, underestimating the need for persistence, etc, etc. All of these problems can render a protest ineffective and have been many times over.

*Of all our studies,
history is best qualified
to reward our research.
And when you see that
you've got problems,
all you have to do is
examine the historic
method used all over
the world by others who
have problems similar
to yours. And once you
see how they got theirs
straight, then you know
how you can get yours
straight.*

- Malcolm X



Failure to address these challenges, protest after protest has burned a lot of

people out from showing up, and to be honest, I'm one of them. I've been in many protests, but when a group of us went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the George Floyd uprisings, I realized 1st hand how serious and dangerous of an event a protest really is. I was jailed and had my life threatened by the police for our efforts to bring food and medicine to the demonstrators at the 5th precinct. I saw a high-beam laser from a military weapon go through my chest, and I had to examine my life and what I was willing to sacrifice... including my children, in a split second. I could've died there, in a war zone, alone in a dark, dirty alley, far from home, with no identifying documents, not even my cell phone to call for or find help. Five years later, I am still traumatized from that experience and now look at the world around us. Racism on the rise, reminiscent of the American glory days of Jim Crow and the Reconstruction era, the rollback of protections for women, and children, people being kidnapped off the streets, all in the name of law and order, and the greatness of the magalomania of the American ego. Would I have died in vain? I want to say no. But without addressing how to make a protest or revolution successful, are we putting ourselves in harm's way for no reason? Particularly marginalized groups of people? Maybe.

I'm not at all saying stop protesting or stop resisting... **but what I am saying is to examine the goals of the protest and use logic along with our emotion.** False peace is no peace at all, and a protest in this climate without a plan of action or a clear goal is symbolic at best, stupid at its worst, and a waste of precious energy resources. It's almost giving a type of performative weaponized incompetence at this point... because what is the point?

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NFP Scholarship Winner



Dominika Kouassi
Bennington, NE
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One of the most important civil rights is the right to vote. It's how we make our voices heard, choose our leaders, and create change. But when the system is unfair, and some voices are silenced through practices like gerrymandering, civil rights start to disappear. Gerrymandering is when voting districts are drawn in a way that gives an unfair advantage to one political party, usually by splitting up certain communities or grouping voters together in strange ways to diminish the impact of their vote. This isn't just bad politics — it's a threat to democracy and a peaceful society.

I learned a lot about this when I did a project on how gerrymandering can decrease minority votes and lead to voter fatigue in my government class. It made me realize how deep the issue goes especially to people of color. When people feel like their votes don't matter, they lose faith in the system. They stop showing up — especially to the polls. That puts communities — especially minority ones like mine — at a huge disadvantage. As a Black young woman and child of immigrant parents from west Africa, I've seen firsthand how unfair systems leave people behind. That's why I care so much about this issue.

Outside of school, I've also been involved in research programs that helped

shape how I see the world and my role in it. For example in the summer of 2023 I worked for Dr. Keyonna King at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for Reducing Health Disparities. This program taught me how to ask big questions, investigate real issues, and look for solutions. They also deepened my concern for my community. I want to go into public health and pursue the pre-medical track in college, because I want to help people not only in clinics or hospitals but also at a broader level — making sure that underserved communities are being seen and supported. To me, civil rights, health, and justice are all connected and they can be served with the correct legislative action.

Gerrymandering doesn't just mess with elections. It affects a vast variety of public concerns from healthcare to education to clean air and water. When districts are drawn unfairly, politicians don't have to listen to everyone, just the groups that keep them in power. That means people in minority communities often don't get the resources or attention they need. Leaders might ignore issues like health disparities, housing problems, and environmental concerns because they know their seat is "safe" thanks to the way the maps are drawn. That's not fair, and it's not how democracy is supposed to work.

Nebraskas can do better. If we followed a redistricting model like the one Iowa uses, we could help make elections fair and give everyone a real shot at having their voice heard. In Iowa, a nonpartisan group called the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) is in charge of drawing the district maps. They use clear, fair criteria like population size, keeping cities and counties together, and making districts compact. They're not allowed to look at things like political party data, voter history, or where politicians live. This keeps the process honest and focused on people, not politics.

Once the LSA draws the maps, the Iowa Legislature can approve or reject

them — but they can't make changes right away.

If they reject the first two drafts, only then can they modify the third. This limits political influence and keeps things transparent. It's not perfect, but it's way better than letting lawmakers draw the lines themselves to benefit their own careers.

If Nebraska adopted this approach, we could rebuild trust in the voting system. More people would feel like their vote matters, especially in communities that have felt ignored for too long. It would also help reduce the polarization we see today. When elections are fair, leaders have to work harder to earn everyone's support, not just the support of people in their corner.

To make this happen in Nebraska, we'd need to pass a law that sets up a nonpartisan redistricting team like Iowa's LSA. That law would need to clearly ban the use of political data in drawing maps and require the team to use fair guidelines. Public input should be a key part of the process too — holding town halls and sharing updates so that people know what's happening and can hold the system accountable.

Of course, there would be obstacles. Politicians who benefit from the current system might fight back. And many people still don't fully understand how gerrymandering works, so spreading awareness would be a big part of the battle. But I believe it's possible, especially if students, community leaders, and everyday voters come together and push for it.

As someone who wants to go into public health, I see fair representation as a public health issue too. People need to have a voice in what happens in their communities — from healthcare to safety to economic opportunities. I want to be part of a future where everyone, especially those who've been left out, finally feels seen and heard. That's how we create peace — not just through the absence of conflict, but by building systems that are made for everyone.

My Question to Greg Abel: What About the Future?

by *Kansas Lohmeier*

Like most people born and raised in Nebraska, I grew up knowing Warren Buffett as the “Oracle of Omaha.” A widely-successful investor, businessman, and engaging CEO to a massive corporation. Given his reputation, I was excited to have the opportunity to attend my first Berkshire Hathaway Shareholders Meeting this year. As a junior at Elkhorn South, a high school in West Omaha, I am dreaming about college and what the future holds. How my question was answered at the shareholders meeting gave me some insight.

Most people don’t realize that Berkshire Hathaway Energy is one of the biggest subsidiaries in the Berkshire Hathaway portfolio or that it’s the second largest utility provider in the United States. BH Energy runs Rocky Mountain Power in Utah and Wyoming; NV Energy in Nevada; Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington, and California; and, on the other side of the Missouri, MidAmerican Energy in Iowa.

What even fewer may know is that a Reuters investigation found that BH Energy operates the dirtiest fleet of coal plants in the nation, releasing more nitrogen oxides than any other fleet in the United States and ranked 4th in most carbon-emitting companies throughout all industries. Coal burning is the most-polluting source of energy, releasing noxious gases that widely impact health and the atmosphere. Unfortunately, Berkshire Hathaway and its subsidiaries have no concrete plans to retire the vast majority of their fossil fuel plants.

As a teenager, this worries me. I am

deeply concerned about climate change and the effects it will have on my future: extreme weather, loss of biodiversity, health consequences, and more. Knowing Buffett’s reputation for avoiding unethical investments, I decided to inquire about it. I asked what Greg Abel, CEO of BH Energy and Warren Buffett’s successor, had to say to young people like me who are afraid to grow up in a world of increasing climate volatility.



Abel’s response was respectful, but avoidant. He brought up MidAmerican’s investments in wind energy and a few previously retired coal plants, but failed to mention retirement plans for Berkshire’s active plants in Iowa, Utah, and Wyoming that are planning to operate until 2049 or, in some cases, indefinitely. While Berkshire’s clean energy backing is commendable, the truth remains clear: a regrettable amount of its energy comes from burning coal. As of 2023, a shock-

ing 21.96 percent of Iowa’s total energy is from coal — a considerable amount of which stems from Berkshire’s plants.

And contamination from these plants isn’t restricted to Iowa! Much of the pollution crosses over the river into Omaha and the surrounding areas. The same Reuters investigation revealed that the nitrogen oxides released are estimated to cause around 7 premature deaths a year and approximately 100 million dollars in health care costs within the Omaha metropolitan area alone. Last year, Omaha ranked among the worst third of cities in the U.S. for air quality! Considering there’s another 24 years until their closure, these plants will cause an estimated 168 deaths in Omaha, but that’s only a fraction of the damage. Cities like Ottumwa and Sioux City, where coal plants are located, have it worse.

When I think of Warren Buffett and his empire, I want to picture a company renowned for smart, ethical investments, a company that puts the health and future of its customers first. Right now, instead of envisioning Squishmallows, Dilly Bars, and real estate, all I see are smokestacks, asthma rates worsening, and a future full of regret for not having done something sooner. Berkshire Hathaway needs to eliminate its fossil fuel fleet as quickly as possible.

By 2050, it is predicted that global temperatures will have risen by about 2 degrees celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit). We are already experiencing extreme droughts, floods, and derechos throughout the Midwest. If we continue on this current path, weather events will be more extreme, species extinction will rapidly accelerate, and worse. By 2049, I fear it will be too late.

Nebraskans for Peace

Statement on U.S. Expansion of Concentration Camps

LINCOLN, NE — Aug. 21, 2025 — Nebraskans for Peace strongly condemns the expansion of U.S. concentration camps to McCook!

This proposed prison as announced by the governor intends to expand the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities in Nebraska. It is, however, nothing more than a for-profit cage designed to warehouse human beings, tear families apart, and exploit immigrants for corporate profit. We cannot allow Nebraska to become another link in ICE's chain of mass incarceration.

We know that many people detained in ICE custody have committed no crimes and are longtime residents of the United States. They are our neighbors, co-workers, and community members who contribute to the social and economic fabric of Nebraska and our country.

Immigrant detention is rooted in systemic racism and xenophobia. It criminalizes people of color, especially those from Latin America, and treats them as disposable. This is a moral

crisis and Nebraskans must choose whether we stand for dignity and human rights, or for cages and chains.

Nebraskans for Peace calls for an immediate halt to use of the McCook facility and for the closure of all ICE detention centers nationwide. We urge Nebraskans to contact the governor and your legislators to demand accountability. Talk to your neighbors and join in organizing against this expansion of injustice. Call every day. Write every day. Speak out every day.

We know that detention centers do not keep us safe but rather spread fear among our neighbors and friends. Nebraska must stand for justice, compassion, and human dignity, not for profit-driven imprisonment.

Furthermore, the audacity to call this the 'Cornhusker Clink'—a cruel twist associating Nebraska's proud academic legacy with a prison—should shock us all. Higher education is about learning, growth, and community. This facility is built on fear, profit, and injustice. We reject the normalization of this shame. We demand that no such

detention camp be built or kept on our land. We demand strength, accountability, and a return to the values for which our residents truly stand.

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What's HOT in Global Warming?

by Professor Bruce E. Johansen

History Won't Judge. Nature Will.

We seem to have reached that point in humankind's husbandry of the Earth when it's really not all that tough to realize that something peculiar is going on in the atmosphere. Anyone with the slightest sliver of common sense and a few reports from the news media can see it.

A Good Day for a Swim?

Massive floods and other problems have been reminding us nearly every day that we are in big, fat trouble. Even so, we still have a an embarrassingly large number of people, some of them with a lot of power, drunk on lots of power and an incredible amount of self-interest, as well as a huge shortage of gray matter, who are still looking at massive floods in the Texas Hill Country (and elsewhere) watching 139 people die in it, and telling us that it's a perfect day for a swim.

In some places, the water rose as much as 30 feet in one hour, sweeping away several children in vacation campgrounds. Several news reports described a "colossal burst of rain."

We know who one of those best-known power drunkards is, and there is a 99.999+ percent chance that he has never heard of the *Nebraska Report*, much less anyone who reads it.

Before I get to the weather reports, however, bear in mind that our Dunc in Chief and his minions have repealed legal rulings (quite a few of them, in fact) that allow the federal government to issue climate



regulations. Gosh! Hey! In our federal government's legal milieu, climate-caused problems no longer exist. Our president and his legal toadies have told us so. Two plus two now equals five, or whatever else MAGA says it ought to mean. Hello Big Brother!

Well, enough of that. It's time to hang up on the fake world of MAGA-izing, and try a few words of real-world climate change – but not quite yet.

MAGA's new reality has rescinded a 2009 declaration that determined that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare.

Rescinding Reality

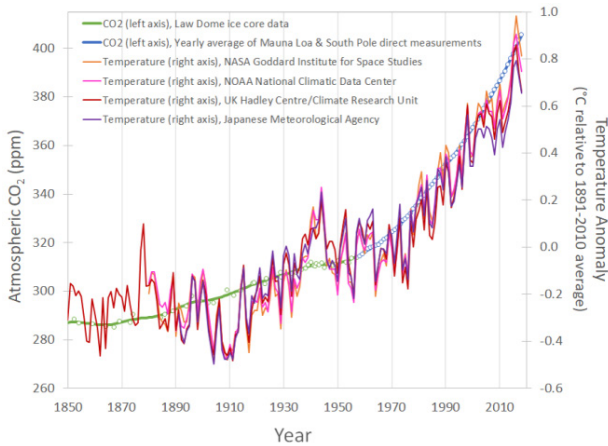
The "endangerment finding" is the legal underpinning of several climate regulations under the Clean Air Act for motor vehicles, power plants, and other pollution sources that are heating the planet. The federal government will soon be out of the

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carbon dioxide regulation business.

In the meantime, the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will continue to raise temperatures and intensify storms. Anyone who has been watching and reading the news knows the practical outcome. Nearly every day, we see news of more flooding, heat waves, and so forth. When I started researching and writing about this subject about 30 years ago, most of the anticipated outcomes were theoretical. Now they are affecting our daily lives, and getting worse.

And what does our government do under the hand of our denier-in-chief? It declares that, in the face of all evidence, climate change does not exist, at least not for legal regulatory purposes. He still calls it a "hoax" and urges that we pump (and



line, from the *New York Times*: “Teheran Is at Risk of Running Out of Water Within Weeks; After a Five-year Drought and Decades of Mismanagement, a Water Crisis is Battering Iran,” By Farnaz Fassihi, Sanam Mahoozi, and Leily Nikounazar. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/26/world/middleeast/iran-water-crisis-drought.html>.

of 85%.

No, a heat index of 149°F is not a typo. This is life on today’s Earth, in Iran. This report arrived a few weeks after Israel and the United States rained bombs and missiles on and near Tehran on suspicion of developing a nuclear weapon. That captured the headlines. The end of Iran as we know it was set later, in smaller type, with minimal commentary from any of the parties to the other apocalypse.

My favorite mercury monitor is in Fairbanks, Alaska. One day late in the Spring of 2025, the high was 85 degrees F., record heat. On July 6, the forecast high was 89.

Among those suffering from Spain’s heat was U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, who posted on X from

mine) more oil and coal. Mr. Trump, history will judge.

“The Largest Deregulatory Action in the History of America”

In the meantime, the new rules for nature were announced by Lee Zeldin, administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Remember, dear reader, we now live in a world in which protecting the environment has no legal force.

“Repealing the endangerment finding ‘will be the largest deregulatory action in the history of America,’” Zeldin said on the Ruthless podcast.

So, perhaps, we ought to junk all that talk about history judging anything. What’s going to judge us, ultimately, is *nature*.

Now, for a visit with nature:

We have heard a great deal recently about a war between Israel and Iran, in which the United States has played a part with a squad of B-52 bombers. In fact, if you looked up after a roar over Omaha or Lincoln a month or two ago, you may have seen a set or two of very broad, very dark batwings heading for Offutt Air Force Base.

The B-52s got the attention, but Iran has bigger problems than that, many of them having to do with a surplus of heat and a severe shortage of water. These things have been tending to escape the war games played by human beings until their corner of civilization collapses.

Witness, please, the following head-

“Some of Iran’s deepest reservoirs have shrunk to shallow ponds. Water pressure is so low in some cities that taps in apartment buildings run dry for hours on end. People desperately search for water tanks, and hoard every drop they can find.

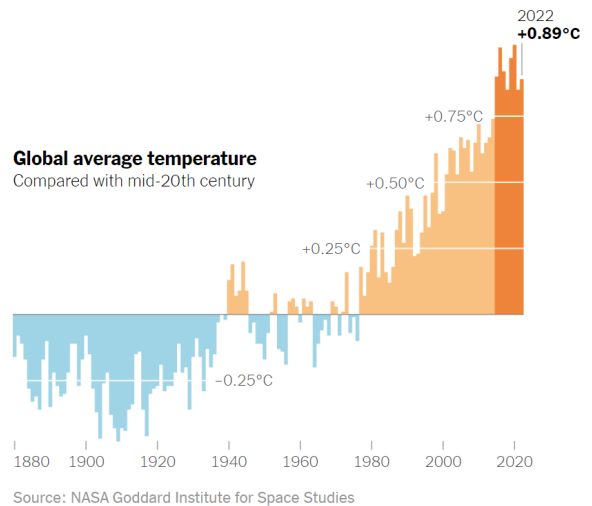
Temperatures are so high that one day last month, a part of Iran saw a heat index of 149 degrees Fahrenheit, according to sites that track extreme weather, making it one of the hottest places on Earth.

While we are at it, try the following from NASA, August 29, 2024:

Earth’s Highest Heat Index Recorded in Southern Iran During Historic Middle East Heatwave

On August 29th, 2024, a weather station near Qeshm Dayrestan Airport in southern Iran recorded a staggering heat index of 82.2°C (180°F), potentially marking the highest heat index ever documented on Earth; as shared by US-based Meteorologist Colin McCarthy on X. The heat index combines air temperatures and humidity to estimate how hot it feels. The extreme conditions were logged with an air temperature of 38.9°C (102°F) and a relative humidity

The piece begins:



Seville, where the temperature hit 42.6°C (108.7°F).

Extreme heat is no longer a rare event — it has become the new normal. During the summer of 2025, readings of 108 degrees F. became common, from Spain to France, to the Western United States, China, and elsewhere.

It’s Getting Tough to Find Ice in Iceland

Summer-like weather arrived early in Iceland, where for more than a week in May 2025, temperatures soared well above

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Day Three Without Food: Local Activist Joins Collective Fast for Gaza



The following letter was written by Jewish Voice for Peace of Eastern Nebraska member Scout while they participated in a hunger strike led by the Palestinian Rights Task Force in July 2025.

My name is Scout and today is day three of my hunger strike for Gaza. I am one of 18 other Nebraskans who have committed to going on hunger strike in solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza who are being deliberately starved by Israel. So far, the 18 hunger strikers have fasted for a collective 671 hours. Unlike the people of Gaza, I have clean water within reach. I am not sheltering in rubble. In northern Gaza, many are surviving on just 250–500 calories a day. According to the IPC, the world’s leading authority on food insecurity, Gaza is now in a state of famine.

We are witnessing, in real time, the slow and systematic starvation of a population. Israel’s blockade and military assault have destroyed food systems, bombed bakeries and greenhouses, and left nearly the entire population at risk of famine. Children

are dying from malnutrition. Pregnant women go without nutrients. Children in Gaza tell their parents they are not afraid to die, because at least Heaven has food.

I refuse to eat while my government funds this horror. PR-driven airdrops do not scratch the surface of meeting the needs of Gaza’s population. The solution is ending the blockade, reopening all aid points, and halting the flow of U.S. weapons and funding to Israel’s military, which has shown no compunction in starving and bombing children.

Our congressional delegation, especially Congressman Don Bacon, must act. He must co-sponsor H.R. 3565, the Block the Bombs Act, and commit to ending U.S. military support for this genocide. Every day of silence is complicity.

I can choose to end my hunger at any time. The people of Gaza have no such choice. The Israeli government is starving them as a weapon of war. And we, as Americans, must do everything in our power to stop funding it.

Exciting News, conclusion

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Amanda is interested in the intersection of repetitious thought and movement within creativity and its ties to the human psyche. She is an advocate for the advancement of the individual — both in spirit and within their communities. A proponent for self-care and self-expression, she is deeply aware of the need for our Nebraska communities to make and honor spaces that nurture joy, that encourage creativity, and that foster artistic expression. Through her community engagement and various local affiliations, she has continued to work towards a more connected and collaborative Omaha.

She is a natural leader who urges others to be better versions of themselves. Amanda looks forward to bringing some of these skills to use as she continues her career and community organizing with Nebraskans For Peace.

Misleading Claims about the

Big Beautiful Bill

The Omaha World-Herald printed its OpEd with basic factual errors but declined to print the following Letter to the Editor by NFP Board Member Ryan Wishart, pointing them out.

The editorial “We’re Nebraska’s U.S. Congressmen. Here’s why we supported the Big Beautiful Bill”, written by Nebraska’s three congressmen, contains an important factual error that undermines their justification and raises questions about their knowledge of tax policy.

They write: “the top 1 percent of earners now pay more than 40 percent of income taxes, compared with 24 percent prior to [the 2017] TCJA” as part of their justification for making Trump’s 2017 tax

law permanent. In fact, their cited source shows that only the richest 0.1% paid 24 percent of the taxes in 2017. Their math misses an entire row accounting for the top 99th to 99.9th percent’s share. The top 1 percent’s share was 44.9 in 2017, not 24 percent. Contrary to their editorial, cited US Treasury tables show the top 1 percent has a lower, not higher, total share of income taxes paid under Trump’s tax plan (42.7% in 2022, 44.4% in 2025). Treasury data also show that the share of taxes paid by people with incomes in the bottom 50% has increased.

Their editorial also suggests that the pass-through income tax deduction benefited middle-class households and family farms, and “as a result [sic]” the

1% paid a larger share of taxes. In fact, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities suggests the exact opposite: the top 1% of households received more than half the total tax benefits of the pass-through income tax deduction. So, the Nebraska congressional delegation also had an incorrect cause for their dramatically incorrect effect.

Nebraskans deserve a better and factual discussion of why our representatives chose to extend tax cuts for the ultra-rich. We deserve to know why they supported making permanent tax changes that they can’t explain, have the opposite results they claim, and didn’t bother to verify against their own sources.

What’s HOT, conclusion

average for the time of year. According to the Icelandic Meteorological Office, the heat wave was notable for its early arrival, longevity, and geographic scope.

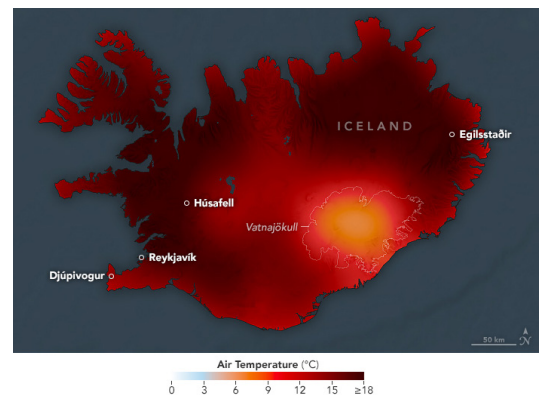
The heat settled over the island nation from May 13 to May 22, marking 10 consecutive days in which the temperature reached at least 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit) somewhere on the island. On May 17 and 18, during the heat wave’s peak, more than half of the country’s weather stations recorded temperatures at or above that mark.

The warmth on May 18 is depicted on a map, which shows air temperatures modeled at 2 meters (6.5 feet) above the ground. It was produced by combining satellite observations with temperatures predicted by a version of the GEOS (Godard Earth Observing System) model, which uses mathematical equations to rep-

resent physical processes in the atmosphere. The darkest reds indicate areas where temperatures reached at least 18°C (64°F). Note that temperatures appear somewhat cooler near the region’s ice caps, including Vatnajökull.

A ground station in Húsafell, a historic farm and church estate in western Iceland, measured 25.7°C (78.3°F) on May 18 and became the site’s hottest day on record, according to the meteorological office. The highest temperature of the heat wave, 26.6°C (79.9°F), was recorded at the Egilsstaðir Airport, in eastern Iceland, on May 15.

Nature is judging us already. Will humanity’s history catch up before it’s too late?



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Because the system isn't broken, conclusion

Truly? Is it Revolution? Or is it putting band aids on the infected wounds this country has inflicted on generations of people until this very day... without the healing antibiotics? Are we just wanting to go back to our convenience and comfortability? Are we just screaming into the void?? Because not only do we need to make our voices heard, and our presence felt but we need to manifest REAL (R)EVOLUTION through doing REAL WORK by getting organized, strategic, thoughtful, prepared and serious about dismantling this system. Nothing less. So, are we protesting to change the system or start something fresh from its ashes? This system will never change because the system is doing exactly what the system does. **THE SYSTEM IS NOT BROKEN.**

This system works exactly the way it was originally designed, **and it was designed to Break People.** We don't want this system. Please do not be out there protesting to preserve a system that can take away the human rights of people at any moment, particularly not on behalf of those who have been broken by it. We've had enough.

The purpose of life is to obey the hidden command which ensures harmony among all and creates an ever better world. We are not created only to enjoy the

world, we are created in order to evolve the cosmos.

- Maria Montessori

All Power to the People!

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