



France Protestors Are Part Of Global Backlash Against Globalization

French protestors are ripping France's oppressive carbon-based tax, and intend to topple the French president altogether. This is evidence of a world-wide movement that is totally fed up with global warming fraud and political chicanery. □ TN Editor

The single most effective weapon in the fight against climate change is the tax code - imposing costs on those who emit greenhouse gases, economists say. But as French President Emmanuel Macron learned over the past three weeks, implementing such taxes can be politically explosive.

On Tuesday, France delayed for six months a plan to raise already steep taxes on diesel fuel by 24 cents a gallon and gasoline by about 12 cents a gallon. Macron argued that the taxes were needed to curb climate change by weaning motorists off petroleum products, but violent

demonstrations in the streets of Paris and other French cities forced him to backtrack - at least for now.

“No tax is worth putting in danger the unity of the nation,” said Prime Minister Édouard Philippe, who was trotted out to announce the concession.

It was a setback for the French president, who has been trying to carry the torch of climate action in the wake of the Paris accords of December 2015. “When we talk about the actions of the nation in response to the challenges of climate change, we have to say that we have done little,” he said last week.

Macron is hardly alone in his frustration. Leaders in the United States, Canada, Australia and elsewhere have found their carbon pricing efforts running into fierce opposition. But the French reversal was particularly disheartening for climate-policy experts, because it came just as delegates from around the world were gathering in Katowice, Poland, for a major conference designed to advance climate measures.

“Like everywhere else, the question in France is how to find a way of combining ecology and equality,” said Bruno Cautrès, a researcher at the Paris Institute of Political Studies. “Citizens mostly see punitive public policies when it comes to the environment: taxes, more taxes and more taxes after that. No one has the solution, and we can only see the disaster that’s just occurred in France on this question.”

“Higher taxes on energy have always been a hard sell, politically,” said Gregory Mankiw, an economics professor at Harvard University and advocate of carbon taxes. “The members of the American Economic Association are convinced of their virtue. But the median citizen is not.”

In the United States - where energy-related taxes are among the lowest in the developed world - politicians, their constituents and their donors have repeatedly made that clear.

President Bill Clinton proposed a tax on the heat content of fuels as part of his first budget in 1993. Known as the BTU tax, for British thermal unit, it would have raised \$70 billion over five years while increasing

gasoline prices no more than 7.5 cents a gallon.

But Clinton was forced to retreat in the face of a rebellion in his own party. “I’m not going to vote for a BTU tax in committee or on the floor, ever, anywhere. Period. Exclamation point,” said then-Sen. David Boren, D-Okla.

The state of Washington has also tried - and failed twice - to win support for a carbon tax or carbon “fee.” In 2016, the state’s voters rejected a ballot initiative that would have balanced a carbon tax with other tax cuts. In 2018, a wider coalition sought backing for an initiative that would have poured fee revenue into clean energy projects, job retraining and early retirement plans for affected workers. The fee would have started at \$15 a ton and gone up \$2 a ton for 10 years. It, too, failed.

To be sure, some climate-conscious countries have adopted carbon taxes, including Chile, Spain, Ukraine, Ireland and nations in Scandinavia. Others have adopted cap-and-trade programs that effectively put prices on carbon emissions.

Only around 12 percent of global emissions are covered by pricing programs such as taxes on the carbon content of fossil fuels or permit trading programs that put a price on emissions, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Policy experts say that to some extent the prospects of carbon taxes may depend on what happens to the money raised.

Using the revenue for deficit reduction, as was planned in France, is a no-no.

“Even in the best of times, carbon taxes must be carefully crafted to avoid political pitfalls,” said Paul Bledsoe, a former Senate Finance Committee staffer and Clinton White House climate adviser. “In particular, much of the revenue raised must be recycled back to middle-income workers. Macron’s approach put the money toward deficit reduction, stoking already simmering class grievances.”

Last year, a group of economists and policy experts - including former

treasury secretaries James Baker III and Lawrence Summers and former secretary of state George Shultz - advocated a tax-and-dividend approach. It would feature a carbon tax of \$40 a ton, affecting coal, oil and natural gas. The revenue would be used to pay dividends to households. Progressive tax rates would mean more money for lower- and middle-income earners.

“Because the revenue is rebated equally to everyone, most people will get more back than they pay in carbon taxes,” said Mankiw, who is part of the group. “So if people understood the plan, and believed it would be carried out as written, it should be politically popular.”

So far the group, called the Climate Leadership Council, has not been able to generate much support from members of Congress.

But Canada is about to offer a test case.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has unveiled a “backstop” carbon tax of \$20 a ton, to take effect in January, for the four Canadian provinces that do not already have one.

Trudeau was elected partly on a promise of this sort of measure, but it’s costing him more political capital than expected. Conservative premiers oppose the plan, which looks set to become an election issue.

Trudeau’s policy, however, is designed to withstand criticism. About 90 percent of the revenue from the backstop tax will be paid back to Canadians in the form of annual “climate action incentive” payments. Because of the progressive tax rates, about 70 percent of Canadians will get back more than they paid. If they choose to be more energy efficient, they could save even more money.

The first checks will arrive shortly before Canadian elections.

Climate policy doesn’t only suffer from lack of enthusiasm. It also arouses the ire of right-wing populist movements.

Many of the people most angry at Macron’s tax come from right-wing rural areas. The German right-wing opposition party Alternative for Germany has called climate change a hoax. And in Brazil, a new populist

president had indicated he will develop, not preserve, the Amazon forests that pull CO2 out of the air and pump out oxygen.

President Donald Trump, who has said he does not believe climate science, also took to Twitter to say Macron's setback showed Trump was right to spurn the Paris climate agreement.

"I am glad that my friend @EmmanuelMacron and the protestors in Paris have agreed with the conclusion I reached two years ago. The Paris Agreement is fatally flawed because it raises the price of energy for responsible countries while whitewashing some of the worst polluters in the world," he wrote. "American taxpayers - and American workers - shouldn't pay to clean up others countries' pollution."

Fuel taxes, however, generate revenue that stays inside home countries without going to pay for others' pollution. And the Paris agreement placed much greater responsibilities on developing countries than ever before.

A member of Trump's beachhead transition team at the Energy Department also took to Twitter to celebrate the collapse of Macron's fuel tax plan.

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Zuckerberg Under Fire: World Leaders Demand Answers From Facebook On Fake News

The whole world is pursuing answers from Mark Zuckerberg over fake news, censorship and protection of user's personal information. So far, Zuckerberg has thumbed his nose at them, but there will come a day of reckoning. Generally speaking, Technocrats have no use for politicians. □
TN Editor

Parliamentarians from Australia, Ireland and Argentina joined the call after Facebook refused a request from senior MPs in the UK and Canada.

Damian Collins, chairman of the House of Commons' Digital, Culture, Media and Sport committee, accused Facebook of dodging its responsibilities.

The company said Mr Zuckerberg could not accept the invitation from Mr Collins and his Canadian counterpart to appear before an "international grand committee" in London on November 27.

Facebook has been embroiled in scandals about systems that let outside organisations harvest users' personal data for their own purposes, including allegedly to target voters in the 2016 US poll that elected Donald Trump.

On Tuesday, UK data protection chief Elizabeth Denham, the Information Commissioner, told Mr Collins' committee that Facebook had shown users a "disturbing level of disrespect".

She also found evidence that data on the platform was accessed by addresses linked to previous cyber attacks and Russian locations.

In July she fined Facebook the maximum possible £500,000 for failing to protect data.

Declining Mr Collins' initial request for Mr Zuckerberg to present himself, Facebook UK's public policy chief Rebecca Stimson said he could not be available to all parliaments.

But the company would "continue to cooperate fully with relevant regulators (and) fully recognise the seriousness of these issues and remain committed to working with you to provide any additional relevant information you require".

Conservative MP Mr Collins said: "By dismissing our request, Facebook is failing to acknowledge its line of accountability not only to legislators, but to its users worldwide.

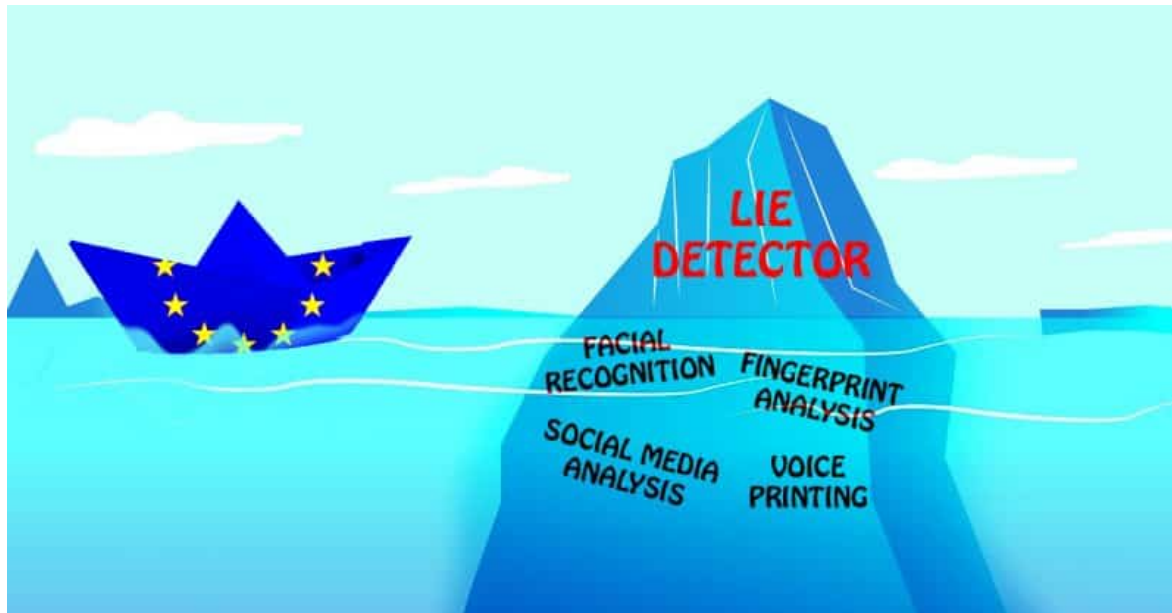
"There remain serious questions to be answered about what measures Facebook is taking now to halt the spread of disinformation on its platform and protection for user data.

"His response is not good enough for my committee nor for the parliamentarians from around the world who also consider that Mark Zuckerberg has questions to answer in person. That's why we're inviting him once more. It's a call that's growing, not diminishing."

The five parliamentary committee chiefs - whose countries between them are home to an estimated 170 million Facebook users - have given

Mr Zuckerberg until Monday NOV 12 to respond to their latest challenge.

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iBorderCtrl Fail: The EU's Border Control 'Lie Detector' AI Is Hogwash

Overzealous Technocrats over-hyped iBorderCtrl in order to impress clients and the public. It is, however, able to collect massive amounts of data about you and add it to your permanent file. It is not a lie-detector machine. □ TN Editor

Calling the EU's new border control AI a "lie detector" is like calling Brexit a minor disagreement among friends.

The low-down is that the EU is testing a pilot program for international airports featuring a machine learning-based "lie detector." CNN broke the story last week in [its article](#) "Passengers to face AI lie detector tests at EU airports."

According to the report (and the project's [website](#)) the EU is testing a pilot program involving AI that uses an avatar to ask people questions. Supposedly this AI-powered construct knows if a person is being truthful when they answer, and it flags those it determines aren't. Once someone is labeled a liar, human agents are summoned to investigate further.

Depending on your views on privacy and immigration, this is either music to your ears or the beginning of a dystopian future straight out of an Orwellian nightmare. You're wrong either way.

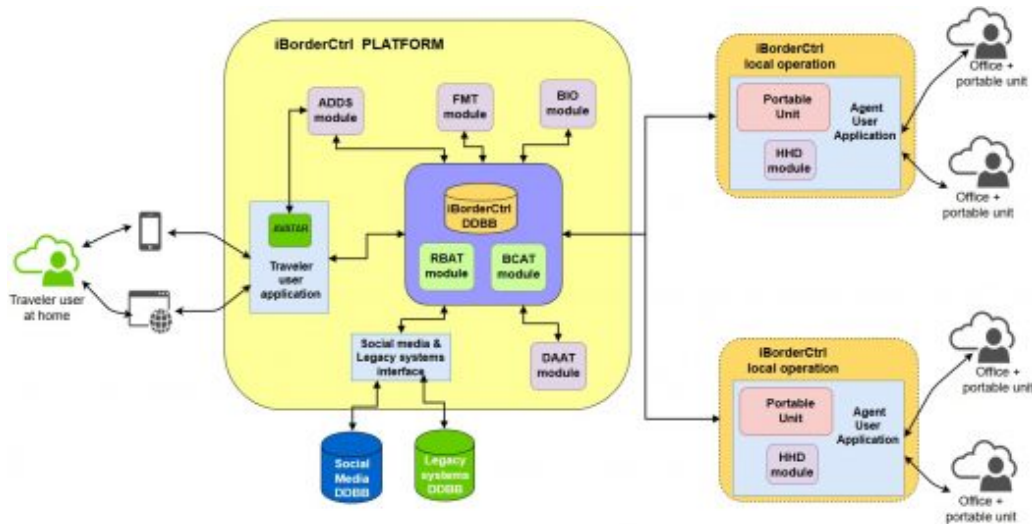
For example, if you're thinking "we could just have it ask everyone "are you a terrorist?" and make the EU safer for everyone" then you're probably assuming there's such a thing as an AI lie detector. There isn't. Don't worry, that's a common mistake.

Like all lie detectors, AI-based solutions rely on hit-or-miss guesses with whatever the government considers a tolerable level error. A polygraph, for example, is [alleged](#) to have between a 75 and 90 percent accuracy rating. It doesn't detect lies, it detects the subtle cues associated with lying. Just like this, AI doesn't detect lies either. It detects biometric indicators associated with lying — at around 76 percent success, [allegedly](#).

But, on the other hand, if you're thinking that this is the most egregious violation of human rights in an airport since the days when TSA agents in the US were instructed to profile Muslims, you're wrong too. Mostly, anyway: it goes far beyond just hassling foreigners at airports.

The "lie detector," is just the tip of the iceberg. What you need to know is that, in this case, "lie detection" is short hand for "data collection."

The EU's new airport project isn't called "operation lie detector." It's called "iBorderCtrl." And "lie detection" is just a portion of what it does. Here's an image from the project's website:



Credit: iBorderCtrl

First, let's start with the lie detection module: Automatic Deception Detection System (ADDs)*. The asterix is from the iBorderCtrl website, TNW didn't add that. Before you read about what ADDs does, the people building it are compelled to point out the following:

**ADDs is based on previous developments, so-called Silent Talker [1][2]. The project has adopted this technology and is well aware about the controversy around it. This tool has undergone the following steps: A scientific foundation is achieved when a research starts from a position of ignorance and follows the scientific method to dispel that ignorance. As scientists of AI, one particular research question is "Are there non-verbal behavioural indicators of deception" and the experiments carried out collect data to support or refute the relevant hypotheses.*

Basically the project acknowledges, but doesn't care about, controversy surrounding the use of AI for "lie detection."

The rest of the explanation for ADDs is full of the old "non-verbal cues" argument. It's academically interesting, but certainly not the insane breakthrough we'd need for AI to become a bonafide lie detector. As such, shame on any government for considering it at this point.

But ADDs is the silly unimportant part of iBorderCTRL. It's the fake monster distracting you from the cold, calculated data collection that's really occurring. Basically, ADDs is low-hanging fruit for pundits to point

at and stoke conversations on what capabilities AI really has. Meanwhile, if I can paraphrase The Ragin' Cajun: "It's the data, stupid."

In reality, the rest of the iBorderCtrl suite is what's scary. ADDS is much like the "personality profile" that Cambridge Analytica used to convince people to give up their data. After all, why wouldn't you agree to take a lie detector if you have nothing to hide?

The answer is that you have plenty to hide, whether you're lying or not.

Here's what else iBorderCtrl [does](#):

- Compiles a full facial profile using video and photographs
- Scrapes and scours all of your social media accounts
- Document and signature analysis
- Creates and stores your digital voice print
- Risk assessment based on aggregate data
- Searches for hidden humans

Let's grab the last one for examination real quick. Searches for hidden humans? At an airport? Unlikely. This, according to the project's literature, does look for people hiding. But it's painfully obvious this is designed for border crossings where mobile agents are tracking or searching for people in outside surroundings, not airports. Still, it's part of the airport "lie detector" you're hearing so much about.

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Googled: Employees Stage Massive Global Walkout Protesting Toxic Culture

The protest was over sexual misconduct of top Google leadership but the pent up angst waiting for a spark to explode was caused by many other issues of discontent. Leadership has created an elite Technocrat culture workers are fed up with. Google can expect more turmoil in the future. □
TN Editor

Google employees around the globe are taking part in a mass walkout on Thursday to protest the company's protection of a former executive who has been accused of sexual misconduct.

The Google protest, which has been dubbed the 'Walkout For Real Change,' is scheduled for Thursday at 11.10am local time across the globe, one week after sexual assault allegations against creator of its Android software, Andy Rubin, were first reported by the New York Times.

Rubin denied the allegations in a tweet, saying the article contained 'numerous inaccuracies' and 'wild exaggerations'.

But Rubin is believed to have received a considerable exit package in

2014, valued at approximately \$90 million, and was also loaned \$14 million in 2012 to buy a seaside villa in Japan.

People briefed on the transaction said the loan was offered at an interest rate of less than one percent.

Google X director Richard DeVaul and former senior vice president Amit Singhal were also named in the Times report, as alleged perpetrators of sexual misconduct.

'It's been a difficult time,' Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai said on Thursday during his scheduled time to talk at the New York Times DealBook conference.

'There's been anger and frustration within the company. We all feel it. I feel it too. At Google, we set a very high bar, and we clearly didn't live up to our expectations.'

The demonstration on Thursday is the latest expression of a year-long backlash against exploitation of subordinates across all industries.

As the mass protest moved to the west coast, Google employees gathered in the San Francisco Bay area where the main headquarters is located in Mountain View, and Los Angeles to protest the company culture.

Shortly before noon in Los Angeles at Google's Venice Beach location, there were about 150 people standing in the blaring heat, as temperatures felt warmer than reported in direct sunlight.

The protesters there were gathered in a courtyard area at the Google office behind a big fence.

A female employee on a microphone was speaking to the crowd, encouraging those who wished to have a turn to talk to speak up.

The woman said the company has a lot of women in it and the group would look out for them.

Thursday's workout could signal that a significant number of the 94,000

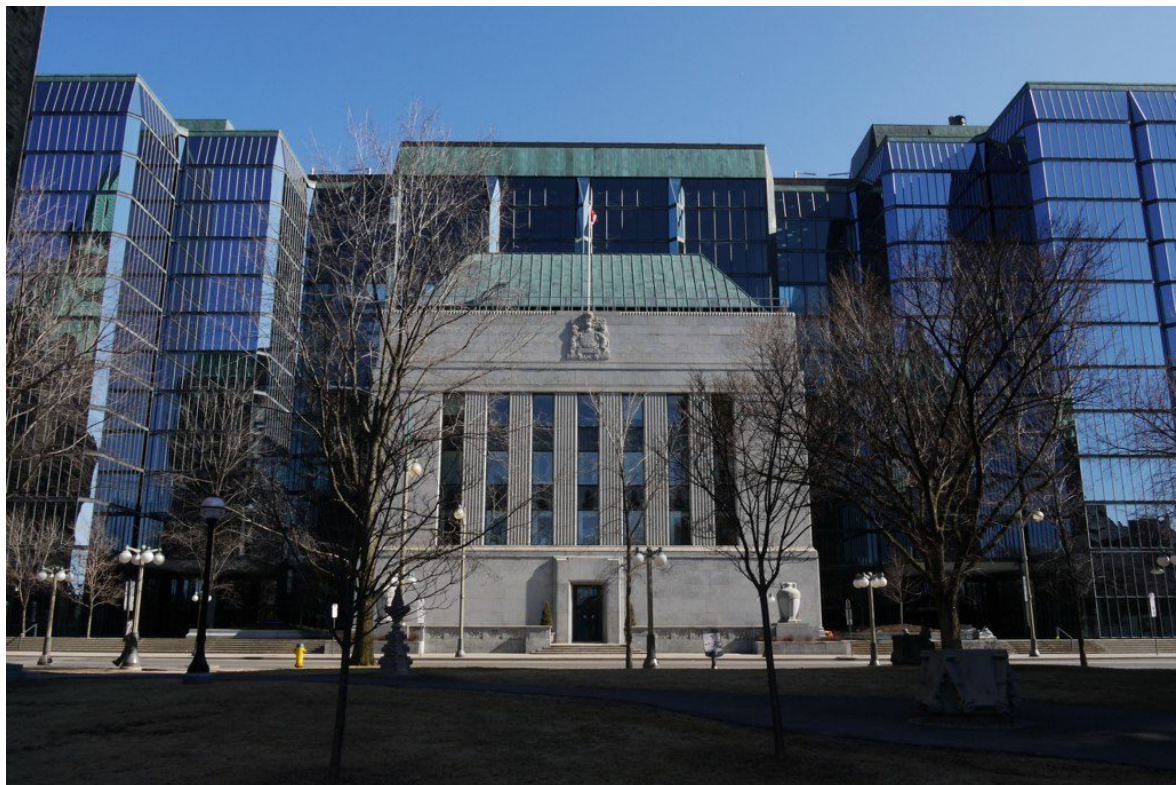
employees working for Google and its corporate parent Alphabet Inc. remained unconvinced the company is doing enough to adhere to Alphabet's own mantra, urging all employees to 'do the right thing.'

A Silicon Valley congresswoman tweeted her support of the Google walkout using the hashtag '#MeToo' that is now synonymous with a global movement for fighting sexual misconduct.

'Why do they think it's OK to reward perpetrators & further violate victims?' asked Representative Jackie Speier, who represents an affluent district where many of Google's employees live.

Rubin said he had no knowledge of any investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct that was being conducted at the time of his departure from Google.

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Backlash Against War On Cash Reaches The Bank Of Canada

Cashless society is a Technocrat initiative to force people into the digital world. Even if forced cash withdrawal is meeting with resistance, it doesn't mean that people will not be voluntarily abandoning cash over time. □ TN Editor

In recent months, a slew of political and financial institutions have raised concerns about the march toward a cashless economy. They include:

- The ECB [warned](#) that a phase-out of cash could pose a serious risk to the financial system. Depending too heavily on electronic payment systems could expose financial systems to catastrophic failures in the event of power outages or cyber attacks. The European Commission has also [backed off is war on cash](#).
- The People's Bank of China [announced](#) that all businesses in China that are not e-commerce must resume accepting cash or risk being investigated, and cautioned businesses against hyping the "cashless" idea when promoting non-cash payments.
- In Sweden, one of the most cashless societies, the central bank and parliament [have spoken out](#) in support of cash.
- Cities too have spoken out, including Washington D.C., whose City Council [introduced](#) a bill that sought to ban restaurants and retailers from not accepting cash or charging a different price to customers depending on the method of payment they use.

Now, it's the Bank of Canada's turn to sound the alarm. In a [paper](#) — "Is a Cashless Society Problematic?" — it outlines a number of risks that could arise if the country went fully cashless.

The premise underpinning the analysis is that at some point in the future individuals and firms decide, of their own volition, to cease using cash altogether. In response, the central bank stops printing physical money because of the large fixed costs inherent in supplying bank notes.

In such a scenario, even though most individuals and firms freely choose

to abandon cash, there could be “adverse collective outcomes,” the study warns. For example, “a small segment of the population” may still prefer to go on using physical money rather than electronic payments, whether out of “a continuous desire for anonymous transactions” or because of “the self-imposed spending constraints afforded by cash.”

In a cashless economy, this “minority of people” would be worse off since “their choice set would be smaller without cash”. Plus, they would have zero anonymity and less control over their finances.

Meanwhile, retail payment services would be provided entirely by private sector networks. In other words, banks and credit card companies would have even greater monopoly control over the payments system. In Canada, there is already only one domestic debit card scheme, provided by Interac, and three major credit card networks, operated by Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

For people with no choice *but* to use cash, such as those living in geographically remote areas or who do not have bank accounts, this would be a huge problem. In Canada the number of “unbanked” is relatively small, representing just 2% of the population, but in many other countries it is much larger. In a cashless society those people would struggle to participate in the economy at all.

The problem is not just one of economic exclusion. There’s also the heightened security risk to consider. Cash, as a transaction medium, “is robust to electronic network failures, cyber attacks and power outages”. In a cashless economy, there would be even greater dependence on the operational reliability of electronic retail payment networks and associated power systems, both of which [are prone to go down](#). A massive outage of visa services in Western Europe this June gave a foretaste of the sort of chaos that could ensue.

Cash also serves as a vital store of value in economic crises. For example, during the worst period of Iceland’s economic crisis, between 2008-09, when all three of its major banks collapsed, cash in circulation more than doubled. The increase in demand for banknotes was concentrated in the largest denominations, suggesting that it was driven

largely by store-of-value motivations.

Even for central banks themselves, an entirely cashless economy could cause headaches:

1. ***Loss of Seigniorage.*** This is the profit a government earns by issuing currency, as represented by the difference between the face value of coins and notes and their production costs. As the report points out, the disappearance of cash would lead to a severe contraction of the central bank's balance sheet, since bank notes represent around three-quarters of the Bank of Canada's liabilities.
2. ***Reduced Interventionary Powers.*** One of the ways central banks have to provide liquidity in a financial crisis is to sell their holdings of government securities and purchase other (illiquid) assets with the proceeds. An unmitigated contraction of the central bank's balance sheet could compromise its ability to use this tool.

The authors suggest this problem could be offset if the central bank chose to charge more for the services it provides to the financial industry. It could also expand its balance sheet "by buying government bills and bonds with reserves," much as certain central banks have done through their quantitative easing programs.

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Central Bank Of Sweden Makes U-Turn On Cashless Society

For years, Riksbank led the charge for cashless society in Europe, which was part of the Utopian dream of total control. Now, it has done a complete u-turn, saying that cash must be re-instituted throughout the nation. This is the first evidence that some sectors in Europe are pushing back against Technocracy. □ TN Editor

Sweden's Riksbank has become the first central bank in the 21st century to take concrete measures to ensure that cash does not disappear as a means of payment from the financial system. To that end, the Riksbank proposes, in a [document published on its website](#), to make it mandatory for all banks and financial institutions to offer cash services.

The pronouncement comes in response to a recent policy suggestion by the Riksbank Committee that only the country's six major banks should be obligated to continue offering cash services.

That prompted a [backlash](#) from Sweden's competition watchdog, which argued that the plan would distort competition as it would affect only a

few of the nation's banks. In response, the Riksbank has opted to apply the rule to "all banks and other credit institutions that offer payment accounts."

There was also a difference of opinion between the Riksbank Committee and the central bank's senior management on the issue of deposit facilities. While the Committee recommended that banks should only be obligated to provide deposit facilities to businesses, the Riksbank believes it is important for banks to also offer deposit services to individual citizens:

"This is a service that consumers can reasonably expect of credit institutions. There must also be symmetry between withdrawal and deposit facilities. In the Riksbank's view, there is otherwise a risk that the possibilities for individuals to make deposits will decrease even further in the future. For most consumers, it would also be difficult to understand why they can withdraw cash from an account but not make deposits."

For years, the government and the Riksbank have been pushing for a "cashless society." The Riksbank has over 1,000 articles posted on its website on the "[cashless society](#)". The emphasis worked: between 2013 and 2017, the amount of [cash in circulation](#) dropped by 35%, earning Sweden a reputation as the world's "most cashless nation":

Many of Sweden's bank branches had stopped handling cash altogether. Now, they will have to begin doing so all over again. Many of them are not happy about it. Nor indeed are Sweden's competition and financial watchdogs, which both oppose the proposal, [arguing](#) that access to cash should be the sole responsibility of the state and not private banks.

"To secure access to cash is a collective good that the state should reasonably be responsible for," the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority [said](#). It's an opinion that's shared by ATM provider Bankomat, which argued that it should be the state's responsibility to ensure that citizens have access to cash since the handing of notes and coins is such an important — and expensive — part of a country's infrastructure. Bankomat is jointly owned by the five largest banks in Sweden.

It's not just banks that are complaining. Shops and restaurants, many of which now only accept plastic or mobile payments, could also be affected by a Riksbank proposal that retail operations deemed important to the public good, such as pharmacies, special transport services, food shops and petrol stations, should also "be included in an obligation to accept cash."

One likely result of this is that many people who struggle to navigate the digital system, or who don't have credit cards, in particular the elderly, no longer have to fear finding themselves locked out of the country's payment system. Sweden's parliament has also launched a review on the impact of going cashless too quickly as it dramatically excludes the financial needs of the elderly, children and tourists who rely on cash.

It is a dramatic u-turn for a country that not so long ago was further along the path toward eliminating cash than just about any other advanced economy. Sweden was the first European country to enlist its citizens as largely willing guinea pigs in a brave new economic experiment — negative interest rates. But a negative interest rate policy (NIRP) has its limits with consumers as long as cash remains an alternative; hence the efforts to eliminate cash.

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The People WON Britain's First 5G Court Case

5G companies play on the ignorance of local politicians to get what they want, and when that doesn't work, slander, bullying, smearing and label-lynching become the strategy du jour. However, 5G can only be dealt with on a local basis. □ TN Editor

Mark Steele, a 5G campaigner, has been highlighting the dangers of a secret 5G rollout by Gateshead Council where residents are complaining of increased illness and Cancer in the affected area. There's enough evidence to conclude the new smart 5G arrays on the top of new LED lampposts emit Class 1 Radiation frequencies and should be treated as a danger to the Public. Gateshead Council ignorantly rebutted clear evidence and created false allegations on social media posts and printed leaflets stating that Mark Steele is spreading Pseudo Science and that the arrays are not dangerous or 5G:

"Please be assured that there is no scientific basis or credible evidence for any of these scare stories about street lights causing

cancer and other illnesses.”

They misused Police Powers to gag Mark Steele and yesterday he left a free man and Gateshead Council to fork out £11k of taxpayers money to cover the court cost amounting to woeful ignorance. In Court, none of the Council Officers could explain what 5G is; and their leading Government expert refused to attend the Court hearing. In conclusion, the Judge refused to gag Mark, stating:

“The public have a right to know.”

The secret 5G rollout issue in Gateshead is now officially of public interest and will be treated as a landmark case for other people to start using this Court’s ruling to challenge their Councils. We know Surrey, Westminster and Luton all have these toxic Microwave EMF arrays installed on their new LED streetlights. We now know even if these arrays are currently 2G, 3G or 4G they can be 5G enabled by fitting a ‘lens’ that ‘focuses’ the frequency.

The Judge declared Mark Steele as a credible expert and engineer on EMF and GSM technologies, which proves Gateshead Council are liable for corruption, misleading the public, making people ill and attempting to discredit Mark Steele and all others such as Smombie Gate fighting 5G rollouts.

Councils are struggling at the moment, over 50% are almost bankrupt because over half of their resources are being spent on the increase of Adult Social Care, so any supplier proposal with the promise of more revenue is irresistible.

Smart City companies are going into Councils with amazing futuristic presentations detailing the first step, which is to install the 5G infrastructure, i.e. the lampposts on streets and motorways.

The benefits will be 24/7 Police surveillance that sees through walls; smart road signs; 4k live streaming on the move; driverless vehicles and public transport; mobile virtual reality; mobile augmented reality; and a fast connection for Elon Musk’s new brain implant called the Neuralink giving people the Internet inside their mind. All these features are all a

wet dream for Councils who will be the first ones to become Smart Counties because they will be able to increase taxes and the local economy in theory will thrive.

In reality, scientific evidence is mounting across the planet that EMF, RF, 3G, 4G, 5G, WiFi and WiGIG is causing Cancer, killing bees, driving out wildlife and lowering peoples quality of life. All because big business says it's good for the people, and they're continuing to mislead us all of the dangers of continuous use in close proximity and on the skin, let alone what 5G really is, which is an effective battlefield weapon.

We know that Gateshead isn't the only Council who is misleading the public on the 5G rollout and it's seemingly been going on for a few years. Luton, Surrey and Westminster are next along with all Councils that have installed these arrays that are being installed by particular companies (we'll leave you to do your own work on how you think these companies are!).

Who is paying for these 5G rollouts? Who's given consent on behalf of the People? Who has done research to prove the new infrastructure's safety?

As usual, these important issues are being rubbished by the media and beneficiaries to big business. But they'll soon see our wrath, as we now this ruling. All Hell is going to break loose in Great Britain and we're going to take the fight to them. We will NOT be silenced, and you will not wilfully poison our bodies and our families bodies with Class 1 radiation - WE DO NOT CONSENT.

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Facebook 'Could Collapse' If Election Scandals Keep Coming

Facebook faces an existential threat as users lose confidence. In addition, the company is losing top execs in the same way as Tesla, indicating an internal lack of confidence as well. The Technocrats that run Facebook do not yet see the danger. □ TN Editor

Facebook 'could collapse' if it keeps being dogged by scandals over misinformation and election hacking, says the author of a 2018 book on the company.

David Kirkpatrick says advertisers could start to shun the platform if the scandals don't stop - after a year of seemingly endless controversy over misinformation, privacy and 'fake news'.

Kirkpatrick said the election manipulation issue, 'could get so terrifying that advertisers could start to back away. That's nowhere near happening now, but it could happen.'

Kirkpatrick said that if Facebook stops being a virtual watercooler for friendly conversation, but a lair for trolls and misinformation - advertisers might find the service too dangerous to showcase washing tablets and shoes. Research earlier this summer suggested that young people are deserting Facebook.

A survey from the reliable Pew Foundation found that the top website among kids aged between 13 and 17 is YouTube, which was used by 85% of the teens involved in the study. In second place was Instagram (72%) followed by Snapchat (79%).

Just 51% of teens are on Facebook, suggesting young people are turning away from a social network which was once a pivotal part of adolescent life. 'The social media environment among teens is quite different from what it was just three years ago,' said research associate Monica Anderson, lead author of the report. Today, their habits revolve less around a single platform.

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Privacy Expert Resigns From Alphabet-Backed Smart City Project Over Surveillance Concerns

Quayside and Sidewalk Labs have been discussed here before. It was to be a 'Smart City of Privacy' but that was a myth from the beginning. A hat-tip to privacy expert Dr. Ann Cavoukian for walking out on them and exposing their deception. □ TN Editor

A privacy expert tasked with helping a new smart city development protect the data privacy of residents has resigned over concerns that her guidelines would be largely ignored.

"I imagined us creating a Smart City of Privacy, as opposed to a Smart City of Surveillance," Ann Cavoukian, the former privacy commissioner of Ontario, wrote in her resignation letter from Google sister company Sidewalk Labs, reports [Global News](#).

A year ago, Waterfront Toronto enlisted Alphabet-backed Sidewalk Labs to create a plan for a smart city neighborhood in the city's Quayside development. As a consultant for the endeavor, Cavoukian developed a plan called Privacy by Design that was meant to ensure that citizens' personal data would be protected.

But the project has faced skepticism and criticism from the start. In an [op-ed published earlier this month](#), former BlackBerry CEO Jim Balsillie referred to the development as "a colonizing experiment in surveillance capitalism attempting to bulldoze important urban, civic and political issues."

Cavoukian told the [Global News](#) that her resignation was intended as a "strong statement" on the project's approach to data privacy. "I felt I had no choice because I had been told by Sidewalk Labs that all of the data collected will be de-identified at source," she told Global News. But

then, at a Thursday meeting, Cavoukian reportedly realized such anonymization protocols could not be guaranteed. She told the Canadian news outlet that Sidewalk Labs revealed at that meeting that their organization could commit to her guidelines, but other involved groups would not be required to abide by them.

Cavoukian realized third parties could possibly have access to identifiable data gathered through the project. “When I heard that, I said, ‘I’m sorry. I can’t support this. I have to resign because you committed to embedding privacy by design into every aspect of your operation,’” she told Global News.

In a statement shared with Gizmodo and other outlets, Sidewalk Labs explained that at the meeting with Waterfront Toronto’s Digital Strategy Advisory, “it became clear that Sidewalk Labs would play a more limited role in near-term discussions about a data governance framework at Quayside.” Sidewalk Labs stated it has committed to Cavoukian’s suggested guidelines.

“Though that question is settled, the question of whether other companies involved in the Quayside project would be required to do so is unlikely to be worked out soon, and may be out of Sidewalk Labs’ hands,” the Sidewalk Labs statement read. “For these reasons and others, Dr. Cavoukian has decided that it does not make sense to continue working as a paid consultant for Sidewalk Labs.”

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Former Facebook Engineer Explains Toxic Culture And Why He Quit

This is a critical look into the internal turmoil at Facebook. Former employee Brian Amerige warns of a small minority of overtly belligerent ‘social justice warriors’ who are driving censorship at Facebook, and they viciously denigrate any critic. □ TN Editor

A former senior Facebook engineer who wrote a memo earlier this year decrying the social media giant’s “political monoculture” told Fox News on Tuesday night that the company has a “vocal minority” intent on implementing “social justice policies across our mission.”

Brian Amerige, whose last day at Facebook was Friday, told Fox News’ “Tucker Carlson Tonight” that “you can’t have conversations about ... anything that’s a tenet of the social justice ideology, effectively, without being attacked personally.” He added that the company’s recent policy cracking down on so-called hate speech was a particularly sensitive topic.

“You can’t even have conversations about that policy inside the company

without having your character attacked — and I’ve experienced this personally — without being called a sexist or a racist or a transphobe or an Islamophobe,” said Amerige.

Amerige [drew national attention](#) in August when he penned an internal memo, “We Have a Problem With Political Diversity.” The memo, which was later leaked to The New York Times, stated that Facebook employees “claim to welcome all perspectives, but are quick to attack — often in mobs — anyone who presents a view that appears to be in opposition to left-leaning ideology.”

On Tuesday, Amerige said that Facebook executives had taken his concerns seriously and had worked with him to improve the hate speech policy. However, he said rank-and-file, left-leaning employees did not share his concerns.

“The real concerning thing that’s happening here is that even though this is a minority of employees in the company, unfortunately, I’m not sure that Facebook leadership knows how to push back against them,” Amerige said. “They’re unbelievably belligerent, demanding and hostile not just toward other employees, but toward Facebook leadership directly.”

In an exit memo obtained by [Business Insider](#), Amerige wrote, “I care too deeply about our role in supporting free expression and intellectual diversity to even whole-heartedly attempt the product stuff anymore, and that’s how I know it’s time to go. ” On Tuesday, he criticized the hate speech policy as “dangerous” and “impractical.”

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