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LOCKDOWNS FAILED

• Study reveals pandemic strategy caused more harm than good

By the AFP Staff

A rigorous study of the lockdowns imposed by governments in the western world at the height of the global pandemic shows that the onerous restrictions had little effect on curbing the spread of the virus or stopping deaths.

As far studies go, the benefit-cost calculation performed by three economists at Johns Hopkins University is considered the gold standard for research. It consisted of a meta-analysis of dozens of individual studies on the lockdowns as well as on Covid-19 mortality rates. The analysis showed that, in the end, closing businesses did almost nothing to stop the spread of the pandemic in the western world.

In 2020 and 2021, leading health officials in the United States and Europe argued that, if countries didn't lockdown and force people to stay home, millions of people would die from Covid-19. Two years later, those claims ring hollow.

"We find no evidence that lockdowns, school closures, border closures, and limiting gatherings have had a noticeable effect on Covid-19 mortality," the researchers wrote.

In fact, according to the estimates in the report, the onerous



lockdowns that put hundreds of thousands of Americans out of work and kept millions of kids from schools only reduced Covid-19 mortality by about 0.2%—a shocking finding considering the doomsday scenarios that were predicted if governments refused to close down their economies.

What we do know, however, is that the lockdowns did have a terrible effect on economies.

"[The lockdowns] have contributed to reducing economic activity, raising unemployment, reducing schooling, causing political unrest, contributing to domestic violence, and undermining liberal

democracy," the report noted.

The study has caused shocks waves around the western world, as the researchers are considered to be pretty establishment academics. Steve Hanke is the founder of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise. Jonas Herby is special adviser at Center for Political Studies in Copenhagen, Denmark. Lars Jonung is professor emeritus in economics at Lund University, Sweden.

The researchers did note that closing some "nonessential businesses," such as bars, had limited benefit in helping stem the spread of disease but not by what health policy leaders claimed.

Early in the pandemic, academics at the Imperial College London predicted that locking down everything would reduce death rates by up to 98%. If the steps were not taken, they argued, England would face millions of deaths in the coming year.

Reflecting on their research, the Johns Hopkins University economists did not find any truth to that claim whatsoever.

"Closing nonessential businesses seems to have had some effect (reducing Covid-19 mortality by 10.6%), which is likely to be related to the closure of bars," the report concluded.

Overall, their conclusions are a damning assessment of the health policies advanced by leaders in the Western world for the past two years.

"We conclude that lockdowns are not an effective way of reducing mortality rates during a pandemic, at least not during the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic," the researchers wrote. ★

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Who Wants More War? Congress Wants More War!

Is there anything so horrible as war? Human beings fancy themselves so advanced, so intelligent, so superior to the other beasts on this planet, but are we? No other species seems so dedicated to the eradication of its kind as *Homo sapiens*. Historians estimate that, since ancient times, as many as 1 billion human beings have been killed in violent conflict by other human beings. And this number does not include the aggregate of soldiers and civilians crippled, maimed or forever emotionally scarred by our irrepressible instinct to wage war as a means of resolving disagreements.

In our relatively short history, nearly 3 million Americans have lost their lives or been seriously wounded in the nearly 100 wars in which the U.S. has been involved. This does not take into account the huge number of human beings this nation has killed or maimed with the conventional and atomic weaponry designed and sold to our government by prosperous armaments makers. War is great for arms dealers, but extremely bad for human beings. Unfortunately, war still remains the preferred option for the settling of many international disputes.

As we go to press, America finds itself on the brink of yet another stupid and possibly devastating war, one our leaders seem determined to wage. This would be a war of our own making, and almost everyone in the U.S. government seems to support it. Those who object are drowned out as “stooges of Russia.”

This most recent development involves the United States, Russia, Ukraine and those European states that have joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), an alliance originally designed to stop the expansion of the old Soviet Union. Once the Soviet Union fractured in 1991, part of the deal was that the United States would no longer

try to thwart Russia from achieving its national potential. Yet, at every turn since then, the United States (the *capo dei capi* of NATO) has done the opposite, cajoling states bordering Russia to join NATO and placing weapons of mass destruction on Russia’s fringes, while incessantly levying crippling economic sanctions. Is it any wonder Russia has moved more than 100,000 troops, along with tanks, missile launchers, armored personnel carriers etc. to the border of Ukraine—which is of vital security importance to Russia but of little concern to average Americans or our national security? All Russia wants are a few security guarantees.

What does matter to most Americans are bridges that don’t collapse, roads without potholes big enough to swallow your SUV, grocery shelves that are not half-bare, a reliable electrical grid, ports that efficiently load, unload and deliver goods, decent schools, public safety, affordable healthcare and so on. But our elected officials seem obsessed with making war, not fulfilling our needs.

Case in point: In response to Russia’s transfer of troops and military materiel to the border of Ukraine, the U.S. House and Senate emerged from their usual torpor to rush forward several massive bills that would dramatically increase U.S. handouts to Ukraine and make it the third largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid behind only Egypt and Israel. So concerned is House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) about the situation on the Ukraine border, she says she wants to skip marking up the Dems’ \$500 million bill and push it straight to the House floor for immediate debate. According to *The Intercept*:

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.), introduced the [House] legislation, which has 13 co-sponsors, as a companion measure to the Senate’s Defending

Ukraine Sovereignty Act proposed earlier this month. The Senate bill, introduced by Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), boasts 41 Democratic co-sponsors.

Food, potholes and bridges can wait; death and destruction, it seems, must be funded at a breakneck pace.

No Republicans have co-sponsored Meeks’s or Menendez’s bills, but that doesn’t mean that the GOP wants to be left out of any possible bloodletting.

Says *The Intercept*:

Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) introduced the Guaranteeing Ukrainian Autonomy by Reinforcing Its Defense Act, a companion bill to a measure sponsored by Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Jim Risch (R-Idaho). The bill would give Ukraine \$450 million from the State Department’s Foreign Military Financing account and impose sanctions [on Russia] related to the Nord Stream 2 project immediately, without waiting for an escalation as in the Democrats’ bill.

All of these provocative moves will only make the situation more volatile and will not help bring peace now or in the future to Eastern Europe. They instead till the soil for the seeds of more war. They will achieve the exact opposite of what Russia and Ukraine really want: the sovereignty of their nations and the safety of their people.

Joe Biden, as usual, has not been helpful. His frantic phone calls with President Voldymyr Zelensky have stoked more fear and uncertainty to the point where the Ukrainian leader had to tell Joe to stop freaking out and frightening everyone in the region. Biden, it seems, sees more of a threat from the Putin bogeyman the U.S. media has helped create than does the leader of Ukraine himself. So, while your grocery store shelves

remain sparsely stocked, inflation skyrockets, roads don’t get plowed of snow, bridges collapse, crime soars and supply chains remain broken, Congress is able—with lightning speed—to “help” the people of Ukraine while cavalierly ignoring the concerns of the people they were actually elected to help. Maybe there is something in the water in Washington, D.C.—a virus, a bacteria, a psychedelic drug, some strange contaminant—that induces war fever and, at the same time, causes hibernative lethargy when it comes to helping their American constituents.

Whatever it is, our “lawmakers” would be best served by considering the words of Thomas Jefferson who said:

[W]e ought to live as brothers, doing to each other all the good we can, and not listening to wicked men, who may endeavor to make us enemies. By living in peace, we can help and prosper one another. By waging war, we can kill and destroy many on both sides, but those who survive will not be the happier for that.

Unceasing and honest diplomacy, not the thumping of the drums of war, is the only intelligent and humane course for we *Homo sapiens*. But is it possible? Thousands of years of human history and a billion lost lives make me doubt it. We can only pray that someone somewhere has the sense to lead us away from the brink of war and possible nuclear annihilation now and in the future. Who will that be? Sen. Rand Paul? Former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard? Vladimir Putin? Volodymyr Zelensky? We surely hope so. Not Joe Biden, however. He’s still scrambling to find Ukraine on the map. ★


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News You May Have Missed

Leftist Violence Gets a Pass

According to a national coalition of police chiefs, during the summer of 2020, “8,700 protests occurred across 68 major cities . . . and 574 [of those protests] involved acts of violence.” During a recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, however, Assistant Director of the FBI’s National Security Branch Jill Sanborn could not accurately answer how many people are facing federal charges related to the 2020 riots. Sanborn said she believes the FBI has only arrested “just north of 250 people” in connection with the violent protests.

When Is It Justified?

Last month, the Covid States Project asked 23,000 people across the country whether it is “ever justifiable to engage in violent protest against the government?” The answer: Nearly one in four said violence was either “definitely” or “probably” justifiable against the government. A similar percentage of liberals and conservatives agree on this point.

In Hot Water

The California Department of Justice is now investigating Black Lives Matter (BLM) over allegations that the group’s directors misused the charity’s multi-million-dollar cash bonanza. Conservative news and commentary website “Washington Examiner” reported on Feb. 1 that BLM has failed to submit tax forms for the past 2 years that would give an indication as to how its money is spent and who heads up the organization. BLM has already been barred from fundraising in Washington state, because the organization lacks financial transparency.

CRT Banned

Since Jan. 1, Republican state lawmakers have filed 56 bills to ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools and other institutions, raising to 122 the number of measures being considered in 33 states, reports a New-York based organization that tracks these types of issues.

BLM Communists

Leftist activists are furious that the Canadian Black Lives Matter (BLM) group recently purchased for \$8.1 million a mansion in downtown Toronto that once served as the headquarters of the Communist Party of Canada. “For BLM Canada to take money from BLM Global Network for a building without consulting the community was unethical,” Canadian BLM activists Sarah Jama and Sahra Soudi said in a recent statement.

BLM Global Network is currently sitting on over \$60 million but has come under increasing pressure from activists following accusations that its founders have used the money to enrich themselves and not help local communities. Last year, BLM founder Patrice Cullors went on a shopping spree, buying up properties around the world that included a million-dollar home in an affluent and overwhelmingly white neighborhood outside of Los Angeles.

Majority Disagrees

A newly released ABC News/Ipsos poll found that a whopping 76% of Americans disagree with President Joe Biden’s plan to rule out people for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer’s seat based on their sex and the color of their skin.

Union-Busting High Court Justice

District Judge J. Michelle Childs, the black woman that President Joe Biden supposedly has his eye on to replace the retiring Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, has a long history of union busting and siding with corporations over workers, reports *The Hill*. Liberal activists and union organizers have already said they will object if Biden decides to nominate Childs. “There is no room on the court for more prosecutors or lawyers who spent most of their careers representing corporate interests,” Mary Kay Henry, president of the Services Employees International Union, said in a statement.

Foreign Aid Bonanza

According to a report by the Office of Inspector General, around 2,000 foreign contractors and nonprofits in 177 countries received more than \$6.4 billion in U.S. federal pandemic response aid between the spring of 2020 and the fall of 2021. Meanwhile, millions of Americans fell into poverty over the course of the pandemic as a result of the economic lockdowns that put hundreds of thousands of people out of work.

Trouble at Fukushima Continues

It’s been 11 years since a tsunami destroyed the Tokyo Electric Power Company’s (TEPCO) nuclear power plant in Fukushima, Japan, but the task of managing the potential catastrophic disaster is becoming increasingly difficult, according to reports by mainstream media outlets in Japan. TEPCO has been trying to repair nuclear meltdowns in three reactors, but the problems are piling up. The trouble includes what to do with the massive amount of waste that has been generated by the facility as well as keeping the highly contaminated water used to cool the reactors from leaking into the Pacific Ocean. TEPCO has

accumulated 3,373 containers that hold a highly toxic radioactive slurry, but the integrity of the vessels deteriorates so quickly they will need to be replaced by mid-2025 or the world will face environmental disaster.

Literally, Like, OMG

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) recently announced that she is taking a break from social media after she was busted without a mask in Florida and caught Covid-19. This is exactly, word for word, what the 32-year-old congresswoman told her millions of followers upon announcing her Twitter break: “Literally, I would go to open the app and I almost felt like, anxious. People like, kind of fight and gossip, and all this other stuff so much.” What adults speaks like that?

Trial Begins

The trial of Joshua Ziminski, 36, of Racine, Wisc. is set to kick off in early February. Ziminski is facing arson charges along with weapons charges after police identified him as the man who fired off a “warning shot” on Aug. 25, 2020, during a protest in Kenosha, Wisc. that set off a chain of events, which led to Kyle Rittenhouse shooting and killing two protesters and injuring another.

Science Fiction Is Here

According to technology website “The Drive,” on Jan. 22, a Chinese satellite was seen grabbing another dead Chinese satellite and pulling it out of its normal orbit and into a “super-graveyard drift orbit” hundreds of miles away. The bizarre maneuver was observed by telescopes belonging to commercial space firm Exoanalytic Solutions.

Indoctrinating Kids

Fox News reports that as many as a dozen schools across the United States are rolling out a Black Lives Matter “School Week of Action” curriculum that calls for, among other things, the “disruption of Western nuclear family dynamics.” Parents Defending Education officer Asra Nomani issued a statement on the radical agenda that is being foisted on kids as young as five, “What we are witnessing is state-sponsored political indoctrination, using coloring books, slide shows and contests to teach a next generation ‘social justice activism,’ in the program’s own words.” Meanwhile, U.S. kids today continue to fall behind in global standards for math and science.

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Former Newfoundland Premier Suing the Canadian Government

By Mark Anderson

On Jan. 30-31, Patrick King, the Alberta, Canada-based activist who's known for having challenged the Canadian government's "scientific" claims last year in court regarding its highly restrictive Covid-19 policies, reported to this AFP writer from the federal capital of Ottawa about the massive truckers' convoy and protest that he played a role in organizing. King noted that the goal of the convoy and protest taking place in the Canadian capital is largely to make it clear to the Trudeau government that a large cross section of truckers and the general population are not prepared to surrender their liberties, their livelihoods and their medical freedom in the face of Canada's especially stringent vaccine mandates and other tyrannical Covid-19 policies. Many Canadians fear these measures could soon rival those of another Crown country—overtly tyrannical Australia.

King asserted that the convoy is not some passing fancy:

This is going to last however long it takes to make this happen. Here in Canada, we can no longer live the way they're trying to keep us. . . . They're going to have to stop and start listening to us. If we continue onward in this overreach-dictatorship, we're not even going to recognize this country. We're not even going to know what Canada used to be.

King says that this is much more than an anti-vaccine protest:

What we have here are truckers who are vaccinated and truckers who are not vaccinated. We have Canadian citizens who are vaccinated and we have Americans here who are not vaccinated. We have concerned people from all over who are vaccinated and not vaccinated. It doesn't matter. . . . Now Canada is looking at taxing people who aren't jabbed.

BORDER COMMERCE KEY ISSUE

The particular binational mandate that forms the focal point of the protest forbids unvaccinated Cana-

dian truckers from entering the United States, nor can unvaccinated American truckers enter Canada.

King—who understands this mandate already had caused noticeable food and material shortages well before the convoy formed during the latter part of January—remarked, "I don't believe any of their numbers," including the Canadian government's claim that "90% of Canadian truckers are vaccinated."

"We've got the whole city in gridlock," King said Jan. 30 regarding Ottawa, where the Canadian Parliament meets. Asked about Canadian government responses up to Jan. 31, he said: "Their response is their usual hateful stuff that we're 'racist' and 'xenophobic'."

He went on to say Jan. 31:

We've got a minimum of 50,000 trucks here right now from the United States and Canada, and more truckers are coming from Alberta. There is a minimum of 400 trucks parked outside Ottawa waiting to get in, and hundreds more on side streets.

Conversely, mainstream outlet France 24, reported that "hundreds" of trucks and "thousands" of people blocked the streets of central Ottawa on opening day, Jan. 29, as part of a "self-titled freedom convoy to protest vaccine mandates required to cross the U.S. border," France 24 added. King on Jan. 31 said the total number of individuals involved in protesting numbered into the hundreds of thousands, possibly clearing 1 million. France 24 added:

Closer to Parliament, families calmly marched on a bitterly cold day, while young people chanted and older people in the crowd banged pots and pans in protest under [Prime Minister Justin] Trudeau's office windows. Canadian media said the prime minister and his family had been escorted out of their home and taken to a secret location in the capital.

Philippe Castonguay, a 31-year-old businessman, told France 24: "The vaccination requirements are taking us toward a new society we never voted for."

Scores of truckers and other citi-

zens organized the convoy, which trekked all the way from Vancouver, British Columbia to Ottawa. It was in mid-January that Canada and the United States imposed the vaccine requirement for truckers entering each other's country, affecting 5,500 miles of border—the world's longest.

Dan Dicks of the investigative Canadian alt-media outlet "Press for Truth" remarked online:

The largest convoy in human history is currently underway . . . to demand an end to the vaccine mandates! Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently said [as reported via the government-funded Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)] this group represents a "small fringe" who hold "unacceptable views."

Meanwhile he just announced that he'll now conveniently be isolating himself [for several days at the time of the protest] after "coming into contact with Covid-19," even though he is triple-vaxxed and "feels fine."

Asked about the Canadian government's ongoing concerns that the protests could become violent, King's on-the-ground assessment was:

Nobody here is doing anything harmful. We're all peaceful. We've had a few "agents provocateurs," trying to make trouble by flying flags that people think of as racist. We told them to take the flags down and get out of here. One flag design showed . . . a swastika. But everything's fine. The weather's been clear and pretty cold—but that's Canada. It's like a giant tailgate party out here.

GOVERNMENT SUED

Meanwhile, another dimension to this issue likely will give the Canadian "revolt" considerable staying power. Former Newfoundland Premier Brian Peckford, who cannot easily be written off as a "fringe" character, has been making waves across Canada by appearing in popular Canadian therapist Jordan Peterson's videos, among other outlets, to announce his federal lawsuit. The suit is seeking to:

. . . strike down the federal government's mandatory Covid-19 vaccine requirements for air [plus



BRIAN PECKFORD
Canadians have right to travel.

train and ship] travelers. The court action is on behalf of several Canadians whose Charter rights and freedoms have been infringed.

The "Charter" refers to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canada's version of America's Bill of Rights.

Peckford's lawsuit was filed by the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, based in Calgary, Alberta. The JCCF noted:

On October 30, 2021, the federal government announced that anyone travelling by air, train, or ship, must be fully vaccinated. The travel vaccination mandate has prevented approximately 6 million unvaccinated Canadians (15% of Canada's population) from travel within Canada and prevents them from flying out of Canada. Some of the Canadians involved in the lawsuit cannot travel to help sick loved ones, visit family and friends, take international vacations, and live ordinary lives.

The main applicant in the case, former Newfoundland Premier A. Brian Peckford . . . is the only surviving drafter and signatory 40 years after the 1982 Constitution and the Charter was enacted.

Another protest started Jan. 29 in Edmonton, Alberta in support of the larger Ottawa event, local news outlets noted. At press time, King understood that convoys are forming in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, among other places. ★

Can Trucker Convoy Squash Vax Mandates?

• Tens of thousands of Canadians standing up to nation's totalitarian madness

By Kevin Barrett, Ph.D.

It has been said that when the Sun rises in the west, the end of the world is nigh. Though that hasn't happened literally yet, a metaphorically resplendent Sun recently rose in the Canadian west: the Freedom Convoy of truckers protesting Canada's draconian vaccine mandates. The 11,000-truck, 93-mile-long convoy left British Columbia on Jan. 23 heading eastward toward the national capital, Ottawa.

Before the departure of the convoy, truckers had been protesting Canada's new vaccine requirement by stopping traffic at border crossings. Those border shutdowns demonstrated what could happen to the supply chain as a result of the Jan. 15 trucker vaccine mandate. Since nearly half of American truckers are unvaccinated, the vax-check at border crossings, despite the presumably widespread use of fake vaccine cards, could lead to shortages and empty shelves in supermarkets. As "Bloomberg News" explained, the Canadian mandate "threatens to upend the flow of everything from food to auto parts to building supplies between two of the world's largest trading partners."

It also threatens to put thousands of truck drivers out of business. According to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, "The Canadian Trucking Alliance and the American Trucking Associations say up to 26,000 of the

160,000 drivers who make regular trips across the Canada-U.S. border are likely to be sidelined as a result of the vaccine mandate."

The officials who are devastating North America's economy with new mandates, even as European countries are dropping theirs, must have a political death wish. Experts agree that the emergence and spread of the mild but ultra-contagious vaccine-resistant omicron variant has changed the Covid equation. As of early 2022, it is clear that nothing—least of all boosting the vaccinated population by a few percentage points through mandates—will stop the spread of the "omicron variant." From a medical perspective, the mandates (like cloth masks and social distancing) are completely pointless.

But the politicians don't care about science or medicine. They only care about campaign money and votes, just like Big Pharma kingpins only care about profits and bonuses. And, just as Big Pharma has calculated that medically insane policies can reap them trillions of dollars in profits, politicians think the media has brainwashed a plurality of voters into hating and scapegoating the unvaxxed.

Those politicians have miscalculated. They need to remember Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign slogan "It's the economy, stupid!" Though it's true that the media's Edward Bernays-style propaganda campaign has ginned up a wave of anti-antivax hysteria, voters are not going to re-



Ottawa: Critics of Canada's vaccine mandate policies gather in droves.

ward leaders like U.S. President Joe Biden and Canadian Premier Justin Trudeau for cratering the North American economy. Donald Trump, who would have won the 2020 election in a landslide if Covid hadn't destroyed the economy, can testify to that.

Conservatives in Canada, and Republicans in the United States are already sowing future political capital by supporting the Freedom Convoy. Conservative leader Erin O'Toole has met with the truckers and expressed sympathy, while Donald Trump Jr. posted a pro-Convoy YouTube video saying "Let's support these truckers fighting for freedom, fighting as patriots in their country and patriots in America. We need more people willing to push back and say enough is enough to the nonsense."

The pro-mandate anti-freedom media is already panicking and trying to shift the blame. *The Guardian*, for example, recently cited anonymous "experts" who assert that "the vaccine mandate is just one part of a 'perfect storm' to hit the nation's food system. Highway closures due to bad weather and staffing challenges at grocery stores have also made it difficult to get food on shelves." So, when you're starving, don't blame the insane, scientifically bankrupt mandates, blame the weather and lazy grocery store workers!

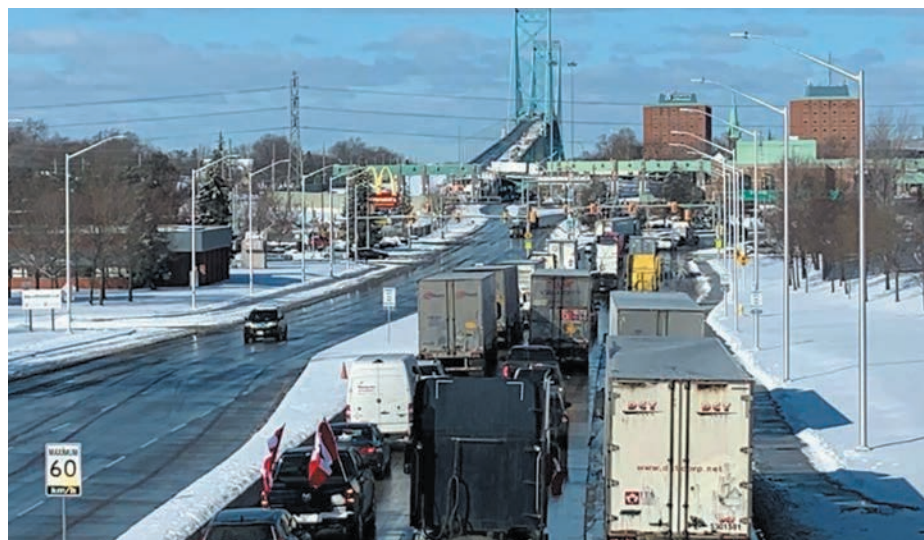
It seems the forces of unfreedom are overplaying their hand. Starving your people is not a good political

strategy. It's one thing to prevent unvaccinated people from shopping for groceries, as Quebec has done, and quite another to starve the nation.

Vaccine mandates are just the latest example of extremist, scientifically bankrupt Covid policies driven by mass hysteria triggered by one-sided media propaganda. From a public health perspective, these policies are a spectacular failure: Propaganda and censorship have made the Covid problem even more intractable.

The rate of compliance with public health measures would undoubtedly be higher if people felt they could trust the authorities. But the hysterical propaganda and draconian censorship of contrarian perspectives has made it obvious even to casual observers that we are only getting one side of the story. The predictable result has been the rise of a burgeoning populist movement questioning what we are being told and insisting on preserving constitutional freedoms. The Freedom Convoy across Canada represents that movement well. Let's hope and pray it runs over the mandates and leaves them as roadkill on the highway of history. ★

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Thousands of truckers headed to Ottawa to protest vaccine mandates.

The War on the Unvaccinated

• Leftists believe those refusing to take the jab are Public Enemy No. 1

By John Friend

For well over a full year, the systematic and incessant promotion of Covid-19 vaccines has been on full display at all levels of society across virtually the entire Western world. Politicians, health officials, media pundits, teachers and education officials, celebrities, actors, and musicians, among other high-profile individuals, have spoken nearly unanimously in favor of vaccination for every member of society as a way to “end the pandemic” of an alleged virus that virtually everyone without significant underlying health conditions recovers from naturally.

Despite the widely available and largely free of charge Covid-19 vaccines currently available to citizens around the world, a significant minority has remained steadfast in their opposition or refusal to receive a vaccine, which the world is constantly reminded are “safe and effective,” despite no serious long-term safety studies and significant health risks and potential side effects associated with the vaccines. The “unvaxxed”—those who have thus far refused a Covid-19 vaccine—are regularly demonized as “anti-vaxxers” who “deny science” and care only about themselves. The unvaxxed are blamed for prolonging the life of the pandemic and for potentially spreading Covid-19 to vulnerable populations, despite leading politicians and health officials admitting that the vaccines, including the booster shots, cannot prevent the transmission of the disease, though they can allegedly cut down on the time one can pass the virus.

President Joe Biden, who has regularly lambasted and demonized the unvaxxed while praising universal vaccination as the only means to combat and eventually end the pandemic, routinely criticizes those who continue to decline Covid-19 vaccination. In September of last year, Biden directly confronted the unvaxxed in America in a major prime-time speech: “We’ve been patient, but our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us.”

Leading members of his administration, including Dr. Anthony Fauci



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is allegedly in hiding as AFP goes to press. Some say he is in quarantine. Others believe he is afraid of the truckers.

and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, two of the leading individuals handling the administration’s response to and messaging relating to the pandemic, appear on television almost daily to promote vaccination while demonizing those who continue to hold out.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who is reportedly in hiding ostensibly for coming in contact with someone who had Covid-19 but likely due to the large truck convoy in Ottawa protesting the tyrannical mandates implemented across Canada, is perhaps one of the world’s top globalist stooges parroting the talking points of the World Economic Forum and the large pharmaceutical companies manufacturing and distributing their much ballyhooed vaccines. Trudeau has proven himself to be a fanatical proponent of universal vaccination, and has dedicated significant time and energy to demonizing the unvaxxed as “science deniers” who are “often misogynist” and “racist.” He publicly questioned whether the unvaxxed “should be tolerated” in society, dangerous language and a frightening precedent all over a largely untested and unproven vaccine for an alleged virus that 99.9% of people recover from naturally.

Political leaders and media pundits in Quebec have taken Trudeau’s messaging to heart, as Quebec Premier Francois Legault recently announced

that the province will begin administering a special health tax on those who remain unvaccinated. According to official statistics, just 12.8% of Quebec citizens remain unvaxxed. Legault explained at a recent news conference that those who remain unvaxxed will have to pay a “contribution” which will be “significant,” although it is not clear yet how much the special tax will be.

“I think right now it’s a question of fairness for the 90% of the population who made some sacrifices,” Legault stated. “I think we owe them this kind of measure.”

Greece also announced earlier this month that anyone over the age of 60 who refuses a Covid-19 vaccine will be forced to pay a fine starting at 50 euros followed by a 100 euro fine assessed on a monthly basis if an individual still refuses vaccination.

In one of the most disturbing video clips to emerge in recent months, two young children were interviewed on a popular talk show in Quebec, where they demanded state action against those who continue to refuse vaccination. Both children explained that they had received one dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and support the concept of mandatory vaccination.

“What should we do with the people who don’t want the vaccine?” the main host of the talk show then asked the children.

“We should call the police!” the little boy responded.

The young girl picked up on his train of thought:

If they don’t have the vaccine it can make a lot of people in danger. So like what the government does right now, we should cut everything from them, little by little, until they submit and get vaccinated.

These frightening responses were met with thunderous applause by the audience and hosts of the talk show, demonstrating how dire of a situation Quebec is in at the moment.

In jurisdictions across the Western world, unvaxxed individuals are losing their parental rights, losing their jobs and businesses, and losing their ability to access basic services as well as their fundamental human rights. The war on the unvaxxed continues unabated and will continue until common sense and medical freedom is restored in the West once again. ★

Global Vax Policies

• Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte has demanded his citizens receive a Covid-19 vaccine or face a jail sentence, threatened unvaccinated Filipinos with arrest if they disobey stay-at-home orders.

• In Australia and China, entire concentration camps have been established to isolate and quarantine individuals who may have been exposed to a Covid-positive individual. They are forced to stay in isolation at the camps, and risk major fines if they disobey orders.

• Recently announced hospital visitation rules in Western Australia will only allow those fully vaccinated to visit hospitalized patients, including children, unless the visitor applies for and is granted an exemption from the rule.

• Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic applied for a legal exemption for not receiving a Covid-19 vaccine when attempting to gain a visa to travel to Australia to play in the Australian Open. The Australian government conceded that Djokovic was legally eligible for the exemption, however, his visa was denied and he was ultimately deported from Australia because the government felt he would incite social disruption and “excite” vaccine skepticism due to previous comments.

• Covid-19 “vaccination persuasion” teams have rolled out across Turkey in an effort to convince reluctant elderly Turkish citizens to receive a jab, as many of the nation’s citizens remain skeptical of the push for universal vaccination.

• In China, mandatory daily Covid-19 testing is required in certain cities that have been declared to have Covid outbreaks. Citizens, including young children, are forced to take a test in order to maintain their QR code “green” status, thus allowing them to participate in society.

• American schoolchildren who fail to adequately comply with face mask requirements are regularly subjected to verbal and even physical assaults on school campuses across the country, and are often isolated from their classmates in poor conditions, some without food, water, or restroom access. ★



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Who's Fudging Covid Numbers?

• Michigan's Gretchen Whitmer undercounted deaths among elderly

By John Friend

A scandal is brewing in the state of Michigan after an investigative journalist exposed how Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and officials in her administration downplayed and covered up deaths related to Covid-19 among elderly individuals in long-term care facilities. A similar scandal rocked former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration, and many believe other state governments across the country engaged in similarly irresponsible and deceptive practices.

According to Charlie LeDuff, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has written for *The New York Times* and currently writes for *Deadline Detroit*, 8,061 long-term care residents have died from Covid-19 through July 2, 2021, a number that exceeds the official state of Michigan count by 2,386. LeDuff recently highlighted the independent report issued by the Office of the Auditor General for the state of Michigan, which demon-

strated "that thousands more people died in the nursing homes and other state monitored facilities than the Whitmer administration admits."

Incredibly, and again similarly to the scandal involving the Cuomo administration's handling of the nursing home and long-term care facilities in the state of New York, Whitmer continued to decree that "infected elderly be let back into the nursing home in which they lived, potentially exposing the vulnerable to exposure and death," according to LeDuff. Whitmer officials have criticized the auditor general's report, and have denounced it as "political" in nature, ostensibly designed to harm the governor's future political career.

In New York, and possibly other states across the country, thousands of Covid-positive patients were ordered into nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, which many have argued worsened the pandemic at the very height of it. These devastating policies, implemented by two of the most hyper-partisan governors in Democrat-controlled states, arguably resulted in hundreds, if not thousands, of unnecessary or preventable deaths, which were then dishonestly covered up and downplayed by both Whitmer and Cuomo.

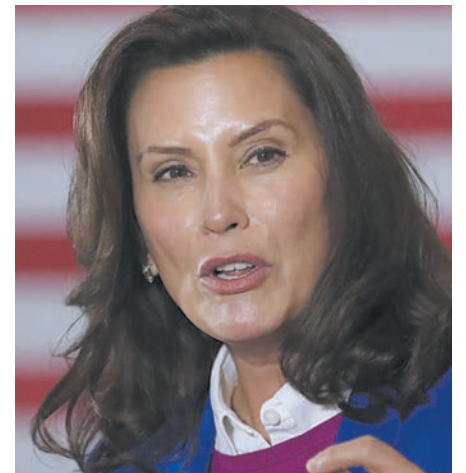
LeDuff recently told Fox News contributor Janice Dean:

2020 was an electric political year and the Democrats were screaming, "anybody but Trump." Covid became a political issue, so that means no mistakes could be admitted, no [Democratic] politician could do wrong, and, if they did, they lied and covered up those mistakes.

We know that now in Michigan, we know that in New York and thousands of our fellow human beings are dead because of it.

An interesting aspect of the scandal unfolding in Michigan involves Robert Gordon, the former director of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, and a Democratic political operative who previously served in the Barack Obama administration as an assistant secretary at the Department of Education and clerked for former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Gordon was involved in the Whitmer administration's response to the Covid-19 pandemic from the beginning, which included implementing a number of extremely unpopular and tyrannical mandates and other policies.

Whitmer asked Gordon to abruptly resign in January of last year, a resignation that included a \$155,000 payment and a confidentiality clause, which prompted severe criticism from state Republicans. Gordon has since been nominated by the Biden administration to serve as assistant secretary for financial resources within the Department of Health and Human Services. Gordon was the head of the primary bureaucracy in the state of Michigan responsible for suppressing the death count of thousands of elderly Michigan nursing home and long-term care facility residents during the critical junction, was essentially fired, and yet now is on track to become a key player in a federal bureaucracy deeply involved in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan has been touted by the left as a model leader for her extremely tough lockdown regulations. It turns out that she, like former Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, may have been hiding the numbers of the elderly who have died of SARS-CoV-2 in long-term nursing facilities.

Suffice it to say that if both New York and Michigan and any other state—whether run by Democrats or Republicans—have been shown to have manipulated medical and death statistics relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, the truth needs to be exposed. This should not be a partisan issue. The government's politically motivated response from both the Trump and Biden administrations to the Covid-19 crisis could not be more corrupt and contemptible.

Australia, which arguably has the stiffest lockdown policies of any nation on Earth, has just seen deaths attributed to Covid hit a new high. More than 100 people are said to have died in one day. Though this is a low number compared to other nations of a similar size, it proves to the satisfaction of many lockdown critics that these policies don't work. ★

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Covid Corruption & Cover Up Gets Personal

By Donald Jeffries

On Jan. 6, my older brother Ricky phoned me from the hospital. He said he'd fallen out of bed, and as could have been predicted with his panicky nature, called 9/11. There was no sign of injuries from the fall, but, as soon as he walked in the hospital door, they tested him for Covid, and, not surprisingly, it came back positive.

I had a sinking feeling, knowing that my brother was now in the hands of an industry that has overseen the deaths of untold numbers of patients whom they were treating for Covid. A hospital is the last place anyone with a virus wants to be. At first, it seemed like Ricky would only be in the hospital a few days. The first doctor I spoke with said he'd probably be discharged into a rehab center. But then things began to get more serious. I told two doctors and two nurses that under no circumstances were they to administer the drug Remdesivir to my brother.

During this entire time, as my brother began to inexplicably decline, I was forbidden to visit him. Hospitals seem to have a universal no visitor policy with Covid patients. And it became increasingly difficult to speak with him on the phone, as the machines in the room made so much noise he couldn't hear what I was saying. The nurses I spoke with began to refer to his condition as critical. Then, on Jan. 18, I found out that another doctor had started giving him Remdesivir, against my orders. I spoke with the doctor and he claimed that Ricky had consented—which was nonsense. He had previously told them to consult me for any decisions.

Early on Jan. 20, the hospital called and said that Ricky was at the end of life stage, and that we could visit him. My wife and I rushed there, and donned three masks, an Orwellian face shield, a patient gown, and rubber gloves. Ricky never opened his eyes or seemed cognizant of the fact we were there for the three hours I could take before leaving.

Ricky died a few hours later. He was 73 years old, with none of the comorbidities one normally finds at that age. Healthy heart, normal blood pressure, no diabetes, and not a trace

of arthritis. When he entered the hospital on Jan. 6, he was perfectly healthy, without a single "Covid" symptom. Two weeks later, while getting nonstop medical "care," he was dead. There is no question in my mind that, if my brother hadn't called 9/11 that morning, he would be alive and well today.

Ricky's story is not unique. A familiar pattern has emerged in hospitals across the country. A patient is admitted, often for entirely unrelated reasons. They are summarily given a supremely flawed PCR test, which I have discovered yields a 90% false-positive rate. For each of those bogus Covid diagnoses, the hospitals receive over \$13,000 in bonuses from the initial Covid stimulus package. Then they routinely "treat" them with Remdesivir, a genuine poison that both Anthony Fauci and Donald Trump, among others, have a strong financial investment in. Some researchers claim that the hospitals also receive funds for administering Remdesivir. And, apparently they receive money as well for listing the cause of death as Covid.

For me, this personal tragedy has been exacerbated by the political



DONALD JEFFRIES
Doubts official "Covid narrative."

ramifications. I have been very vocal about condemning the lies and inconsistencies of the entire Covid narrative. Thus, many are undoubtedly, even within my own family, snickering about my brother dying from Covid after I had expressed so much skepticism about it. This makes things even harder to accept, but I am

not about to back down. My brother didn't die from a virus, he was killed by the medical profession, as so many others have been.

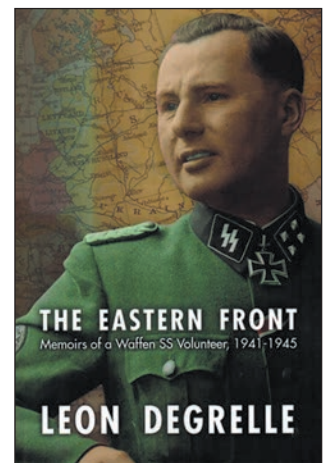
It is an admitted fact that doctors and hospitals are the third leading cause of death in this country. And that was before Covid, and the untold numbers who have been "treated" with Remdesivir and put on ventilators for which hospitals receive a \$39,000 bonus. Having worked in the healthcare industry for 44 years, I saw the sausage being made. It isn't pretty. That was the primary reason I doubted the Covid narrative from the beginning. If our thoroughly corrupt and incompetent Medical Industrial Complex was the driving force behind it, it couldn't be honest and above board.

The loss of Ricky has left an empty hole in my life. I was his primary caregiver, as he had some modest mental and emotional issues. We were very close, and his death has affected me more than the death of my parents. I want to publicize what happened to Ricky, and how it is happening in every hospital, so that we might be able to prevent it from happening to others. ★

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China, North Korea Not the Only Nation Holding Political Prisoners

By Mark Anderson

Texas resident Rudy Davis, a Christian-conservative activist with a big heart for the plight of prisoners in the United States, is familiar with the oft-repeated claim that “there are no political prisoners in America.” The truth is, however, political prisoners are not only found in places like North Korea and China, and a handful of other communist or similarly authoritarian countries.

But Davis, in his initial interview with AFP for this first installment of a series on political prisoners in America, said he knows better and wants patriots to remember those who are, or were, imprisoned solely or chiefly for their beliefs and/or political actions. This is regardless of whatever pretense government officials invent to cloak their crack-down against political dissidents behind a facade of orthodox “law enforcement.”

A visit to Davis’s website, “I Hate the FBI,” takes you to an adjoining site (“Year of Jubile”) consisting of, among other things, a front page biographical gallery of those that Davis considers to be American political prisoners. His main gallery consists of 27 prisoners, though, thankfully, 10 of them have finally been released in recent years.

The website also includes an additional list of 52 more prisoners. While 11 of those have been freed, the remaining ones are in need of pen pals. Two of them are on death row, while six are officially serving life sentences, or their sentences are so long, they might as well be defined as “lifers.”

Davis explained:

The ones on the front page have been vetted by me as political prisoners, and I strongly believe in their cause and they should be let out of prison. As for the others, I believe generally in their integrity; they need Christian ministry but I haven’t had time to fully vet all of them yet. Although, I do believe in Jeremy Brown. He’ll soon be moved to the front page. He’s like a young Ron Paul who was targeted for his beliefs.



SCHAEFFER COX
Political prisoner.

He added:

Jeremy Brown is a Green Beret and he’s on the level of Schaeffer Cox [the first political prisoner shown in the gallery]. They are both men of integrity who will not compromise their beliefs. Both were running for political office, which goes along with my factual narrative that the FBI scans the political landscape and targets anyone who’s a threat to the establishment.

Notably, FBI Special Agent Jack Ryan, quoted via a video clip on Davis’s website, states, “The prime function of the FBI is to handle political dissent.”

In Brown’s case, the FBI tried to recruit him to infiltrate a militia. But he managed to record the agents as they tried to coax him into being an informant. When he refused, the government trumped up a gun-technicality charge. [See the website “Jeremy Brown Defense” for more on his situation—Ed.]

As for Cox, he was hit with charges along the lines of “conspiracy to solicit murder” and “conspiracy to murder government officials.” He also had resisted Child Protective Services efforts to take his child away. “He was the head of a militia who ran for political office. But he did not have a history of violence. The government will say he had a hit list, but that only belonged to his friend

and Schaeffer had nothing to do with it,” Davis said. Others in the gallery include:

- New Hampshire tax-resister Ed Brown. Davis considers him a “prisoner of war” who, in 2007—in developments covered by AFP at the time—was sent to federal prison for the rest of his active life; and

- P.F. Lazor, who’s been languishing in California’s prison system for decades in an ungodly unjust situation that AFP has recently covered. (See sidebar at right.)

Davis reflected:

There used to be a time when a man’s freedom was valued on the same level as his life. Ed Brown stood up to the IRS [not only because he maintained there is no law requiring individual citizens to file a federal income tax return] but because the government is trying to create a credit system that would treat us like farm animals.

Davis continued:

Because Ed is a constitutional expert who fights for our freedoms under limited constitutional government, he’s being kept in prison and they won’t let him out because he’s considered a leader. Meanwhile, they let everyone else out from the New Hampshire event, all of whom were put away for the same charges as Ed—his wife Elaine Brown [who was a successful dentist], Jason Gerhard, who’s trying to run for office, and Daniel Riley, a talented painter and constitutionalist.

Furthermore, in the trials of Cox, Ed Brown, and another inmate, Anthony Troy Williams, the defense was disallowed to read from the Constitution that government officials themselves take an oath to uphold and defend—nor could The Bible be referenced in Williams’s case. Schaeffer’s militant prosecutor maintained that Cox is “beyond rehabilitation” because “he puts God’s law over man’s law” and that part of the argument, which discriminates against religious conscience, helped put Cox in prison for 26 years, Davis explained.

Stay tuned for more on that and myriad other aspects of political prisoners in America in upcoming installments of this series. ★

Lazor’s Parole Again Denied

Inmate P.F. Lazor was profoundly shaken and upset to inform AFP that the California Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) once again denied him parole in a Jan. 12 hearing that Lazor described as the greatest travesty of justice imaginable. Amid that setback and countless previous parole denials, he dreads an expected covid-injection prison mandate that he feels will kill him due to his personal chemical sensitivities, along with his concern on how the “jab” could affect all the prisoners at the Salinas Valley state prison. So, he’s in a race against time to get out of prison ahead of the “jab” after nearly 40 years behind bars—for a bogus second-degree murder conviction that was actually an exercise of his Second Amendment right to self defense. By law, he should have been released 30 years ago in 1992.

Lazor also told AFP via approved landline phone calls that he, in essence, also has been kept behind bars well beyond legal limits for exercising the First Amendment, by filing reports about everything from bad food, to guard misconduct, mistreatment of prisoners etc. But this isn’t merely a vendetta against a conscientious prisoner with leadership qualities who knows and exercises his rights (for which his imprisonment and continued illegal confinement clearly indicates political motivations on the part of the state). He accuses the BPH and the overall prison system of being a “kidnap ring that has carried out their human trafficking crime-cult activities out in the open,” based on keeping prisoners like himself incarcerated way past their “minimum eligible parole date.”

That’s happening because the BPH often ignores key state Penal Code sections 3041 (a) and (b) which require that unless the crime in question was especially heinous and unless the inmate can be proven to represent a continued menace to society, then the inmate must be released—no exceptions.

Accordingly, Davis’s website details the financial incentives that come into play to keep inmates behind bars well past their release dates. ★

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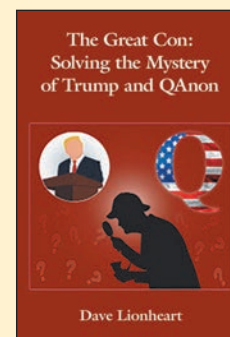
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Will Court End Affirmative Action?

• Supreme Court will rule on overtly racist policy later this year

By Donald Jeffries

Whatever worthy intentions might have been behind Affirmative Action, the overt favoritism of one group over another has fomented further division in an already fractured society. As critics pointed out early on, how is it just to discriminate against others in order to reconcile past discrimination? As George Orwell might have said, some discrimination is more equal than others.

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear two lawsuits brought by the non-profit group Students for Fair Admissions. The group contends that using race as a factor in college admissions is unconstitutional. They specifically allege that Harvard's admission process discriminates against Asian-Americans, and that the University of North Carolina (UNC) discriminates against both Asian-American and Caucasian applicants. By focusing on Harvard and UNC, they are challenging such policies at both private and public institutions. Lower courts have rejected such arguments, upholding the right of colleges to consider race as a factor in admissions, in order to promote "diversity."

The Supreme Court's record on Affirmative Action is inconsistent. They

have declared that racial quotas for admissions are illegal. However, they supported a University of Michigan policy in a 2003 ruling, stating that race can be considered as a "plus factor" in admissions. In their most recent decision, in 2016, the Supreme Court rejected a white female's suit against the University of Texas in a 4-3 ruling. With three new justices appointed by Donald Trump joining Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, and John Roberts, who all voted in favor of the applicant in that 2006 case, opponents of Affirmative Action have reason to be cautiously optimistic.

Students for Fair Admissions wants the 2003 ruling overturned, and argues that Title VI of the U.S. code prohibits federal funding recipients from using race as an admission factor. "We are grateful the Supreme Court accepted these important cases for review," Edward Blum, president of Students for Fair Admissions, stated. "It is our hope that the justices will end the use of race as an admissions factor at Harvard, UNC and all colleges and universities."

In a November 2021 press release, which announced the petition to the Supreme Court, Blum explained:

Every year, thousands of college applicants have been subjected to unfair and unconstitutional racial classifications and penalties by

our nation's most competitive institutions. These polarizing practices—which a significant majority of all Americans oppose—must end as soon as possible. The cornerstone of our nation's civil rights laws is the principle that an individual's race should not be used to help or harm them in their life's endeavors. We hope the Supreme Court will use the Harvard and UNC cases to begin the restoration of the colorblind legal covenant that holds together Americans of all races and ethnicities.

George Mason University Professor Ilya Somin wrote:

This litigation highlights a number of long-standing flaws in the "diversity" rationale for racial preferences embraced by previous court decisions and adopted by colleges around the country. The Harvard case also features extensive evidence indicating the school's admissions system specifically discriminates against Asian-American applicants—not just by comparison with other racial minorities but even relative to whites. In the Harvard case, the Supreme Court will for the first time consider this increasingly troubling aspect of affirmative action policy.

Back in 2017, the *Dartmouth Review* chronicled the unfortunate history of Affirmative Action:



After much "shutting up and listening" and "educating themselves," most conservatives should now be able to accept the fact that institutionalized racism does indeed exist—in the form of the practice called "Affirmative action." With the luxury of hindsight, we can reflect on affirmative action's toll on society, and see the transformation of a practice which started as an admissions policy into an attack on the American way of equal opportunity.

The *Review* continued:

As a means of promoting diversity of thought, affirmative action has not only been unsuccessful, but has actually pushed college campuses further from that goal. The chaos on campuses in recent years stands as proof that a multicultural student body has not only failed to expand free thought, but has actually radically curtailed it. Dartmouth, for example, has been so overtaken by the mantra of multiculturalism that all that remains is groupthink. The Black Lives Matter protests remains the most visible instance of the with-us-or-against-us mentality. . . . Even students with moderate, nuanced views on black disenfranchisement found themselves accosted during finals week by BLM protesters. . . . Along similar lines, UC Berkeley, the original practitioner of affirmative action, has become hostile territory for any dissenting speech. If you think Dartmouth has become more tolerant of ethnic cuisines in recent years, you're probably right, but diversity of people has not facilitated diversity of thought.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear the case sometime in the fall of 2022, with a decision possibly not coming until after the midterm elections. ★



Protesters with Students for Fair Admissions hold signs during a rally in front of the Supreme Court in Washington.

Biden Visa Policy Hurts Americans

• Big Business likes foreigners filling blue- and white-collar jobs

By S.T. Patrick

Americans are speedily tumbling toward a crossroads in labor as “the Great Resignation” continues, Covid-related employment mandates sweep throughout the country, families still survive on the increased unemployment and food stamp payouts of pandemic-inspired policies, and the Biden administration continues to encourage foreign workers to take both white- and blue-collar jobs.

The four-pronged jobs program was included in the immigration expansion bill which was blocked. It was then copied and pasted into the Build Back Better bill, which is also now blocked. The Biden administration seeks to further expand the mid-level white-collar job market for what is now 1.5 million mid-skilled (college graduate), “non-immigrant” (they are here specifically on work visas), foreign, white-collar workers. These are the typical careers that newly graduated young Americans chase. These are the entry-level corporate positions that are the first step on the corporate ladder.

Pushing American graduates out of these markets (or further increasing competition for entry) increases the difficulty of immediately repaying college debt, forces some graduates to take unskilled positions solely for some form of employment, and, once again, has Americans debating the true value of a college education. The goal of the Biden administration, though, was to keep white-collar employment healthy, regardless of who fills the positions. The blue-collar job market is struggling as fast-food restaurants, convenience stores, and retail outlets are struggling to find anyone to take those positions, as, in many states, unemployment and public aid pays the average American more than McDonald’s or Wal-mart. Meanwhile, corporate income is up, billionaires have increased their wealth exponentially, and the Walmarts and Amazons of the world have

shown record profits throughout the Covid era.

As Neil Munro wrote for online news source “Breitbart”:

Executives use this vast and powerless green card workforce to weaken the workplace power of the U.S. professional class. In recent years, business scandals have shown that U.S. professionals lose arguments with the C-suite executives for decent salaries, product quality, innovative research, data privacy, information security, or for corporate compliance with federal law, including lawsuits—partly because the executives believe the green card workforce generates short-term stock-market gains for executives and their investors.

The expansion is being done through the Optional Practical Training (OPT) Program, which sought to increase the number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students and workers involved in American industry. It was a boon for universities as it increased government money funding the programs. The Biden decision expands the program, adding 22 additional careers to the list of three-year visas.

The new Biden program also expands the J-1 visa program, often used by universities to recruit (import) low-wage lab workers, researchers, and teacher’s assistants. The O-1 “genius visa” standards are also being lowered to allow more foreign graduates to enter the U.S. job market. The administration promotes the changes as an example of “cultural exchange.”

Of course, the issue is also wrapped up within the tentacles of typical partisanship. Rob Law, the director of regulatory affairs and policy at the Center for Immigration Studies, spoke with “Breitbart” about the problematic partisan reactions to the problems for American workers.

Law said:

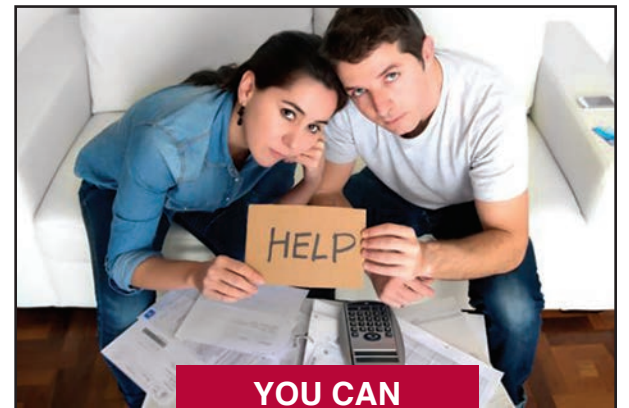
A handful of Republicans get it and are willing to vocalize what’s going on here. . . . But too many elected Repub-

licans are still beholden to the donor class and care more about the campaign dollars than their constituents. Democrats don’t look at the immigration issue from the perspective of America or any individual American. They only look at it from the perspective of the alien. . . . There’s no view about the American national interest, the impact on wages, on housing, or anything else in American society.

There is another aspect of the influx of foreign workers that is going to hinder any fight in which workers hope to engage. The foreign workers will serve as *de facto* scabs in any attempt to unionize an industry or fight for better working conditions. How can hundreds take to the picket lines when the easiest answer provided to a multinational corporation or industry, provided them by the Biden administration, is simply to trade the contentious American worker for the foreign worker will fewer expectations and lower workplace standards?

The American worker has seen an uptick in activity in the last few months. People are refusing to work for less than a living wage and they are refusing to work for corporations who treat the laborer poorly in favor of the well-compensated executive, or, as author Donald Jeffries calls them, “Vice-Presidents in Charge of Looking Out the Window.” Workers have taken to the streets, truckers are organizing now in Canada and America, and corporations are being forced, for the first time in a generation, to look at their tedious workplace policies and their inexcusable support income inequality. Biden’s actions seek to undercut every one of these advancements to preserve the pendulum swing that has been heavily tilted toward the corporation since IBM set a standard for the modern corporation in the 1950s.

You don’t have to be anti-immigration to see the insidious nature of the administration’s decision and the billionaire campaign financiers behind it. ★



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Free Speech Under Siege in U.S.

• Leftists want to be the arbiters of what we can and cannot discuss

By Phil Giraldi

Thanks to the Bill of Rights you can currently say anything you want in the United States as long as it doesn't offend those who are powerful. If you do upset the oligarchs who run our country through corruption of public officials, they have a thousand ways to get you. I recently wrote an article on the use of lawfare to block people and views one objects to by taking them to court on some pretext and bankrupting them through legal fees and penalties. The court system hardly represents the people. It represents the big money interests that the judges consider their real peers in the establishment,

The United States has in fact embraced the suppression of unpopular views and the nations and groups that it finds offensive through the use of sanctions, which are essentially punishments doled out arbitrarily as the government can issue a sanction without having to provide any evidence or make a case. And, when the White House sanctions a foreign government or group, secondary sanctions kick in to prevent anyone from exchanging goods or services with the targeted entity.

I recently was on the receiving end of a Department of the Treasury demand that I stop writing for a foreign website which had been sanctioned.

I was warned that I might be subject to a \$311,562 fine if I failed to comply. Insofar as I could determine, the foreign website was only guilty of having strongly condemned United States foreign policy, as do I and many other Americans.

In a system as corrupted as the U.S. federal government, it is inevitable that powerful groups will surface that will be able to dictate what is acceptable and what is not. That very often comes down to what might once have been regarded as free speech issues. The Democratic Party might reasonably be described as a group of satrapies representing certain special interests, most visibly homosexuals, blacks and Jews. The balancing act required to keep all the subsets under control frequently strains credibility.

In late January, Joe Biden made an impassioned speech demanding that the so-called Equal Rights Amendment should immediately become part of the U.S. Constitution because it is "the clear will of the American people."

Ironically, Joe heads a government that believes that race and gender discrimination is okay as long as it is directed against white men. He is also currently pushing for national education reform, which some refer to as either dumbing down or reverse racism, designed to bring more "diversity" and "equity" into the system. Doing so, of course, will require "affirmative action"-style discrimina-

tion based on race, and the president is also pledged to nominate a new Supreme Court Justice based solely on skin color and gender, not on qualifications or preparation for the position.

Other candidates need not apply, and "equal rights" depend on who you are. A leading candidate reportedly is black, a woman and also Jewish, which checks just about all the boxes Biden wants checked.

So Biden either understands the meaning of the words and expressions he uses, or he doesn't. He probably thinks it doesn't matter as he is speaking to a receptive and not very critical audience, that includes his mainstream media allies. And there is also Chief of Staff Ron Klain, who is there to poke the president in the ribs when Biden is hesitating or has to sound or look presidential.

George Orwell's "Newspeak" is definitely on the way. January 27 was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and some of the antics engaged in by presumably well-educated adult politicians and government officials perhaps offer a glimpse into what is coming in terms of the waning ability to speak one's mind. The United Nations approved an Israeli motion calling for a crack-down on "Holocaust denial," and Israeli Ambassador Gilad Erdan demanded that such content be banned from social networking media worldwide. He claimed that:



RON KALIN
Joe Biden's gatekeeper.

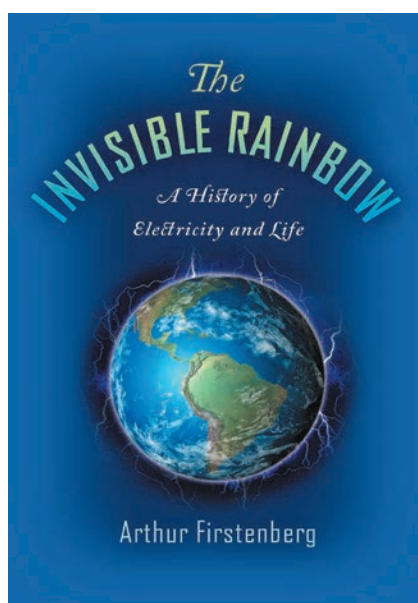
Holocaust denial has spread like a cancer. It has spread under our watch. It has spread because people have chosen to be irresponsible and to avoid accountability. . . . As you dodge responsibility, evil grows. . . . Social media giants can no longer remain complacent to the hate that spreads on their platforms.

To be accurate, the avoiding accountability claim sounds more like Israeli behavior than that of the alleged deniers. To cite Orwell again, what Israel and the United States understand is that when it comes to establishing the preferred narrative, "Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past. . . . The very concept of objective truth is fading out of the world. Lies will pass into history."

The irony is that free speech is already a distant memory in Europe, where Orwell opined that, "If you want a vision of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever." Constitutions guaranteeing a right to free speech proliferate in the Old World, but are ignored by governments, particularly if one is addressing almost anything having to do with World War II.

Witness how in Europe the issue of so-called "Holocaust denial" has been widely criminalized by way of so-called "memory laws." Memory laws:

. . . prohibit the denial, justification, or trivialization of the crimes committed by the Nazis during World War II. . . . France has had a ban on Holocaust denial in place since 1990. Austria's ban was adopted in 1992, and Belgium's is from 1995. Germany itself did not adopt an explicit ban until 1994, though it countered Holocaust denial before then through laws against defamation, incitement, and disparaging the memory of the dead.



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... Holocaust denial laws were also approved in the 1990s by the European Court of Human Rights (under the Council of Europe), which stated that the negation or revision of “clearly established historical facts—such as the Holocaust... would be removed from the protection” of free speech under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Bear in mind that “Holocaust denial” includes any questioning of any aspect of the standard narrative. Interestingly, a bit of pushback against a Holocaust exemption for free speech appeared in an issue of *Foreign Policy* magazine, entitled “First they came for the Holocaust Deniers and I did not speak out.” The author of the article, Jacob Mchangama, observes how hate speech and similar legislation has an unfortunate tendency to propagate and be used by governments to block all kinds of speech and writing that is actually quite innocent of any agenda but disapproved of by those in power. He cites how, in 2014, a Russian blogger named Vladimir Luzgin was arrested and imprisoned after writing quite innocently on social media that communist Russia and Nazi Germany collaborated to invade Poland in 1939 and thus began World War II. His account was correct in the eyes of many historians, but the way it was presented offended someone in power and he was found guilty of misrepresenting the historical record relating to the “Great Patriotic War against Germany.”

It is not completely clear what kind of Brave New World the Democrats are intent on creating, but once free speech goes and the universities go fully “woke,” there will no longer be platforms to challenge the status quo. Publication like AMERICAN FREE PRESS will continue to come under pressure to toe the line or the arbiters of decorum in Washington will make sure that the message is received that there will be consequences. We have entered into a strange twilight zone where what really happens now and what happened in the past will not be subject to examination or debate.

Will it be a better or safer world because of that? Undoubtedly no, and one can only hope that most of us will survive it and come up with something better to replace our tottering republic. ★

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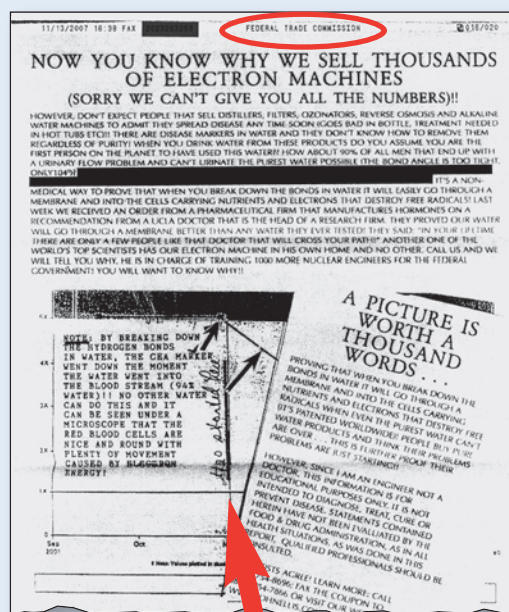


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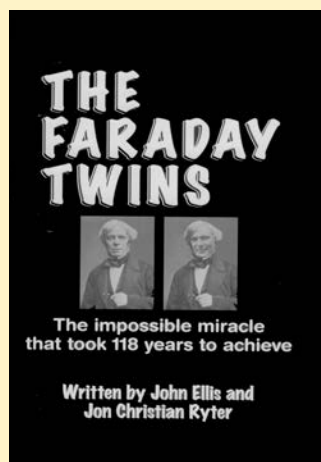
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U.S. Army's Latest Exercises Focus on Countering 'Domestic Terror'

By Donald Jeffries

The U.S. Army is in the midst of a two week "guerrilla warfare exercise," called Robin Sage. The purpose of the drill is to train for a potential secessionist movement from "domestic terrorists." This odious exercise fits in perfectly with Attorney General Merrick Garland's "domestic terrorism unit" in the Justice Department.

Those presently running the American military are far from the right-wing caricatures depicted in films like *Doctor Strangelove*. They are as "woke" as everyone else in charge of our crumbling country. Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (and yet another putrid Donald Trump appointee) is pushing for the military to use Critical Race Theory propaganda in the same way it's being promoted in schools. Milley is just as concerned about potential "white rage" as any screaming social justice warrior in a cap knitted to resemble a woman's genitalia. (No, I didn't make that up.)

The truly troubling aspect of a taxpayer financed "drill" like this, is that its purpose is to condition U.S. troops to willingly and without remorse turn their weapons on American citizens. As *The Charlotte Observer* reported:

A "realistic" guerrilla war will be fought across two dozen North Carolina counties this month, with

young soldiers battling seasoned "freedom fighters," according to the U.S. Army. The two-week "unconventional warfare exercise" will be staged Jan. 22-Feb. 4 on privately owned land. And it will be realistic enough to include the sounds of gunfire (blanks) and flares, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School said in a news release. . . . [A]dvance publicity is intended to make sure civilians—including law enforcement officers—don't mistake the fighting for terrorism or criminal activity, which has happened in the past. . . . [T]he exercise serves as a final test for Special Forces Qualification Course training and it places candidates in a politically unstable country known as Pineland.

For decades, the military has been staging drills across America, sometimes without notifying local citizens. The rationale behind such exercises is clearly an effort to educate our own troops on how to subdue a domestic uprising. As Associated Press described Attorney General Garland's Orwellian new Domestic Terrorism Unit:

The Justice Department is establishing a specialized unit focused on domestic terrorism, the department's top national security official told lawmakers . . . as he described an "elevated" threat from violent extremists in the United States.

This is the same government that refuses to guard its own southern border, and has released untold numbers

of violent prisoners back into society, under the guise of combating Covid.

While crimes perpetrated by non-whites are proliferating in the cities, any "white supremacist"-type crime is negligible, at best. In clear contradiction to all official government crime statistics, Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen declared:

We have seen a growing threat from those who are motivated by racial animus, as well as those who ascribe to extremist anti-government and anti-authority ideologies.

This total fantasy is being promulgated by "woke" leaders across the board, including newly "woke" President Joe Biden, who famously and ludicrously labeled "white supremacy" as the greatest threat to the nation.

Olsen laughably continued:

Last week, we marked the one-year anniversary of the violent attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6. In the wake of that attack, the Department of Justice has undertaken an effort—unprecedented in its scope and complexity—to hold accountable all who engaged in criminal acts. As the attorney general described last week, we have arrested and charged more than 725 individuals, including more than 325 defendants charged with felonies, for their roles in the Jan. 6 attack. We continue to methodically gather and review the evidence and we will follow the facts wherever they lead.



MATTHEW OLSEN
Directing resources internally.

The "domestic terrorists" uncovered by this new, taxpayer-financed unit are unquestionably going to be identical to the political prisoners currently being held in Washington, D.C., for exercising their constitutional right to protest.

In 2015, a similar drill, dubbed Jade Helm 15, identified Texas, Utah, and part of California as "hostile territory." The drill employed Navy SEALs, Green Berets, and other Special Command forces. As *The New American* put it, Jade Helm 15 appeared to be "some sort of exercise practicing to impose martial law on Americans fed up with an out-of-control federal government." The military worked in conjunction with local law enforcement, another constant theme, which is appropriate given the overt militarization of most police forces. Some of the participants were in civilian clothes and were driving regular automobiles. As one local deputy put it, "They're testing their abilities to basically blend in with the local environment and not stand out and blow their cover."

During this same time period, leaked military documents revealed an internment and resettlement operation which described detaining Americans in camps where they would use Bolshevik-style psychological tactics to change unwanted political views.

All Americans should be concerned about these frightening military exercises taking place on American soil, and overtly directed against American citizens. ★

RFK Jr. book ad coming

U.S. Taxpayers Funding ‘Racist’ News Outlet?

By the AFP Staff

In the last year, National Public Radio (NPR) lost its top three “minority” commentators—Audie Cornish, who is black, Noel King, who is half black, and Lulu Garcia-Navarro, who is Euro-Hispanic. Cornish’s departure, announced in January, prompted longtime NPR radio host Ari Shapiro to publicly question whether the office culture there may be the reason why the media outlet is “hemorrhaging hosts from marginalized backgrounds.”

First off, it’s laughable to think that NPR is “racist.” According to the organization’s own demographics, it is run mostly by very liberal, middle-aged white women, but that is the state of leftist politics today.

At any other time in American history, if someone like Shapiro had accused his employer publicly of something so potentially catastrophic as racism, at the very least the accuser would have been forced to issue an apology and take a leave of absence. In today’s world, however, Shapiro was lauded for his bravery for standing up for “marginalized” people like Cornish, King, and Garcia-Navarro. Never mind that these three all have degrees from expensive private universities and make hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. To the left, ironically, it doesn’t make a difference what you think. Only the color of your skin matters.

Once home to tolerable shows such as “This American Life,” “Car Talk,” and “A Prairie Home Companion,” NPR today is so caught up in



From left to right: Audie Cornish, Noel King and Lulu Garcia-Navarro. NPR radio show host Ari Shapiro believe these three women from “marginalized backgrounds” may have left National Public Radio due to some kind of problems in “workplace culture.” First of all, these women are rich, private school-educated liberals, and, second, NPR is perhaps the most “woke” broadcasting entity operating today, thus finding either claim regarding their exit from NPR doubtful. Are African-Americans and wealthy Hispanics “marginalized” more than poor and middle class whites?

the absurd culture of identity politics that even many of its listeners are growing tired of the constant hand-wringing and pearl-clutching over the issue of race in America.

Last July, left-of-center writer Matt Taibbi, citing a long list of actual stories, mocked the 50-year-old media outlet, writing:

Mixed in with [Critical Race Theory proponent] Ibram X. Kendi recommendations for children’s books, instructions on how to “decolonize your bookshelf” and “talk to your parents about racism” (even if your parents are an interracial couple), and important dispatches from the war on complacency like “Monuments and Teams Have Changed Names as America Reckons With Racism, Birds Are Next,” National Public Radio in the last year has

committed itself to a sliver of a sliver of the most moralizing, tendentious, humor-deprived, jargon-obsessed segment of American society.

It didn’t matter to people like Shapiro that, in today’s America, being a minority in elite circles especially on the left is a commodity in high demand that can earn you huge sums of money. No one in the elite media will question the privileges that come with this out of fear of being cast as a racist themselves.

This explains why, for example, no one in the media cares that the leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement have all quietly disappeared with the tens of millions of dollars they raised during the height of the George Floyd protests in the summer

of 2020—and no one is even bothering to ask how that money is being used to help poor black Americans in inner cities.

Only a few brave conservative media outlets have mentioned what should be a huge story. “Like a giant ghost ship full of treasure drifting in the night with no captain, no discernible crew, and no clear direction,” CharityWatch Executive Director Laurie Styron told “The Washington Examiner” in an interview.

According to public filings, the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation raised \$90 million in 2020, but no one knows who is even running the organization after one of the two directors running it resigned following allegations of personal profiteering emerged in early 2021.

So what really caused Cornish, King and Garcia-Navarro to leave NPR? The honest answer is that they reaped the benefits of our capitalist society by taking better offers with better paychecks from other media companies. ★



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Is GOP Elector Story Fake News?

By S.T. Patrick

When the smoke had blown from the ashes of the 2020 presidential election aftermath, both sides of the political aisle argued that they just wanted the correct election results to be certified and acted upon. Democrats wanted the official results certified and many Republicans wanted nationwide recounts due to the wide fluctuation of the election night vote totals in many key states. Now, a year-and-a-half after the hotly contested 2020 presidential election federal prosecutors are examining what they believe could be fake Electoral College certifications that could have declared Donald Trump the winner of states in which he was officially declared the loser.

Challenging presidential elections is not a modern concept in American electoral politics. Alexander Hamilton threw his Federalist weight behind Thomas Jefferson over Aaron Burr to ensure Jefferson won the House vote in 1800, in 1824 Andrew Jackson led the electoral field that included four Democratic-Republicans. When House Speaker Henry Clay threw his weight behind second-place finisher John Quincy Adams, the son of ex-President John Adams won the White House with nationwide complaints registered from Jacksonians. When Abraham Lincoln won only 40% of the vote in 1860—and won electors only from Northern states—it was the final nail in the coffin of the union, as Southern states began seceding shortly thereafter. Elections

were also contested as supporters continued calling foul months after the elections of 1876, 1912, and 1948. The Democratic Party, itself, has charged irregularities in every Republican presidential win since 2000.

It remains unclear what Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco will find in the fake certificates that Trump allies had sent to the National Archives. The investigation was sparked partly by the Jan. 6 investigations ongoing on Capitol Hill. Congress has convinced itself that the primary motivation for the protest was an attempt to overturn the official election results.

Monaco has been tight-lipped about exactly what she is looking into and where it may lead. “We’ve received those referrals. Our prosecutors are looking at those and I can’t say anything more on ongoing investigations,” she said, before further stating that the Justice Department was “going to follow the facts and the law, wherever they lead, to address conduct of any kind and at any level that is part of an assault on our democracy.”

The watchdog group American Oversight has released a handful of documents that do fill in more of the story. From what can be gathered from the documents that have been released to-date, top GOP officials in Michigan, Arizona, Georgia, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Wisconsin (all states Trump lost and then publicly, if not officially, challenged) submitted electoral certificates containing the signatures of Trump supporters falsely claiming to be legal electors.

At this point, few are commenting. Scott Howell, a spokesperson for

the U.S. attorney in New Mexico, told CNN, the notoriously unreliable news outlet that has been the main conduit for this story, “We have received information from the New Mexico Attorney General’s office, but we can’t comment on it at this time.”

There are issues present, but they’ll have to be handled on a state-by-state basis. In Michigan, for example, 16 GOP office holders filed papers claiming Trump had won the state, when official tallies had him losing by 154,000 votes. The *Huffington Post* has counted 59 “false electors.” That also includes 11 in Arizona, 16 in Georgia, 10 in Wisconsin, and six in Nevada.

There were 20 electors who did the same thing in Pennsylvania, but they will go unprosecuted because they declared that they should not be recognized as official electors until Pennsylvania courts overturn the state’s final election tallies in favor of Trump. That caveat will save them from prosecution.

It’s true that shortly after the election, large swaths of Republican supporters were swept up in an emotional wave of QAnon culture and an obsession with everything as mundane as typical election shenanigans to as outrageous as believing John Kennedy Jr. was going to reappear and sit at Trump’s right hand as the new vice president of the United States (after, of course, he exposes his father’s murderers). Today, most of these predictions have been dialed down, largely because they were, frankly, unbelievable.

The high level of exposure these faulty predictions received, however, have caused the Justice Department



LISA MONACO
Investigating “fake” electors.

to look further into what was really going on at the highest levels. It wouldn’t be a surprise if they found traces of irregularity that were just as shady as many of the QAnon culture’s tentacles themselves. If illegalities are found, they should be prosecuted as falsifying elector certifications must be punished regardless of party. Even if someone believes Donald Trump lost unfairly, trying to correct the result illegally cannot be tolerated.

However, if this is yet another Russiagate-type witch hunt, that should also be exposed. And, since CNN is the main purveyor of this fake elector news, it should be taken with a grain of salt until proven by outside investigators. Saving the republic is an impossibility if we don’t hold both parties to the same standard. ★

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It's OK for Biden to Question Elections?

By Larry Elder

Former President Donald Trump questions the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. For half the country, this makes him a “sore loser” who promotes “conspiracy theories” and pushes “the Big Lie.” But when President Joe Biden in his recent press conference preemptively questions the legitimacy of the 2022 midterm elections, nine months before they even occur, suddenly the analysis changes.

A reporter asked the following question during Biden's recent press conference: “Speaking of voting rights legislation, if this isn't passed, do you still believe the upcoming election will be fairly conducted and its results will be legitimate?”

Biden said: “I'm not going to say it's going to be legit. It's—the increase and the prospect of being illegitimate is in direct proportion to us not being able to get these—these reforms passed.”

A political writer for *The Hill* offered this analysis, echoed by the hypocritical Democrats and media defenders of Biden's Big Lie who castigated Trump's alleged Big Lie. “The key distinction,” wrote Alexander Bolton, “is that Donald Trump hasn't been able to back up any of his fraud claims in court and they have been dismissed by members of his own party.”

So, they say, Trump based his assertions on thin air. Let's look at just three states whose results Trump sued to overturn.

PENNSYLVANIA

Trump lost the state by 80,000 votes. Respected Democrat, attorney and Harvard Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz argued that election irregularities warranted a Supreme Court (SCOTUS) review and that the SCOTUS would take up Trump's challenge (it did not) and predicted that Trump would prevail. Dershowitz said: “I do think that Trump will win the Pennsylvania lawsuit . . . namely, the lawsuit that challenges ballots that were filed before the end of Election Day, but not received until after Election Day.” Is Dershowitz a batty “conspiracy theorist”?

In mid-January it was revealed that, in a Zoom meeting with election officials after the November 2020 election, a Pennsylvania county project manager admitted that election officials failed to follow the law. Delaware County official Christina Perrone, apparently referring to future elections, said: “This time it's much different than last time because we're going to have them sign oaths. They're going to need W-4s and we need them to sign something allowing somebody else to pick up [ballots]. So, we're going to actually follow the law fully this time.” Sounds like an admission.

MICHIGAN

Trump lost the state by 146,000 votes. The secretary of state sent vote-by-mail applications to every registered voter, without requiring the voter to request it. The Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear the challenge, but, in a split decision based on procedural grounds, the



Evidently, Joe Biden can question the results of elections before they even occur, but Donald Trump cannot question an election in which dozens of states changed election rules after 200 years of U.S. elections.

state court of appeals ruled 2-1 against Trump's lawsuit. The dissenting justice said: “There are only limited ways that an absentee ballot may be procured. Again, these include the voter making a written request for an application, typically from a local clerk, or obtaining an absentee ballot application form provided by a local clerk. . . . None of these prerequisites was met in this case.” A fringe court justice?

WISCONSIN

Trump lost the state by fewer than 21,000 votes. The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on procedural grounds against Trump. But, in her dissent, the chief justice of the Wisconsin court disagreed: “A significant portion of the public does not believe that the Nov. 3, 2020 presidential election was fairly conducted. . . . Four members of this court throw the cloak of laches [unreasonable delay] over numerous problems that will be repeated again and again, until this

court has the courage to correct them.” One of the many “problems” to which the dissent referred was the use of ballot drop boxes. A nutty judicial dissent? About ballot drop boxes, a Wisconsin judge recently ruled against their use in upcoming elections. Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Michael Bohren said, “It's all good and nice, but there's no authority to do it.”

To be sure, Trump lost all three state cases. But losing close court decisions and describing all of Trump's legal challenges as meritless “Big Lies” based on “conspiracy theories” represents yet another example of the media and Democrats' blatant unfairness to Trump and to sane and sensible Americans who understand why he continues to complain. ★

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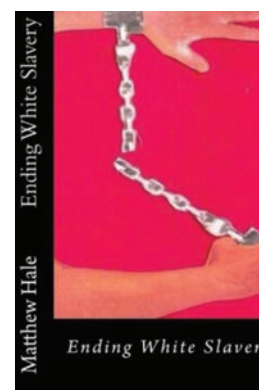
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UN Arms Trade Treaty a Backdoor to Curbing Americans' Gun Rights

By Mark Anderson

Whenver constitutionally protected rights may be threatened, it's not a good idea to wait until the threat is imminent before taking action. And that's especially true of the inherent right to keep and bear arms as recognized under the Second Amendment.

While things have been a little too quiet lately, as recently as September 2021, the Biden White House "signaled that it is eyeing a United Nations small arms treaty that critics claim will lead to an international gun registration plan—including for individual American gun owners," the centrist "Washington Examiner" noted.

The "Examiner" added, referring to Deputy Director for Conventional Arms Threat Reduction in the Department of State William Malzahn:

Two years after former President Donald Trump withdrew from it, a top arms diplomat at the State Department told the global body that the current administration is swinging behind the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

Malzahn told the 7th Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty:

I have come from Washington to underscore the continuing commitment of the United States to responsible international trade in conventional arms. . . . The United States has long supported strong and effective national controls on the international transfer of conventional arms, and the Arms Trade Treaty is an important tool promoting those controls internationally.

That last remark was according to a transcript obtained by the Institute for Legislative Action (ILA), the lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association (NRA). The NRA has repeatedly warned that the ATT will require all arms that Americans buy from overseas makers to be tracked. "To do that, a global gun registry would be created and maintained for 10 years. Every owner would be listed on that registry," the NRA notes.

"This is the first step toward creating a global firearms registry," the "Examiner" quoted the NRA as saying. "President Biden wants to give foreign bureaucrats control over the rights of law-abiding Americans, and we will fight it every step of the way," the NRA recently said on Twitter.

Back in May 2019 then-President Trump "unsigned" the ATT during an address to the NRA-ILA Leadership Forum, thereby, in the NRA's estimation, effectively withdrawing the U.S. "from the most comprehensive international gun control effort."

The NRA isn't the only game in town. The National Association of Gun Rights and other pro-Second Amendment groups share the concern about how the ATT may affect law-abiding American gun owners. The concerns center around the treaty's above-noted requirements for end-use buyer/owner verification, but also its often-unintelligibly vague language, along with its ability to be amended without the consensus of all parties, as well as its proponents' repeated refusals to clarify that it has no effect on the possession of small arms by civilians in the United States.

Notably, the treaty urges record keeping of end users, directing im-

porting countries to provide information to an exporting country regarding arms transfers, including "end use or end user documentation" for a "minimum of 10 years," according to gun-rights groups. Worse still, the ATT could require end-use registries to be made available to foreign governments, depending on how the ATT's terms are construed.

As of Sept. 28, 2021 Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) had joined Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and more than 30 other senators in urging Biden not to support the [ATT] which would subject Americans' Second Amendment rights to international oversight if ratified.

The senators stated:

We write to you . . . seeking clarification on your administration's position on the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Recent remarks by Deputy Director for Conventional Arms Threat Reduction William Malzahn seem to indicate your intention to rejoin this misguided and overbearing international treaty. . . .

At the Seventh Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Deputy Director Malzahn stated, "The United States has long supported strong and effective national controls on the international transfer of conventional arms, and the Arms Trade Treaty is an important tool for promoting those controls internationally." We find this statement to be most concerning and contrary to the current and historical position of the United States.

They concluded:

Under any circumstance, it is inconceivable that the United States



In May 2019 then-President Trump "unsigned" the Arms Trade Treaty.

would consider subjecting our constitutional right to bear arms to international oversight and interference. For these reasons, we request clarification on your intentions regarding this international accord. Moreover, we urge you to reject the ATT; however, should you have plans otherwise, please know we will unequivocally oppose its ratification in the Senate.

Pablo A. Olabuenaga, writing at the website "JustSecurity," claimed:

The ATT is not a disarmament treaty nor a treaty for the reduction of arsenals; it does not prohibit the international trade in arms, and it does not regulate, in any way, internal transactions, in particular the acquisition of arms by civilians. Contrary to what Trump has declared, the treaty explicitly reaffirms "the sovereign right of any State to regulate and control conventional arms exclusively within its territory, pursuant to its own legal or constitutional system."

There may be some truth to that, but, clearly, the long-range concern centers around what the ATT could become once it's enacted. And while that may seem a long way off, the vigilance shown in the senators' letter is a good guidepost for AFP readers to the write to their Senators to ensure the ATT stays in the realm of academics and speculation and never becomes a reality. ★



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Chaos and Crime Are Not Homeless

By Debra J. Saunders

New Yorker Michelle Go was pushed in front of a moving subway train. Sandra Shells was waiting for a bus in Los Angeles and Brianna Kupfer was working in a furniture store when their lives were taken from them.

All three victims of these random killings were women. All three suspects were homeless. And the scene of the crime was a blue state with a progressive approach to crime.

"Three Women Killed in Random Attacks by Homeless Men: What Does It Reveal About America's Crime Wave?" read a headline in *The Independent*.

Steve Berg of the National Alliance to End Homelessness criticized coverage of the three killings "committed by people who were characterized as homeless or 'appearing to be homeless'." He pointed out that homeless individuals are more likely to be victims of violent crimes than to commit violent crimes. "Make no mistake, stories about 'dangerous homeless people' do serious harm," Berg warned.

Berg is turning a blind eye to the lawlessness that bubbles up in America's tent cities. All three suspects also had serious criminal histories.

Martial Simon, the alleged subway pusher, served time for two felony convictions and failed to meet with his parole officer twice last year, the *New York Post* reported.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, Kerry Bell, who has been charged in Shells's murder, "is a transient, with one prior arrest in Los Angeles, but multiple prior arrests in several other states."



MARTIAL SIMON
Should have been in jail.

Fox News reported that Shawn Laval Smith, who was charged in Kupfer's killing, was free on bond for firing a gun at an occupied car in South Carolina in 2019 and, after biting a San Francisco police officer's hand during arrest last year, was charged with three felonies.

Jim Palmer, president of Orange County Rescue Mission in California, sees the state's soft-on-crime initiatives contributing to the lawlessness, as offenders "don't have a fear of going back in" to prison.

Given the high percentage of the homeless who are addicted or experience mental health issues, Palmer noted, the chaos "builds upon itself very quickly. And the bigger the camp, the better when it comes to crime." "It's such a magnet for lawlessness," Palmer offered, adding that the homeless "are more likely to become victims."

Last year, 88 homeless Angelenos were killed—an increase of 22 people

from the year before, according to the *Los Angeles Daily News*. Ready for more bad news? The homeless crime situation isn't what keeps prosecutors up at night in Los Angeles where, according to *Los Angeles Magazine*, the number of murders grew from 258 in 2019 to 397 last year.

Deputy District Attorney Eric Siddall talked of a "reign of chaos" taking over the City of Angels. The main driver is gun violence overlapping gang violence. If there's a gun-involved crime, "I can almost guarantee that person's a gang member." "A gun for a gang member is like a wrench for a plumber," said Siddall. "In my history as a prosecutor, I don't think I've ever seen a murder committed with a legal gun."

Siddall also was reluctant to discuss homicides by homeless people because there have been no studies about the homeless and violent crime. (I wonder why.)

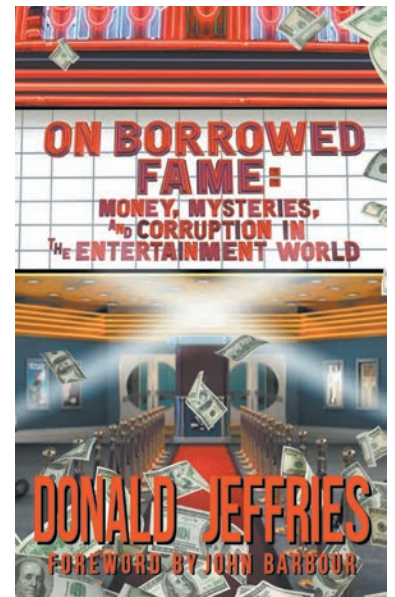
So, while I am concerned with high-profile crimes committed by the homeless, prosecutors like Siddall are worried about gangs, gun violence and prosecutors who won't go after felons with guns.

Siddall's boss, District Attorney George Gascon, famously co-sponsored Proposition 47, a successful ballot measure that reduced sentences for theft under \$950. The law effectively downgraded gun thefts to a misdemeanor.

The pendulum has to swing back because the progressives' paradise is a paradise no more. "California is the absolute worst case for this," Palmer told me, "because we actually have ridiculous laws in place." ★

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On Borrowed Fame: Money, Mysteries, and Corruption in the Entertainment World

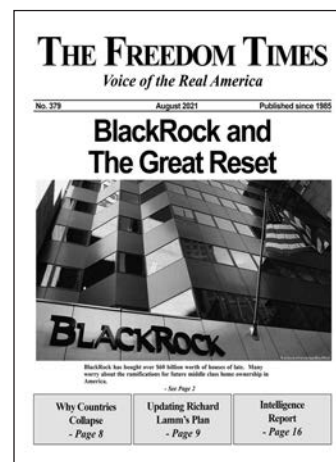
BY DONALD JEFFRIES

This meticulously researched book explores the concept of fame in all its fleeting glory and confounding inconsistency. Why do so many entertainers do so much better financially than peers who have comparable resumes? Author Donald Jeffries also examines a subject he is quite familiar with: the myriad of unnatural deaths that have plagued the entertainment industry since the dawn of Hollywood. The deaths of John Lennon, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Natalie Wood, and many others are scrutinized in exacting detail. Jeffries communicated with a bevy of older entertainers during the course of researching the book, and their perspectives are included here. *On Borrowed Fame* will be of great interest to fans, celebrities, and anyone with even a cursory affinity for the world of show business. Softcover, 488 pages, \$32 plus \$6 S&H inside the U.S. from AFP, 117 La Grange Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5. You may also order online at: www.AmericanFreePress.net.

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Despotism Has Become the New Normal

• Here are 10 looming threats to freedom to be aware of in the coming year

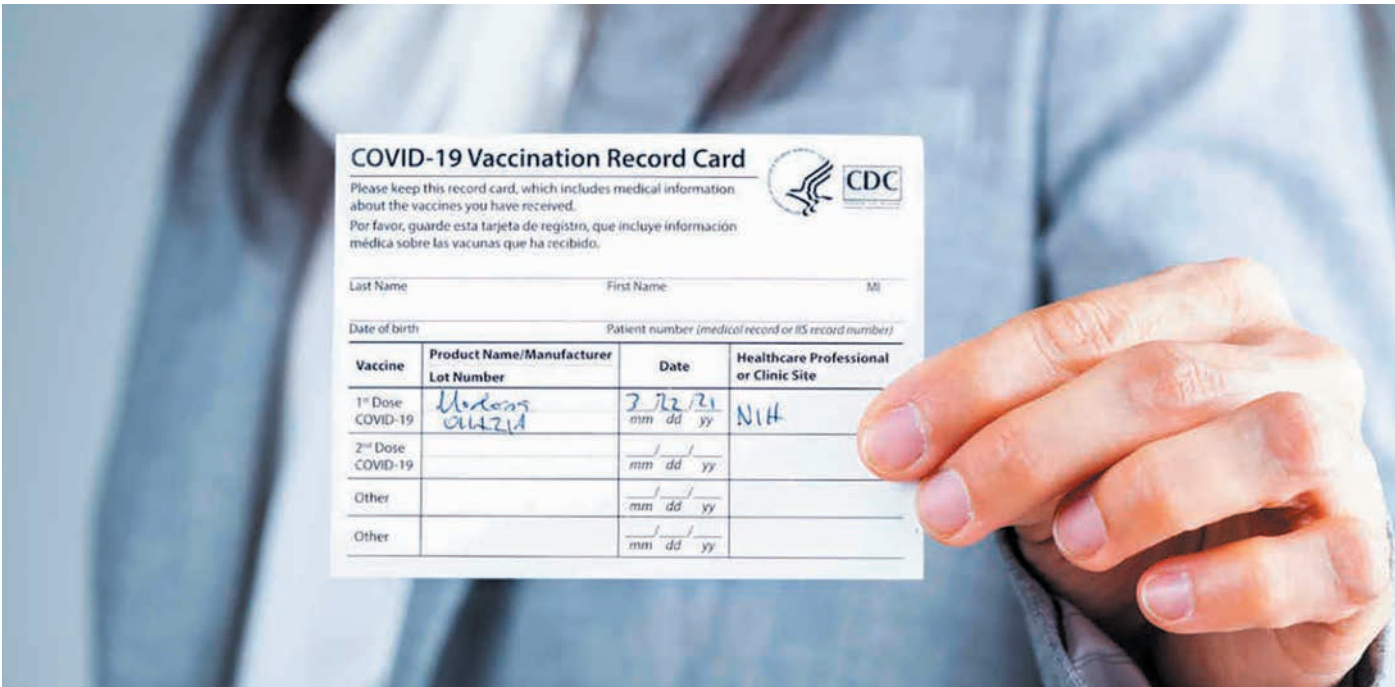
By John W. Whitehead

Despotism has become our new normal. Digital tyranny, surveillance. Intolerance, cancel culture, censorship. Lockdowns, mandates, government overreach. Supply chain shortages, inflation. Police state tactics, home invasions, martial law. The loss of bodily integrity, privacy, autonomy.

These acts of tyranny by an authoritarian government have long since ceased to alarm or unnerve us. We have become desensitized to government brutality, accustomed to government corruption, and unfazed by the government's assaults on our freedoms. This present trajectory is unsustainable. The center cannot hold.

The following "danger points" pose some of the greatest threats to our collective and individual freedoms now and in the year to come.

1. Censorship. The most controversial issues of our day—gay rights, abortion, race, religion, sexuality, political correctness, police brutality et al.—have become battlegrounds for those who claim to believe in freedom of speech but only when it favors the views and positions they support. Thus, while on paper, we are technically free to speak, in reality, we are only as free to speak as the government and tech giants such as Facebook, Google or YouTube may allow. Yet it's a slippery slope from censoring so-called illegitimate ideas to si-



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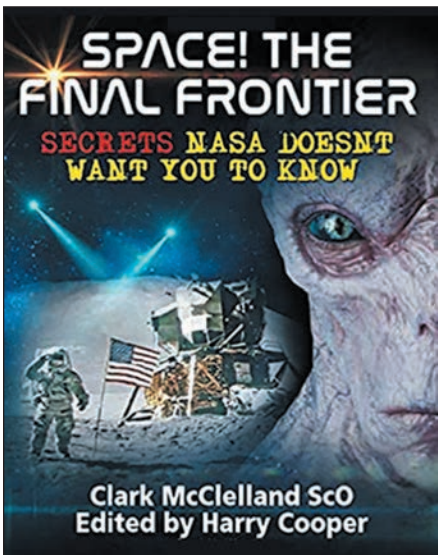
2. The Emergency State. Now that the government has gotten a taste for flexing its police state powers by way of a bevy of lockdowns, mandates, restrictions, contact tracing programs, heightened surveillance, censorship, overcriminalization, etc., "We the People" may well find ourselves burdened with a Nanny State inclined to use its draconian pandemic powers to protect us from ourselves. This is the power grab hiding in plain sight.

3. Precrime. The government is about to rapidly expand its policing

efforts to focus on precrime and thought crimes. Precrime aims to prevent crimes before they happen by combining widespread surveillance, behavior prediction technologies, data mining, precognitive technology, and neighborhood and family snitch programs to enable police to capture would-be criminals before they can do any damage. The intent is for the government to be all-seeing, all-knowing and all-powerful in its preemptive efforts to combat domestic extremism, a broad label that can be applied to anything or anyone the government perceives to be a threat to its power.

4. The Surveillance State. This all-seeing fourth branch of government, comprised of a domestic army of government snitches, spies and techno-warriors, watches everything we do, reads everything we write, listens to everything we say, and monitors everywhere we go. Beware of what you say, what you read, what you write, where you go, and with whom you communicate, because it is all being recorded, stored, and catalogued, and will be used against you eventually, at a time and place of the government's choosing.

5. Genetic privacy. "Guilt by as-



Space! The Final Frontier Secrets NASA Doesn't Want You to Know About

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sociation" has taken on new connotations in the technological age. Yet the debate over genetic privacy—and when one's DNA becomes a public commodity outside the protection of the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on warrantless searches and seizures—is really only beginning. Get ready, folks, because the government has embarked on a diabolical campaign to create a nation of suspects predicated on a massive national DNA database.

6. Bodily integrity. The debate over bodily integrity covers broad territory, ranging from forced vaccines to biometric surveillance and basic healthcare. Forced vaccinations, forced body cavity searches, forced blood draws, forced breath-alcohol tests, forced DNA extractions, forced eye scans, and forced inclusion in biometric databases are just a few ways in which Americans continue to be reminded that we have no control over what happens to our bodies during an encounter with government officials.

7. Gun control. After declaring more than a decade ago that citizens have a Second Amendment right to own a gun in one's home for self-defense, the Supreme Court has now been tasked with deciding whether the Constitution also protects the right to carry a gun outside the home. Indeed, while it still technically remains legal to own a firearm in America, possessing one can now get you pulled over, searched, arrested, subjected to all manner of surveillance, treated as a suspect without ever having committed a crime, shot at, and killed.

8. Show Your Papers Society. By allowing government agents to establish a litmus test for individuals to be able to engage in commerce, movement and any other right that corresponds to life in a supposedly free society, it lays the groundwork for a "show me your papers" society in which you are required to identify yourself at any time to any government worker who demands it for any reason.

9. Singularity. The digital uni-

verse—the metaverse—is expected to be the next step in our evolutionary transformation from a human-driven society to a technological one. Remaining singularly human and retaining your individuality and dominion over yourself—mind, body and soul—in the face of corporate and government technologies that aim to invade, intrude, monitor, manipulate and control us may be one of the greatest challenges before us.

10. Despotism. The gravest threat facing us as a nation may well be despotism, exercised by a ruling class whose only allegiance is to power and money. The American kakistocracy continues to suck the American people into a parallel universe in which the Constitution is meaningless, the government is all-powerful, and the citizenry is powerless to defend themselves against government agents who steal, spy, lie, plunder, kill, abuse and generally inflict mayhem and sow madness on everyone and everything in their sphere.

It is a grim outlook for a new year, but it is not completely hopeless. If hope is to be found, it will be found with those of us who do their part, at their local levels, to right the wrongs and fix what is broken. I am referring to the builders, the thinkers, the helpers, the healers, the educators, the creators, the artists, the activists, the technicians, the food gatherers and distributors, and every other person who does their part to build up rather than destroy.

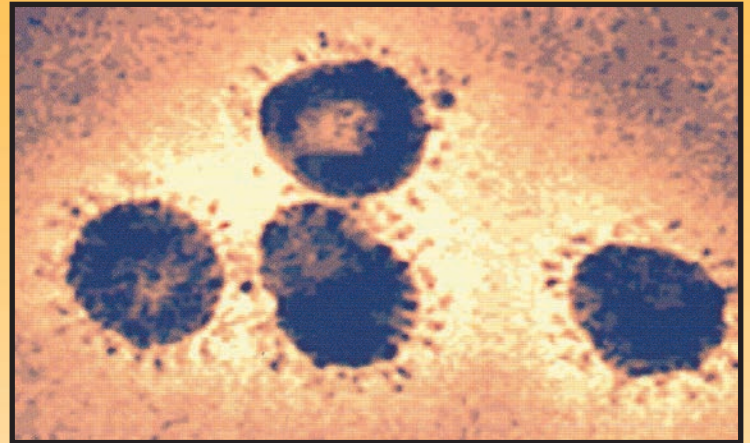
"We the People" are the hope for a better year.

Until we can own that truth, until we can forge our own path back to a world in which freedom means something again, as I make clear in my books, we're going to be stuck in this wormhole of populist anger, petty politics and destruction that is pitting us one against the other. In such a scenario, no one wins. ★

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A Failed History of Intervention

By S.T. Patrick

As the Biden administration debates internally its next course of action in the Ukraine, the alternative media has taken turns looking at the myriad examples of failed foreign interventions in American history. The bigger picture, of course, is whether America should be intervening at all, what levels of intervention could possibly be acceptable and humane, which interventions benefitted only the military-industrial complex and the national intelligence establishment, and what actions border on the illegal.

Joe Lauria of “Consortium News” recently discussed what he deems to be the three types of regime change—top down, bottom up, and direct military intervention. The simplest explanation of “top down” is the *coup d’etat*. A leader is taken out from the top and directly without much of an uprising. Examples are the CIA’s 1954 intervention to remove Jacobo Arbenz of Guatemala, the 1961 murder of Congolese President Patrice Lumumba, and the 1973 assassination of Chile’s Salvador Allende.

A “bottom up” intervention depends on some level of genuine popular unrest. The CIA then organizes, funds, and further foments that unrest into a political front aimed at destabilizing the target nation’s leadership. Such was the case from 1958-59 when a CIA-funded Congress Party and the Catholic Church worked against democratically elected leaders in Kerala, India. Also worth mentioning here are the now infamous 1953 CIA- and MI6-orchestrated overthrow of Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh in Iran, and the Ukrainian “color revolution” of 2014.

If top down and bottom up are not feasible, a direct military intervention is planned. Though its results make news, the interventions are often planned as covert affairs. The failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion is the best example of this, though there are also the invasions of Grenada in 1983 and Panama in 1989 that many remember. Large-scale invasions such as those in Afghanistan and Iraq have replaced the purely covert affairs preferred by predecessors. Once the propaganda war was perfected and the media assets were in place via Operation

Mockingbird—the well-known CIA plan to but off global journalists to spout government misinformation and propaganda—presidents no longer had to fret over whether the American public would see any intervention as an assault on another nation’s sovereignty.

Lauria wrote:

In non-military interventions, the U.S. does not create regime change out of whole cloth. It works with pre-existing dissent, whether in the population or in the military or another elite group. It will harness it, fund it, train it, and organize it, but not create it. In other words, in regime change that doesn’t involve invasion and occupation, it is not a question of either U.S. involvement or genuine dissent. It is almost always both.

It isn’t always that the CIA and the American administration works to prop up one leader over a democratically elected one. It can work in the opposite direction. It did this in Bahrain in 2010 when the United States worked covertly to crush dissent. The U.S. government has long worked to stifle uprisings in places where a puppet president is good for America’s corporate interests.

In 1995, William Blum released *Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II*. Updated in 2004, it still serves as our most valuable primer on American interventionism. Intervention by intervention, Blum looks at 56 case studies in chronological order, each with its own chapter. Iran, Guatemala, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, and Afghanistan are there, along with little-known interventions such as those in places like Costa Rica, Morocco, and Suriname.

COSTA RICA

Jose Figueres was a major political figure in 20th-century Costa Rican history. Hardly a communist, Figueres had been close to the John F. Kennedy crowd. He’d been educated at MIT, was fluent in English, and had been well connected in U.S. intelligence circles. Both of his wives had been Americans. Yet, he didn’t stand strongly enough against communism to appease the Cold Warrior set in D.C. In the 1950s, the U.S. tried to assassinate him twice, and, when he regained power in the 1970s, they once again tried to drive him from office.

Figueres was the first Central American leader to establish diplomatic relations with Moscow during the Cold War. Yet, he, himself, never questions whether he was an Americaphile. “This diplomatic recognition in no way shakes our loyalty to the United States or to the democratic cause,” Figueres explained. “People everywhere are tired of the Cold War. Russia controls half of Europe, and we want to make the Russians drink coffee [Costa Rica’s main export] instead of tea.”

Instead, the American embassy worked with Panama to run guns to Costa Rica, preparing for the end of the Figueres regime that was openly predicted by American officials there. The boldness of the American predictions caused Costa Rica to demand the recall of those officials back to D.C., a demand that was eventually accepted. But the officials had made their purpose clear, and the *Miami Herald*, on the day of the recall, described the “David vs. Goliath” situation that was prevalent throughout Central America.

“What is abundantly clear . . . is the power and influence of the United States Embassy in a small country such as Costa Rica,” a *Herald* editorial noted. “An embassy that even quietly passes the word that it opposes the government can stimulate opposition and perhaps inspire efforts to overthrow it. Open antipathy almost asks for it”

MOROCCO

Morocco in 1983 was a hotbed of north Saharan resistance activity. Located close to Libya, where the U.S. government was trying to drive Col. Muammar Qaddafi from power, American intelligence was also very active across the region. Morocco, according to *The New York Times*, was America’s “closest and most useful ally in the Arab world.” Gen. Ahmed Dlimi had been a close confidant of Morocco’s King Hassan for some time. However, the general was also working with the democratic underground and exiled dissidents around Europe to build a democratic republic in Morocco.

Unbeknownst to Dlimi, the CIA had been investigating him internationally and had delivered videotape of his meetings with exiles to King Hassan. At this time, it was said that more than 100 Americans were per-



JOE LAURIA

Historian and author exposes the ways in which the United States has overthrown multiple foreign governments over the decades.

sonally working with Hassan to strengthen Morocco’s armed forces. The CIA station in Morocco was arguably the agency’s most important hub in Africa.

Not only did Dlimi desire that Morocco be a democratic republic, he also advocated that the country should take its aid from France rather than the United States. The CIA had had enough and saw their position in Morocco threatened.

In January 1983, King Hassan went on television to announce the “grievous death” of Gen. Dlimi, who’d suffered a fatal car accident.

SURINAME

It was rare when the U.S. would openly announce a *coup d’etat* as it would an album release date, but that’s exactly what the Ronald Reagan administration did in 1982 when it sent CIA Director William Casey to Capitol Hill’s intelligence committees to declare that they would be overthrowing Suriname’s Col. Desi Bouterse. The administration had claimed Suriname had been thrown into the “Cuban orbit,” a claim Congress stated they’d found no evidence to support. (Bouterse was also accused of the massacre of political opponents and drug running.) Yet, the CIA continued anti-Bouterse operations throughout 1982 through 1984.

The fact is, the United States has no business intervening in the domestic affairs of foreign nations, whether or not the leader of the country is deemed a criminal or not. ★

Biden Should Close NATO Membership

• U.S. needs to leave Vladimir Putin an “off-ramp” to deescalate Ukraine crisis

By Patrick J. Buchanan

In 2014, when Russian President Vladimir Putin responded to a U.S.-backed coup that ousted a pro-Russian regime in Kiev by occupying Crimea, President Barack Obama did nothing. When Putin aided secessionists in the Donbass by seizing Luhansk and Donetsk, once again, Obama did nothing.

Why did we not come to the military assistance of Ukraine? Because Ukraine is not a member of NATO. We had no obligation to come to its aid. And to have intervened militarily on the side of Ukraine would have risked a war with Russia we had no desire to fight.

Last year, when Putin marshaled 100,000 Russian troops on the borders of Ukraine, President Joe Biden declared that any U.S. response to a Russian invasion would be restricted to severe sanctions. The U.S. would take no military action in support of Ukraine. Why not? Because, again, Ukraine is not a member of NATO.

Clearly, by its inaction, America is revealing its refusal to risk its own security in a war with Russia over a Ukraine whose sovereignty and territorial integrity are not vital U.S. interests sufficient to justify war with the largest country on Earth with its huge arsenal of nuclear weapons. This is the real world.

And, as Ukraine is not a NATO ally, and we are not going to invite it to become a NATO ally, Biden should declare so publicly, *urbi et orbi*, to remove Putin's pretext for any invasion.

Biden has already declared that we will not put offensive weapons in Ukraine. If, by declaring that we have no intention of expanding NATO further east by admitting Ukraine or Georgia, we can provide Putin with an off-ramp from this crisis that he created, why not do it?

Speaking last week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, “They must understand that the key to everything is the guarantee that NATO will not expand eastward.” If what Lavrov said is true—that the “key” for Moscow, the crucial demand, is that the eastward expansion of NATO halt, and Ukraine and Georgia never join the U.S.-led alliance cre-



Above, NATO headquarters in Belgium. The easiest solution to the current crisis on the Ukraine border is for NATO to formally pledge that NATO membership is closed. Ukraine could also solve the problem itself by agreeing never to allow weapons of mass destruction in their nation and to refuse never to seek NATO membership in the future in return for a Russian promise not to involve itself in the internal affairs of Ukraine.

ated to contain Russia—we ought to accede to the demand.

If this causes Putin to keep his army out of Ukraine, admitting the truth will have avoided an unnecessary war. If Putin invades anyway, the world will know whom to hold accountable.

The purposes of the Biden declaration would be simple: to tell the truth about what we will and will not do. To remove Putin's pretext for war. To give Putin an off-ramp from any contemplated invasion, if he is looking for one.

A Russian invasion of Ukraine and the war that would inevitably follow would be a disaster for Ukraine and Russia, but also for Europe and the United States. It would ignite a second Cold War, the winner of which would be China, to whom Russia would be forced to turn economically

and strategically.

Thus, to avert a war, Biden should declare what is the truth: “Ukraine is not a member of NATO, and neither we nor our allies have any intention or plans to bring Ukraine into NATO or to give Kiev an Article 5 war guarantee.”

The same holds for Georgia in the Caucasus. We did not come to Tbilisi's defense when it invaded South Ossetia in 2008 and was driven out by Putin. And we are not going to give Georgia any Article 5 war guarantee. Frankly, the time has come to declare that NATO will expand no further east and that NATO enlargement is at an end.

No more former republics of the Russian Federation—not Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus or Kazakhstan—will be admitted to a NATO alliance whose roster is restricted to

present membership.

Indeed, if the purpose of NATO is the defense of Europe from a revanchist Russia, why would we extend NATO so far to the east that it provokes Russia into attacking its neighbors in Europe?

With Russia having issued virtual ultimatums, our objective has to be to prevent a catastrophe war that an invasion of Ukraine would ignite. Such an invasion of Ukraine, a country of more than 40 million, would inevitably end with Kiev's defeat. And the longer Ukraine resisted and the fiercer it fought, the greater the number of dead and wounded on both sides and the more enduring the hatred and hostility that would be created between them.

Already, Americans in official circles are reportedly discussing aid to Ukrainians in fighting a guerrilla war against Russian occupation troops. But, there is another issue here, and that is the morality of not doing all we can to avoid an invasion and its consequent war. Would it be moral for the United States to provide arms for a bloody insurgency if there were no realistic chance of quickly expelling the Russian invaders?

Given his problems in Belarus and Kazakhstan, Putin cannot be anticipating happily the military occupation of millions of Ukrainians. Ending NATO enlargement could be a victory for all of us. ★

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Israel Backs Down Over Golan

By Richard Walker

Israel rarely backs down from a fight. After all, it generally has the U.S. military standing directly behind or it and tends to pick on neighboring nations without strong military capabilities (or innocent Palestinian civilians). However recently, after facing the threat of conflict with Russia's powerful air force, it retreated in silence.

Such was the case recently when Russia sent some of its most powerful jet fighters and surveillance planes on air patrols with Syrian fighters over the Golan Heights. It is disputed territory that international law has declared is owned by Syria.

Israel, on the other hand, has been claiming ownership of the Golan Heights and was thrilled in 2019 when President Donald Trump unilaterally handed possession of the land to Israel. It was a gift to former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to help him with his election prospects. It was an illegal move that overturned decades of U.S. policy. Trump had no authority to award Netanyahu, his son-in-law Gerald Kushner's family friend, the Golan Heights. The move even smacked of silliness when Trump wrote "Nice" on a map of the Golan Heights in the State Department and autographed it.

While this was condemned internationally, neocons like Dick Cheney and Rupert Murdoch, as well as a host of rich Democrats, including former U.S. Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and former New Mexico

Gov. Bill Richardson were ecstatic. All were shareholders in a New Jersey company called Genie Energy. And Genie, thanks to Netanyahu, held rights to explore the massive reserves of oil and gas located in the Golan Heights.

Syria has maintained its claim to the Golan Heights while Israel has simultaneously continued to convert parts of it into a military camp with the ultimate aim of establishing illegal Jewish settlements there. Syria has avoided a direct confrontation with Israel even though the Israeli military has continued to bomb Syria without legal justification.

By any standards, one might be inclined to ask if Israel's ongoing policy has been to destabilize Syria so that it can never be in a position to claim back the Golan Heights and its energy riches. Israel's bombing of Syria has been "justified" by a host of bogus claims, many of them related to self-interest, like the Israeli goal of drawing Hezbollah or Iran into a war. Russia has, however, changed the dynamics of Israeli policy by making it clear to Tel Aviv that Syria is Moscow's ally, and by supplying the Syrian military with defensive missile batteries.

With the Biden administration interests now more centered on Russia in the east and China in the Pacific, Russia has assumed a dominant posture in the Middle East. Vladimir Putin has privately made it clear that he will not tolerate the kind of reckless conduct that defined Netanyahu's tenure as Israeli prime minister. He has also pointed out to Tel Aviv that he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping will

seek to reframe the Iran nuclear deal. Biden, it appears, has not objected.

In respect of the Golan Heights, there has been something of a sea change in the restructuring of power in the region. Recently, the Russian Defense Ministry announced that Russian bombers, early warning aircraft and MiG fighters accompanied Syrian aircraft on air patrols over the Golan Heights, and along the Euphrates River. It was a bullish announcement, making clear to Israel that it could no longer do as it pleased in Syrian airspace.

The Russians further stated that their aircraft "practiced attacking ground targets while the Syrian fighters controlled the airspace." It was akin to a military exercise that Israel would certainly not have permitted had the air patrol consisted solely of Syrian jet fighters. It was not a one-off exercise. In fact, the Russian Defense Ministry said it would be "repeated on a regular basis."

In relation to this promise from Moscow, Israel said nothing.

The episode came as Syria made further protests to the UN Security Council about Israel's flagrant disregard for international law and its populating of the Golan Heights with Israeli settlers, as well its award of contracts to U.S. energy companies to drill and exploit land that does not belong to Israel. Moscow has made it clear many times that it believes the Golan Heights belong to what it calls the Syrian Arab Republic. After Trump's handover of the Golan Heights to Netanyahu, Moscow said that it was a flagrant breach of international law, and it said so publicly.

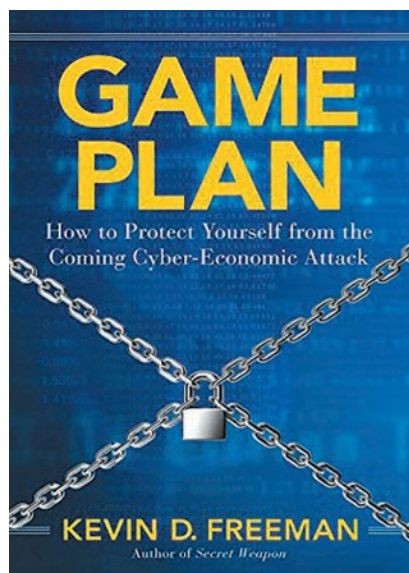


The Golan Heights has been the property of Syria for generations. Israel wants it, but is not going to risk challenging Russian troops despite the actions of Donald Trump.

Many experts agree that the massive energy reserves under the Golan Heights could guarantee Israel energy independence for the rest of this century. The parent company of Genie Energy is the Israeli outfit Afek, whose CEO has been quoted as saying that the "new Zionism" is energy independence.

Russia and Israel share a relationship of convenience. They sometimes say nice things about each other, but neither has warm feelings for the other. Moscow has often felt frustrated by Washington's preparedness to permit Israel to run roughshod over other nations in the region and to invite a war over Iran, which would destabilize the region, possibly deep into Russia's borders.

For its part, Israel is not happy having a superpower with a major military presence in Syria and a foreign policy that favors Iran. It is, in many respects, a stand-off that could play out in Russia's favor and not Israel's as Washington switches its focus to the Pacific and Eastern Europe. ★



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China's Global Rendition Program Exposed

By Richard Walker

China has been running a covert renditions policy for more than a decade, snatching Chinese nationals from across the globe, some from North America, without facing any political blowback.

Estimates suggest that as many as 10,000 people have been forcibly returned to China in the past 10 years. It is a renditions policy by any other name because the Chinese employ a range of strategies to achieve their goal, from blackmail and threats to the families of people in China to persuade their loved ones to return home, to outright kidnapping and renditions in the traditional sense of seizing people without lawful authority and flying them back to Beijing. In other instances, people have been lured to third countries that have good relations with China. They have then been arrested under bogus extradition arrangements.

The program is run by the Intelligence arm of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA). It scours the globe for those whom Beijing feels are dissidents or vocal critics of China. Chinese businessmen and students in the United States and Canada have been targeted by covert PLA units who are tasked with abducting or blackmailing targets.

None of this would have been

made public without the meticulous work of Safeguard Defenders, a non-governmental organization (NGO) founded in Europe and based in Madrid. Essentially, it is a human rights body whose origins can be traced to a tiny NGO, China Action, set up in Beijing in 2009 to support the work of Chinese human rights lawyers. Chinese authorities moved against it in 2016 and it was forced to close because many of its workers, activists—and one of its founders—were arrested and either disappeared or charged with offenses against the Chinese state.

The work of Safeguard Defenders accelerated after China, in 2014, launched what it called Operation Fox Hunt to track down so-called corrupt political officials who had fled China and resettled abroad. The PLA estimated there were as many as 18,000 "corrupt persons" on its target list. Of course, this was a very convenient strategy to take aim at those China considered anti-communist. China's leader Xi Jinping lauded Operation Fox Hunt as a crime fighting effort to bypass criticism of China's previous efforts to rendition Chinese nationals from the West. Xi managed to negotiate new and often loose extradition agreements with many countries, presenting himself as a crime fighter.

A favored tactic of the PLA has been to dispatch a covert unit to somewhere like New York or Toron-

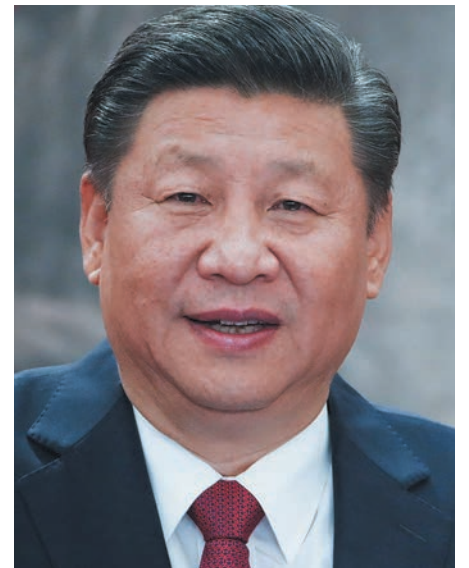
to to locate and threaten a target, while a unit in China blackmails and threatens the target's relatives. The pressure on relatives in China leads to pleas from families there for loved ones to agree to return. They are then charged or "disappeared" into the prison system.

One of the first well-known cases of covert PLA units operating overseas was in Melbourne, Australia in 2014. A PLA unit targeted a member of a dissident Chinese religious sect, Falun Gong. They also made it clear that his relatives in China were being targeted, too. Australian counter-intelligence located the PLA unit and it was hastily flown out of Australia.

Since that time, Uyghurs, from China's Muslim community that have been mistreated by Beijing have been singled out for extradition and outright kidnapping. It is now known how many of the 10,000 forcibly returned to China since 2014 were Uyghurs.

The Fox Hunt operation is part of a much larger op called Sky Net, which China has insisted is aimed at money laundering, but the fact is that the lines of authority for these programs all run through the PLA and not judicial authorities. Beijing refuses to reveal how many people are involved in its global program of forcible removal.

One of the largest parts of China's Diaspora is North America, with Canada hosting a sizable Chinese



XI JINPING

Doesn't like dissent, home or abroad.

population, estimated at 1.8 million people of Chinese ethnic origin. Several hundred thousand of them arrived in Canada, thanks to high levels of corruption in Hong Kong where the PLA and Chinese organized crime syndicates bribed Canadian diplomatic officials over several decades to provide large numbers of visas.

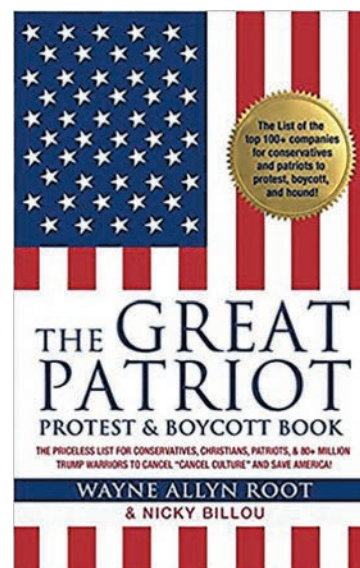
Even Canadian counter-intelligence turned a blind eye to what was a massive scam. A lot of Chinese investment money found its way into Canada, and that is now self-evident in Chinese ownership of massive tracts of property in major Canadian cities.

The PLA's Fox Hunt covert teams often hire locals to track down targets. In 2017 a former New York police officer, Michael Mc Mahon, was busted for working with a Wuhan police officer who was a member of a Chinese covert squad. The U.S. has close to 40,000 Chinese nationals awaiting deportation proceedings for being in violation of American immigration laws. The system is slow because Beijing will not provide documentation about these people. It prefers to jam up the system and does not want these illegals back,

However, it still sends Washington lists of those it would like returned, and in most of those cases the underlying reason is not about corruption but about politics. China's main goal is to deal with those it sees as its enemies overseas, especially the ones who speak publicly about Beijing's extreme policies. ★

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No More Talk About the 'Free World,' Because There Isn't One Any Longer

By Paul Craig Roberts

The corrupt UK High Court is nothing but an extension of the corrupt U.S. Department of Justice (sic) and has done its duty to serve as Washington's agent.

The charges against Julian Assange make no sense. Assange is not an American citizen, but the charges against him assume that he is a U.S. citizen in the pay of a foreign government. He is charged with spying on the United States. Other countries spy on us, as does our own government and commercial firms, just as the U.S. spies on other countries and commercial firms, but no one is arrested for doing so unless it is a citizen of the country spying in the pay of a foreign government. There is no evidence whatsoever that Assange was doing that.

Assange is an independent person practicing legitimate journalism. He published leaked documents, exactly as did *The New York Times* when the newspaper published the *Pentagon Papers* leaked by Daniel Ellsberg, a U.S. citizen with top-secret clearances. Unlike Ellsberg, Assange was not the leaker. Assange was the publisher like *The New York Times*. The U.S. government's effort to punish Ellsberg and the *Times* failed in the courts. Ellsberg was awarded the Olof Palme Prize for "profound humanism and moral courage."

But times have changed. In Ellsberg's time, the U.S. government still

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had enough standing to survive the deception revealed by the *Pentagon Papers*. But by the time of Assange, the crimes and misdeeds of the U.S. government had hollowed out Washington's reputation. The decision was made to make an example of Assange in order to prevent journalists from ever again revealing Washington's war crimes and the deceptions of the American people and U.S. allies.

Rafael Correa, the former president of Ecuador, who was able to remove Assange from Washington's reach for several years, said that Washington's aim in its illegal and unconstitutional prosecution of Assange is to "scare others" and shut down real journalism. Correa stated the facts as they are:

If Assange would have exposed the secrets of China, Russia or left-wing Latin American governments, including my government, he would have been praised by the international press, honored by U.S. Congress and the British Parliament. But because his actions were against the interests of the

U.S., the hegemonic country, he was labeled a criminal.

American journalism is already shut down. All that print, TV, and PBS journalism delivers is official narratives. American journalism serves as a Ministry of Propaganda and as nothing else. It is no longer possible in the "Free West" to practice journalism.

This fact is obvious from journalism's treatment of Assange. Real journalism is dependent on the First Amendment. Without it, there is no journalism. Assange's persecution signifies the death of the First Amendment. Yet American journalists have served as Washington's mob squad and have done Washington's dirty work for a decade beating up Assange with endless lies.

To see the encroaching totalitarianism in the Western World, observe that, in the 1970s, the case against Ellsberg was thrown out of court but, in the 21st century, with a case so weak as to be nonexistent, Washington has managed to corrupt the British High Court to turn over Assange to Washington, not for legal reasons, but for vengeance. This is persecution, not legitimate prosecution. Add to this Australian concentration camps for citizens suspected of having been exposed to Covid, imprisonment of unvaccinated citizens in Austria and Germany, job- and GDP-destroying lockdowns, restrictions on freedom of association and freedom of movement, silencing of scientific experts who disprove the official



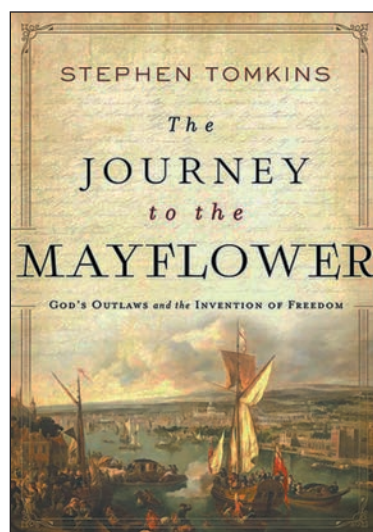
RAFAEL CORREA
Critic of U.S. foreign policy.

false Covid narrative. You can add to this list yourself.

People in the "Free West" are so insouciant that most have accepted the prostitutes' portrayal of Assange as a Russian spy. People are too insouciant to recognize that even if the lie were true, it is not grounds for prosecution as Assange is neither an American citizen nor a legal resident.

Rafael Correa is correct. Washington is determined, even at the cost of lawlessness, to make an example of Assange and thereby guarantee that the only permissible "journalism" is propaganda in behalf of Washington's narratives. This is the same complete control over explanations as exists in George Orwell's dystopian novel *1984*. *1984* arrived 37 years later, but it is here now. ★

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Pointing Out the Folly of Socialism and Communism

In spite of all the many examples of repression and the failures of socialism and communism, there are still those who argue that, if it were implemented “correctly,” it could work for the benefit of all and escape being weighed down by the serious flaws and crimes that have always characterized it.

Some, like noted historian Herbert Aptheker, attribute socialism’s failures to the fact that it was established in relative backward nations that lacked a strong industrial foundation. Aptheker insisted that, when socialism comes to America, it will be “a thing of beauty.”

But no degree of favorable conditions can compensate for the reality that the people are basically unequal in intelligence, industry, self-discipline, character, etc. This is why socialism never emerges effortlessly or naturally. Even small-scale socialist or communist societies—such as the Paris Commune—all develop within a disciplined structure and are maintained through an authority, even when they are claimed to be non-hierarchical. Without a strong and authoritarian government to maintain it, you will note that none of the small-scale socialistic or communistic societies I could reference have lasted very long. They all tend to collapse.

Put succinctly, socialism is against nature. The United States and all civilized free societies should strive to achieve equality of opportunity. But, the reality is, even if it were to achieve perfect equality of opportunity, there will still be vast differences in outcomes. Only a totalitarian state can force everyone into an artificial socialistic mold. Only a totalitarian state—with deception, propaganda and repression—can make everyone seem equal and happy and “reward” workers equally. A socialistic United States would no longer be America, but a balkanized, borderless territory under totalitarian control. . . .

If socialism looks good on paper, then you haven’t read enough.

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Don’t Forget Ashli Babbitt

It is imperative that a mass number of large rallies be initiated and organized to make the public aware of how Jan. 6 pro-



tester Ashli Babbitt was killed. Too many do not know, getting their news from CNN, MSNBC and other left-wing news outlets.

Police Lt. Michael Byrd killed Ashli in cold blood and the puppetmasters have swept her homicide under the rug as they do with all of the killings of whites.

Brain-dead liberals say they hate cops, but cheer when they kill a conservative protester in cold blood.

If Ashli had been black, and the shooter white, you can bet they would flip that race card and start burning down the Department of Justice. It’s crazy. Black criminals are holy and white police officers are “evil pigs.”

Ashli was unarmed. She may have been breaking the law, but, but cops can’t just kill an unarmed woman who poses no threat to anyone, especially without warning. She was a respected Air Force veteran with no criminal record.

How come hate crimes by minorities against whites are hidden from the public? I could name 10 or more, including several small children viciously killed by non-whites simply because these innocent children were white. These were blatant hate crimes.

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Don’t Forget Ashli Babbitt

In Egypt today, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi rules with an iron fist. More than 130 prisons have been

built and more than 120,000 Egyptians have been locked up in just six years of el-Sisi’s rule. In the prisons, cells designed for three people house up to 30 men. This is all a result of the “Arab Spring revolution.” No Egyptian can own a gun or a knife over five inches long. If you are found with either, you automatically get six months in jail. In 2012, Mohamed Morsi was legally elected as Egypt’s president with el-Sisi as his head of the military. In just one year, he ousted Morsi. This would not have happened without help from the outside.

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Roe v. Wade Never Legal

The U.S. Supreme Court is not Congress. All legislative power is vested in a bicameral legislature, House and Senate. So says the U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 1. So, the U.S. Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* never was the law of the land. The U.S. Constitution’s Fifth Amendment states that we shall not be deprived of life without due process of law.

This idea finds echo in Article 24, the Maryland state constitution Declaration of Rights. Abortion does exactly this, i.e., deprives of life without due process of law. So, the question is, when does life begin? Certainly, it begins no later than when a child could possibly live outside its mother’s womb and, more likely, as several states have recently

ruled, when a heartbeat is detected. In neither the U.S. Constitution nor the Maryland state constitution is there any text empowering government to act as guardian and guarantor of public health. How about other state constitutions? Governments cannot presume to themselves, *ex nihilo* (“out of nothing”) any powers not explicitly granted to them by the U.S. Constitution or state constitutions.

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Predicting the End Times

In the Catholic Church, Pope St. Gregory I, (600 A.D.) made it very clear that we are not to say Jesus Christ did not know when the end of the world would come. In the Pope’s Epistle, “*Sicut aqua frigida*,” he writes: “It is written: In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him.” (John 1:13) If all, without doubt, also the day of judgment and the hour. Who, therefore, is so foolish as to presume to assert that the Word of the Father made that which He does not know? It is

written also: “Jesus knowing that the Father gave him all things into his hands.” (John 13:3) If all things, surely both the day of judgment and the hour. Who, therefore, can say that the “Son has received in His hands that of which He is unaware?”

However, because of the abuses of the clergy causing hysteria and anxieties in trying to get sinners to repent by date-setting the end of the world for their times (“False prophets shall rise and seduce many” [Matt. 24:11]), Pope Leo X, at the Fifth Lateran Council, made it mandatory that, henceforth, permission had to be obtained from either the local Ordinary or the Apostolic See before one could set the exact date for the end of the world. This misinterpretation got into the Baltimore Catechism which began the confusion.

Also, one has to understand that, when Jesus made that remark, there was no Sunday or Lord’s Day. He never said that the Father would not reveal this truth which is done by all three persons of the Trinity in the Book of the Apocalypse (1:7-10), starting with Sunday. Only a fool would not accept Sunday as the day for his return. However, everyone knows the world is round and has different time zones so that, in the west, it would be late Saturday night, Middle East time. Once he appears, however, the whole world would turn into Sunday.

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