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Vandenberg Open Letter on the Origins of COVID-19

Today, the Vandenberg Coalition released an open letter calling on major scientific & journalistic publications who censored debate over the origins of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic to hold their organizations accountable, investigate the failures of judgement that led to the stifling of debate, and rededicate themselves to the principles of free & open inquiry.

Open scientific inquiry and robust investigation by an independent press are hallmarks of a free society—and are essential to bettering our understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic. By stifling debate and stigmatizing investigation into the origins of COVID-19, many venerable institutions failed in their professional duty and undermined national and international policy discussions about how to mitigate against future pandemics of any origin—natural, accidental, or deliberate.

The Vandenberg Coalition is proud to be joined by dozens of national security and scientific experts in this open letter, including House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul and former National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien.

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Honest Candor

Mexican Cartels' War on Americans: Fentanyl Crisis Should Be Atop Biden's Agenda at Summit

TVC Executive Director Carrie Filipetti | Fox News | January 9, 2023

Bottom Line: The fentanyl crisis—which killed a staggering 80,000 Americans in 2021—is no mere drug epidemic. This is a national security crisis—a silent war being waged on America’s most vulnerable populations, using poison as the weapon of choice.

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Australia's Contribution to AUKUS Should Be a Next Generation Conventional Submarine

Kym Bergman | Asia Pacific Defence Reporter | January 8, 2023

Bottom Line: The AUKUS program is unlikely to deliver a nuclear-powered submarine to Australia before 2050. In the meantime, Canberra can contribute to U.S.-U.K.-Australian undersea warfare capabilities by licensing a top-of-the-line conventional sub design from Korea or elsewhere for domestic production in Australian shipyards.

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How to Bankrupt Russia and Protect Our Supply Chains

TVC Advisory Board Member Morgan Ortagus | Washington Examiner | January 5, 2023

Bottom Line: By sanctioning Russia's export of key minerals—notably titanium—the United States can both cut off a key source of cash used to fund Moscow's war against Ukraine and bolster America's domestic supply chain for military & aerospace industries.

Further Reading: [How to Win Friends and Choke China's Chip Supply](#)

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U.S. Convincing U.K. to Approve F-16 Fighters to Argentina Amid Reports of Chinese Military Base in South America

Tanmay Kadam | The EurAsian Times | January 7, 2023

Bottom Line: As China angles to build a naval base in the South Atlantic, the U.S. must convince Britain to abandon its post-Falklands War arms embargo against Buenos Aires to prevent Argentina from choosing to Chinese systems for its military modernization.

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Containing Isolationism

Bottom Line: Isolationism comes in many forms, and it exists perennially on the fringes of American politics—left and right. To contain it, its opponents must refute its mis-characterization of history and faulty—or more often non-existent—strategic logic.

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