

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Mark Dubowitz titled “Beware Iran’s Most Devious Weapon – Another ‘October Surprise’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

The October surprise was born in Iran — and 46 years later, the Islamic Republic may be preparing to launch another one.

In 1980, the hostage crisis — 52 Americans seized at the US embassy in Tehran the year before during Iran’s Islamic Revolution — dominated the presidential race between incumbent Jimmy Carter and challenger Ronald Reagan.

Reagan’s campaign manager Bill Casey, assuming Iran would dread his hawkish boss’ victory, worried that Iran might release the hostages right before Election Day — and hand Carter a last-minute win.

Seeking to short-circuit what he dubbed an “October surprise,” Casey told the press of his concern, and the phrase stuck.

Today it’s used for any late-breaking event timed to swing an election.

But Casey was wrong: Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had his own reasons to want Carter defeated.

Carter had admitted the hated Shah to the United States, making him the face of Washington's decades-long support for the monarchy; Carter had frozen Iranian assets, imposed sanctions and broken diplomatic relations with Tehran.

In Khomeini's eyes, humiliating Carter and denying him the political triumph of the hostages' homecoming served the Islamic Revolution's interests.

He held the hostages through Election Day and beyond, releasing them within minutes of Reagan's inauguration on Jan. 20, 1981 — extraordinary timing that fueled allegations of a secret Reagan-Iran deal, which exhaustive congressional investigations eventually debunked.

By letting the hostages dangle, Khomeini successfully manipulated American politics.

We may soon face another Iranian ploy aimed at leveraging foreign elections to weaken the regime's enemies.

Israel's election is scheduled for Oct. 27; the US midterms are Nov. 3, exactly one week later.

That makes the end of October a potentially dangerous window for regime mischief.

Tehran could attack Israel directly or engineer a serious escalation through one of its terror proxies — calculating that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, days before an election, would have little choice but to respond forcefully.

Imagine a ballistic missile barrage, massive enough to overwhelm Israeli defenses, killing scores of civilians in Tel Aviv or Haifa.

Or an Iranian terrorist proxy carrying out a mass-casualty attack against an Israeli population center.

The precise scenario is unknowable, but the calculation is not: Inflict enough carnage that no Israeli prime minister could allow it to go unanswered.

But Tehran would be counting on that response.

A powerful Israeli retaliation could trigger a broader regional escalation, drive the Iran war to the top of the news, spike oil and gasoline prices, and create serious political and economic complications for President Donald Trump and Republicans fighting to retain the House and Senate just days later.

In the regime's ideal scenario, Tehran would absorb the Israeli blow, play the victim, and wait to see if Republicans lose.

If they do, Iran gets exactly the narrative it wants: Israel helped cost Republicans Congress.

Tehran could then exploit the ensuing recriminations to deepen divisions between Washington and Jerusalem, counting on American critics of Israel, on both the right and the left, to hammer home that message.

That makes the days immediately preceding the Israeli election a particularly attractive window for an Iranian provocation.

We should be thinking about this now — because there's little doubt Tehran is already doing so.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps knows our political system well; it studies our divisions and looks for opportunities to exploit them.

The Treasury Department sanctioned IRGC-linked entities in 2020 and again in 2024 for using disinformation and hacked material to interfere in US elections.

Countering an October surprise — whether this scenario or others — requires close US-Israel coordination over the next two months to war-game the possibilities.

American and Israeli political, military and intelligence officials should agree on potential responses before missiles are flying, emotions are high, oil prices are spiking, poll numbers are dropping and both governments are working at cross-purposes — straight into the Islamic Republic's trap .

One option should at least be considered: Revenge may be a dish better served cold.

If Iran launches an attack deliberately designed to provoke Israel before the elections, Israel could defend itself, absorb what it can, establish Iranian responsibility, and wait — until after both elections — to retaliate at a time of its choosing.

But Trump would need to give Netanyahu the political cover necessary not to respond immediately, and a commitment that the IDF could act after the midterms.

Trump could also make clear publicly, well before October, that Washington is aware of the potential regime trick, saying that an election-season provocation will fail to divide the United States and Israel, and retaliation will inevitably follow.

Forty-six years ago, an ayatollah exploited an American election and helped hobble a sitting American president.

The current ayatollah should not be allowed to run the same playbook on this one.



An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled “Hating Israel Fatigue” was posted at amgreatness.com on Aug. 18, 2026.

Hamas or Israeli Values?

Israel dominates the daily news in this 2026 midterm election year—almost always in a boring, fatiguing, negative light. Tens of thousands of innocents may be slaughtered, ethnically cleansed, butchered, and tortured by the world’s dictators, yet an overwhelming and obsessive abhorrence is reserved for tiny, democratic Israel.

Such perverse asymmetry is strange, since, at least privately, most Americans would concede that of the 18 Middle Eastern nations, only Israel is a genuine consensual democracy.

As far as tolerance goes, in the entire region, only in Israel is it legal to criticize political or religious figures. Only there can one choose to adopt an openly gay or trans lifestyle. Only there can an apostate renounce one’s religion or urge others to do the same. And only there can Christians establish a new church almost anywhere they choose.

Some of Israel’s fiercest feminist critics who wear miniskirts and halter tops, some of its most severe gay opponents, and some of its more virulent trans adversaries would in all likelihood be summarily arrested in most Middle Eastern countries if they dared to speak, act, or wear clothes as they do in the West—except, of course, in democratic and free Israel.

In terms of protest, scream publicly in Tel Aviv, “I no longer believe in the Jewish faith, and I hate the current government of Israel”—and there is little chance of being arrested.

Chant the same publicly in any Muslim country in the Middle East—“I no longer believe in Islam, and I hate our current government”—and the loud critic would be either jailed or beaten by a street mob or worse.

The New, Old Hatred

On the Left—whether that is defined as the ossifying Democratic Party or the ascendant Democratic Socialists of America, or both—it is now a general rule that no candidate can win a primary election in a blue state if the candidate is on record supporting Israel.

In practice, no Jewish American can now be nominated on any national Democratic Party ticket.

Once extreme but now mainstream Democratic candidates, officeholders, and influencers, from Reps. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) and Ilhan Omar (D-MN) to New York mayor Zohran Mamdani and podcaster Hasan Piker, call for the virtual end of Israel as we currently know it. Most Democrat candidates prefer to be seen on the stump with the antisemitic, America-trashing Hasan Piker rather than with their own Senate Minority Leader, Senator Chuck Schumer.

On campuses, left-wing students, along with foreign student visitors from the Middle East, openly cheered on the Hamas massacre of 1,200 civilians and soldiers (including 46 Americans) on October 7, 2023.

Some 80 percent of the once pro-Israel Democrats now view Israel unfavorably. Their hatred explains why once strong nationwide support for Israel has fallen from about 80 percent to 60 percent.

On the extreme Right, not a day goes without podcasters Tucker Carlson, Nick Fuentes, or Candace Owens charging Israel and its supporters with some nefarious conspiracies, from secretly directing U.S. policy in the Middle East and suppressing the Epstein files, to orchestrating the assassination of Charlie Kirk and having advanced knowledge of, or at least a hand in, the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Now orphaned, but once hyper-MAGA, politicians like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Joe Kent, and Thomas Massie blame much of their own estrangement from the Trump administration and their now inert political careers on the influence of Jewish money and pro-Zionist Jews.

On examination, their accusations make no sense. But they do reveal a sudden recrudescence of a reductionist and ancient hatred.

Irrational, Unhinged Venom

Is America really a captive of Jewish influence?

Since its founding, Israel has contributed about \$300 million, adjusted for inflation, to U.S. universities and nonprofits.

In contrast, the Gulf states alone have given more than \$12 billion.

Our chief rival, a hostile China, has donated more than \$6 billion. Yet somehow Israel is accused of buying and leveraging U.S. institutions.

Members and close associates of the Bush, Biden, and Trump families have partnered in lucrative investments with rich Gulf-state entities. Yet we hear that pro-Israel American lobbying groups like AIPAC—whose money comes exclusively from American citizens or residents—pose an existential threat to the U.S.

Since the beginning of the Ukraine War in February 2022, the U.S. has sent Ukraine nearly \$200 billion in aggregate military and economic aid.

That sum is about 10 times the amount given to Israel in the same period, during which Israel was likewise at war. In that same timeframe, Israeli cities were targeted by more than 30,000 drones and missiles launched from terrorist entities in Iran, Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza, and Yemen.

Characteristic of the current revulsion toward Israel and its supporters, Jews especially, is a barrage of untrue, selective, and hypocritical charges.

Israel is accused of “genocide” for waging war against Gaza, from which the October 7 massacre was launched, and killing tens of thousands of civilians—according to Hamas’s manipulated figures.

What is conveniently left out of those numbers.

1. Israel counters that some 20,000 or more of the fatalities were Hamas fighters, with thousands more abettors.
2. The total death figures are supplied to Western authorities solely by Hamas, a designated terrorist organization or its prejudicial UN affiliates.
3. Hamas deliberately uses its own civilians as shields, both above ground and in its massive billion-dollar tunnel labyrinth, paid for by misappropriated aid funding from naive Western groups and a corrupt UN.

The tunnels’ entries and exits were located, by design, beneath hospitals, schools, and mosques. That choice was itself a damning indictment: Hamas expected Israel to be far more careful to avoid collateral damage to Gazan civilians than Hamas itself, which deliberately put them in the line of fire to save its own fighters.

Hamas’s logic was clear: the Israelis may spare us because they value Gazan lives more than we terrorists do, who use them as human shields.

Selective Venom

Hating Israel is a selective syndrome.

Israel’s critics conveniently ignore the genocidal efforts of Islamic terrorists in Nigeria who have killed thousands of innocents.

Did any of our protesting students cite the genocidal former Somali dictatorship of Siad Barre, which killed more than 200,000 fellow Muslim Somalis?

Do they remember the murder of 3,000 Americans on September 11 by the Islamists of al-Qaeda?

Did the protesters at Stanford, Harvard, or Columbia ever blast the Sudanese Islamic killers who butchered more than 60,000?

Unlike the IDF, Turkey, a fierce critic of Israel, never phoned or texted Kurdish civilian apartment dwellers or small villages during its urban anti-insurgent operations, urging them to evacuate before the terrorists hiding among them were targeted.

John Spencer, Chair of Urban Warfare Studies at West Point's Modern War Institute, has found that in urban combat operations the combatant-to-civilian fatality ratio in Gaza runs between 1:1 and 1:2—far lower than the 1:9 ratio used by the UN.

Scholars have noted that the U.S. bombing campaigns against Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan in World War II—campaigns that by early 1945 were destroying the Axis wartime economies and shortening the war—as well as the bombing of urban areas in North Korea and Vietnam, killed far more civilians.

We should remember that more than 2,000 Gazan civilians enthusiastically joined the October 7 murderers, drawn by the gleeful news of easy opportunities to kill, rape, and steal from mostly unarmed Israeli women and children.

When Israeli hostages were bound and brought back to Gaza, even the Hamas terrorists had to protect their captives from Gazan civilian mobs who, in a bloodthirsty frenzy, tried to dismember them in the street.

Hypocrisies and Libels

Many other countries and peoples far better fit the left-wing/Islamist slur “settler colonialists” or “apartheidists” than do Israelis, who can claim that Jews have lived in their present-day homeland for at least 3,500 years.

In the parlance of the current Left, Arab Muslims “stole” their present homelands in the Middle East and North Africa from Romans and Greeks, who had predated them by some 800 years.

No one dares call President Xi of Communist China a “settler colonialist” for absorbing and colonizing Tibet after World War II.

- Is China an “apartheid state” for putting a million Muslim Uyghurs in veritable concentration camps?
- What about Qatar?
- Should not such an “apartheid” nation be condemned on American campuses for ordering Christians to worship only in a few officially registered Christian churches, physically segregated and confined to a single, patrolled government enclave, Mesaimeer?
- Who are the real apartheidists of Uganda—the hyper-rich Indian colonial overclass that chooses to cluster and segregate in upscale, separate neighborhoods, or the Ugandan majority who likely prefers they do?

No one accuses Zohran Mamdani (who promises to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a “war criminal” if he sets foot in New York City) of being a late-arriving “settler colonialist” from Uganda, part of the “one-percenter” Indian community that somehow still controls 60–65 percent of that nation’s wealth.

- As for the charge of “war criminal,” why does Mamdani not arrest any of Iran’s UN delegation who venture to New York, given that their government butchered more than 40,000 of its own citizens as recently as a few months ago? Does he define “war criminals” as Jews only?
- Would Mamdani have arrested Rep. Ilhan Omar’s own late father, a former Somali colonel in the genocidal Siad Barre military?

Remember, he fled to the United States to escape the revenge of his victims and to find sanctuary for his family in Minnesota.

As for “occupied lands” and “ethnic cleansing,” those charges better fit Azerbaijan, which just ethnically cleansed 150,000 Armenians.

- Does Harvard protest that atrocity, or Vladimir Putin’s rounding up of people from Russia’s own ethnic minority regions in Siberia to be wiped out and used as cannon fodder in Ukraine?
- Does Muslim Turkey get a pass for ethnically cleansing northern Cyprus of its ancient and indigenous Greek population and sending “settler colonialists” from Turkey to replace them?
- Is tiny European Denmark a “colonialist” power for owning the underdeveloped, impoverished, vast, and far-distant North American territory of Greenland?
- Are socialist Spain and its neo-communist prime minister Pedro Sánchez “settler colonialists” for retaining by force Spanish colonial enclaves on the Moroccan coast?

True and False Middle Eastern Friends

Survey the Middle East as allies—and weep.

- One cannot find a single country that is more pro-American or pro-Western than Israel.
- Iran has been a terrorist monstrosity for half a century; it has killed thousands of Americans with shaped charges in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Syria was run by a genocidal Assad-kleptocratic regime for decades.
- Qatar hosts the rabid anti-American propaganda organ Al Jazeera that hosted all sorts of anti-American terrorists.
- Fifteen of the 19 9/11 hijackers were Saudi Arabian.
- Our “ally” Turkey cannot be trusted with American weapons, still less with American nuclear weapons, for fear it will share our technology with Russia, Iran, or China.
- American diplomats have been butchered in Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, and Sudan.
- We have waged war against Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya.
- The USS Cole was nearly sunk in Yemen, which continues to fire missiles at American ships.
- Pakistan sheltered a mass murderer: Osama bin Laden.

And on and on.

The United States and Europe have suffered more than 200 major terrorist attacks from Muslim jihadists, both as immigrants and foreign residents, often with support from radical Islamists in the Middle East.

So it seems surreal to turn instead on our only time-tested ally, Israel. The new tolerance for hating Jews explains why they are now targets for more than 50 percent of all hate crimes reported in Mamdani’s New York. Armed guards now protect most synagogues in America from antisemitic terrorists, who turn out most often to be Muslim residents who, or whose forebears, originally stem from the Middle East.

American tourists were kidnapped in Egypt’s Sinai, while American oil-company employees were murdered in Algeria.

After 9/11, few American tourists felt safe in the Middle East. But none feared Israeli or Jewish terrorists.

The October 7 Hatred Surge

Three recent chapters in the long history of antisemitism remain inexplicable.

- First, hatred of Jews and Israel peaked immediately after the greatest single-day slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust—weeks before Israel entered Gaza, and only after Hamas refused to surrender the masterminds of the slaughter or the 251 hostages. The Jewish crime, apparently, was being so easily murdered by Hamas.

The clearest sign of that Pavlovian hatred was the jubilation on the far Left and among Islamists—and the strange new alliance these seemingly disparate groups were already forming—over the ease with which so many mostly unarmed Jewish civilians had been butchered and the prospect of even more killing to follow.

The ghoulish celebrants were not concerned about mass murder, torture, or mutilation of the women, children, and elderly. Instead, they grew ecstatic at the prospect of still more medievalism and blood to come.

Hamas, the darling of American campuses and Muslim communities, issued Arabic-to-Hebrew phrase books to the invaders with instructions for the rapist-killers on how to say in Hebrew, “Take off your pants,” “Take off your clothes,” “Raise your hands and spread your legs.”

- Second, none of the Israel-haters ever offers any alternative course that the Israelis should have taken to retrieve the hostages and punish the murderers.

Much less do they imagine what other nations might have done—the United States, France, or the United Kingdom—had terrorists conducted such a mass slaughter at numbers proportional to their far larger populations.

I doubt any other nation would have petitioned the beloved International Criminal Court to bring the Hamas killers to justice.

Its chief prosecutor, the Israel-hating Karim Khan, refused even to examine Israeli evidence and instead rushed to condemn Prime Minister Netanyahu as an international war criminal.

Perhaps Khan’s hatred of Israel was aimed at hiding the fact that the now-fired Khan was being accused by his own legal team of sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. Who will police the police? Will Mayor Mamdani arrest the ICC predator if he lands at JFK Airport in New York City?

- Third, when 6,000 Hamas terrorists and Gazan “civilians” invaded Israel, it was during an agreed-on peace. Indeed, take away October 7, and Israel would never have entered Gaza; indeed, even after the slaughter that took place on that day, Israeli officers dreaded walking into such a subterranean ambush. And prior to the mass murder, it was Israel, not the Muslim nation and adjacent Arab neighbor Egypt, that had supplied almost all of Gaza’s water, electricity, fuels, and telecommunications.

For years Israel had invited 20,000 Gazans to work inside Israel at two to three times the wages available in Gaza. Gaza itself had been “ethnically cleansed” of all Jews in 2005 by the Israeli government under then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who was generally considered a “hawk.” Any valuable infrastructure they left behind was immediately looted and destroyed. After the departure of all the Jews from Gaza, the grifting Hamas government shook down roughly \$20 billion of the more than \$40 billion in international aid given to the Palestinians in general.

Had Hamas simply sought to create a multiparty democracy, held regular elections, created a bill of rights, and adopted a Western economy, it would have garnered hundreds of billions of dollars more in foreign investment. And its privileged seaside location could have made it the next tourist hub like the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, or Oman.

Instead, the nihilist Hamas preferred to make Gaza an impoverished, violent, and pariah terrorist enclave, to rip off its own people, and to expose Gazan civilians to death on a regular basis to save its fighters’ skins and further its fanatical cause.

Hamas was never dedicated to bettering the daily lives of its own population, developing Gaza’s Mediterranean coastline or putting its enormous foreign aid to productive use. Instead, it had only a single homicidal agenda: to kill as many Jews as possible and to destroy the state of Israel.

Hating Israel while championing Hamas and its thousands of terrorist killers is a referendum not on Israel and its supporters, but a window into the mind of a sick, sick West—and an even sicker Middle East.



An article by Kathleen Brush titled “Dividing America on Race: Russia’s Enduring Geopolitical Strategy” was posted at americanthinker.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

American racism has long been described as a domestic moral and political problem. It is also a national-security vulnerability. Foreign adversaries, above all Russia, have repeatedly sought to amplify racial divisions as a geopolitical weapon to weaken the United States. This isn’t new; it’s been ongoing since the early 20th century.

After the First World War, Vladimir Lenin knew that Soviet Russia lacked the military and economic strength to directly confront the up-and-coming global power—the United States. The Soviets turned to a low-cost option: leveraging propaganda to target a very visible internal fracture—racism.

The Soviets knew little about American racism. To succeed, they needed boots on the ground. Through the Communist International (Comintern), Soviet agents cultivated African American intellectuals and activists, like Cyril Briggs and Langston Hughes, both blacks who lived under Jim Crow.

These “Race Travelers” were brought to the USSR, given privileged treatment, and instructed in a specific “whiteness” narrative: White American capitalists would never permit genuine black equality because a permanent underclass was essential to the capitalist system. Capitalism, they were told, relied on racism, unlike racist-free, egalitarian Soviet communism. Peaceful reform of capitalism was impossible; only violent upheaval could produce change.

The strategy was brilliant. Blacks were justifiably angered at inequality and racism in America and desirous of a racist-free system. This made them receptive to Soviet propaganda and eager to facilitate the allegedly racist-free communism in America.

Travelers like Briggs, Hughes, and Paul Robeson used their platforms to advance Soviet framing. Cyril Briggs formed the African Blood Brotherhood, an Afro-Marxist organization instructing its members in violent protest. Sponsored by a Communist Party of America (CPUSA) front organization, Robeson co-authored with W.E.B. Du Bois the 1951 UN-presented petition We Charge Genocide, which echoed Soviet talking points. Soviet media amplified this as evidence of American hypocrisy.

Hughes’ poems and pamphlets contrasted racist America with praise for the racist-free Soviet Union, even though he personally knew this was untrue.

The Red Scare, followed by McCarthyism, motivated the Soviet Union to work through the financially supported CPUSA to identify and promote racial travesties of justice. The Scottsboro Boys and the murder of Emmett Till were turned into durable, global propaganda events.

In America, the theme was whiteness, while for the world, it was capitalism and worker repression. Communists were portrayed as champions of black civil rights even though the Soviets relied on blacks remaining a subordinated and segregated population.

A lot rode on this strategy besides weakening America. The Soviets couldn’t glorify communism’s superiority without casting America as an immoral, racist capitalist. The Soviet Union had engaged in genocides, ethnic cleansings, and torture. It constantly needed to deflect attention from its human rights abuses.

When America confronted the Soviet Union over its human rights abuses, the latter shut down criticism with whataboutism: “and you lynch negroes.” The Soviets knew the guilt Americans felt over their history of slavery, and Jim Crow could inflame white remorse while deflecting from Soviet atrocities.

Martin Luther King’s (MLK) peaceful approach and calls for integration with whites made him the Soviets’ enemy number one. Uniquely, MLK was a target of both the KGB and the CIA.

After MLK’s death, the Soviets attempted to create a full-blown race war to reverse the achievements of the Civil Rights Movement and prove the futility of peaceful protests. To do this, they amplified tensions between Jews and blacks. This overlapped with another geopolitical strategy to have the world reject Israel as a racist state denying Palestinian statehood. Both tactics required Jews to be portrayed as racists, fascists, and imperialists.

The Civil Rights Movement, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 directly challenged the whiteness narrative by demonstrating that American institutions could change and a majority of Americans were willing to confront the country’s racial past. This message was deadly to the Soviet claim that capitalism made America irredeemably racist.

They adapted and turned these milestones to their advantage. Legislation was mocked as window dressing to placate blacks while propaganda highlighted that racism continued, thereby “proving” that America was immutably racist.

The Soviets also modified their strategy. The Democrat party was evidently forging an electoral alliance with black voters. Partisan talking points framed Democrats as the anti-racist, working-class party, and Republicans as a party of the racist, capitalist bourgeoisie.

Now the Soviets amplified racial and partisan divisions simultaneously, weakening America along two mutually reinforcing fault lines.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, it was clear that, after 70 years of Soviet and CPUSA propaganda, combined with the media’s obsessive coverage of discriminatory hiring, rising black incarceration, and police brutality, the whiteness narrative had been accepted by many Americans. Reports of black progress were dismissed as white noise. Attempts to update the narrative were complicated by American “whiteness” academics amplifying Marxist and Soviet-aligned talking points, including those found in writings from Du Bois, Robeson, and Hughes.

Publications by professor and the Marxist Noel Ignatiev presented white people as committed to maintaining racial and economic hegemony. Harvard professor Derrick Bell co-authored Critical Race Theory, which sees everything in America through the prism of race or a lens of whiteness.

Academics advancing whiteness-related concepts quickly gained an institutional foothold, and some, like Ibram Kendi, Robyn DiAngelo, and Ben Crump, parlayed these ideas into bestsellers. Crump's book *Open Season*, like Robeson and Du Bois' *We Charge Genocide*, accuses America of genocide against blacks. Anyone presenting alternative views could find themselves publicly discredited.

Meanwhile, unvalidated theories and assertions by whiteness academics provided cover to "civil rights" leaders, like Al Sharpton, and media figures echoing Soviet-styled scripts: identify racial travesties of justice and appeal to white guilt by reminding Americans of their history of slavery and Jim Crow. One change, however, was necessary because the demand for racial travesties had exceeded supply. Travesties were embellished, racial hoaxes proliferated, and complex racial disparities were turned into simple morality plays of profit-driven white oppressors and black victims.

The Russians had taken a whiteness siesta after the Soviet collapse. Upon awakening, they could admire, through the protests and riots surrounding the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, and George Floyd, that their legacy lived on and even lurched further left.

Americans were building campaigns to reinforce whiteness, repackaged as systemic racism, trying to revise American history to implant whiteness, and framing left-wing violence as a legitimate form of political expression.

American innovations in social media gave the pervasive racism narrative greater reach, including back to America's adversaries, and permitted the global framing of racial progress in America as illusory and racial conflict as permanent. The Russians adapted again. They leveraged troll farms to seize the momentum and supercharge divisions by playing both sides: black and white, and Democrat and Republican.

In the 2020s, black American were the most educated and wealthy black population in the world. Despite undeniable progress, large shares of the public continued to believe that racism remained as pervasive as ever.

Did Russian and foreign interference influence this perception? Of course, but America's racist history, in combination with activists, politicians, and the media downplaying black progress and successes, as well as the cultural, behavioral, family, and policy factors that shape outcomes, was also very influential.

Understanding the foreign role in the enduring and proliferating whiteness narrative in America is not about denying real injustices or principled civil rights activism. It's about examining the fingerprints of sustained external influence designed to prevent healing and keep American racial conflict salient. The ghosts of Soviet strategy have haunted American race relations long enough.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Iran war – general news

- An article by Staff titled “Iran Warns of ‘Devastating’ Response to US Sanctions as America Prepares for New Phase of War” was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 21, 2026.
- An article by Amir Bohbot titled “Chance of Iran War Expansion Dropped After Trump Declared Economic Warfare; Officials Say [Some Say Trump’s Decision to Impose Another Harsh Package of Economic Sanctions Is Intended to ‘Buy Time’ Until After the US Midterm Elections]” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.
- An article by Jack Phillips titled “Iran Vows Devastating Responses Amid Talk of New US Sanctions” was posted at theepochtimes.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

The Strait of Hormuz

- A video titled “Despite Its Claims, Iran Has Lost Significant Control of Strait of Hormuz” was posted at youtube.com on Aug. 19, 2026.
- An article by Ronny Reyes titled “US Quietly Guides Millions of Barrels of Oil Through Strait of Hormuz in Stealth Operation” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 19, 2026.
- An article by Spencer Kimball titled “U.S. Military Says It Aided Passage of 660 Million Barrels of Oil Through Strait of Hormuz Since May” was posted at cnbc.com on Aug. 21, 2026.
- An article by Lisa Friedman titled “Spike in ‘Dark’ Oil Tankers in Gulf Raises Risk of Catastrophic Spills” was posted at nytimes.com on Aug. 21, 2025.
- An article by Zaid Sabah and Zsombor Peter titled “Trump Says He Views Strait of Hormuz as ‘American Territory’ ” was posted at aljazeera.com on Aug. 22, 2026.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Yevgen Korniyshuk titled “Ukraine and Israel Are Fighting Different Wars, but Face the Same Dangerous Reality” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

Remembering October 7

- An article by Staff titled “Rachel Goldberg-Polin (Mother of Murdered October 7 Hostage) Represents Victims of Terrorism at UN” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

Drones

- An article by Amir Bohbot titled “Chinese-Made Drones Could Expose Israeli Soldiers’ Locations; IDF Officials Warn” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.
- An article by Anna Ahraonheim titled “XTEND’s US-Made X-Strike Enters Pentagon’s Drone Dominance Program” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

Israel settlement plan

- An article by Ariella Roitman titled “International Contention Continues as 8 More Countries Condemn Israel’s E1 Settlement Plan” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

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Anti-Semitism – international

- An article by Alex Carson titled “ ‘This Shall Not Stand’: Jewish, Interfaith Leaders Protest Anti-Semitism at Rally [in Midtown Manhattan]” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.
- An article by Juan Melamed titled “Argentina Removes Federal Judge Over Anti-Semitic Remarks in Historic First” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 21, 2026.

Articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Staff titled “ ‘We Will Tear You to Pieces’: Indian General Warns Erdogan About Pact With Saudi Arabia, Pakistan” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

- An article by Staff titled “US Planning to Block Abbas From Addressing UN Next Month; Sources Tell ‘Post’ ” was posted at jpost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

Comments about China and Taiwan

- An article by Francis Kapper titled “Taiwan Unveils Record Defense Budget as China Threat Grows” was posted at dailycaller.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

Earthquake – in Columbia

- An article by Staff titled “Search Teams Comb Rubble in Colombia Nearly a Week After Quake – as Aid Effort Expands” was posted at newsmax.com on Aug. 16, 2026.

Earthquake – in Indonesia

- An article by Nicholas Ballasy titled “At Least 47 People in Indonesia Killed After Magnitude 7.7 Earthquake” was posted at justthenews.com on Aug. 15, 2026.

International news – miscellaneous

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\$40 trillion debt

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Socialism – Democrats favor it

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Socialist candidates

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Notice the obvious – elites in the Democrat party have chosen their candidates since 2016

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In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside.

In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents to Joe Biden to step aside.

In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw.

In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote.

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Eric Swalwell – people covered for him until they turned on him in a hurry

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- An article by Jessica Piper titled “Gas Prices Were a Staple of GOP Ads in 2024 – Now, It’s Democrats’ Turn” was posted at politico.com on Aug. 19, 2026.

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- An article by Pierce Sharpe titled “Outrage as Los Angeles Voters Shut Out of Mayoral Debate Livestream: ‘Insane’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 19, 2026.
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Our Founders spoke of inalienable rights – gifts from God, not permissions granted by men. They believed that all humans possess inherent natural rights, which can neither be granted by nor canceled by men. While they sought to protect certain rights in the Constitution’s Bill of Rights, they acknowledged that it was an incomplete list.

At the insistence of Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, the Ninth Amendment was included to protect those rights not specifically mentioned in the Constitution.

“The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

They weren’t talking about a right to universal health insurance, nor a right to a livable wage. They were talking about things which all humans know in our hearts to be true -- such as the right of parents to oversee the welfare of their children.

Parental dominion over our children is an unenumerated right, which has been universally accepted since Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel. It supersedes the following.

- The right of school boards to force transexual ideology on our children.
- The power of medical science to enforce unproven vaccine schedules.
- The authority of judges to stipulate what a man or woman is.

Christians use the term “Heavenly Father” as an expression of God’s parental dominion over us.

But what defines a parent?

Is parenthood established by bloodline, legal decree, or something else entirely?

That is a question which the Baby Gabriel case demands we grapple with.

Baby Gabriel is a boy who was born in Texas on August 22, 2026. But his journey to the delivery room, was anything but conventional.

In September of 2025, a California couple, Nausheen Gilkar and Omar Ahmed, entered into a surrogacy arrangement with an Alaskan nurse named McKenna West. She was to carry their fertilized embryo and bear their child.

Unfortunately, the unborn baby boy, whom West named Gabriel, was diagnosed with a serious but treatable heart defect, a few months before his expected birth. Gilkar and Ahmed, the genetic parents, exercised a clause in the surrogacy contract, and demanded that West travel to Seattle to undergo a complex late-term abortion.

West offered to keep the baby herself, rather than have him terminated, but the biological parents refused. The “my body my choice” zealots remain curiously silent on the matter.

Choosing life over death by dismemberment for Baby Gabriel, Ms. West traveled to Texas, which offers legal protections for the unborn. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton took legal steps to ensure that Texas hospitals understood their obligation to provide lifesaving care to Gabriel – both before and after his birth.

Now that Gabriel has been born, his future is in the hands of the legal rather than medical system.

- Gilkar and Ahmed have sued in a Texas court for full custody.
- A court has granted Gilkar and Ahmed a temporary restraining order, giving them decision-making authority for Gabriel.

- West offered to relinquish her claim on Gabriel if Gilkar and Ahmed would agree to authorize the lifesaving surgery.
- Gilkar and Ahmed have refused to say whether they will authorize lifesaving or merely palliative care.
- Attorney General Paxton has asked for a hearing, to request a court-appointed guardian for Gabriel.

The legal battle over Gabriel parallels the story of King Solomon's judgment.

According to 1 Kings 3:16–28 in the Bible, at around 950 years B.C., two women in Israel gave birth on the same day in the same place. One baby lived, but sadly, the other perished. The mother of the deceased child claimed there had been a mix-up, and that the thriving child was actually hers.

Given that this was about three millennia before DNA tests enabled Maury Povich to televise parental reveals, the matter was referred to King Solomon for adjudication.

Solomon, having far more wisdom than at least three of our nine Supreme Court justices, requested his sword and ordered the baby cut in half to resolve the dispute. It would be a win/win for everybody – everybody, that is, except the baby. But one woman fell to her knees and begged the King to spare the baby, offering to let the other woman have the entire living child. The wise King knew that the woman placing the baby's welfare above her own desires, was the rightful mother, and awarded custody to her.

King Solomon's decision is universally accepted as an example of profound wisdom. But what were his criteria for making the decision? It wasn't based on bloodline, legal reasoning, or who bore the child. It was based on who loved the child more than herself – and his decision feels right to us.

As an adopted child myself, I have experienced King Solomon's wisdom. My parents are the couple who nurtured me, guided me, and occasionally held me accountable. They always placed my needs above their own. The man and woman who contributed my DNA, are nothing but happenstance biological players – the bees that pollinated the fruit tree. Parenthood by love feels right to me.

- So, how would King Solomon have adjudicated the matter of a baby named after one of God's angels?
- Would he have granted parenthood to the couple who wished to terminate Gabriel rather than face the imperfections that every parent expects, and the uncertainties that every parent accepts?

- Or would Solomon have granted parenthood to the woman who crossed state lines and faces a future of economic and legal uncertainty, to give Baby Gabriel a chance to live?

I think we know the answer to that question, because it feels right to us. But legal scholars assure us that the courts will reach the opposite decision -- that the genetic parents are the rightful parents of Gabriel. That “what should be” doesn’t comport with “what will be” is why the matter of Baby Gabriel has become a national debate.

Going back to the Bible, what if neither woman standing before King Solomon 3,000 years ago had placed the baby’s welfare above her own?

What if both were willing to let the baby be carved in two, rather than give up her claim?

Who speaks for the unloved -- the countless Gabriels waiting to be carved apart in utero? How many unborn babies have neither a woman nor an Attorney General advocating for them? That is not a rhetorical question. Massachusetts just legalized abortion, up to the minute of birth -- becoming the tenth state legalizing the practice. It’s a procedure which divides a baby into pieces, just as savagely as King Solomon’s sword would have. It’s only legal because it’s done a moment before birth, rather after. That legalizing such a procedure has become cause for celebration should concern all of us.

The angel Gabriel appears four times in the Bible. Each time, as an emissary delivering a message from God. Is God’s messenger visiting us again – this time in the body of a frail newborn baby? Is Gabriel’s message that all children are gifts to be cherished, regardless of the infirmities they bear, or the inconveniences they cause?



An article by Armstrong Williams titled “Why Are So Many Young People Drawn to Communism?” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

Every generation searches for answers. Young people have always challenged the status quo, questioned authority and sought a better future than the one they inherited. That impulse is not only understandable, but it is often essential to a healthy democracy. It is how societies reform, innovate and correct injustice.

Yet one question has resurfaced with increasing frequency on college campuses, social media and in political discourse: Why are some young people embracing communism or openly expressing sympathy for socialist and communist ideas despite the overwhelming historical record of communist governments?

The answer deserves more than slogans or political attacks. It deserves honesty, humility and historical perspective.

Most young people are not attracted to communism because they desire dictatorship or political repression. They are attracted to ideals such as equality, fairness, affordable housing, universal opportunity and a belief that no one should be left behind. Many have grown up during financial crises, rising tuition costs, crushing student debt, unaffordable homes, stagnant wages and widening wealth disparities. They see billionaires becoming wealthier while many working families struggle to pay rent or afford healthcare.

These concerns are real. Ignoring them only pushes young people further toward ideologies that promise sweeping solutions.

But history teaches us that noble intentions and successful outcomes are not always the same thing.

Communism has consistently promised equality. In practice, however, it has often produced concentrated political power rather than shared prosperity. The Soviet Union, Mao's China, Cambodia under Pol Pot, North Korea and other communist regimes did not eliminate injustice. They frequently replaced one form of inequality with another one in which the state held enormous power over individuals, controlled speech, suppressed religion, limited private enterprise, imprisoned political opponents and, in many cases, was responsible for immense human suffering.

These are not partisan talking points. They are historical realities documented across decades of scholarship.

Why, then, do these lessons seem to resonate less with younger generations?

Part of the answer may lie in historical distance. For many young Americans, the Cold War is as distant as World War II was for previous generations. The Berlin Wall exists only in textbooks. Soviet bread lines, Mao's Cultural Revolution and the Cambodian killing fields are not lived memories but instead historical chapters competing for attention in an age dominated by social media and 20-second video clips.

History loses its urgency when it is no longer personal.

There is another factor we should honestly acknowledge. Capitalism itself has not always lived up to its highest ideals. Free markets have created extraordinary innovation, lifted billions worldwide from poverty, and rewarded creativity and entrepreneurship. At the same time, capitalism can produce monopolies, corporate greed, corruption, environmental harm and staggering inequality when ethical standards and effective institutions fail.

Recognizing those shortcomings does not require abandoning free markets. It requires improving them.

The answer to the imperfections of capitalism is not necessarily communism any more than the failures of democracy justify authoritarianism. Free societies possess something centrally planned systems often do not: the ability to reform themselves through open debate, free elections, independent courts, entrepreneurial innovation and a free press.

That ability to self-correct is one of democracy's greatest strengths.

- Our educational institutions also bear responsibility.

Students should not be taught that capitalism is beyond criticism or that communism is beyond examination. They should learn both honestly. They should study the achievements and failures of free-market economies alongside the documented consequences of communist governments. Education should encourage inquiry rather than ideology.

- Parents have a role as well.
- So do faith communities, civic organizations and the media.

Young people need mentors willing to answer difficult questions rather than dismiss them. Condescension rarely changes minds. Conversation often does.

Perhaps the deeper issue extends beyond economics altogether.

- Many young people today are searching for meaning, purpose, belonging and identity.

Political movements often become substitutes for the communities that families, neighborhoods, religious institutions and civic organizations once provided. When people feel isolated, they naturally gravitate toward movements that promise certainty, justice and belonging.

This is not merely a political challenge. It is a cultural one.

Our response should never be to fear young people or ridicule them for asking difficult questions.

- Curiosity is not the enemy of freedom. Ignorance is.

We should encourage rigorous debate, careful reading, historical literacy and intellectual humility. We should welcome disagreement while insisting that every ideology, including our own, be measured against evidence, history and respect for human dignity.

Every generation believes it can build a better society. That aspiration is one of humanity's greatest strengths. But history also reminds us that societies flourish not when government becomes all-powerful but when liberty is protected, opportunity is expanded, institutions remain accountable, and individuals are free to speak, worship, create, disagree and pursue their own dreams.

The challenge before us is not choosing between compassion and freedom. America is strongest when it insists upon both. Justice without liberty risks oppression. Liberty without responsibility risks indifference. A healthy republic demands the wisdom to preserve both.

- The greatest gift we can offer the next generation is not ideological certainty.
- But historical truth
- Moral courage
- The confidence to think critically.

Freedom has always depended not on people who simply accept ideas.

Freedom has depended on citizens doing the following.

- Willing to examine them honestly.
- Question them respectfully.
- And learn from history before repeating it.



An article by Miranda Devine titled “AOC’s Sad Fertility Journey Is the Perfect Example of the Left and Right’s Divide on Children and Family” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 16, 2026.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s very public fertility journey is one of the saddest stories of our time.

The 36-year-old New York democratic socialist congresswoman has been filming herself in livestreams on Instagram all week, injecting her stomach with hormones and narrating her long-shot efforts to extend her fertility by freezing her eggs.

“Usually I keep my private life quite private,” she tells the audience of millions who have watched her videos, “but I have made the decision to start freezing my eggs.”

Good on AOC for acknowledging she wants to be a mother, even if it’s not at the top of her list of priorities.

But she is living out the feminist left's antiquated mythology of "having it all" — updated with the false promise from the increasingly popular egg freezing industry that you can easily outwit Mother Nature.

"Maybe in life you can't have everything," she says. "But here's the secret: You can have a hell of a lot."

AOC is admirably trying to answer the primal maternal urge almost every woman feels, even if they are pressured to deny it.

But she also is single, with The New York Times reporting that she has split from her long-term fiancé and college sweetheart, Riley Roberts.

No guarantee

She also is being touted as a potential presidential candidate in 2028, a startling concept that she has half-jokingly refused to rule out in interviews.

Her dating status is another age-old story. Now she finds herself at 36, still beautiful, considered youthful by the standards of the day, but with ovaries that stubbornly remain in nature's grip. From the age of 35 a woman's fertility falls off a cliff.

AOC is trying to outsmart the process by using hormone injections to force her ovaries to emit six to 10 eggs at once which are then removed and frozen in the uncertain hope that they can be successfully thawed and fertilized when she's ready to become a mother.

It's the same intractably unfair imbalance between the sexes that generations of women have been forced to confront.

For half a century, women have been misled into believing fertility can be controlled. It can be denied, but there is no guarantee that motherhood can be postponed until you are ready.

In the same week that AOC was pumping hormones on Instagram, Karoline Leavitt announced she was leaving her job as White House press secretary to spend more time with her children.

It is the perfect juxtaposition of the increasingly divergent views of motherhood on the right and the left.

Leavitt, at 28, already has two children and has built an enormously successful career with multiple options available when she chooses to step back into the workforce full time. She didn't allow fear of missing out on career prospects daunt her motherhood goals, and that boldness is a mark primarily of conservative women that has led to what the Institute for Family Studies calls "ideological fertility divide."

An IFS study in June of 7,000 Americans ages 18-54 found that, while birthrates have been declining precipitously throughout the United States since the Great Recession, a fertility “gap” has emerged between the American left and right.

Conservatives have more children than liberals do: an average of 1.40 compared to 1.09 children for liberals, the study found.

Of those respondents with no children, 51% are liberals compared to 40% for conservatives.

The divide may have to do with differing attitudes to parenting: whereas 36% of liberals view parenting as “very complicated, difficult, and stressful,” only 24% of conservatives do.

The willing self-sacrifice involved in the maternal impulse is viewed by leftists as some sort of patriarchal construct to enslave women, rather than a joy and the ultimate portal to adult fulfillment.

The leftist constantly bucks against nature, whether it’s denying sex differences or relying on technology to indefinitely postpone motherhood.

Mothers are re-categorized as “chest feeder,” “birthing parent” or simply “bleeders.”

Abortion crazed

We have a Supreme Court justice, Ketanji Brown Jackson, who doesn’t know what a woman is.

Social media is awash with videos of men posing as women who pretend to have period pains or in the case of a transgender Democratic Senate candidate in Maine, Ashley Webb, claiming he experiences a monthly period from his anus.

The left’s acknowledgment of the reality of motherhood is abortion, abortion, abortion, with a smattering of “free” childcare promises sprinkled in.

Abortion for them is the neatest solution and they have managed to transition from the Clinton era’s “safe, legal and rare” to the ghoulish glee of Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey’s ceremony last week to celebrate her signing of a law that allows abortion up to the moment of birth.

The baby boom at the White House suggests conservative women have found an alternative. And it’s not the trad wife/Handmaid’s Tale dystopia the NYT was quick to sneeringly depict.

The Gray Lady noted that Leavitt, second lady Usha Vance and Katie Miller, wife of White House deputy chief of staff Stephen Miller, were all pregnant at the same time and insinuated that their glowing public images were part of some neo-natalist plot by the White House.

The truth is that Donald Trump, a grandfather of 11, loves having babies around the White House.

When she announced her pregnancy, Leavitt thanked Trump and White House chief of staff Susie Wiles “for their support, and for fostering a pro-family environment in the White House.”

Wiles — the first female White House chief of staff and a grandmother — told me on Pod Force One that women can indeed have it all, just not all at once.

“When my children were little, I stayed home because I couldn’t go jetting off to Washington when we lived in Ponte Vedra, Florida,” said Wiles.

“And then when they were grown and out of the house . . . I thought it was time to leave home. . . . And now I’m back.”

She doesn’t gloss over the difficulties of her pioneering trajectory, which included a divorce.

“I did take 11 years pretty much out of this business . . . I didn’t know whether I could or whether this career had passed me by. And it hadn’t. But it’s not the easiest thing to do.”

Wiles goes out of her way to make the Trump White House family friendly.

‘Not one size fits all’

“You can’t be your best at work if you’re worried about your children, worried about your daycare, worried about whether the nanny’s sick on a given day.

“So hopefully we make it as comfortable as the White House can be for young moms, young parents, young dads.”

Conservative women seem to understand better that in a long life, there are “seasons” to careers and child rearing, as independent Women’s Forum CEO Heather Higgins puts it.

“There will be seasons when you focus on one and seasons when you focus on another. But it’s not one size fits all because if you want that kind of society, we might as well have burkas,” Higgins told the PragerU podcast “Real Talk” earlier this month.

“Life is not perfect.”

No it’s not, but that doesn’t mean women should be fearful.

Good luck to AOC. May she find what she is looking for, preferably not the White House.



An article by Miranda Devine titled “Independent Women’s Voice Ad Exposes the DSA’s Gap Between Promise and Reality” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 19, 2026.

Republicans have struggled to articulate the threat of the far-left insurgency engulfing the Democrat party to a generation ignorant of the bloodstained history of Communism.

But by telling a real story, not delivering a lecture, a clever new ad campaign from Independent Women’s Voice has found a way to combat the false lure of the Democratic Socialists of America – especially to women.

In the AI-generated video, “Take Me Back!”, a young woman falls for the DSA slogans of “free” healthcare and housing, “Defund the police!” and “People over profit!”

She wakes up in 2050 to find utopia is not what it’s cracked up to be.

There’s a months-long wait at the hospital, the store shelves are empty, criminals run rampant, and she has no choice about where to live.

The mini-drama ends with her ripping a DSA poster off her bedroom door.

“Socialism is being sold to a new generation with a very shiny coat of paint,” said Heather Higgins, CEO of Independent Women’s Voice, a conservative non-partisan advocacy group focused on women and swing voters.

“But repeating the same warnings louder isn’t going to cut through. We need to be more creative, more surprising, and more willing to meet people outside the traditional language of politics.”

Socialism has been so romanticized that younger voters now are easy dupes for radical left policies repackaged as new solutions to their economic woes.

IWV’s campaign doesn’t mention socialism or attempt a history lesson.

It simply shows the gap between the promise and reality.

Part of a series by IWV, the ad will appear on social media from Thursday, in the hope of inoculating young people against the ideological poison spreading across the country.



An article by Matt Calkins titled “I Quit My 11-Year Job After the Seattle Times Killed My Sophie Cunningham Column – Read It Here” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 20, 2026.

I really wanted the column to run. I didn’t think it would, but I felt obligated to try to get it in.

Toward the end of last month, before the Seattle Storm hosted the Indiana Fever, I spoke to people attending a rally in support of Sophie Cunningham outside Climate Pledge Arena.

The Fever guard had recently taken a stance against biological males competing in women’s/girls sports, and a few dozen folks showed up to express their gratitude for her position.

One of them was 16-year-old Ahnaleigh Wilson, who’d lost to a biological male in a track and field race in eighth grade and was holding a sign reading “Thank You Sophie for Speaking up for Girls!”

I didn’t know if I was going to write something at that point, but after she allegedly got cussed out by a Storm co-owner during the game, I felt like I had to weigh in.

One thing Wilson emphasized to me at the rally was that she wasn’t anti-trans. Another student-athlete named Frances Staudt — who said she’s endured daily verbal abuse after refusing to play against a biological boy in a basketball game — echoed Wilson’s sentiment.

So that was the thesis of my column (which you can read here or below) — that supporting the separation of biological females and males doesn’t automatically make you transphobic, so let’s stop throwing those labels around.

I sent a draft after talking to my editor the morning of Friday, July 31, telling him there was no rush to run it. He told me later that day that he and others were looking at it, but that it wouldn’t be ready for Sunday’s paper.

Monday night, I got an email saying that his boss was hoping to talk to the top two newsroom editors about it on Wednesday. No feedback had been given to me. Thursday afternoon, my editor informed me that it wasn’t going to run because I didn’t tell him I was doing this in advance. I didn’t buy this reasoning. If that were the case, the piece would have been killed on the spot, not passed through the hands of multiple editors over several days.

My response? To resign on the spot.

That may come off as an emotional decision, but it was exactly what I was prepared to do. This, after all, was one of several columns of mine that had been spiked at the Seattle Times.

One was a piece questioning whether players for the US Women's Soccer Team were really the victims of discrimination in their equal-pay lawsuit. Another was a more general column on cancel culture in sports. The last, written shortly after George Floyd's death, implored people to listen to state-champion basketball coach Mike Bethea — a black man urging the public not to stereotype cops. The common theme? All of these challenged prevailing newsroom narratives and likely would have triggered the outrage mob.

I've always thought that it was a columnist's duty to generate discussion on the most hot-button issues. To avoid such topics was to leave the reader shortchanged. I guess in the end, I just didn't feel like I could do my job properly anymore.

Right now, I'm in the tenuous position of trying to defend my resignation without sounding like a malcontent. So let me say — I'm very grateful for the 11 years I had at the Seattle Times. The talent there is immense, and the editors let me have a lot of fun with other stories. I also realize where the brass is coming from. The mob is frightening and does not forget. Lots of seemingly brave souls have submitted once activists got their hooks in them. If I had more people depending on me, perhaps I'd act similarly.

But in thinking about this decision, I kept going back to an Albus Dumbledore line: "We must all face the choice between what is right and what is easy."

To be honest, I'm scared sh—less right now. I have no idea how the next few months or years are going to play out. But that fear beats the indignity of being muzzled.

The plan for now is to keep writing in this space. Maybe that will spawn a new career, or maybe I'll be a dental assistant in two years. I genuinely don't know.

All that's certain is that I'm done holding back. The best things in life are free — speech being at the top of the list.

You can read his full column below:

Some people saw bigotry. I saw bravery.

I saw a teenage girl speaking up on an issue that so many adults shy away from.

About 90 minutes before the Storm played the Fever last Tuesday, 16-year-old Ahnaleigh Wilson stood at a rally outside Climate Pledge Arena wearing an XX-XY Athletics shirt while holding a sign reading "Thank You Sophie For Speaking Up For Girls!" It was a nod to Fever guard

Sophie Cunningham, who has recently come out against trans females competing against biological ones.

There were no slurs hurled. No malice detected. It was just Wilson, an Eastmont High student in East Wenatchee, demonstrating what some have trouble accepting: that agreeing with Cunningham's position does not make you transphobic.

"I don't hate trans people and I have nothing against them," Wilson said. "I just think that girls should have their own sports."

Two things can be true at once. You can show compassion for people who feel trapped in the wrong body while acknowledging they have a biological advantage. After all, why do we separate males and females in sports in the first place?

It's not due to the potential awkwardness of physical contact. It's because men have higher testosterone levels and different skeletal and muscular frames, which together produce significant performance advantages. This isn't something I bring up at dinner parties, but it's undeniable. By every measurable metric in sports — whether it be 100-meter times, vertical leaps, weightlifting, yards off the tee, etc. — the top males substantially outperform the top females.

In short: The separation is strictly for the sake of girls and women. So surely one can see why, to many, allowing biological males to compete against females undermines this division.

Wilson started speaking out after she finished second to a trans athlete in the mile at a Junior Olympics track meet two years ago. Before Tuesday's Storm game, she said that most of the in-person feedback she'd received had been positive — that the real vitriol was online.

Well, all that changed a couple hours later in the arena, where Wilson sat courtside with her "Thank You Sophie" sign in hand.

*During the game, Storm co-owner Celeste Keaton walked over to Wilson, allegedly called her "f***ing insane," added "I hope Jesus can forgive you," and supposedly brought her to tears. This happened after a fan pointed to another Sophie supporter and yelled "garbage! Take the trash out!"*

It's been a category 5 hurricane since, with Keaton receiving a five-game suspension, J.K. Rowling and Cunningham showing Wilson support on X, and pundits from every corner of the internet dissecting the scene.

I suppose I could make this about the WNBA and its steady habit of garnering the wrong kind of attention. But I'd rather stick to the issue of who should be allowed to participate in women's sports. This is what Wilson comes to rallies for — not international drama.

One common counterargument against her and Cunningham's stance is that biological men in women's sports is rare, so why make a fuss?

OK, but if something is wrong, why should it matter how rare it is? Are opponents saying that if the amount of trans athletes reaches a certain number, then we should address it? To me, this is almost a tacit admission that there is, indeed, something unfair occurring.

Plus, how rare is rare? Trans swimmer Lia Thomas won the national title in the women's 500 meters while at Penn. Trans cyclist Veronica Ivy set a world record in the 200 meter sprint for her age group. Trans weightlifter Laurel Hubbard won silver at the 2017 World Championships and in 2020, became the first openly trans person to compete in the Olympics.

Here in Washington, trans track athlete Veronica Garcia, representing East Valley High in Spokane Valley, won the 2025 state title in the 400 meters. In Oregon, McDaniel High's Ada Gallagher won the 2025 state title in the 200 meters. In California, Jurupa Valley High's AB Hernandez won the 2025 state title in the high jump and triple jump. This doesn't mean trans athletes have overtaken women's sports completely, but the list goes beyond the examples above.

Another counter is that trans people are more vulnerable than most, and barring them from sports could be emotionally devastating. I'm not unsympathetic to this. Two points, though. First — who's to say that a biological girl wouldn't also feel distressed if displaced by a trans athlete or forced to share a locker room with a biological male? Second and more importantly, this is about fairness, not feelings. The unfortunate truth with this issue is that someone is going to be disappointed — either the biological female who feels she's unreasonably disadvantaged, or the trans athlete who can't participate. This debate is simply about who it should be.

Come November, Washingtonians can vote on an initiative that, if passed, would preclude biological males from competing against females in school sports. And though one might think this will increase open dialogue on the matter, we all know this is one of the more frightening topics to address.

Even if polling suggests that most of the country sides with Cunningham and Wilson, nobody wants to be called a bigot or a transphobe.

Such attacks are what Tumwater High student Frances Staudt says she endures every day at school. Two Marches ago, Staudt refused to play basketball against a biological male from Shelton for fear of being injured. She added that the biological male's presence in her locker room made her feel uncomfortable. That hasn't spawned much sympathy from certain peers.

"I have people at my school cussing me out. I have people using some pretty awful words toward me as well. I've had people say 'F-You, Frances,' and 'I hope you choke and die,' Staudt said. "But I know ultimately I'm doing the right thing...this whole thing isn't about hate."

So it's not an anti-trans movement? I asked Staudt.

"There's only so many times that I can say that what we are standing up for is not anti-trans," she said. "This is pro-women's sports."

This doesn't mean that there aren't bigoted or transphobic supporters of this position. But what if we withheld these labels until absolutely sure? Most people, I think, want to do what's right. They just have different opinions on what right is.

We saw that at Tuesday's rally, which included protesters who came to denounce the pro-Cunningham event. In one of their hands was a sign that read "No Hate in WA State."

It was supposed to be a shot at the Sophie supporters, but I don't think it landed. Something tells me that Ahnaleigh Wilson saw that and thought "I couldn't agree more."



Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you 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 by 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."