

## January 2023 - threads of freeorder

Isadora Kolar writes that an Ayn Rand oriented online platform will soon be available.

“Objectiversity Is Finally Here! — It is an immense pleasure for us to finally be able to announce our new platform, Objectiversity! For the past year, we have been diligently working on creating a space where our alumni, partners, and future John Galt School students will be able to access a wide variety of articles, videos, lectures, and a lot of other Objectivist content, all while enabling our users to interact, discuss different topics and actively engage in creating new content. Objectiversity will become available for our partners, alumni, and other affiliated subjects all around the world soon, so keep an eye out for your invitation!” — Ayn Rand Center, Europe (ARCE) [••](#)

ARCE’s John Galt School [••](#) now in 20 countries with over 900 enrolled students and 100 lecturers.

[vSocrates](#)

Found in *Believe in People: Bottom-Up Solutions for a Top-Down World* [••](#) by Charles G. Koch and Brian Hooks. St. Martin's Publishing Group [•••](#) [Macmillan]

The Family Independence Initiative (FII)

“The Family Independence Initiative is a nonprofit, community-based organization that is considered an on-the-ground social laboratory for new strategies to tackle poverty. At its core, the Family Independence Initiative approach is both radical and as old as our republic. Their philosophy is that low-income people can advance together if we re-ignite the resource sharing, mutual support, and role modeling that has historically helped immigrant families leave poverty behind. They model new policies that reward strength and initiative (as opposed to need) and are led by the families themselves, rather than programs or professional caseworkers.

“As part of the Family Independence Initiative, working poor families self-organize into peer support groups. They set personal goals for their families and obtain cash payments for reporting monthly progress, such as raising children’s grades, improving their credit score, or building their savings. Every month, participating families log onto an online reporting system to record what actions they took. They also meet monthly with their peer group to discuss their challenges and successes. Proponents of FII’s approach cite this combination of supportive social networks, consistent benchmarking of progress, and—most importantly—personalized paths out of poverty designed by the families themselves, as the key ingredients of the approach’s success.”

Stand Together [••](#)

“Stand Together’s vision is for a society where every person can realize their potential and live a life of meaning. That is the North Star that guides everything we do.”

“The man who grasps principles can successfully select his own methods. The man who tries methods, ignoring principles, is sure to have trouble.” —Harrington Emerson

[vKropotkin](#)

26 Jan 23: A federal judge in California on Wednesday granted Children’s Health Defense-California Chapter’s request for a preliminary injunction to block a California law that would have allowed the state’s medical boards to punish doctors for spreading “COVID-19 misinformation.” [•••](#) [Children’s Health Defense - “The Defender”]

“Robert Heinlein's Dream of Private Space Travel Is Coming True: A new generation of companies has made space travel affordable” [...](#) by Robert Poole [...](#)

Hanna Arendt

“Hannah Arendt's Exploration Of Totalitarianism” [...](#) [youtube]

Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities [...](#) at Bard College [...](#)

Randolph Bourne Institute [...](#) anti-war

Bourne is famous for writing, “war is the health of the state.”

Robert W. Malone on the Project Veritas video interview with their director of research

Malone’s Substack post [...](#) (with a link to Yeat’s great poem about the beast)

“Here is the [rough beast in the flesh, slouching towards Bethlehem to be born](#). Devoid of empathy. Avarice its purpose. It’s face glowing with joy, oblivious to the profound human tragedy it enables, reveling in the damage wrought to the web of humanity and the structure of a nation. Oblivious to the horror embodied in its words, in the very fabric of its language. Possessed by a deep belief in its own entitlement. Oozing dizzy narcissism. Celebrating corruption. Completely devoid of wisdom, introspection or self-awareness of the fundamental perversion of its soul.” —¶ 3 of the above

Article [...](#) about Glenn Cripe & The Language of Liberty Institute, by Sarah Perry, published by The Atlas Society [...](#) July 2011

Sean Gabb’s series of video presentations on the Eastern Roman Empire

01. Byzantium: The Beginning: <https://youtu.be/Y7IRqLcm4O8>
02. Byzantium: Survival and Growth: <https://youtu.be/8JTEE4pRxAE>
03. The Age of Justinian – Cashing in the Gains of the Fifth Century: <https://youtu.be/0T9-BVcbYTA>
04. The Age of Justinian – The Hand of God: <https://youtu.be/-0wbVtnwVOO>
05. Into the Storm: [https://youtu.be/rsrI-LR\\_tNI](https://youtu.be/rsrI-LR_tNI)
06. Weathering the Storm: <https://youtu.be/vgzVST10p14>
07. Recovery and Return to Hegemony, 717-1025: <https://youtu.be/s-unqoCWM-0>
08. The Breakdown, 1025-1204: <https://youtu.be/8246REFyLKA>
09. The Last Centuries, 1204-1453: <https://youtu.be/trij8eOKZMo>

Sean Gabb’s home page: <https://www.seangabb.co.uk/>

Andras Schiff’s Lectures on Beethoven Piano Sonatas [...](#) discussion of the lifelong evolution of a creative mind, illustrated on piano



“Mistakes Were NOT Made: An Anthem for Justice”

[Margaret Anna Alice](#)

A response to pandemic, vaccines, lockdowns, shutdown of critics, etc.

“Curtis Yarvin claims to teach bracing truths. But are they just consoling lies?” [The Red-Pill Pusher](#)

This is somehow related to the idea of personally controlled computing and networks, linked in the following item about Tlon and Urbit.

## Tlon & Urbit

Tlon: <https://tlon.io/company> — networked computing, a foundational redesign of the relationship between your computer and the internet ... <https://tlon.io/developers>

Urbit: <https://urbit.org/> — ‘Urbit is a new kind of computer that you can own completely in ways that matter: networking, identity, & data’ ... “We realized that in order to fix the internet, we had to build a new computer from scratch. Good thing we started over a decade ago. Today, Urbit is a real system with thousands of users that are building all kinds of communities, software, DAOs, and more. And it’s getting better every day.”

## Start9 [...](#) [concepts&faq] sovereign computing

embassyOS [...](#) “embassyOS is a new kind of Operating System (OS). It is a built from the ground up to allow anyone to easily run their own “cloud,” become independent from Big Tech, and own their own data. embassyOS allows anyone to easily host their own software services.”

## PANDA Uncut [...](#)

“PANDA is a multidisciplinary organisation with a mission to uphold open science and enable societies to flourish.

Through exploring all aspects of science and sense-making, encouraging rational debate and helping inform sound public policy, society is empowered to make better choices.

PANDA Uncut is where our executive does free thinking, exploring new ideas and suggesting new perspectives.”

## Lara Logan interviewed [...](#) by X22 Report

Agree with Logan or disagree, her research matters. She may be wrong about some things, but she’s a truth seeker, someone worth arguing with.

X22 writes: “Lara Logan Award-winning investigative journalist. Lara begins the conversation talking about Ukraine and how Ukraine is [DS] base of operation, human trafficking and money laundering and many of other criminal activities takes place there. Zelensky is a puppet. ... We are in a 5th generation war and the patriots are winning the narrative fight.”

[Carrie-Ann Biondi](#) on Mike Rowe and Ayn Rand

Regarding: “my article on Rowe and Rand! [...](#) I was delighted that Mike Rowe [...](#) on his own noticed it and then shared a link [...](#) to my article--along with a beautiful write-up on his Facebook page. That post got over 20,000 likes and 1,500 (mostly positive) comments, making it the most widely read TOS [...](#) article.

Mike Rowe and Ayn Rand on the Virtues of Thinking and Producing [...](#) by [Carrie-Ann Biondi](#)  
September 22, 2022

If you are interested in other Rand-related pieces that I have published, there are several freely available:

- A chapter on Ayn Rand (pp. 67-78) in [The Essential Women of Liberty](#).
- "[Surrender in The Fountainhead](#)," on Kurt Keefner's blog.
- "[On the Enduring Appeal of Ayn Rand's Philosophy](#)," in IAI News.
- "[Review Essay of Allan Gotthelf and Gregory Salmieri's \(ed.\) A Companion to Ayn Rand](#),"

in Reason Papers.

• "[Book Review of Tara Smith's Judicial Review in an Objective Legal System](#)," in Reason Papers.

- "[Review Essay of Tara Smith's Ayn Rand's Normative Ethics](#)," in Reason Papers.

Big Scurvy fears, hates, and silences sources and advocates of vitamin C.

Why everyone would benefit from a law preventing exposure to sunlight [...](#) [youtube video]

Karez irrigation tunnels in Afghanistan [...](#) text and photos [2010] by Michael Yon [...](#) [current]

Small Wars Journal [...](#) [source of above article]

More articles [...](#) by Michael Yon

See also, *Caravans* [...](#) by James Mitchener

What Ayn Rand Meant by ‘Americanism’ [...](#) [in The Objective Standard, originally published by fee.org]

Farida Nabourema: “From Africa, a Brave Voice for Freedom” [...](#) by Jay Nordlinger, 2 Jan 2023

<https://www.nationalreview.com/search/?s=togo>

Magatte Wade points to a future use of bitcoin, and quotes [...](#) Farida Nabourema on the price of coffee in Togo

<http://explorersfoundation.org/cheetah.html>

A new national evidence-based medical registry [...](#) for doctors who will treat patients according to the best scientific evidence, unless the patient has Covid or mRNA vaccine related illnesses and lives in California. But even in California it’s still legal to deliver evidence-based treatments for illnesses not related to Covid.

Zero Aggression Project (ZAP) [...](#)

Evolution of the Borg [...](#) [Kurzweil, Harari] yes, no, maybe?

"The Devices Will Be Inside Our Bodies and Brains. We Will Connect the Top Layer of Our Neocortex to Synthetic Neocortex In the Cloud." —Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering at Google, and Yuval Noah Harari

Important question: if this happens will it be forced upon the unwilling? See ZAP, above.

About the Borg [...](#) [wikipedia]

Stoke Space [...](#) shows off fully-reusable rocket concept [...](#) [thanks to Jim Bennett]

Hedera [...](#) Haus @ Davos 2023 [...](#) 15-20 January — <https://hedera.com/davos2023>

We are delighted to invite you to Hedera Haus at Davos 2023. This unique space on the promenade [Promenade 71, Davos Platz] is in the heart of the action during Davos. We will be hosting receptions and content throughout the week, showcasing applications from Hedera council members including Avery Dennison, Service Now, Standard Bank, and DLA Piper TOKO. Additionally, visitors will have an opportunity to offset their carbon footprint on Hedera.