

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."



An article titled "Twin Blasts in Uganda Capital Kampala Kill At Least 64" was posted at bbc.co.uk on July 12, 2010.

It said: "At least 64 people, including an American, have been killed in twin blasts in the Ugandan capital Kampala.

"Another 65 people were injured by the blasts, which police said went off at a rugby club and a restaurant as football [soccer] fans watched the World Cup final."



An article titled "Alleged 'Mafia Boss' Among Suspects Arrested in Italy" was posted at bbc.co.uk on July 13, 2010.

It said: "The man believed to be the 'top boss' of an alleged Italian crime family is among those arrested in a police sweep.

"At least 300 people were arrested on Tuesday on suspicion of crimes including murder, money laundering and belonging to a criminal organization."



An article titled "Rape Threat Stalks Kenya's Slums" was posted at aljazeera.net on July 7, 2010.

It said: "Communal toilet and bathroom facilities in Kenya's vast urban slums leave many women living under the constant threat of sexual violence, according to an Amnesty International report.

"Only 24 per cent of slum residents have access to household toilet facilities, according to government figures, so most residents must walk about 10 minutes to go to the bathroom, putting them at greater risk of attack."



An article titled "Australian Vegetables Poisoned As Police Probe Sabotage" was posted at bbc.com on July 8, 2010.

It said: "Police in Australia are investigating the poisoning of seven million vegetable seedlings, including tomatoes, aubergines [eggplants] and melons.

"Detectives believe a herbicide was injected into the irrigation system at a nursery in northern Queensland.

"The Australian farm minister described the poisoning at a Queensland nursery—the fourth such incident in eight years—as 'sabotage.' "



An article by Dmitry Solovyov titled "Russia Longs for Breather in Fierce Heatwave" was posted at kyivpost.com on July 13, 2010.

It said: "One of the fiercest heatwaves in its history has engulfed Russia, withering crops, causing the worst drought in 130 years and prompting a top public health official to call for Spanish-style siesta breaks."



An article titled "Vatican Posts Financial Loss for Third Year in a Row" was posted at breitbart.com on July 10, 2010.

It said: "The effects of the global financial crisis put the Holy See's budget in the red for the third consecutive year, the Vatican said in a statement on Saturday.

"The Holy See ended the year 2009 with a loss of 4.1 million euros (5.2 million dollars), compared to its loss of 911,514 euros in 2008. In 2007 it had lost nine million euros.

"Over the course of the year, the Vatican spent 254.2 million and had income of 250.1 million euros."



An article titled "Bosnia Marks Srebrenica Massacre" was posted at aljazeera.net on July 12, 2010.

It said: "Bosnians have marked 15 years since the massacre at Srebrenica, when Bosnian Serbs slaughtered almost 8,000 Muslims in Europe's worst mass killing since the Second World War."



An article by Yaakov Katz titled "Sending Hizbullah a Message: Israel is Ready" was posted at jpost.com on July 9, 2010.

It said: "Four years ago, on the eve of the Second Lebanon War, the IDF had just a few hundred designated Hizbullah targets throughout Lebanon. About 90 of them were long-range missiles that had been stored in the homes of top Hizbullah operatives and these were destroyed by the air force within 36 minutes on the first night of the war.

"While by the end of the war, the air force had bombed close to 8,000 targets, the fact that it knew about only a few hundred before the war partially led to failure to stop the rocket fire and fatally hurt the guerrilla group.

"On Wednesday [July 7], top IDF officers revealed that the air force today has thousands of designated targets it can bomb if war were to break out.

"Some of them, like those that appear on the maps of the southern Lebanese village of el-Khiam that were declassified on Wednesday [July 7], are of arms caches, command-and-control centers and rocket launchers; others are likely long-range rockets, likely the highly accurate M600 or Scuds, which Syria recently transferred to Lebanon.

"In the four years that have passed since the Second Lebanon War, both the IDF and Hizbullah have been busy studying their mistakes and implementing the necessary lessons."

It later said: "The IDF's decision to declassify intelligence information on Hizbullah should be viewed as the opening shot in a public relations campaign ahead of the next war."

It later said: "The declassification is aimed at deterring Hizbullah from attacking by demonstrating the IDF's deep penetration of its most carefully guarded secrets."

It later said: "Israel's main problem with Hizbullah continues to be its unprecedented military buildup. In 2006, Hizbullah had 14,000 fighters compared to 30,000 today; it had 15,000 rockets compared to 40,000 today.

"And in 2006, just 10,000 of them were in southern Lebanon compared to 30,000 today."

It later said: "Israel's hands are pretty much tied when it comes to stopping the rearmament. Several months ago, when the government debated the possible bombing of a weapons convoy from Syria to Lebanon, the plan was nixed due to the fear that war would erupt—this according to foreign reports."

It later said: "While deterrence can temporarily postpone a conflict, it ultimately wears off."



An article titled "Hizbullah: Israel 'Preparing Something' " was posted at jpost.com on July 9, 2010.

It said: "Israel is 'preparing something' for Lebanon, and Hizbullah is on high alert to prevent it, unnamed sources in the group were quoted by London-based newspaper Al-Sharq Al-Awsat as saying Saturday.

"The IDF [Israel Defense Force] recently declassified and released high-quality intelligence of Hizbullah positions in southern Lebanon. Many interpreted the IDF's publicizing of the intelligence as an attempt both to deter Hizbullah attacks and to prepare the Israeli public for a future war should it be deemed necessary."

The article mentioned that Hizbullah's deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem said that "Israel would suffer tremendous casualties in the event of another war."

Qassem was quoted on Syrian television as saying: "If the results of the July [2006] war was a failure to the Israelis, then Israel would suffer a big loss in its next aggression."



An Associate Press article titled "Senior Hezbollah Official Says the Group Has List of Military Targets Inside Israel" was posted at foxnews.com on July 11, 2010.

It said: "A senior official with the militant Hezbollah group said Sunday they have a list of military targets inside Israel to strike in any future war.

"Hezbollah commander in south Lebanon, Sheik Nabil Kaouk, made his comments in response to Wednesday's [July 7] release by Israel's military of maps and aerial photographs of what is described as a network of Hezbollah's weapons depots and command centers in south Lebanon."



An article by Natasha Mozgovaya and Avi Issacharoff titled "Obama to Abbas: I Will Make Every Effort to Ensure Palestinian Statehood" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on July 9, 2010.

It said: "U.S. President Barack Obama phoned Mahmoud Abbas on Friday to brief the Palestinian president on the American leader's recent meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and voice his strong support for Abbas' leadership and commitment to peace.

"Obama promised Abbas that he would exert every effort to ensure the establishment of an independent Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel."



An article by Karina Ioffe titled "Muslims Seek to Add Holidays on NY School Calendar" was posted at reuters.com on July 12, 2010.

It said: "Muslim parents, students and civic groups are campaigning to add two of their religious holidays to the New York City public school calendar, pinning their hopes on state lawmakers after failing to win over Mayor Michael Bloomberg to the idea.

"Putting Eid Ul-Fitr, a holiday marking the end of Ramadan, and Eid Ul-Adha, celebrating the end of the hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca, on the list of official school holidays will help ease suspicion and reduce anti-Muslim sentiment nearly a decade after the September 11 attacks, they say."



An article by James Gordon Meek and Katie Nelson titled "Cleric Anwar al-Awlaki Puts 'Everybody Draw Mohammed' Cartoonist Molly Norris On Execution Hitlist" was posted at nydailynews.com on July 12, 2010.

It said: "A charismatic terror leader linked to the botched Times Square car bomb has placed the Seattle cartoonist who launched 'Everybody Draw Mohammed Day' on an execution hit list.

"Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki—the radical who has also been cited as inspiring the Fort Hood, Tex., massacre and the plot by two New Jersey men to kill U.S. soldiers—singled out artist Molly Norris as a 'prime target,' saying her 'proper abode is hellfire.' "



An article by Jeffrey T. Kuhner titled "Why Obama is a Cultural Muslim" was posted at washingtontimes.com on July 8, 2010. Following are excerpts from the article:

President Obama is betraying the Jews. He is a cultural Muslim whose sympathies lie with the Islamic world in its life-death struggle against Israel.

The notion of two states, in which Jews and Palestinians are living side by side in mutual coexistence, is an illusion. If the Palestinians abandoned their guns, there would be peace. If the Israelis abandoned their guns, there would be genocide.

The root cause of the violence in the Middle East has nothing to do with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This is a distraction, a convenient excuse consistently used by Arab tyrants to cover up the real disease afflicting the region: radical Islam. From its inception, Islamic civilization has been at war with its neighbors. The Muslim faith has spread throughout centuries by the sword and violent jihad. It is why Christians and Jews were slaughtered and expelled from Arab lands during the Middle Ages. It is why the Ottoman Turks invaded and conquered Spain, Portugal, the Balkans and parts of France and Italy, even reaching the gates of Vienna.

From its inception, political Islam has been at war with the West—first, with Christendom, and now with its modern secular variant, liberal democracy.

There is no escape for either Israel or America. Islamists despise the Jewish state because it is the West's strategic bulwark in the Middle East—a democratic outpost in a region marked by economic backwardness, authoritarianism and religious fanaticism. The United States is the bastion of the free world, the last great power of the West. Hence, for Islamic radicals, these two nations must be smashed. It is a fight to the finish—and only one side can emerge victorious.

For all of his flaws (and there were many), former President George W. Bush understood this seminal reality. This is why he fought the war against Islamic terrorism. It is also why he was the most pro-Israel leader in U.S. history. He understood one simple truth: Israel's struggle is the West's struggle.

Mr. Obama is the anti-Bush. He is virulently anti-Israel, championing appeasement toward radical Islam. The reason lies in Mr. Obama's background and worldview—one that makes him uniquely unqualified to prosecute the war on terror.

During his youth, Mr. Obama was raised and educated as a Muslim. His father and stepfather were Muslims. When Mr. Obama attended a Catholic school in Indonesia, he was registered as an Indonesian citizen and "a Muslim." In public school, he was also identified as practicing Islam. Under the name "Barry Soetoro," he was compelled to take daily Islamic religion instruction, recite prayers, study the Koran and learn Arabic. His former classmates and teachers remember him as a devout Muslim.

Mr. Obama says he is a practicing Christian. Yet there can be no denying that his Muslim heritage and Islamic background infuses his thought and actions.

Culturally, he is America's first Muslim president. He refuses to admit there is a war against Islamic terrorism. His counterterrorism adviser, John Brennan, even denies that jihad is a motive for Muslim extremists.

In short, Mr. Obama seeks to coddle the Islamic world. The result is that Iran is on the verge of acquiring the bomb. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad—like all fanatics—is a serious man. He vows to slay the Jews of Israel once and for all. Mr. Obama is not some grand peacemaker. Rather, he is a naive, foolish leftist who—blinded by his ideological and cultural blinkers—is playing right into the blood-soaked hands of America's enemies.



An article by Guy Rodgers titled "Jihad Denial Syndrome" was posted at actforamerica.org on July 11, 2010. Following are excerpts from the article:

See no jihad. Hear no jihad. Speak no jihad.

That pretty much sums up the Obama administration's national security assessment regarding our ongoing conflict with radical Islam and global jihad.

Early evidence of this was the Pentagon report on the Ft. Hood jihadist attack. The mountains of evidence, including Nidal Hasan screaming "Allah Akbar" as he fired away, seem indisputable that Hasan was motivated by the ideology of jihad.

Yet the Pentagon report achieves the remarkable feat of avoiding the mention of "radical Islam," "jihad," or any similar references, anywhere in the body of the report.

This was not due to oversight or omission. This was a calculated effort to define why this atrocity happened in any way but the actual way.

There can be no doubt. The Obama administration has gone to great lengths to censor, suppress, and silence any reference to "jihad," "radical Islam," and any related term, by officials in its defense, intelligence and counterterrorism branches.

This goes beyond political correctness. This is an obsessive denial of reality that will actually encourage more terrorism and is putting America at greater risk.

It is also the height of hubris.

Because what the Obama administration is asserting is that it understands the doctrines of historic political Islam better than the leading Islamic clerics in the world today . . . better than the Islamic scholars who developed the sharia law within the five Islamic schools of jurisprudence . . . and better than the prophet Mohammed, whose years of engaging in jihad to purge or conquer non-Muslims is a historic fact, and whose life Muslims regard the "perfect" life worthy of emulation.

If the approach actually worked, we would be seeing a decline in Islamic terror attacks and plots against the United States. Yet the very opposite is true. Over the past 16 months there have been four times as many homegrown jihadists arrested than in any similar period since 9/11.

Without question there has been a ramping up of militant Islamist and terrorist activity since Barack Obama became president. This is not a blip but a quantifiable trend. There is no evidence that the existence of "Jihad Denial Syndrome" within the Obama administration has marginalized those they call the "extremists," minimized their numbers, or won us any increased approval in the Muslim world.

There is also no evidence that the Obama administration's "Jihad Denial Syndrome" has made America any safer or more secure. Think back to the years when President Bush was president. Love him or hate him, we didn't see this constant drumbeat of both successful and near-successful jihad attacks on our soil.

President Obama and his national security leadership have bought into a false narrative espoused by organizations and leaders connected to the Muslim Brotherhood, such as CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) and ISNA (Islamic Society of North America). Dozens of such individuals have been placed in his administration, including Dalia Mogahed, a top Mideast adviser

to Obama who made the astounding assertion last October that most women in the world associate sharia law with “gender justice.”

The false narrative being peddled to the Obama administration attempts to redefine “jihad” as merely a “personal struggle against sin” and denies the historical and doctrinal centrality of violent jihad to political Islam and as a means to advance Islamic sharia law.

What better way to sabotage a nation from within than to dupe its leadership regarding the true nature of and motivation for the threat that is arrayed against it?

There is a reason why there have been more than 15,000 documented cases of Islamic terror worldwide since 9/11. That reason is the ideology of jihad to advance Islamic supremacism and sharia law. That ideology was lived out by Mohammed, is trumpeted by leading Muslim clerics throughout the world, is enunciated throughout the Qur’an and Hadith (sayings and traditions of Mohammed), and is sanctioned by all five schools of Islamic jurisprudence.

But for whatever reason President Obama and his administration argue that they know better what jihad is—and isn’t—than all these Islamic authorities.

This is arrogant, dangerous and foolish.

The results speak for themselves.



An article by John Dillin titled “How Eisenhower Solved Illegal Border Crossings From Mexico” was posted at csmonitor.com on July 6, 2006.

[Eye on the World comment: Although this article was posted four years ago, readers may still find the content relevant. Notice that the article was written while George W. Bush was president. Unfortunately, Mr. Bush did not effectively address the illegal immigration problem during his two terms.]

WASHINGTON, D.C.—George W. Bush isn’t the first Republican president to face a full-blown immigration crisis on the US-Mexican border.

Fifty-three years ago, when newly elected Dwight Eisenhower moved into the White House, America’s southern frontier was as porous as a spaghetti sieve. As many as 3 million illegal migrants had walked and waded northward over a period of several years for jobs in California, Arizona, Texas and points beyond.

President Eisenhower cut off this illegal traffic. He did it quickly and decisively with only 1,075 United States Border Patrol agents—less than one tenth of today’s force. The operation is still highly praised among veterans of the Border Patrol.

Although there is little to no record of this operation in Ike’s official papers, one piece of historic evidence indicates how he felt. In 1951, Ike wrote a let-

ter to Sen. William Fulbright (D) of Arkansas. The senator had just proposed that a special commission be created by Congress to examine unethical conduct by government officials who accepted gifts and favors in exchange for special treatment of private individuals.

General Eisenhower, who was gearing up for his run for the presidency, said "Amen" to Senator Fulbright's proposal. He then quoted a report in *The New York Times*, highlighting one paragraph that said: "The rise in illegal border-crossing by Mexican 'wetbacks' to a current rate of more than 1,000,000 cases a year has been accompanied by a curious relaxation in ethical standards extending all the way from the farmer-exploiters of this contraband labor to the highest levels of the Federal Government."

Years later, the late Herbert Brownell Jr., Eisenhower's first attorney general, said in an interview with this writer that the president had a sense of urgency about illegal immigration when he took office.

America "was faced with a breakdown in law enforcement on a very large scale," Mr. Brownell said. "When I say large scale, I mean hundreds of thousands were coming in from Mexico [every year] without restraint."

Although an on-and-off guest-worker program for Mexicans was operating at the time, farmers and ranchers in the Southwest had become dependent on an additional low-cost, docile, illegal labor force of up to 3 million, mostly Mexican, laborers.

According to the *Handbook of Texas Online*, published by the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas State Historical Association, this illegal workforce had a severe impact on the wages of ordinary working Americans. The *Handbook Online* reports that a study by the President's Commission on Migratory Labor in Texas in 1950 found that cotton growers in the Rio Grande Valley, where most illegal aliens in Texas worked, paid wages that were "approximately half" the farm wages paid elsewhere in the state.

Profits from illegal labor led to the kind of corruption that apparently worried Eisenhower. Joseph White, a retired 21-year veteran of the Border Patrol, says that in the early 1950s some senior US officials overseeing immigration enforcement "had friends among the ranchers," and agents "did not dare" arrest their illegal workers.

Walt Edwards, who joined the Border Patrol in 1951, tells a similar story. He says: "When we caught illegal aliens on farms and ranches, the farmer or rancher would often call and complain [to officials in El Paso]. And, depending on how politically connected they were, there would be political intervention. That is how we got into this mess we are in now."

Bill Chambers, who worked for a combined 33 years for the Border Patrol and the then-called US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), says politically powerful people are still fueling the flow of illegals.

During the 1950s, however, this "Good Old Boy" system changed under Eisenhower—if only for about 10 years.

In 1954, Ike appointed retired Gen. Joseph "Jumpin' Joe" Swing, a former West Point classmate and veteran of the 101st Airborne, as the new INS commissioner.

Influential politicians, including Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D) of Texas and Sen. Pat McCarran (D) of Nevada, favored open borders and were dead set against strong border enforcement, Brownell said. But General Swing's close connections to the president shielded him—and the Border Patrol—from meddling by powerful political and corporate interests.

One of Swing's first decisive acts was to transfer certain entrenched immigration officials out of the border area to other regions of the country where their political connections with people such as Senator Johnson would have no effect.

Then on June 17, 1954, what was called "Operation Wetback" began. Because political resistance was lower in California and Arizona, the roundup of aliens began there. Some 750 agents swept northward through agricultural areas with a goal of 1,000 apprehensions a day. By the end of July, over 50,000 aliens were caught in the two states. Another 488,000, fearing arrest, had fled the country.

By mid-July, the crackdown extended northward into Utah, Nevada and Idaho and eastward to Texas.

By September, 80,000 had been taken into custody in Texas, and an estimated 500,000 to 700,000 illegals had left the Lone Star State voluntarily.

Unlike today, Mexicans caught in the roundup were not simply released at the border, where they could easily reenter the US. To discourage their return, Swing arranged for buses and trains to take many aliens deep within Mexico before being set free.

Tens of thousands more were put aboard two hired ships, the *Emancipation* and the *Mercurio*. The ships ferried the aliens from Port Isabel, Texas, to Vera Cruz, Mexico, more than 500 miles south.

The sea voyage was "a rough trip, and they did not like it," says Don Coppock, who worked his way up from Border Patrolman in 1941 to eventually head the Border Patrol from 1960 to 1973.

Mr. Coppock says he "cannot understand why [President] Bush let [today's] problem get away from him as it has. I guess it was his compassionate conservatism, and trying to please [Mexican President] Vincente Fox."

There are now said to be 12 million to 20 million illegal aliens in the US. Of the Mexicans who live here, an estimated 85 percent are here illegally.

Border Patrol vets offer tips on curbing illegal immigration

One day in 1954, Border Patrol agent Walt Edwards picked up a newspaper in Big Spring, Texas, and saw some startling news. The government was launching an all-out drive to oust illegal aliens from the United States.

The orders came straight from the top, where the new president, Dwight Eisenhower, had put a former West Point classmate, Gen. Joseph Swing, in charge of immigration enforcement.

General Swing's fast-moving campaign soon secured America's borders—an accomplishment no other president has since equaled. Illegal migration had dropped 95 percent by the late 1950s.

Several retired Border Patrol agents who took part in the 1950s effort, including Mr. Edwards, say much of what Swing did could be repeated today.

"Some say we cannot send 12 million illegals now in the United States back where they came from. Of course we can!" Edwards says.

Donald Coppock, who headed the Patrol from 1960 to 1973, says that if Swing and Ike were still running immigration enforcement, "they'd be on top of this in a minute."

William Chambers, another '50s veteran, agrees. "They could do a pretty good job" sealing the border.

Edwards says: "When we start enforcing the law, these various businesses are, on their own, going to replace their [illegal] workforce with a legal workforce."

While Congress debates building a fence on the border, these veterans say other actions should have higher priority.

1. End the current practice of taking captured Mexican aliens to the border and releasing them. Instead, deport them deep into Mexico, where return to the US would be more costly.
2. Crack down hard on employers who hire illegals. Without jobs, the aliens won't come.
3. End "catch and release" for non-Mexican aliens. It is common for illegal migrants not from Mexico to be set free after their arrest if they promise to appear later before a judge. Few show up.

The Patrol veterans say enforcement could also be aided by a legalized guest-worker program that permits Mexicans to register in their country for temporary jobs in the US. Eisenhower's team ran such a program. It permitted up to 400,000 Mexicans a year to enter the US for various agriculture jobs that lasted for 12 to 52 weeks.



An article titled "Virginia Lawmaker Challenges Feds to Sue His State Over Immigration Enforcement" was posted at foxnews.com on July 11, 2010.

It said: "A Virginia lawmaker looking to enact an immigration law similar to Arizona's is challenging the Obama administration to come at his state with a lawsuit, too, saying he hopes the Justice Department has 'so many targets' they can't focus.

"Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart told *The Washington Post* that the Obama administration's lawsuit against Arizona will probably fall flat. He claimed Arizona is on 'firm footing' and encouraged other jurisdictions to follow Arizona's lead."



An article titled "Holder Floats Possibility of Racial Profiling Suit Against Arizona" was posted at foxnews.com on July 11, 2010.

It said: "Attorney General Eric Holder, just days after filing a federal lawsuit against Arizona's immigration law, on Sunday floated the possibility of filing another suit on racial profiling grounds."

It later said: "Holder said on CBS's *Face the Nation* that the federal government was leading with its 'strongest' argument in the suit filed Tuesday [July 6] and would not rule out a second suit months down the road—if the law ends up going into effect."



An article by Stephen Clark titled "Tea Party Activists Push Philly Mayor to Renew City's Contract With Immigration on Arrest Records" was posted at foxnews.com on July 10, 2010.

It said: "Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's opposition to renewing a contract allowing federal immigration authorities full access to city arrest records is infuriating local Tea Party activists and their allies who say the potential move could jeopardize the public safety of residents and visitors to the city."

The article quoted a press release from Peter Gadiel, the president of 9/11 Families for a Secure America, as saying: "Mayor Nutter's decision to conceal illegal alien criminals from federal immigration authorities will result in the deaths of innocent Americans. We who have been the victims of crimes committed by illegal aliens have paid the price for such policies implemented by other politicians who are more interested in the votes of illegals and their supporters than in the safety of American citizens."

The city's contract with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is scheduled to end on Aug. 31, 2010.



An article by Huma Khan titled "Michele Obama Rouses NAACP Before Vote Condemning 'Racist' Elements of Tea Party" was posted at abcnews.com on July 12, 2010.

It said: "First Lady Michelle Obama brought renewed energy to the NAACP today, delivering the keynote speech at the annual convention one day before the nation's largest civil rights group is expected to condemn what it calls

racist elements in the Tea Party movement.”

It later said: “The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in coordination with 170 other groups, including labor unions, is planning a protest march in Washington, D.C., Oct. 10 as the next step in building momentum against the Tea Party.”

It later said: “Tea party leaders say the charges [of racism] are misguided and are being fertilized by the left for the sole purpose of gaining political ground.

“The Rev. C.L. Bryant, a former president of NAACP’s Garland, Texas, chapter who is now a leading Tea Party activist, said the idea that the Tea Party is racist or is trying to instigate a racist climate is ‘simply a lie.’ ”

The article quoted Mr. Bryant as saying: “I have seen posters . . . where every president from Reagan to Obama has been called a fascist. Why is it that just because we have a black president, we are hyper-sensitive to posters at rallies? . . . [The NAACP wants to] create a climate where they can say that those on the right are in fact racist and those on the left are their saviors. This is very much what the liberal agenda is about.”

The article quoted Dale Robertson as saying: “I find that the NAACP should be standing against the new Black Panthers and their stance and yet instead of doing the right thing they’re doing the wrong thing by attacking people who feel government should be held accountable.”



An article by Andy Barr titled “Black Tea Partiers Rebut NAACP” was posted at politico.com on July 14, 2010.

It said: “Some African-American tea party candidates are displeased by a resolution that the NAACP approved on Tuesday calling the grass-roots conservative movement ‘racist.’ ”

It quoted Vernon Parker, an African-American Tea Party congressional candidate in Arizona, as saying: “I have not experienced the charges of racism that the NAACP is touting. When I go to tea party events, people don’t look at me any differently. They didn’t judge me on the color of my skin, quite frankly, they judged me on my principles.

“The NAACP should be concerned about bringing jobs to people in depressed areas [and] not [concerned about] the tea party.”

It quoted Tim Scott, a GOP congressional nominee in South Carolina as saying: “I believe that the NAACP is making a grave mistake in stereotyping a diverse group of Americans who care deeply about their country and who contribute their time, energy and resources to make a difference.

“As I campaign in South Carolina, I participate in numerous events sponsored

by the tea party, 9/12, Patriot, and other like-minded groups, and I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the men and women who make up these energetic grass-roots organizations.

"Americans need to know that the tea party is a color-blind movement that has principled differences with many of the leaders in Washington, both Democrats and Republicans."



An editorial by Ken Blackwell with Ken Klukowski titled "Obama, the Black Panther and Voter Intimidation" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 13, 2010.

A situation involving voter intimidation caught on tape has now exploded, as a Justice Department lawyer resigns to be able to tell the truth to the American people that the Obama-Holder Justice Department is allowing voting-rights violations to go unpunished for political reasons. Those responsible must be made to answer for their betrayal of the public trust.

The Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has a noble mission: Make sure that no eligible citizen is denied their rights, especially the right to vote. That mandate has a special focus on race, because in darker days millions of American citizens were intimidated, threatened, or denied their right to vote simply because of the color of their skin.

Denying someone their civil rights because of race is a betrayal of the Constitution's most sacred promises. We are all created equal, endowed with rights by our Creator, and the Constitution establishes a government to secure those rights for every American.

That's why the threats caught on tape at a Philadelphia voting location are utterly deplorable. Several thugs of the New Black Panther Party stood at the door of a polling location with weapons in their hands, menacingly glaring at white Americans as they went by.

Fortunately, a couple intrepid patriots captured this illegal action on video. They even engaged them in conversation, confirming who they were and what they were doing.

In response to this clear and egregious case of voter intimidation, the Justice Department brought action against these Black Panthers. The defendants didn't even have enough respect for the law to show up in court, and so the judge properly issued a default judgment against them.

Then Barack Obama was sworn in as president, and appointed Eric Holder attorney general. (Holder, who then promptly called America a nation of cowards on issues of race.) The new political appointee heading DOJ's Civil Rights Division, Thomas Perez, hand-picked by Attorney General Holder and Presi-

dent Obama, dropped the case against the Black Panthers during the sentencing phase.

Dropped the case? Hadn't the Justice Department already won? Yes, the government had already won. All they had to do was wait for the court to hand down its punishment.

But Thomas Perez and the Obama-Holder team decided to drop the case. Their reason? Perez had the audacity to say that there wasn't enough evidence for the case to succeed. Evidently expecting that people would blindly ignore the fact that the Justice Department had already won, he said with a straight face that the evidence just wasn't there.

As disgusting as this situation was, it looked like it was dead. President Obama had won the White House and chose to nominate far-left Eric Holder to lead the Justice Department, and then the two of them stacked DOJ with a raft of extremists like Thomas Perez who were willing to ignore gross injustices and lawbreaking for the sake of licking the hand of their racist allies at the New Black Panther Party.

(To back up this statement, just look at [a] video where one of these Black Panthers in this case, King Samir Shabazz, [is] saying, "You gonna have to kill some crackers [white people]. You gonna have to kill some of their babies!" If you use racial slurs and talk about killing babies because of their skin color, then you're a racist.)

Then two unexpected events brought this travesty back to life. First, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission launched an investigation. The investigation started to uncover and verify the facts, shining a spotlight on the inexcusable failure of the Obama-Holder DOJ to execute the judgment against these Black Panther lawbreakers.

Second, a brave lawyer from the Justice Department who had worked on this case, J. Christian Adams, had the courage to resign so that he could go public with the truth. Adams has taken to the airwaves and is now testifying before the Civil Rights Commission, calling for justice to prevail on the pathetic dereliction of duty of Barack Obama, Eric Holder and Thomas Perez.

We say dereliction of duty, because the Constitution charges the president to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." Attorney General Holder serves as the chief law enforcement officer in the country, at the pleasure of the president, to make sure that the law is upheld. And this specific instance was under the purview of Thomas Perez. They have utterly failed.

Even more alarming, new records now show that Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli was heavily involved in this situation at the same time that he was consulting with White House Deputy Counsel Cassandra Butts, who has a record as a radical extremist similar to that of Communist Van Jones, who was forced to resign in disgrace.

As we show in our book *The Blueprint*, this is different from previous admin-

istrations. Every president has different law-enforcement priorities and as such make different decisions about how to spend resources to prosecute which crimes. But, in this instance, the case was over. DOJ won. The work was complete. And yet Perez, Perrelli and the Obama-Holder team dropped their victory to the ground, to the shock of career DOJ lawyers.

This failure is utterly intolerable. If Republicans take back the U.S. House this November, they should immediately drag Thomas Perez and Thomas Perrelli up Capitol Hill and put them under oath to justify their decision. If that investigation verifies that things are as they appear, then whoever made the decision to drop this case, whether Perez, Perrelli, or perhaps Eric Holder himself, should be forced to resign.

The right to vote is the beating heart of democracy, and the only way that we the voters hold accountable those with power to govern our lives. This situation cannot be allowed to stand.

Whether it's Perez, Perrelli, or even Holder, if the official responsible for this pathetic tragedy refuses to resign, Congress should impeach him.



An article by Steven Ertelt titled "Obama Administration OKs First Tax-Funded Abortions Under Health Care Law" was posted at lifenews.com on July 13, 2010.

It said: "The Obama administration has officially approved the first instance of taxpayer-funded abortions under the new national government-run health-care program. This is the kind of abortion funding the pro-life movement warned about when Congress considered the bill."

It quoted Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, as saying: "The Obama Administration will give Pennsylvania \$160 million in federal tax funds, which we discovered will pay for insurance plans that cover any legal abortion."

It later said: "The abortion funding comes despite language in the bill that some pro-abortion Democrats and Obama himself claimed would prevent abortion funding and despite a controversial executive order Obama signed supposedly stopping abortion funding."

It later said: "This first case of forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions under the new law appears to prove them [the pro-life community] right that the bill language and executive order were ineffective."



An editorial titled "Why So Gloomy?" was posted at investors.com July 9, 2010.

[Eye on the World comment: Although this article may correctly size up the financial situation in the country, it may be underestimating the tenacity of

the administration, the liberal bias of many of the mainstream media and the passivity of the electorate.]

It said: "Today, there's now shortage of head-scratching over the weak, jobless recovery we're in, and the failure of the economy to catch fire and start growing again. But, really, it's no mystery at all.

"As poll after poll shows, businesses and individuals are just plain scared. They see massive new government initiatives and taxes either passed or in the pipeline and wonder what room will be left for the private economy. The answer is: Not much.

"According to *Wall Street Journal* columnist John Fund, Democrats plan to push through still more regulations and expansions of government even if they lose the November elections.

"During a lame-duck session between the election and the swearing in of the new Congress in January, Democrats hope to pass a 'card-check' bill for Big Labor, an economy-busting cap-and-trade law and perhaps new tax hikes on all Americans after President Obama's Deficit Commission issues its report in December.

"Think about it. Democrats could be massively repudiated at the polls, yet still ram through more of their big government agenda.

"If you're still wondering, as many clueless economists are, why businesses in America are sitting on more than \$1 trillion in cash but refuse to invest it, please reread the previous two paragraphs.

"Fact is, they're terrified of how far the current Democrat-run government will take us down the path of socialism."

It later said: "Think the jobless recovery is bad now? Just wait until the capital of these innovative and productive citizens is taken away by a foolish, envy-driven tax hike.

"But then, maybe that's what Vice President Joe Biden meant recently when he said 'there's no possibility to restore 8 million jobs lost in the Great Recession.' He knows the damage done.

"And yet the White House has embarked on a six-week 'Recovery Summer' theme and has launched a campaign to convince corporate America that Obama doesn't have an anti-business agenda.

"Well, it's too late. Businesses know what's happening. And, based on the Democrats' plummeting poll numbers, voters know too."



An article by Ryan Ellis titled "Six Months to Go Until the Largest Tax Hikes in History" was posted at atr.org (Americans for Tax Reform) on July 7, 2010.

It said: "In just six months, the largest tax hikes in the history of America will take effect. They will hit families and small businesses in three great waves on January 1, 2011."

It described the first wave as the "expiration of 2001 and 2003 Tax Relief."

In this section, the article mentioned the following four points: (1) personal income tax rising, (1) higher taxes on marriage and family, (3) the return of the death tax, and (4) higher tax rates on savers and investors.

It called the second wave "Obamacare."

In this section the article mentioned the following six points: (1) the tanning tax, (2) the "medicine cabinet tax," (3) the HSA withdrawal tax hike, (4) brand-name-drug tax, (5) economic substance doctrine and (6) employer reporting of health insurance costs on a W-2.

It called the third wave the "alternative minimum tax and employer tax hikes."

In this section the article mentioned the following five points: (1) The AMT will ensnare more than 28 million families, up from four million last year, (2) small-business expensing will be slashed and 50 percent expensing will disappear, (3) taxes will be raised on all types of businesses, (4) tax benefits for education and teaching will be reduced, and (5) charitable contributions from IRAs will no longer be allowed.



An article titled "Abused Staffers Net Nearly \$1M a Year" was posted at politico.com on July 13, 2010.

It said: "Taxpayers have paid out nearly \$1 million per year in settlements to congressional employees who have been harassed or otherwise treated badly by their political bosses over the past 14 years, according to records from the Office of Compliance."



An article titled "Obama Plans to Cut Up to 40 Percent of Nukes" was posted at yahoo.com on July 13, 2010.

It said: "A government document reveals that the Obama administration is planning to cut the U.S. nuclear stockpile by up to 40 percent by 2021."

It later said: "In May the administration said that it had 5,113 nuclear warheads. The new document says the administration would like to reduce that number to a range of 3,000 to 3,500."



An editorial by Charles Krauthammer titled "The Selective Modesty of Barack Obama" was posted at nationalreview.com on July 9, 2010.

Dr. Krauthammer gave several examples of the perceived negative view of United States' accomplishments by various people in the Obama administration.

He wrote: "[NASA administrator Charles] Bolden seems quite intent on driving home this message of achievement equivalence—lauding, for example, Russia's contributions to the space station. Russia? In the 1990s, the Russian space program fell apart, leaving the United States to pick up the slack and the tab for the missing Russian contributions to get the space station built.

"For good measure, Bolden added that the U.S. cannot get to Mars without international assistance. Besides the fact that this is not true, contrast this with the elan and self-confidence of President Kennedy's pledge that America would land on the moon within a decade.

"There was no finer expression of belief in American exceptionalism than Kennedy's. Obama has a different take. As he said last year in Strasbourg, 'I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism.' Which of course means: If we're all exceptional, no one is.

"Take human rights: After Obama's meeting with the president of Kazakhstan, Mike McFaul of the National Security Council reported that Obama actually explained to the leader of that thuggish kleptocracy that we too are working on perfecting our own democracy.

"Nor is this the only example of an implied moral equivalence that diminishes and devalues America. Assistant Secretary of State Michael Posner reported that, in discussions with China about human rights, the U.S. delegation brought up Arizona's immigration law—'early and often.' As if there is the remotest connection between that and the persecution of dissidents, jailing of opponents and suppression of religion routinely practiced by the Chinese dictatorship.

"Nothing new here. In his major addresses, Obama's modesty about his own country has been repeatedly on display as he has gratuitously and continually confessed America's alleged failings—from disrespecting foreigners to having lost its way morally after 9/11.

"It's fine to recognize the achievements of others and be non-chauvinistic about one's country. But Obama's modesty is curiously selective. When it comes to himself, modesty is in short supply."

In his conclusion, Dr. Krauthammer focused on a contrast when he wrote: "Obama is not the first president with a large streak of narcissism. But the others had equally expansive feelings about their country. Obama's modesty about America would be more understandable if he treated himself with the same reserve. But it is odd to have a president so convinced of his own magnificence—yet not of his own country's."



An editorial by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Flag & I, 2010" was posted at burt-prelutsky.com on July 3, 2010.

It said: "In the days and weeks following 9/11, friends and neighbors saw the American flag flying by my front door and assumed it was in remembrance of the people murdered by Islamic terrorists. I didn't bother correcting them because, by then, that was certainly part of my intention. The thing is, the flag had been out there for several months, but they just hadn't noticed. Or maybe they just thought it was corny and didn't want to comment. But, now, I think, is a good time to set the record straight. I went out and bought the flag because of my grandparents."

It later said: "You see, one day, on my way home, I began to think how lucky I was to have been born in this country. Through no effort of my own, having made no sacrifice, taken no risk, I was the beneficiary of freedom, liberty, education, comfort, security and, yes, even luxury.

"It was not the first time I had acknowledged this good fortune. The difference this time is that, for some reason, it suddenly occurred to me that my good luck hadn't just happened. It had been the direct result of these four people pulling up stakes and moving thousands of miles, across an entire continent and the Atlantic Ocean, to a new country, pursuing a dream that their children and their children's children, of whom I am one, might, just might, have better lives."

It later said: "The fact is, had those four people, all of whom were poor and barely, if at all, educated—their little children in tow—not somehow found the courage to make the journey, I would have been born a Jew in the Soviet Union. Between Stalin and Hitler, the odds are likely I would have wound up a slave in Siberia or a bar of German soap.

"So it happened that day when I was out driving and thought about the enormous debt I owed those four immigrants, a debt I could never possibly repay, I decided to pull in at the local hardware store and buy a flag. I thought it was something they'd have wanted me to do on their behalf. It wasn't nearly enough, I know, but it was something."



Isaiah 55:6-11—Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.