

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 Megan Gannon titled “Oldest Human DNA From Africa Reveals Clues About a Mysterious Ancient Culture” was posted at livescience.com on March 27, 2018. Following is the article.

Burials from a cave in Morocco have yielded the oldest human DNA evidence yet from Africa, offering new insight into Stone Age migrations.

The DNA samples come from one of the most ancient cemeteries in the world, the Grotte des Pigeons, near the village of Tatoralt in northeast Morocco.

Beginning around 15,000 years ago, a culture of hunter-gatherers buried their dead with animal horns and other adornments inside this cave. Though burials were found as recently as 2006, archaeologists have been excavating the cave since the 1940s.

The name 20th-century researchers gave to this culture —the Iberomaurusians—reflects the theory that the people who lived in this corner of North Africa were closely connected to Europe, and perhaps migrated across the Mediterranean by boat or a land bridge from the Iberian Peninsula or Sicily.

Iberomaurusian sites have been found across the Maghreb, the area between the Atlas Mountains that span Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, and the Mediterranean Sea.

Some archaeologists had argued that small blades from sites like the Grotte des Pigeons resembled the stone tools of the Gravettian culture, which was widespread across southern Europe during the Upper Paleolithic (which lasted from about 50,000 to 10,000 years ago). Today, North Africans have a large amount of European DNA.

But the new DNA evidence tells a different story about the origins of the Iberomaurusians.

During recent excavations led by the University of Oxford at the Grotte des Pigeons, archaeologists saved the inner-ear petrous bones, a good source for ancient DNA.

Researchers at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, in Jena, Germany, extracted ancient mitochondrial DNA, which is passed on only from mothers to their children, from seven individuals, as well as nuclear DNA, which is inherited from both parents, from five of the skeletons.

“Due to challenging conditions for DNA preservation, relatively few ancient genomes have been recovered from Africa, and none of them so far predate the introduction of agriculture in North Africa,” Marieke van de Loosdrecht, an archaeogeneticist at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, said in a statement.

Contrary to the theory that Europeans from Sicily or the Iberian Peninsula were buried at Grotte des Pigeons, the analysis revealed no genetic link to southern Europe.

Instead, the results, which were reported March 15 in the journal *Science*, showed that about two-thirds of the Iberomaurusian DNA matched closely with that of ancient Natufians, a later culture that existed in the Middle East, which suggests the Grotte des Pigeons people and the Natufians shared common ancestors from North Africa or the Middle East.

About one-third of the Iberomaurusian DNA resembled the DNA of sub-Saharan Africans, which was perhaps inherited from more ancient ancestors or was contributed by contemporary Stone Age migrants, according to an accompanying news article in *Science*.

The findings offer new evidence of early contacts between North Africa and the Near East, and regions south of the Sahara Desert, thought to be a major barrier to migration.

Ancient DNA studies have exploded in Europe over the past couple of decades, covering a record of human history stretching back 40,000 years.

Many of the labs where scientists study ancient DNA are located in Europe, and researchers have access to a wealth of well-preserved remains.

The study of ancient African genomes has been much sparser. The researchers of the new study wrote that African sites tend to have more challenging conditions for DNA preservation; warmer temperatures tend to accelerate DNA decay.

It was only in 2015 that researchers published the first African ancient genome, from 4,500-year-old human remains found in Ethiopia.

Last year, scientists reported findings on ancient DNA from as early as 8,100 years ago, from human remains from southern and East Africa.

The researchers wrote that further DNA studies on additional Iberomaurusian sites will be “critical” to testing whether the evidence from the Grotte des Pigeons is representative of the Iberomaurusian gene pool.



A Reuters article by Jeffrey Heller and Nidal Al-Mughrabi titled “Israel Deploys 100 Sharpshooters on Gaza Border for Palestinian Protests: Israeli Army Chief” was posted at reuters.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

The Israeli military has deployed more than 100 sharpshooters on the Gaza border ahead of a planned mass Palestinian demonstration, Israel’s top general said in an interview published on Wednesday.

Organizers said they expect thousands in Gaza, including entire families, to answer their call to gather in tent cities in five locations along the sensitive border from Friday in a six-week protest for a right of return of Palestinian refugees to what is now Israel.

Citing security concerns, the Israeli military enforces a “no go” zone for Palestinians on land in Gaza adjacent to Israel’s border fence.

Lieutenant-General Gadi Eizenkot, the military’s chief of staff, told the Yedioth Ahronoth daily that the military would not allow “mass infiltration” or tolerate damage to the barrier during the protests.

“We have deployed more than 100 sharpshooters who were called up from all of the military’s units, primarily from the special forces,” Eizenkot said in the interview. “If lives are in jeopardy, there is permission to open fire.”

Israeli soldiers are confronted by frequent violent Palestinian protests along the Gaza border and have used tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition against demonstrators who the military said hurled rocks or petrol bombs at them.

Organizers said the protest is supported by several Palestinian factions, including Gaza’s dominant Islamist Hamas movement, which is dedicated to the destruction of Israel.

Nickolay Mladenov, the U.N. special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, called on all sides “to exercise restraint and take the necessary steps to avoid a violent escalation.”

In a statement emailed to Reuters, he said: “Children in particular should not be put at risk at any time by anyone.”

Rising tension

Israeli cabinet minister Tzachi Hanegbi, speaking on Israel Radio, said Hamas had avoided direct conflict with Israel since the end of the 2014 Gaza war.

But he said that pressure Hamas was now feeling from Israel's destruction of some of its network of attack tunnels near the border, coupled with harsh economic conditions in Gaza, were "a formula for rising tension."

The start of the demonstration was symbolically linked to what Palestinians call "Land Day," which commemorates the six Arab citizens of Israel killed by Israeli security forces in demonstrations in 1976 over land confiscations. The week-long Jewish holiday of Passover, when Israel heightens security, also begins on Friday.

The protest is due to end on May 15, the day Palestinians call the "Nakba" or "Catastrophe," marking the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in the conflict surrounding the creation of Israel in 1948.

Palestinians have long demanded that as many as 5 million of their compatriots be granted the right to return. Israel rules this out, fearing an influx of Arabs that would eliminate its Jewish majority.

Israel argues the refugees should resettle in a future state that the Palestinians seek in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



A Reuters article titled "Germany Rejects Criticism of Bid for U.N. Seat Against Israel" was posted at reuters.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas rejected on Wednesday criticism of Berlin's decision to compete against Israel for a seat on the U.N. Security Council in 2019 and 2020, saying it was normal for a number of countries to seek representation.

Maas told reporters before his first United Nations visit as foreign minister that Germany's candidacy had been announced long ago, and did not diminish its strong support for Israel.

"We are not running against anyone; we are running for a seat," he said, following the criticism from Washington's nominee as U.S. ambassador to Berlin and others. "That is a topic that one can deal with very normally."

The Council comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members elected by the U.N. General Assembly for two-year terms. Germany last held a non-permanent seat in 2011-12 and is vying with Israel and Belgium for one of the two seats to be filled in 2019-20.

Richard Grenell, whose nomination is held up in the Senate, said earlier this month that the United States had brokered a deal in the 1990s with countries in the U.N.'s Western European and Others Group to allow Israel to run uncontested for a seat.

Grenell, the U.S. spokesman at the U.N. from 2001 to 2009, tweeted about the issue on March 14, saying, "Israel has waited 19 years! The US must demand that Europe keep its word."

German diplomats deny any such agreement was made. The Israeli mission to the U.N. declined to comment on Grenell's tweet.

Conservative and pro-Israeli groups in the United States have also criticized Germany's decision to run for the seat at the same time as Israel.

Maas said Germany was well-placed to serve on the Council since it was the second largest provider of both funds and troops for the U.N. and played a big role in humanitarian and stabilization missions, as well as on climate change.

Security Council candidates must win more than two-thirds of the overall vote by the 193-member General Assembly to be elected. The election for the term beginning on Jan. 1, 2019 is due to be held in June.

The Council, on which the five permanent members—the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia—hold veto powers, is the only U.N. body that can make legally binding decisions, as well as imposing sanctions and authorizing the use of force.

To ensure geographical representation on the Council, there are five seats for African and Asian states; one for Eastern European states; two for the Latin American and Caribbean states and two for Western European and other states.

Regional groups generally agree upon the candidates to put forward and competitive races for seats are increasingly rare.



"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 Vivian Nereim titled "Saudi Prince Meets New York Rabbis in Rare Interfaith Gesture" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 29, 2018.

■ An article by Kate Martin titled "The Senate Can't Avoid Debating the Saudi War in Yemen" was posted at newsweek.com on March 29, 2018.

■ An article by Nic White titled "Catholics Whip Themselves and Slash Their Backs With Razor Blades in the Philippines to Atone for Their Sins in Extreme Show of Faith Ahead of Easter" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 29, 2018.

■ An article by Nicole Winfield titled "Pope on Holy Thursday Urges Priests to Be Close to Sinners" was posted at yahoo.com on March 29, 2018.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Knights of Columbus Send \$1 Million-Plus to Aid Iraqi, Syrian Christians" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Julian Robinson and Tim Stickings titled "Kim Jong-Un Did Go to Beijing to Meet China's President Xi in His First-Ever Overseas Trip As Leader and Says He's Now Willing to Meet Trump After the 'Successful' Talks" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 28, 2018.

- An article by Guy Birchall titled "Twisted Trade: Pakistan Rapist 'Let Off' After Sick Deal 'Allowing Victim's Brother to Rape His Sister' " as posted at thesun.co.uk on March 26, 2018.
- An article by Jim Wyss titled "A Measles Outbreak in Ailing Venezuela is Threatening Columbia and Brazil" was posted at miamiherald.com on March 26, 2018.
- An article by Edward Freisler titled "In Venezuela, Hungry Child Gangs Use Machetes to Fight for 'Quality' Garbage" was posted at miamiherald.com on March 27, 2018.
- An article by Juan Carlos Hernandez titled "Angry Families Demand Facts on Deadly Venezuela Jail Riot" was posted at yahoo.com on March 29, 2018.
- An article by Clare Bryne titled "In France, Thousands March in Memory of Murdered Jewish Woman" was posted at yahoo.com on March 28, 2018.
- An article titled "French Policeman Who Died After Replacing a Hostage is Honored in National Tribute" was posted at yahoo.com on March 28, 2018.



An article by Star Parker titled "Gun Control Movement Polar Opposite of Civil Rights Movement" was posted at townhall.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

Covering the pro-gun control March for Our Lives in Washington, CNN ran a headline that read, "They're marching through the same streets as Martin Luther King Jr. did—hoping for similar change."

The article then quoted a 16-year-old as saying, "The civil rights movement was started by teenagers."

How can we expect to properly deal with an issue as serious as guns and the Second Amendment when the media peddle such ignorance?

It should be sufficient to point out that Dr. King and Rosa Parks were not teenage activists.

But more seriously, it is critical to understand that this current movement to limit the ability of Americans to exercise their Second Amendment right to own a firearm is at total philosophical odds with what the civil rights movement aimed to accomplish.

The civil rights movement was about fixing what was broken in America regarding the ideals of individual freedom and dignity.

When King spoke his famous words at the National Mall in August 1963, his appeal was to perfect the American ideal. He called the "magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence" a "promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men . . . would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

King's movement shone light on the fact that there was pain and suffering in the country because there were still Americans who were not free. That is what needed to be fixed.

Today's movement against guns and the Second Amendment aims in the opposite direction. The claim of this movement is that we have pain and suffering in our nation because we are too free. The marchers and others are telling us we can make a better nation by using the force of government to scale back our freedoms.

In a USA Today column, Obama-era Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Dale Erquiaga, a former superintendent of public instruction for Nevada's schools, tell us: "Children should not have to pass through metal detectors to go to school. Nor should teachers have to arm themselves to keep students safe."

Why not?

Is having children walk through metal detectors to go to school too high a price to pay to avoid scaling back our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms?

Is having armed guards and/or armed teachers too high a price to deal with the costs and demands of our free society, as opposed to dealing with these challenges by choosing to use government force to scale back our freedoms?

Perhaps metal detectors and other measures to make schools more secure and less vulnerable to attack would play an important role in our educational process to help our young people understand that freedom is not free.

We have a young generation in our country today from whom we ask nothing for the privilege of living in freedom. The idea that part of living free is taking personal responsibility has become a concept alien to many of our young Americans.

We might recall the fall of 1957, when President Dwight Eisenhower federalized the Arkansas National Guard, which Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus had used to block nine black children from entering Little Rock's Central High School to attend school. Eisenhower then sent in more federal troops to protect these black children and their right to attend this school.

Eisenhower, who had served as supreme commander of Allied troops in Europe during World War II, understood force and understood freedom. He said it would be "a sad day for this country . . . if schoolchildren can safely attend their classes only under the protection of armed guards."

The nation watched aghast as federal paratroopers were deployed to Central High School. It was an excruciatingly difficult decision for Eisenhower, but in the end, he concluded that he had to do it "to preserve the institutions of free government."

Republicans might note Eisenhower's example and recall that in 1956, Republican Eisenhower received 39 percent of the black vote.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "How Ignorant We Are" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

Here's a question for you: In 1950, would it have been possible for anyone to know all of the goods and services that we would have at our disposal 50 years later?

For example, who would have thought that we'd have cellphones, Bluetooth technology, small powerful computers, LASIK and airplanes with 525-passenger seating capacity?

This list could be extended to include thousands of goods and services that could not have been thought of in 1950. In the face of this gross human ignorance, who should be in control of precursor goods and services?

Seeing as it's impossible for anyone to predict the future, any kind of governmental regulation should be extremely light-handed, so as not to sabotage technological advancement.

Compounding our ignorance is the fact that much of what we think we know is not true. Scientometrics is the study of measuring and analyzing science, technology and innovation. It holds that many of the "facts" you know have a half-life of about 50 years. Let's look at a few examples.

- You probably learned that Pluto is a planet. But since August 2006, Pluto has been considered a dwarf planet. It's just another object in the Kuiper belt.

- Because dinosaurs were seen as members of the class Reptilia, they were thought to be coldblooded. But recent research suggests that dinosaurs were fast-metabolizing endotherms whose activities were unconstrained by temperature.

Years ago, experts argued that increased K-12 spending and lower pupil-teacher ratios would boost students' academic performance. It turned out that some of the worst academic performance has been at schools spending the most money and having the smallest class sizes.

Washington, D.C., spends more than \$29,000 per student every year, and the teacher-student ratio is 1-to-13; however, its students are among the nation's poorest-performing pupils.

- At one time, astronomers considered the size limit for a star to be 150 times the mass of our sun. But recently, a star (R136a1) was discovered that is 265 times the mass of our sun and had a birth weight that was 320 times that of our sun.

- If you graduated from medical school in 1950, about half of what you learned is either wrong or outdated. For an interesting story on all this, check out Reason magazine (<http://tinyurl.com/ydalh37g>).

Ignorance can be devastating. Say that you recently purchased a house.

Was it the best deal you could have gotten?

Was there some other house within your budget that would have needed fewer extensive repairs 10 years later and had more likable neighbors and a better and safer environment for your children?

What about the person you married? Was there another person available to you who would have made for a more pleasing and compatible spouse?

Though these are important questions, the most intelligent answer you can give to all of them is: "I don't know."

If you don't know, who should be in charge of making those decisions? Would you delegate the responsibility to Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Donald Trump, Ben Carson or some other national or state official?

You might say, "Stop it, Williams! Congressmen and other public officials are not making such monumental decisions affecting my life."

Try this. Suppose you are a 22-year-old healthy person. Rather than be forced to spend \$3,000 a year for health insurance and have \$7,000 deducted from your salary for Social Security, you'd prefer investing that money to buy equipment to start a landscaping business.

Which would be the best use of the \$10,000 you earned—purchasing health insurance and paying into Social Security or starting up a landscaping business?

More importantly, who would be better able to make that decision—you or members of the United States Congress?

The bottom line is that ignorance is omnipresent. The worst kind of ignorance is not knowing just how ignorant we are. That leads to the devastating pretense of knowledge that's part and parcel of the vision of intellectual elites and politicians.



An article by John Stossel titled "The Red Pill" was posted at townhall.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

In the movie "The Matrix," swallowing a red pill reveals the truth, while downing a blue pill leaves you trapped in illusion.

Today, in the parlance of some political activists, "taking the red pill" means seeing the lies of mainstream media—and learning the truth.

"People don't care to watch CNN anymore: People pay attention to YouTubers," says Candace Owens. Owens is a young black woman who created a YouTube site she calls Red Pill Black. "My second video went trending worldwide with 80 million views."

My new internet videos sometimes reach 10 million people; I consider that a lot. This woman's video reached 80 million?

She released it shortly after a man at a Charlottesville, Virginia, white supremacist rally drove his car into a crowd of protesters, killing a woman.

At that time, media coverage of racism was everywhere. Cable news talked about "America's lack of racial progress" and threats to minorities posed by white nationalists.mmm

"CNN was trying to sell to me, as a black person, that the KKK was alive and well," Owens added. "That was ridiculous."

In her video, she sarcastically shouts, "OMG, Charlottesville! White supremacy is alive and well!" Then she goes on to argue, "Black people have scarier things on the horizon than the almost-endangered species of white supremacy."

Owens also objects to the way the media cover police brutality. It leads some people to believe that the biggest threat to young blacks is the police.

"Fact No. 1: Approximately 93 percent of black homicide victims are killed by other black people," she says.

I pushed back, pointing out that there still is plenty of racism, and some innocent people have been tortured by police.

"That's absolutely right. Some innocent people have also been struck by lightning. Sixteen unarmed black men were killed by police officers in 2016. If you are watching CNN you would've thought it happened every single day. OK? That's a problem."

Owens (correctly) said thousands of young black men were killed by other black men, whereas "sixteen represents .00004 percent of the black community."

Media coverage of Black Lives Matter, she says, also creates a distorted picture of what's going on.

"Black Lives Matter actually resulted in more black deaths across the country, because police officers don't want to answer the call." (Some authorities dispute that. Killings nationwide did rise after the shooting in Ferguson, but more recently they dropped.)

But Owens's main argument is that the media mislead. The biggest issue facing blacks today is not racism or police shootings, she says, but dependence on government that began 50 years ago with Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" programs. "They incentivized mothers not to marry fathers. That's why single motherhood is up. The government would give you more if you didn't marry him."

That's a fairly common view among conservatives, but among blacks, says Owens, it's easier to tell your family you're gay than to reveal that you're a conservative.

"My entire family's on welfare, save a couple people. What (welfare) does is essentially offer you some money and then say, 'Whenever you work, you don't make enough, so we're gonna give you this much money on top of that.'" As a result, she says people think, "I don't want to make more because the government is already giving me \$500 that I don't want to lose."

Saying such things brings Owens criticism from social justice warriors of the left.

"What people don't understand," though, she says, "is how many black people are excited about what I'm doing . . . how many are very aware that they have been duped by the left."

Owens is far from the first black conservative. But, she says, others "have

not been successful in the past because they cared too much about what people thought. . . . We're doing it differently . . . talking a lot of trash." Giving out red pills. Having an edgy sense of humor is one way she does it. So is knowing history and literature better than her critics.

"You can feel free to call me an Uncle Tom. You can feel free to call me an Auntie Tom. It does not affect me," she says. "Do you want to know why? Because I actually read the book. Uncle Tom was the hero."



An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "68 Iowa Faith Leaders Sign Letter in Support of Abortion" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 26, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

In reaction to legislation advancing in the Iowa legislature that would ban abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, usually around six weeks into pregnancy, 68 faith leaders in Iowa issued a letter stating their support for abortion and their support for women "to make their own healthcare decisions."

In a letter published in the Des Moines Register, March 15, the religious figures said: "As faith leaders, we want to use our collective voices to stand with Iowa women in support of their constitutional right to make independent healthcare decisions, including the right to an abortion."

"It is not the role of the government to infringe upon a woman's right to make private medical decisions," they said. "The constitutional right of women to make their own healthcare decisions is being attacked in the Iowa Legislature."

In late February, the Iowa Senate voted (30-20) to approve legislation that would ban abortions, except in the case of a medical emergency, after a baby's heartbeat is detected, which is usually around six weeks into pregnancy.

A similar measure in the Iowa House recently passed in its House Human Resources Committee. A public hearing was held on the measure last week. The legislation now moves to the full House for debate.

Among the 68 letter-signers are the following.

- Connie Ryan, executive director of the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa.
- Laurie Haller, the resident bishop for the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- Rabbi David Kaufman, Reform Judaism in Des Moines.
- Many of the other signers are with the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Commenting on the legislation, the Iowa Catholic Conference [ICC] said it

“supports the life-affirming intent of ‘heartbeat’ abortion legislation such as Senate File 2281. We appreciate legislators for their efforts to advance the protection of unborn children and we remain committed to helping with efforts aimed at resolving questions regarding the bill’s constitutionality.”

“Science shows that life begins at conception,” said the ICC. “May we continue to work together in solidarity on ways to protect vulnerable people, including the unborn.”

State Sen. Amy Sinclair (R) told the legislature, “People in this chamber with a beating heart, please take a moment with me to reflect on what it means to be human, to be a person with rights, to aggressively defend your own right to life and to defend your reasonable expectation that your government should actively support you and all other individuals with a beating heart in that very same endeavor.”



An editorial by Michelle Malkin titled “The Snitches in Your Kids’ Dental Office” was posted at michellemalkin.com on March 28, 2018. Following is the article.

How sharper than a serpent’s tooth to have a despotic pediatric dentist.

Parents who decide, for whatever reason, that they don’t like their children’s oral care provider should be forewarned. Empowered by government “mandatory reporter” laws, dental offices are now using their authority to threaten families with child abuse charges if they don’t comply with the cavity police.

Mom Trey Hoyumpa shared a letter last week on Facebook from a dental office called Smiles 4 Keeps in Bartonsville, Pennsylvania. It informed her that if she did not make a dental appointment for “regular professional cleanings” for her child, she could be charged with “dental neglect.”

Citing a law called Pennsylvania Act 31 on child abuse recognition and reporting, the dental office threatened to report the mom to state authorities if she did not schedule an appointment.

Hoyumpa wrote: “Smiles 4 Keeps bullies the parents, controls the care behind closed doors, and turns parents into villains . . . and I will not stand for it anymore!!!”

On social media, parents who’ve encountered the toxic alliance of snoop medical providers and child welfare agencies shared their own experiences with government bullies who operate on a presumption of guilt.

Brett Darken wrote: “Anyone familiar with ‘family court,’ DCF, state probate and guardianship courts know well this story. In any other context, it would be considered a threat, coercion and intimidation under RICO laws. But because it’s the government, it’s legal.”

This is a menacing threat to have hanging over customers of dental practices,

or any medical providers for that matter: If you leave, you better tell us where you are going or we could report you to government child welfare agencies for suspected abuse.

One Twitter commenter wondered: "Is this fake?"

Unfortunately, it's all too real, and the dental office is championing an intrusive practice that is likely to spread.

Smiles 4 Keeps replied to parental criticism on Facebook by quoting the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry definition of "dental neglect" as the "willful failure of parent or guardian to seek and follow through with treatment necessary to ensure a level of oral health essential for adequate function and freedom from pain and infection."

The dental office also defended its intimidation letter to the mom by explaining that physicians and dentists are "mandated reporters" who are "required to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect to social service or law enforcement agencies in order to prevent such tragedy."

But as investigative reporter Terri LaPoint at MedicalKidnap.com points out, nowhere has Smiles 4 Keeps provided any evidence that Trey Hoyumpa was neglectful or abusive in any way.

Moreover, Smiles 4 Keeps insists that parents provide the name of a new dentist if the family chooses to find a new provider. Hoyumpa was just one of 17 recipients of the threatening Smiles 4 Keeps salvos.

Dr. Ross Wezmar of Smiles 4 Keeps actually boasted to local news station WNEP about the snitch letters' ability "to jar the parent to realize that with a child comes responsibility."

Benevolent Dr. Marcus Welby he is not. Wezmar claimed his bully notes are the first in the nation to be dispatched. With the encroachment of socialized medicine in America, they certainly won't be the last.

Think it can't happen to you?

Last year, in Ontario, Canada, mom Melissa Lopez wanted a second opinion on getting fillings for her daughter and decided to change providers. The jilted dentist, as Lenore Skenazy reported on Reason.com, called Child Protective Services to report possible "oral neglect."

The case was dismissed, but CPS refuses to remove Lopez's file from its books—it is part of a permanent record that keeps a permanent cloud of suspicion over her.

Skenazy drills down to the core: "The issue here is how easy it is to drag a family into an abuse investigation, and how hard it is for the family, like an impacted molar, to get itself extracted."

Indeed, the partnership between medical providers and government child welfare services has threatened innocent families across the country under the guise of "protecting the children." It is a short hop from cavity-shaming

and misdiagnoses to ripping families apart.

Don't forget the case of Justina Pelletier, savagely torn from her family by Boston Children's Hospital [BCH] after the prestigious medical institution wrongly accused her parents of causing her chronic illness.

BCH locked Justina in a mental ward until her sister published an undercover video of Justina pleading to be reunited with her family. Public outrage forced her release and now the Pelletiers are suing BCH.

Big Nanny monitors hostile to family privacy and autonomy are everywhere—in your kids' classrooms, cafeterias, and doctors' and dentists' offices. Eternal vigilance against government intrusion is the price of parenthood.



An editorial by Pat Buchanan titled "Will the Deep State Break Trump?" was posted at townhall.com on March 23, 2018. Following is the article.

"It is becoming more obvious with each passing day that the men and the movement that broke Lyndon Johnson's authority in 1968 are out to break Richard Nixon," wrote David Broder on Oct. 8, 1969.

"The likelihood is great that they will succeed again."

A columnist for The Washington Post, Broder was no fan of Nixon.

His prediction, however, proved wrong. Nixon, with his "Silent Majority" address rallied the nation and rocked the establishment. He went on to win a 49-state victory in 1972, after which his stumbles opened the door to the establishment's revenge.

Yet, Broder's analysis was spot on. And, today, another deep state conspiracy, to break another presidency, is underway.

Consider. To cut through the Russophobia rampant here, Trump decided to make a direct phone call to Vladimir Putin. And in that call, Trump, like Angela Merkel, congratulated Putin on his re-election victory.

Instantly, the briefing paper for the president's call was leaked to the Post. In bold letters it read, "DO NOT CONGRATULATE."

Whereupon, the Beltway went ballistic.

How could Trump congratulate Putin, whose election was a sham? Why did he not charge Putin with the Salisbury poisoning? Why did Trump not denounce Putin for interfering with "our democracy"?

Amazing. A disloyal White House staffer betrays his trust and leaks a confidential paper to sabotage the foreign policy of a duly elected president, and he is celebrated in this capital city.

If you wish to see the deep state at work, this is it: anti-Trump journalists using First Amendment immunities to collude with and cover up the identities of bureaucratic snakes out to damage or destroy a president they despise. No wonder democracy is a declining stock worldwide.

And, yes, they give out Pulitzers for criminal collusion like this.

The New York Times got a Pulitzer and the Post got a Hollywood movie starring Meryl Streep, for publishing stolen secret papers from the Pentagon of JFK and LBJ—to sabotage the Vietnam War policy of Richard Nixon.

Why? Because the hated Nixon was succeeding in extricating us with honor from a war that the presidents for whom the Times and Post hauled water could not win or end.

Not only have journalists given up any pretense of neutrality in this campaign to bring down the president, ex-national security officers of the highest rank are starting to sound like resisters.

Ex-CIA Director John Brennan openly speculated Tuesday that the president may have been compromised by Moscow and become an asset of the Kremlin.

“I think he’s afraid of the president of Russia,” Brennan said of Trump and Putin. “The Russians, I think, have had long experience with Mr. Trump and may have things they could expose.”

If Brennan has evidence Trump is compromised, he should relay it to Robert Mueller. If he does not, this is speculation of an especially ugly variety for someone once entrusted with America’s highest secrets.

What is going on in this city is an American version of the “color revolutions” we have employed to dump over governments in places like Georgia and Ukraine.

Goal: Break Trump’s presidency, remove him, discredit his election as contaminated by Kremlin collusion, upend the democratic verdict of 2016, and ash-can Trump’s agenda of populist conservatism. Then, return America to the open borders, free trade, democracy-crusading Bushite globalism beloved by our Beltway elites.

Trump, in a way, is the indispensable man of the populist right.

In the 2016 primaries, no other Republican candidate shared his determination to secure the border, bring back manufacturing or end the endless wars in the Middle East that have so bled and bankrupted our nation.

Whether the Assads rule in Damascus, the Chinese fortify Scarborough Shoal, or the Taliban return to Kabul are not existential threats.

But if the borders of our country are not secured, as Reagan warned, in a generation, America will not even be a country.

Trump seems now to recognize that the special counsel’s office of Robert Mueller, which this city sees as the instrument of its deliverance, is a mortal threat to his presidency.

Mueller's team wishes to do to Trump what Archibald Cox's team sought to do to Nixon: Drive him out of office or set him up for the kill by a Democratic Congress in 2019.

Trump appears to recognize that the struggle with Mueller is now a political struggle—to the death.

Hence Trump's hiring of Joe diGenova and the departure of John Dowd from his legal team. In the elegant phrase of Michael Corleone, diGenova is a wartime consigliere.

He believes that Trump is the target of a conspiracy, where Jim Comey's FBI put in the fix to prevent Hillary's prosecution, and then fabricated a crime of collusion with Russia to take down the new president the American people had elected.

The Trump White House is behaving as if it were the prospective target of a coup d'état. And it is not wrong to think so.



An article titled "What the Starr Investigations Tell Us About Mueller's Probe" was posted at theweek.com on March 25, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

How did Ken Starr's investigation into President Clinton resemble—and differ from—the ongoing Mueller investigation? Here's everything you need to know.

■ Why was Clinton investigated?

It began over the Whitewater scandal, a long-running controversy concerning a failed 1978 land deal in Arkansas. The Clintons' business partner in that project defrauded a small savings association and an investment firm, and some of the parties involved charged that the president and his wife had benefited from the fraud.

In January 1994, Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Robert Fiske as a special prosecutor to investigate the Clintons' involvement.

Seven months later, however, a Republican-leaning panel of judges dismissed Fiske—on the basis that his appointment by Clinton's attorney general represented a conflict of interest—and appointed Ken Starr as an independent counsel, reporting to Congress, not to the Justice Department. Starr, who had served as solicitor general under President George H.W. Bush, was a staunch Republican.

Clinton loyalists immediately cried foul, denouncing the probe as "tainted" and a partisan "witch hunt."

"This will last as long as [Clinton is] president and beyond," warned White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum. "They'll be investigating things years from now that we haven't even dreamed about today."

■ Were those fears realized?

Yes. While Starr ultimately found no criminal wrongdoing by the Clintons regarding Whitewater, he broadened his investigation to include many other controversies swirling around the White House.

In January 1998, a civil servant named Linda Tripp told Starr's team she had recordings of Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, discussing an 18-month affair she'd had with the president.

With Reno's approval, Starr expanded his investigation to include Lewinsky. The president fiercely denied the affair with Lewinsky—first in a sworn affidavit while testifying in a case involving Paula Jones, an Arkansas state employee who had accused Clinton of sexual harassment, and then to reporters and the public, saying, "I did not have sex with that woman."

■ What did Starr do?

He built a comprehensive case that Clinton was lying by compelling White House staff and Secret Service members to testify.

After six months of negotiations to get Clinton to testify, Starr subpoenaed the president, and Clinton agreed to testify "voluntarily" for a grand jury, with his lawyers present. That precedent now hangs over the negotiations taking place between Mueller and Trump's legal team over whether the current president will testify in the Russia investigation.

"No matter how much huffing and puffing Trump's lawyers do," says Lanny Davis, Clinton's former special counsel, "they cannot escape a grand jury-issued subpoena."

■ What happened in the interview?

Clinton admitted that he'd had "inappropriate intimate contact" with Lewinsky.

But he insisted he hadn't perjured himself during the Jones case—arguing that he understood "sexual relations" to mean sexual intercourse, not oral sex—and denied instructing Lewinsky and others to lie to investigators.

Starr submitted his report to Congress three weeks later, and lawmakers voted to make it public. The 445-page document specified 11 possible grounds for impeachment, mostly related to the coverup.

In December, the GOP-controlled House of Representatives voted almost entirely along party lines to impeach Clinton for perjury, 228-206, and obstruction of justice, 221-212. (Two other charges were voted down.)

But after a five-week trial in the Senate, Clinton was acquitted on both charges. All 45 Democratic senators voted "not guilty" on the obstruction charge, along with five Republicans, and the 50 "guilty" votes fell far short of the 67 required to oust Clinton from office. On the perjury charge, 55 senators voted "not guilty."

■ How does Mueller's probe compare?

Unlike Starr, who gave interviews, Mueller has adopted a very low profile, and there have been few, if any, leaks from his team.

But their tactics are similar: Starr persuaded Lewinsky and other witnesses to cooperate by threatening them with long jail terms for lying, just as Mueller has done.

Also familiar are the aggressive attempts by Trump's backers to discredit Mueller. During the Starr investigation, Sen. Pat Leahy (D-Vt.) claimed the independent counsel was "totally out of control" and fixated on "trying to topple the president."

Clinton aides demanded an investigation into the investigation; Democratic lawmakers called on Starr to step down. "Clinton only survived," says Dick Morris, one of his former advisers, "because he made Ken Starr the enemy."

■ Can Trump do the same?

He will certainly try. Clinton's supporters had more basis for their complaints: Starr was a partisan Republican when he was appointed; Mueller is a lifelong Republican who was appointed FBI director by Republican George W. Bush, although several of his investigators are Democrats.

Because the charges against Clinton primarily involved a private sexual affair, the public generally took a dim view of Starr's charges: Clinton's approval ratings soared to their highest-ever level during the impeachment. That dynamic—reinforced by the Democrats' strong showing in the 1998 midterms—convinced senators that removing the president from office over the Lewinsky affair would be political suicide.

A similar principle applies with Mueller's investigation. If he finds grounds for impeachment, public opinion will serve as the ultimate jury, and Congress' decision about whether or not to oust Trump will be largely a political calculation.



"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 Terence P. Jeffrey titled "U.S. Energy Exports Hit Record in 2017; Petroleum and Natural Gas Both Hit All-Time Highs" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Tom Howell Jr. titled "States Scrambling to Avert Obamacare Sticker Shock After Dems Balk at Stabilization Effort" was posted at washingtontimes.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Laura Hollis titled "Republicans Still Don't Get It" was posted at townhall.com on March 29, 2018.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Cindy Carcamo titled "Orange County May Take Stand Against State's 'Sanctuary' Laws" was posted at latimes.com on March 27, 2018.
- An article by Thomas Lifson titled "California Suing to Prevent 2020 Census From Asking About Citizenship" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 27, 2018.

Comments about weapons

- Looking back to February, an article by Justin Moyer titled "Organizers Plan for 500,000 Attendees at 'March For Our Lives' Gun-Control March in Washington" was posted at washingtonpost.com on February 23, 2018.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "NBC Tried to Claim There Were 800,000 Gun Control Marchers in DC—Not Even Close" was posted at ijr.com (Independent Journal Review) on March 26, 2018.
- An article titled "How Many People Attended March for Our Lives? Crowd in D.C. Estimated at 200,000" was posted at cbsnews.com on March 25, 2018.
- An article by Sean Rossman titled "High Schoolers Still Like Their Guns, Even After Parkland" was posted at usatoday.com on March 23, 2018.

Comments about Trump Support

- An article by Patrick Healy titled "Roseanne Connor Has Become a Trump Supporter; Just Like Her Creator" was posted at nytimes.com on March 27, 2018.

Comments about Trump Opposition

- An article by John Koblin titled "Stormy Daniels Attracts 22 Million Viewers to '60 Minutes' " was posted at nytimes.com on March 26, 2018.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Judicial Watch: FBI's Comey Took 'Government Records' and Tried to 'Destroy the President' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 27, 2018.
- An article by Governor Scott Walker titled "Outside Special Interests Set to Flood Wisconsin, Starting With Obama AG Eric Holder" was posted at townhall.com on March 27, 2018.
- An article by Ed Straker titled "Mitt Romney Campaigns Against Trump's Amnesty Offer for 1.8 Million Illegal Aliens" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 28, 2018.
- An article by Byron York titled "For Trump, A Border Wall Epic Fail" was posted at townhall.com on March 28, 2018.
- An article by Allen West titled "The Swamp Won Again" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 28, 2018.

News about the media

- An article by Joseph Curl titled "Flashback: MSM Deemed Clinton-Lewinsky Affair Nothing More Than Consensual Sex" was posted at dailywire.com on March 26, 2018.

■ An article by Chris Reeves titled "Morning Joe: Trump Wants War With North Korea, Will Kill 'Hundreds of Thousands, If Not Millions' " was posted at townhall.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Brad Wilmoth titled "CNN's Rye Goes Berserk on GOP Guest: You Are Out of Your Damn Mind" was posted at newsbusters.org on March 28, 2018.

General interest

■ An article by Alex Nitzberg titled "Planned Parenthood Keystone: 'We Need a Disney Princess Who's Had an Abortion' " was posted at townhall.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Ted Andersen titled "Chemotherapy-Free 'Cancer Vaccine' Moves From Mice to Human Trials at Stanford" was posted at sfgate.com on March 27, 2018.

■ An article by Kristen Hugo titled "32-Pound Cancerous Tumor Removed From Man Who Experienced No Symptoms" was posted at newsweek.com on March 28, 2018.

■ An article by Gretchen Reynolds titled "Those 2-Minute Walk Breaks? They Add Up" was posted at nytimes.com on March 28, 2018.

■ An article by Tom Porter titled "Plane Dumps 30 Tons of Fuel Mid-Flight in Emergency Landing to Save Passenger's Life" was posted at newsweek.com on March 28, 2018.

■ An article by Julie Charpentrat titled "Race to Robot Cars Continue After Fatal Crash" was posted at yahoo.com on March 28, 2018.

■ An article titled "Pilots Report Close Encounters With UFO Over Arizona: 'Something Just Passed Over Us' " was posted at yahoo.com on March 28, 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."