

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).



A Reuters article by Ingrid Malander and Caroline Pailliez titled "Trains, Flights Grounded As Strikes Challenge Macron Across France" was posted at reuters.com on March 21, 2018. Following is the article.

Tens of thousands of nurses, teachers and other public sector workers joined forces to march against French President Emmanuel Macron's reforms on Thursday, causing widespread travel disruption and bringing brief clashes with police in some cities.

While the vast majority of around 180 demonstrations nationwide were peaceful, scuffles erupted between police and hooded young protesters in Paris and the western city of Nantes, where security forces fired tear gas and water cannon.

It was the first time public sector workers, ranging from air-traffic controllers to civil servants, had joined with rail workers and pensioners to protest over the economic reforms Macron has sought to introduce since he took office last May.

"We're here against the government, which is only helping the rich. What this government is doing is simply not OK," said 65-year-old pensioner Françoise Rauch, a former rail worker who said she was also protesting against higher tax on pensions.

About 323,000 public sectors walked off the job, according to the interior ministry. Unions put the figure at 500,000.

In Paris, protesters denounced Macron's proposals to trim some retirement benefits, overhaul unemployment insurance and shake up the highly indebted state-run rail company SNCF, with some chanting: "Together, let's derail Macron!"

But only 13 percent of central government workers walked off the job, down marginally from an October strike, the government said, in a sign that unions may still be struggling to raise the street against the president.

Turnout was much stronger amid railway staff, who halted 60 percent of fast trains and 75 percent of inter-city services, while 30 percent of flights to and from Paris airports were cancelled.

"It's a real mess," said Didier Samba, who missed his morning commuter train to the Paris suburbs and had more than an hour's wait for the next.

Public sector workers are angry with plans to cut the public sector headcount by 120,000 by 2022, including via voluntary redundancies, and oppose the introduction of merit-based pay.

Railway workers are worried by government plans to scrap job-for-life guarantees and automatic annual pay rises.

While rail staff have planned a three-month rolling strike starting on April 3, public sector workers have no plans yet for further action, but they will meet next week to consider it.

About 13.5 percent of teachers walked off the job, the government said, closing many primary schools. Electricity generation dropped by more than three gigawatts, the equivalent of three nuclear reactors' output, as power workers joined the strike in sympathy.

Paradox

Opinion polls show a paradox: a majority of voters back the strike but an even bigger majority back the reforms, including cutting the number of public sector workers and introducing merit-based pay.

That has led the government, which overhauled labour laws last year and is crafting other reforms, to say it will stand by its plans while keeping a close eye on protests.

On Tuesday, following a retirees' march, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said the government would change tack for the poorest 100,000 out of 7 million pensioners concerned by the tax rise, in a sign that a government that prides itself on being firm on reforms can make exceptions.

"What we need to avoid is that all the grievances fuse together, as was the case in 1995," a government official said, referring to France's biggest strike in decades, which forced the government at the time to withdraw reforms.



A Reuters article titled "Indian Airliner Makes History by Flying to Israel Via Saudi Airspace" was posted at reuters.com on March 22, 2018. Following is the article.

Saudi Arabia opened its airspace for the first time to a commercial flight to Israel with the inauguration on Thursday of an Air India route between New Delhi and Tel Aviv.

Air India 139 landed at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport after a flight of over seven and one-half hours, marking a diplomatic shift for Riyadh that Israel says was fueled by shared concern over Iranian influence in the region.

"This is a really historic day that follows two years of very, very intensive work," Israeli Tourism Minister Yariv Levin said in a radio interview, adding that using Saudi airspace cut travel time to India by around two hours and would reduce ticket prices.

Saudi Arabia—birthplace of Islam and home to its holiest shrines—does not recognize Israel.

Riyadh has not formally confirmed granting the Air India plane overflight rights. While the move ended a 70-year-old ban on planes flying to or from Israel through Saudi airspace, there is as yet no indication that it will be applied for any Israeli airline.

The Air India Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner entered Saudi airspace at around 1645 GMT and overflew the kingdom at 40,000 feet for about three hours, coming within 60 km (37 miles) of the capital Riyadh, according to the Flightradar monitoring app. It then crossed over Jordan and the occupied West Bank into Israel.

The airliner had earlier flown over Oman, according to Flightradar. Officials from Oman, which also does not recognize Israel, could not be reached for comment.

Israel's flag carrier El Al, excluded from the Saudi route, says its Indian competitor now has an unfair advantage.

El Al currently flies four times a week to the Indian city of Mumbai. Those flights take around 7 hours and 40 minutes, following a Red Sea route that swings toward Ethiopia to avoid Saudi airspace.

If El Al planes were to fly on to New Delhi, a destination El Al has said it might be interested in, they would require another two hours—and significantly more fuel.

Interviewed on Israel's Army Radio, Levin voiced confidence that El Al would eventually be allowed to use Saudi airspace.

"You know, they said the Saudis wouldn't let any flight pass. So here, the Saudis are permitting it. It is a process, I think. Ultimately this (El Al overflights) will happen too," he said.

Asked if any other foreign airlines might follow Air India by opening routes to Tel Aviv over Saudi Arabia, Levin said he has been in negotiations with Singapore Airlines and a carrier from the Philippines, which he did not name.

"They are certainly showing readiness and desire to fly to Israel, and I don't know if they will also receive permission like the Indian airline," he said.

Singapore Airlines did not immediately reply to a request for comment. Saudi officials could not immediately be reached.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Report: Europe's Youth Abandoning Christianity" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 22, 2018.

■ An article by Kevin Breuninger and Kayla Tausche titled "Trump Slaps China With Tariffs on Up to \$60 Billion in Imports: 'This is the First of Many' " was posted at cnbc.com on March 22, 2018.

■ An article by Nyshka Chandran titled "China Responds to Trump Tariffs With Proposed List of 128 US Products to Target" was posted at cnbc.com on March 22, 2018.



A Reuters article by Jon Herskovitz titled "Texas Serial Bomber Made Video Confession Before Blowing Himself Up: Police" was posted at reuters.com on March 21, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

The serial bomber whose deadly attacks terrorized Austin, Texas, for weeks left a 25-minute video "confession" on a cell phone found after he blew himself up on Wednesday as officers closed in to make an arrest, police said.

Mark Conditt, 23, an unemployed man from the suburb of Pflugerville, detailed how he made all seven bombs that have been accounted for—five that exploded, one that was recovered before it went off and a seventh that he detonated as officers rushed his vehicle early on Wednesday.

Conditt, who had never before been in trouble with the law, killed two people and wounded five with a campaign of violence that began on March 2, authorities said.

Police recovered a "target list" of addresses for future bombings, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing U.S. Representative Michael McCaul of Texas, the Republican chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

Even so, the video gave no explanation for the individuals and addresses singled out as recipients of the bombs that were planted or shipped, Manley said.

Police previously said they had considered the possibility that the attacks were racially motivated, noting that the first several victims, including the two who died, were either African-American or Hispanic.

Conditt likely recorded the video between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Tuesday. According to Manley, Conditt said he believed police “were getting very close to him,” and he was right. Authorities filed a criminal complaint and issued an arrest warrant around that time.

By Wednesday morning, police had tracked Conditt to a hotel and were waiting for the arrival of tactical units and equipment before they planned to make an arrest, Manley said. But then Conditt drove away.

Police followed and decided to stop him before he got on the highway. Just as officers approached the vehicle, the explosion went off, Manley said. There was also some police shooting.

Residents in Austin, a city of 1 million people and a liberal enclave of university students and tech companies, voiced relief that the hunt for the serial bomber was over.

Austin was hosting thousands of out-of-town visitors for its annual South by Southwest festival of music, film and technology when the first bombings occurred.



An article by Morgan Winsor titled “Everything You Need to Know About March for Our Lives” was posted at abcnews.com on March 21, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

■ What is the ‘March for Our Lives’?

Students, teachers, parents and their allies will converge on the nation’s capital this weekend to rally for gun control and school safety measures in the wake of last month’s shooting in a Florida high school.

Thousands of people from across the country are expected to participate in the “March for Our Lives,” organized by students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where a gunman killed 17 people and injured others on Valentine’s Day. The accused shooter, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, was a former student at the school and was armed with an AR-15-style rifle he had legally purchased a year ago, authorities said.

Now, students around the country—using the slogan “Never Again”—are calling on lawmakers to make schools safer and enact tougher gun control laws, such as prohibiting the sale of high-capacity magazines and banning the high-powered, highly lethal assault-style weapons often used in mass shootings.

■ When is the march?

The main “March for Our Lives” event in Washington, D.C., will begin at noon ET on Saturday, more than five weeks after the deadly school shooting.

There have been other events in support of the shooting survivors, including a National School Walkout on March 14 that lasted for 17 minutes to honor those killed a month earlier in Parkland and to protest gun violence across the country.

■ Where is the march?

The main “March for Our Lives” event will take place in Washington, D.C., beginning on Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd Street NW and 12th Street NW.

But there are hundreds of satellite marches, or “sibling marches,” planned for the same day around the world. Each sibling march is an independent, student-led initiative, according to the “March for Our Lives” official website.

There are sibling marches planned in cities including Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, Boston, Ottawa, Buenos Aires, Madrid, Paris, Dublin, London, Berlin, Stockholm, Rome, Tel Aviv, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Sydney, to name just a few.

■ Who’s supporting the event?

Countless people, including a number of celebrities, have voiced their support for the march by announcing their plans to participate or donating to the movement’s main GoFundMe page, which has raised over \$3.3 million. Half of the funds raised via the crowdfunding platform will go toward the March for Our Lives Action Fund, which will cover expenses associated with Saturday’s event in Washington, D.C.

The other half will be given to the victims and their families of the Feb. 14 school shooting via the Broward Education Foundation.

Actor George Clooney and his wife, Amal, a human rights lawyer, gave \$500,000 to “March for Our Lives” and said their family will be at the event in Washington, D.C.

Media mogul Oprah Winfrey announced via Twitter that she will match the Clooneys’ donation.

Many celebrities, including singers Harry Styles, Mariah Carey and Justin Bieber, have also shown their support by signing a petition created by the “March for Our Lives” organizers that calls for action to end gun violence and protect schools.

David Hogg, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, announced on CNN that singers Ariana Grande, Jennifer Hudson, Miley Cyrus and Demi Lovato will be marching alongside him and the other organizers in Washington, D.C.

■ Why are people marching?

The “March for Our Lives” organizers explain on the official website that they support the constitutional right of law-abiding U.S. citizens to bear arms, but the recent surge of mass shootings, particularly at schools, calls for an honest discussion about guns.

So students, teachers and their supporters will take to the streets because they “will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar,” the organizers say.

“Not one more. We cannot allow one more child to be shot at school. We cannot allow one more teacher to make a choice to jump in front of a firing assault rifle to save the lives of students,” the organizers say in their online mission statement.

“In the tragic wake of the seventeen lives brutally cut short in Florida, politicians are telling us that now is not the time to talk about guns. March For Our Lives believes the time is now.”



An article by Geoffrey Dickens titled “Nets: Parkland Anti-Gun Activists Overwhelm Gun-Rights Advocates by 11 to 1” was posted at newsbusters.org on March 22, 2018. Following is the article.

Saturday’s “March for Our Lives” represents the culmination of more than a month of the liberal media’s seemingly endless parade of soundbites and interviews featuring the strident and, at times, vicious anti-gun statements from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students, teachers, parents and their allies in the Democratic Party.

■ Since February 15 (the day after the Parkland, Florida school shooting) through March 19, the Big Three (ABC, CBS and NBC) morning and evening news programs have aired a whopping 69 stories, plus an additional nine interviews, talking about the students’ anti-gun efforts.

■ During that same time, these networks failed to run even a single story mentioning any of the students from the same high school (like Kyle Kashuv) who have openly championed the Second Amendment.

In fact, network stories featuring these students have amounted to uncritical advertising for their anti-gun views, with almost no dissenting opinions allowed.

Looking just at the airtime of soundbites in these stories and interview segments, gun rights opponents received 71.5 minutes, roughly eleven times more coverage than pro-gun rights voices (6.5 minutes).

In other words, the networks framed their post-Parkland coverage around the student-led movement’s liberal agenda, and rarely bothered to introduce competing opinions into these stories.

■ CBS handed over the most amount of time (28 minutes, 8 seconds) to anti-gun rights talking heads and guests. The pro-gun rights side was allowed a mere one minute and 30 seconds on CBS’s evening and morning shows.

■ ABC devoted 22 minutes and 17 seconds to those calling for more gun regulation to three minutes and 31 seconds to gun rights defenders.

■ NBC offered 21 minutes and 8 seconds of airtime to gun control activists to just one minute and 37 seconds to Second Amendment supporters.

Even the nastiest soundbites or statements from anti-gun rights advocates were rarely challenged by the reporters and anchors on ABC's World News Tonight and Good Morning America; CBS Evening News and CBS This Morning; and NBC Nightly News and Today show.

When Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Ryan Deitsch, on the February 22 Good Morning America, attacked Republican Senator Marco Rubio for taking money "from an organization [NRA] that has been known to help in the aiding of killing innocent lives" anchor George Stephanopoulos let the disgusting claim go by unchallenged.

The horrific accusation, like the one made by student Sheryl Acquarola that "the next death on someone with an assault rifle here in Florida is going to be on [Florida Republican legislators]. It's going to be on them and it's going to be their fault," was unchallenged by CBS correspondent Adriana Diaz on the February 21 CBS This Morning.

Mostly reporters and anchors just set up gun rights opponents, like NBC Today co-anchor Savannah Guthrie, when she helped promote the upcoming student march in this March 14 exchange:

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: And, David, how do you keep it going? I mean, I think, today is a big moment. There will be a walkout. You've got the march ten days from now, I think. But how do you, how do you keep the momentum going? Because unfortunately, we've seen this cycle of outrage; in some cases, action; and then, it's back to normal.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS STUDENT DAVID HOGG: The main way that I can see the momentum really continuing is if we had a walkout every 14th, until legislative action is taken in the United States Congress by these politicians that haven't taken action for so long. So that we can stand up as Americans and fight for our lives when no one else will.

However, not all of the Parkland students have been campaigning for more gun control. Stoneman Douglas student Kyle Kashuv, a proud supporter of the Second Amendment who has met with leaders on Capitol Hill and has appeared on Fox News has YET to be seen on any of the Big Three networks.

Apparently, Kashuv's calm demeanor and support for school security measures that don't take away guns from law-abiding Americans doesn't fit in with the networks' gun grabbing narrative.



An editorial by Michelle Malkin titled "Another Fatal FBI Fumble in Florida" was posted at townhall.com on March 21, 2018. Following is the article.

A sickening act of youth violence in Florida glinted across the news headlines last week, and then disappeared from view.

There will be no CNN town halls or student walkouts over the lost life and preventable tragedy, because there are no guns to blame. Only dropped balls.

As the exploiters of crisis know full well, bureaucratic screw-ups don't make good fodder for partisan fundraisers and hipster T-shirts.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed by the Palm Beach County police, 17-year-old Corey Johnson bought a knife last Sunday and brought it with him to a sleepover at longtime friend Kyle Bancroft's house. At 4 a.m., he decided to kill Kyle's mother, Elaine, his brother, Dane, and Dane's friend, Jovanni Sierra Brand.

Johnson repeatedly stabbed Jovanni in his bed and slit his throat. Then he attempted to murder Elaine as she approached the boys' bedrooms in response to Jio's last gasps. Dane rescued his mom and sustained 32 stab wounds.

Both were hospitalized and survived. Jio was buried last Friday—less than a week after celebrating his 13th birthday at a pizza party attended by Johnson.

The accused killer told police he "stabbed the victims because of his Muslim faith," watched videos of "Muslim jihadists" on his cellphone, and "was reading the Quran from his phone just prior to the attack to give him courage to carry out his intentions."

Perhaps he read the Sword Verses for inspiration?

Fort Hood jihadist Nidal Hasan quoted from them in his presentation to classmates and superiors at Walter Reed Medical Center: "I have been commanded to fight the people until they testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah."

Or maybe it was Surah 9:5: "Fight and slay the idolaters wherever ye find them and seize them, confine them, and lie in wait for them in every place of ambush."

Johnson's brutal attack was no bolt out of the blue, no unexpected incidence of sudden jihad syndrome. Local school officials and police in Palm Beach County, along with federal and international law enforcement authorities, had encountered more red flags in their years of dealing with Johnson than at a Communist May Day parade in Havana.

In middle school, Johnson had reportedly stalked a student and sexually harassed her. She told school police. Nothing happened. He dabbled in white supremacy, anti-Semitism and gay-bashing, and then immersed himself in radical Islam—rising at 5 a.m. daily to pray and revere the Syrian flag.

Johnson's online jihad agitation, physical abuse and addiction to ISIS beheading videos prompted his sister in 2016 to confide in a school therapist, who contacted the local sheriff's office.

Johnson's mom, the sister told school officials, was in denial. The sister so feared for her life she slept with a knife under her bed.

Law enforcement officers at the Jupiter Police Department and Palm Beach County Sheriff's office convened at Johnson's high school last January to investigate the self-radicalized teen's contact with ISIS as he sought to join the terror group.

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force became involved after European intelligence counterparts told them Johnson had used Instagram to issue security threats to a Catholic high school in England. The threats "were so severe in nature," local officials discovered, "that up to 100 students were removed from the school fearing some kind of attack."

One of the messages threatened: "By Allah, we will kill every single Infidel student at this school."

Johnson told FBI agents he "was supportive of known terrorist Anwar al Awlaki"—the spiritual patron of lone-wolf jihadists.

The FBI's plan of action? Inaction. The agency watched and waited and wanly admonished Johnson to knock it off because authorities "believed a redirection approach would be the most beneficial regarding his conduct."

"Redirection" is akin to the alternative social justice strategies school officials and police used in Parkland, Florida, before 17 innocent students and teachers died at the hands of teen shooter who was a walking neon sign for a mental health catastrophe.

No referrals, no charges, no records, no problems.

Except for the fact that Johnson ignored the FBI and continued his Islamic instigation online. After nearly a year of foot-dragging, the FBI gathered enough evidence to bring federal charges against Johnson for his social media terror threats.

According to records released by the Jupiter Police Department, local officials were told the charges would be brought in the summer of 2017.

But on the early morning of the jihad stabbings at Palm Beach Gardens last week, the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office had yet to take action on a known radicalized threat who had menaced his family, his schoolmates and innocents abroad.

It's a familiar narrative for the FBI—from the Boston Marathon bombers to the Orlando nightclub shooter to the Fort Lauderdale airport jihadist to the San Bernardino terrorists.

Family members, teachers, neighbors and co-workers saw something and said something. Investigators investigated. But nobody did nuttin' till it was too bloody late.

Nothing to see here; move along.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Not Always Like This" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on March 21, 2018. Following is the article.

One of the unavoidable tragedies of youth is the temptation to think that what is seen today has always been. Nowhere is this more noticeable than in our responses to the recent Parkland, Florida, massacre.

Part of the responses to those murders are calls to raise the age to purchase a gun and to have more thorough background checks—in a word, to make gun purchases more difficult.

That's a vision that sees easy gun availability as the problem; thus, the solution is to reduce that availability.

The vision that sees "easy" availability as the problem ignores the fact of U.S. history that guns were far more available yesteryear (<http://tinyurl.com/y73sw4ev>).

With truly easy gun availability, there was nowhere near the gun mayhem and murder that we see today.

I'm tempted to ask those who believe that guns are today's problem whether they think that guns were nicer yesteryear.

What about the calls for bans on the AR-15 so-called assault rifle? It turns out that according to 2016 FBI statistics, rifles accounted for 368 of the 17,250 homicides in the U.S. that year.

That means restrictions on the purchase of rifles would do little or nothing for the homicide rate. Leaders of the gun control movement know this. Their calls for more restrictive gun laws are part of a larger strategy to outlaw gun ownership.

- Gun ownership is not our problem.
- Our problem is a widespread decline in moral values that has nothing to do with guns. That decline includes disrespect for those in authority, disrespect for oneself, little accountability for anti-social behavior and a scuttling of religious teachings that reinforced moral values.

Let's examine elements of this decline.

If any of our great-grandparents or even grandparents who passed away before 1960 were to return, they would not believe the kind of personal behavior all too common today. They wouldn't believe that youngsters could get away with cursing and assaulting teachers (<http://tinyurl.com/ya5zhyu6>).

They wouldn't believe that some school districts, such as Philadelphia's, employ more than 400 school police officers.

During my primary and secondary schooling, from 1942 to 1954, the only time one saw a policeman in school was during an assembly period where we had to listen to a boring lecture on safety. Our ancestors also wouldn't believe that we're now debating whether teachers should be armed.

There are other forms of behavior that would have been deemed grossly immoral yesteryear. There are companies such as National Debt Relief, Cura-

Debt and LendingTree, which advertise that they will help you to avoid paying all the money you owe.

So after you and a seller agree to terms of a sale, if you fail to live up to your half of the bargain, there are companies that will assist you in ripping off the seller.

There are companies that counsel senior citizens on how to shelter their assets from nursing home care costs. For example, a surviving spouse may own a completely paid-for home that's worth \$500,000. The costs of nursing home care might run \$50,000 a year.

By selling her house, she could pay the nursing home costs, but her children wouldn't inherit the house. There are firms that come in to shelter her assets so that she can bequeath her home to her heirs and leave taxpayers to foot the nursing home bill.

In my book, that's immoral, but it is so common that most of us give it no thought.

There is one moral failing that is devastating to the future of our nation. That failing, which has wide acceptance by the American people, is the idea that Congress has the authority to forcibly use one American to serve the purposes of another American.

That is nothing less than legalized theft and accounts for roughly three-quarters of federal spending. For the Christians among us, we should consider that when God gave Moses the commandment "Thou shalt not steal," he probably didn't mean thou shalt not steal unless you get a majority vote in the U.S. Congress.



An editorial by Ann Coulter titled "Give Me Your Dreamers" was posted at anncoulter.com on March 21, 2018. Following is the article.

Does anyone know why President Trump loves "Dreamers"—i.e.: illegal aliens allegedly brought here before the age of 12 (which no federal judge will ever check) by their parents (which no federal judge will ever check), "through no fault of their own" (which no federal judge will ever check)?

We've been lectured by Mark Zuckerberg about how much better "Dreamers" are than you lazy Americans—especially African-Americans, whose jobs are disproportionately taken by illegals.

(As former Mexican President Vicente Fox once charmingly put it, illegal immigrants "are doing jobs that not even blacks want to do there in the United States.")

So why aren't we being bombarded with television interviews and profiles of these amazing human beings?

Liberals can't make an argument without producing a victim.

- Attack the media—they bleat about journalists getting shot in the face while reporting abroad.
- Complain about FBI corruption—they choke up over G-men putting their lives on the line EVERY DAY!
- Denounce the Deep State—they moan that CIA officers have been killed in the line of duty.

Isn't this the moment for our hearts to be breaking over the millions of wonderful "Dreamers" who will suffer unless we amnesty them immediately?

Let's see 'em! Surely they've got a few Einsteins! After all, the media are capable of turning a gang-admiring thug who forcibly robbed a convenience store and assaulted a cop into "Gentle giant, Mike Brown." They turned jewelry-stealing juvenile delinquent Trayvon Martin into an altar boy.

But even MSNBC dare not show us Trump's beloved "Dreamers." The snarling Muslim showcased by the Democrats at their 2016 convention has gotten more airtime than any "Dreamer."

There are plenty of vague descriptions of "Dreamers," all of whom seem to be valedictorians. But can anyone identify precisely what they have contributed to our country—other than lots of police work, welfare and protests?

The best "Dreamers" always sound like the "honor student" in Tom Wolfe's *Bonfire of the Vanities*: "somebody who attends class, isn't disruptive, tries to learn, and does all right at reading and arithmetic."

How about MSNBC interview five new "Dreamers" every night? Five non-hateful ones are probably the most they could get.

As long as Trump is going to keep babbling about these "absolutely incredible kids"—"I love these kids!"—and obstinately refuse to deport them, he must have met thousands of them. He plans to amnesty millions.

Why doesn't Trump showcase his favorite two dozen "Dreamers"? Let the rest of us decide how "incredible" they are.

But no *Glamour* magazine profiles, please! We want to know everything.

- How much have they cost the taxpayers in free school lunches and medical care?
- How many anchor babies have they had?
- What percentage have been convicted of a felony or killed someone in a drunk driving accident?
- How many have been admitted to college by taking affirmative action spots intended for the descendants of American slaves?

In 2009, *The New York Times*' Lawrence Downes gushed over illegal alien Benita Veliz. Three years later, liberals still hadn't come up with a better one:

In 2012, she was the featured illegal alien at the Democratic National Convention. (It only seems like the Democrats have an illegal alien speak at all their conventions. Veliz was the first.)

Downes ticked off Veliz's "impressive" accomplishments: "She was valedictorian at Jefferson High School"—naturally!—"graduating at age 16. She went to St. Mary's University in San Antonio on a full scholarship." (A scholarship, I note, that otherwise might have gone to a yucky American.)

I gather Veliz is the left's designated baby seal of "Dreamers."

Veliz is probably a nice lady, but she was valedictorian at a school that Downes would never send his kids to. Jefferson High School is 98 percent minority, less than half the students are "English proficient," and only 16 percent are ready for college.

How did America ever get by without her?

Or to use Downes' more-relaxed standard: "How will this country be a better place once we force Benita Veliz to leave it?"

Off the top of my head: There would be less strain on education budgets, hospital emergency rooms, roads and bridges, and that college scholarship Veliz got would be open to an American kid.

This is a country built by Western Europeans. Immigrants arrived after it was already set up and running well. The idea that any immigrant who hasn't committed a felony is someone we can't live without is absurd.

If you're a yuppie in a rich white area and don't like cleaning your toilets, the Trump administration has been great for you.

But if you're a Trump voter, you're scratching your head wondering what happened to those campaign promises that set him apart from every other Republican.



An article by Rebecca Hagelin titled "Gun Control Versus Teen Control" was posted at townhall.com on March 22, 2018. Following is the article.

"Knowledge is power. The problem with knowledge in regards to our young people today, is that they aren't receiving it."

Tina Marie Griffin, founder of Counter Culture Mom hit the nail on the head in our recent conversation about "student" gun protests.

"Our teens are largely being brainwashed by a culture that is training them how to kill through violent media including TV shows, movies and video games," says Mrs Griffin.

“Combine that with an education system in which students are no longer being taught the principles of the United States Constitution, and we have a major disaster on our hands.”

As students participate in adult-sponsored walk outs and street marches for gun control, it's important to note that few have ever received a single lesson about the history and reasoning behind the precious Second Amendment.

And they have no concept that it is God—not man—who created us with certain, inalienable rights.

No wonder glassy-eyed youth are willing to raise clenched fists in support of every newly fabricated and bizarre “right” being minted daily by courts, bureaucracies, councils, boards, and radical organizations.

The same liberal agenda that has kept an entire generation ignorant on the fundamentals of freedom has been pummeling them with countless images of unspeakable violence and firearm savagery in movies and video games.

Our education Establishment has been telling today's teens that guns are “bad” since they were in grade school, even banning children from drawing pictures of guns or talking about them.

At the same time we have allowed the self-important teachers' union to dispense with any real effort to teach the Constitution, or explain the historical need for citizens to have the right to self defense.

All the while our society is filled with “professionals” who keep making self-serving excuses for not effectively treating the mentally disturbed, and “Hollywood” propagandists who perversely twist what it means to bear arms.

The result of this Leftist brainwashing? A fired up, uneducated Generation Z that barks on command.

This current attack by the Left using our children to forward their nihilistic agenda is just the tip of the iceberg.

“The point is,” Mrs. Griffin says, “that in every facet of our society, kids are being conditioned to believe, act and become anything but the critical thinkers and independent people of value that God created all of us to be. And our youngest children will be affected the most as an ever more radical, Godless ideology is forced upon them.”

So what's a parent to do?

The best source I know in arming moms and dads to understand the real enemy and how to fight back is Griffin's www.CounterCultureMom.com.

There you will find a wealth of resources and a description of Mrs. Griffin's fabulous speaking series, including multi-media presentations that “expose the hypocrisy of Hollywood celebrities along with the consequences of ingesting harmful media” and how “destructive media are causing a teen identity crisis.”

You can also receive immediate free tools from Counter Culture Mom to help you dissect Leftist propaganda by texting MEDIAGUIDE to 44222.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Finances

- An article by Robert Frank titled “US Added 700,000 New Millionaires in 2017” was posted at cnbc.com on March 22, 2018.
- An article by Fred Imbert titled “Dow Drops 335 Points, Nasdaq Slides 1.8% As Facebook Drags Tech Shares Lower” was posted at cnbc.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Chloe Aiello titled “Facebook’s Slide Cost Mark Zuckerberg \$6.06 Billion in One Day” was posted at cnbc.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Robert Schroeder titled “It Didn’t Take Long for the U.S. to Rack Up Another Trillion Dollars of Debt” was posted at marketwatch.com on March 20, 2018.
- An article by Lesley Clark titled “Rand Paul on Last-Minute Federal Budget: ‘A Rotten, Terrible’ Way to Govern” was posted at mcclatchydc.com on March 21, 2018.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “Congressmen Had 1,000 Minutes to Read 2,232-Page \$1.3T Bill” was posted at cnsnews.com on March 22, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled “Republicans Produce a \$1.3T Spending Bill That Funds Democrat Priorities” was posted at cnsnews.com on March 22, 2018.
- An article titled “Shumer Heaps Praise on GOP Omnibus Bill: ‘Era of Austerity’ Coming ‘To An End’ ” was posted at grabien.com on March 22, 2018.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “GOP’s Spending Bill Fully Funds Planned Parenthood” was posted at cnsnews.com on March 22, 2018.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “IRS Documented 1.3M Identity Thefts by Illegal Aliens; Can’t Say It Referred Any for Prosecution” was posted at cnsnews.com on March 16, 2018.
- An article by Donna Carol Voss titled “California Continues to Steamroll Its Citizens’ Rights by Appointing an Illegal Alien to a Statewide Post” was posted at townhall.com on March 18, 2018.

- An article by Adam Shaw titled "Illegal Immigrants, Who Dodged California ICE Raid After Dem Mayor's Tip-Off, Rearrested for New Crimes" was posted at foxnews.com on March 20, 2018.
- An article by Will Racke titled "Border Patrol Agents Refuse to Turn Over Wanted Felons Because of California's Sanctuary Laws" was posted at daily-caller.com on March 20, 2018.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "California Facing Resistance From More Cities Over Sanctuary Law" was posted at townhall.com on March 22, 2018.
- An article by Chris Reeves titled "ACLU Wants Police to Stop Arresting Criminals to Protect Illegal Aliens" was posted at townhall.com on March 22, 2018.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Abortion-Provider Planned Parenthood Wants to Protect Life Through Gun Control" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Abortionist: I Cut the Vocal Cord So the Baby Can't Scream" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Ben Shapiro titled "Stop Making Children Into Moral Authorities" was posted at townhall.com on March 21, 2018.

Comments about Trump Support

- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Sen. Rand Paul: McCabe's Punishment is Appropriate" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "DOJ: McCabe Fired Because He 'Lacked Candor, Including Under Oath, on Multiple Occasions' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Hannity Offers Comey Hour of TV, 3 Hours of Radio to Answer 'Questions Colbert Might Miss' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.

Comments about Trump Opposition

- An article by Melanie Arter titled "WH: 79 Cloture Votes Used Against Trump Nominees Compared to 17 in Past 4 Administrations Combined" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 16, 2018.
- An article by Chauncey Devega titled "Hillary Clinton was Right; The Parts of America That Support Trump are Stuck in the Past" was posted at salon.com on March 15, 2018.
- An article titled "Streisand: Trump Wants to Be President for Life Like Putin" was posted at wnd.com on March 19, 2018.
- An article by Jason Howerton titled "Ex-Obama Campaign Director Drops Bombshell Claim on Facebook: 'They Were on Our Side' " was posted at ijr.com (Independent Journal Review) on March 19, 2018.

■ An article titled "60 Minutes Interview With Stormy Davis to Be Broadcast Sunday" was posted at cbsnews.com on March 22, 2018.

News about the media

■ An article by Ben Shapiro titled "What's Genius for Obama is Scandal When It Comes to Trump" was posted at thehill.com on March 20, 2018.

■ An article by Adam Taylor titled "Trump Congratulated Putin on His Victory; Other World Leaders Stopped Short of That" was posted at washingtonpost.com on March 21, 2018.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Flashback: Obama Called Putin to Congratulate Him on His Recent Victory" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 21, 2018.

General interest

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Student Kicked Out of 'Christian Theology' Class for Stating There are Two Genders" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2018.

■ An article by Leanne Italie titled "What's in a Name: Gender-Neutral Baby Names are on the Rise" was posted at anews.com on March 21, 2018.



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 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."