

# 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 Anna Ahronheim titled "IAF Commander: Israel First to Use F-35 Jet in Combat" was posted at jpost.com on May 22, 2018. Following is the article.

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Israel has struck targets in the Middle East with the F-35 Adir jet twice, making the Jewish state the first country to use the stealth fighter in a combat role in the region, Israel Air Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Amikam Norkin announced on Tuesday.

"We are flying the F-35 all over the Middle East. It has become part of our operational capabilities. We are the first to attack using the F-35 in the Middle East and have already attacked twice on different fronts," he said during the IAF Senior Air Force Conference in Herzliya.

Norkin made the comments while showing a picture of an Israeli F-35 Adir flying over the Lebanese capital of Beirut during the daytime. He did not mention when the picture was taken.

Another senior IAF officer at the conference said that the decision to announce the F-35 Adir strikes was partly taken following an intelligence assessment.

"Beyond the satisfaction from the Adir's performance and abilities, the psychological aspect carried a lot of weight too," he said.

According to Lockheed Martin chairman, president and CEO Marillyn A. Hewson, the F-35s, working alongside the IDF's ground forces and navy, have been "critical" in offsetting the arming of Hezbollah.

"With C4I technology integrated into the Adir, the F-35 is particularly critical to countering Hezbollah's vast rocket threat through rapid identification and prioritization of targets for the IAF," she said, adding that the jets "can fly in what we call 'beast mode,' carrying up to 18,000 pounds of internal and external ordnance, in a mix that can include 5,000-pound-class weapons."

With an extremely low radar signature, the F-35 is able to operate undetected deep inside enemy territory, such as Iran, as well as evade advanced missile-defense systems like the advanced Russian-made S-300 and S-400.

"We aren't building this aircraft for a fair fight, but to give our customer a decisive advantage," said Rick Edwards, the executive vice president of Lockheed Martin International, adding that he was "not at all surprised" to hear that Israel was the first to carry out an operational strike with the F-35 Adir.

Built by Lockheed Martin, the planes were purchased as part of the military aid agreement between the United States and Israel. In the first part of the deal, Israel purchased 19 F-35s at a cost of \$125 million per plane; a second purchase of 14 jets saw Jerusalem pay \$112m. per plane. The cost of the plane is expected to drop to around \$80m. by 2020.

Israel declared initial operational capability of the world's most advanced jet in December after receiving nine F-35 Adirs. The air force is expected to receive a total of 50 planes to make two full squadrons by 2024.

Current US Department of Defense plans state that Washington will acquire a total of 2,456 F-35s for the United States Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy.

According to Lockheed Martin, over 280 F-35 aircraft have been delivered and are operating from 15 bases around the globe. Over 580 pilots and 5,600 maintainers have been trained on the aircraft; they have logged more than 130,000 cumulative flight hours.



An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "Is Iran Hiding an ICBM Test Site in Plain Sight?" was posted at [jpost.com](http://jpost.com) on May 24, 2018. Following is the article.

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Iran might have been hiding an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile testing site in plain view, until a group of California-based experts figured it out while watching public Iranian TV and obtained new photos of the area.

The team from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey announced their findings late Wednesday in *The New York Times*. ICBMs could threaten Europe and the US and their findings could have a major impact on the ongoing Iran nuclear issue debate.

*The Jerusalem Post* communicated directly with members of the team and learned there is strong evidence that tests are now being carried out at the

site near Shahrud in northeast Iran which could lead to Iran developing the ability to fire nuclear ICBMs globally. Previously, it was thought the site was either defunct or being used to test medium-range missiles.

Researchers, led by nuclear expert Jeffrey Lewis, told *the Post* by email that it was clear “Iran was striving for a large space launcher like India’s PSLV [Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle] and the test stands are for very large engines, consistent with a rocket that could deliver a nuclear-weapons sized payload to ICBM ranges.”

This was, Lewis noted, “the same path India took [to developing a nuclear ICBM capability]: Develop a large space launch vehicle, then transition to technologies to a smaller ICBM.”

Like many other technologies Iran has experimented with, this space launch testing has a dual use, one of them being a nuclear ICBM.

Unlike other dual-use technologies, no one knew the Shahrud site was being used for testing that could help Iran move much faster toward nuclear ICBM capability—until Tuesday.

The group started to have suspicions after a young research fellow named Fabian Hinz presented them with old video footage related to IRGC commander Hassan Tehrani Moghaddam.

Maj.-Gen. Moghaddam died in an explosion in 2011 at another military base which he helped build, not the Shahrud site. The new disclosure likely means that shortly before his death, Moghaddam was behind a plan to carry out testing at what is now the fully operational Shahrud site, which could also be used for ICBM development.

The hints the team got from the video led them to scrutinize satellite imagery of the Shahrud site using a special radar. They were able to see that the number of buildings in the area had increased and that they were painted a distinct aquamarine color—a calling card for Moghaddam.

They continued to dig and found at least three central pieces of evidence cited by Lewis and the other researchers to the Post.

They made their case that Iran has not been using the Shahrud site for medium-range missile testing, but instead has been secretly developing its nuclear ICBM capability—in plain sight.

■ The first point is: The program was run by Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps officials and others, “who wanted to build an ICBM, but were forced by the supreme leader to transition to a space launch program because of the 2000-km. range limit.”

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has stalwartly supported the nuclear program. But he has set various limits in order to present a dual-use narrative to the world, to avoid detection, or simply to delay the political decision about crossing certain thresholds until a different point in time.

- The second point is: “The rocket as described by the Iranians” in evidence and television-footage gathered by the researchers “was large, with dimensions that are similar to India’s PSLV.”
- The third point is: “The test stands and casting/curing pits are sized for large engines with thrusts of up to 100 tons,” larger than would be seen for medium-range missiles.

Using radar and imagery technologies to visualize the site, the researchers were able to see ground scars burned into the terrain, which strongly indicate that missile engines of a size which could be adapted for ICBM use might have been test-fired as recently as June 2017.

- Another point is: There are no storage tanks or fueling stations in the photos of the site.

This would suggest the site is being used to build engines that burn solid fuel, which is far more difficult and dangerous to develop than the liquid kind, but which are superior for military uses, including their ability to be concealed in remote areas and fired with little notice.

Lewis has expressed concern that the Trump administration’s pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal and his pressure campaign could push Iran into using this facility to develop ICBMs faster than was previously thought possible.

He said there are indications the program was slowed for political considerations, such as trying to stay on good terms with the West. However, “We could see a flight test of a much larger missile at any time,” he said, and an accelerated Iranian focus on the testing if Iran feels the West has turned on it.

Lewis added that even on an accelerated basis, it might take a few years for a test to be conducted using a large engine.

A number of other experts who are critical of Trump’s pulling out of the Iran deal echoed similar sentiments to Lewis.

INSS arms-control expert Emily Landau on Thursday told the Post she agreed the discovery was important, but vehemently disagreed with the California experts’ characterization of what the discovery should mean for the Iran nuclear-issues debate.

Landau, who was a consistent critic of the Iran deal, said the following.

- “The discovery is disturbing, but it should have disturbed those negotiating the Iran nuclear deal and led them to insist on including missiles, rather than conceding to Iran’s demands. But now, the way to deal with this is to crack down on Iran’s missile work.”
- “The answer is not to make political statements about how all this would be avoided if Trump didn’t threaten the JCPOA. That’s the odd message from *The New York Times* article that underscores that this is politically motivated to continue appeasing Iran, rather than taking the necessary harsh steps against it.”

- “An additional disturbing aspect of it is the implicit message that the only really dangerous missile activity is that related to ICBMs. When Iran has missiles that cover the Middle East and can carry nuclear warheads—shouldn’t this be dangerous enough?”
- “Some experts . . . have been saying that if Iran were to curb ICBM work, that would somehow be a huge step and somehow sufficient. I think that Iran is motivated to develop nuclear weapons, so any activity related to work on the fissile material, explosive warhead and delivery system must be stopped.”



An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “Pope Francis to Abuse Victim: ‘God Made You’ Gay, ‘And Loves You Like This And I Don’t Care” was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on May 21, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Juan Carlos Cruz, who as a boy was sexually abused by the Chilean priest Fr. Fernando Karadima—abuse that reportedly was covered up by the bishops of Chile—said that in a recent meeting with Pope Francis, the Holy Father told him that God made made him gay and “loves you like this.”

The Pope apparently did not say that Cruz should seek to avoid homosexual behavior, which is “intrinsically disordered” and a serious sin, according to the 2,000-year-old teaching of the Catholic Church.

The Church also teaches that sodomy—homosexual behavior, not the inclination—is one of the four sins that cry to Heaven for vengeance.

Juan Carlos Cruz, along with two other sexual abuse victims, met with Pope Francis at the Vatican in early May. According to the Catholic News Agency (CNA), the Pope wanted to meet with the victims and express his sorrow for what they suffered and to apologize for the failure of the Chilean bishops. Pope Francis also reportedly apologized for his own errors—he initially had strongly defended some of the abusers.

Cruz said that the Pope was “sincere, attentive, and deeply apologetic for the situation” [of abuse by homosexual priests], reported the CNA.

In another interview with the Spanish newspaper *El Pais*, Cruz was asked whether the Pope spoke to him about homosexuality. Cruz said yes, and added, “He told me ‘Juan Carlos, that you are gay does not matter. God made you like that and he loves you like that and I do not care. The Pope loves you as you are, you have to be happy with who you are.’ ”

Apparently, the Pope did not advise Cruz to try to avoid homosexual behavior and seek therapy that could help him to live a celibate life or be healed from his affliction.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the following.

■ “The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.

“These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.”

■ “Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.”

■ “Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered’.

“They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.”

The Catholic Church runs a program to help homosexuals live a celibate life and, where possible, to marry and have a family. The program is called Courage.

In 2013, a gay activist in Argentina, Marcelo Marquez, revealed that Pope Francis, as Buenos Aires Archbishop Jorge Bergoglio, told him (in 2010) that he supported gay rights and homosexual civil unions.

Marquez said, “He told me. ‘I’m in favor of gay rights and in any case, I also favor civil unions for homosexuals, but I believe that Argentina is not yet ready for a gay marriage law.’ ”

According to the CNA, the Vatican press office has neither confirmed nor clarified the comments made by Pope Francis to Juan Carlos Cruz.



An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “LGBT Activists Praise Pope Francis’ Remarks That ‘God Made You Gay’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on May 22, 2018. Following is the article.

In the wake of news that Pope Francis told a clergy-abuse victim that God made him gay and “loves you like that,” several LGBT activists have praised the pontiff, declaring his remarks “tremendous” and revolutionary.

As reported Monday, in his recent meeting with Juan Carlos Cruz, who was sexually abused as a boy by a homosexual Chilean priest, Pope Francis apologized for what happened to the young man and told him, “That you are gay, does

not matter. God made you like that and he loves you like that and I do not care. The Pope loves you as you are, you have to be happy with who you are.”

It is the teaching of the Catholic Church that persons with same-sex attractions must be treated with the same dignity and respect accorded to all people, but that “homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered” and homosexuals should seek to live a life of chastity. The Church also offers a program, Courage, to help homosexuals live chastely and, in some cases, return to heterosexuality, marry, and have a family.

The Catholic Church does not teach that God made certain people homosexual. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that same-sex attraction “has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained.”

■ In reaction to the Pope’s remarks, New Ways Ministry Executive Director Francis DeBernardo described the comments as “a remarkable shift in official Catholic discourse on LGBT issues.”

“Instead of the more passive ‘Who am I to judge?’ the pope is expressing a much stronger affirmation of gay and lesbian people than he, or any previous pope or Vatican official, has ever done,” said DeBernardo. “Even if the words reported are exactly as the pope said them, they still do not indicate a change in official teaching, but they do represent a major change in pastoral attitude and practice.”

■ New Ways Ministry is a pro-LGBT organization that wants to see practicing gays fully integrated into the Catholic Church.

Rev. James Martin, a pro-homosexual Jesuit, also praised Pope Francis. “The Pope is saying what every reputable biologist and psychologist will tell you, which is that people do not choose their sexual orientation,” Martin told the Associated Press.

■ Jay Michaelson, an openly gay writer at The Daily Beast, said the Pope’s words signified a “revolution” to LGBT Catholics. “The more you know about what the Pope said, the more powerful his statement becomes,” said Michaelson.

The Pope’s message, according to Michaelson, means that a homosexual’s “desires cannot be contrary to God’s plan for the universe. On the contrary, they must be part of it.”

“Pope Francis’ statement is yet another shot across the bow of Catholic traditionalists,” says Michaelson. “‘God made you this way’ is way more than ‘who am I to judge.’ It’s an affirmation, not a negation. And whatever its doctrinal impact, it has already moved many gay Catholics to tears. And answered their prayers.”

Having a same-sex inclination is not considered sinful by the Catholic Church, but engaging in homosexual acts is deemed as serious sin. The sinful act, not the inclination or temptation, has always been condemned by the Church.

■ St. Bernardine of Siena, often referred to as the Apostle of Italy, said of homosexual acts: “This sin has always been detested by all those who live according

to God . . . Deviant passion is close to madness; [it] brings the mind down from great thoughts to the lowliest . . . They become blind and, when their thoughts should soar to high and great things, they are broken down and reduced to vile and useless and putrid things, which could never make them happy . . .

“Just as people participate in the glory of God in different degrees, so also in Hell some suffer more than others. He who lived with this vice of sodomy suffers more than another, for this is the greatest sin.”

■ St. Peter Damian, a Doctor of the Church and a cardinal, said of homosexual acts: “Truly, this vice is never to be compared with any other vice because it surpasses the enormity of all vices . . . It defiles everything, stains everything, pollutes everything. And as for itself, it permits nothing pure, nothing clean, nothing other than filth . . .”



“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.

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■ An article by Barak Ravid titled “Netanyahu Moves Security Meetings to Underground Bunker” was posted at [axios.com](https://www.axios.com) on May 22, 2018.

■ An article titled “Iran’s Rouhani: ‘World No Longer Accepts US Deciding for Them’ ” was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on May 21, 2018.

■ An article by Tom O’Connor titled “Iran Goes Against Russia, Says It’s Staying in Syria as U.S. Military Threatens ‘New Action’ ” was posted at [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) on May 21, 2018.

■ An article by Hannah Lucinda Smith titled “I am Your Protector, Erdogan Tells EU’s Muslims” was posted at [thetimes.co.uk](https://www.thetimes.co.uk) on May 21, 2018.

■ An article by Jared Malsin titled “Egypt Widens Security Crackdown As Concerns of Unrest Grow” was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on May 23, 2018.

■ A Reuters article by Sarah Dadouch titled “Saudi Arabia Expands Crackdown on Women’s Rights Activists” was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on May 22, 2018.

■ A Reuters article titled “Saudi Arabia Frees Four Women’s Rights Activists, Associates Say” was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on May 24, 2018.

■ A Reuters article titled “Japanese Climber Dies on Eighth Attempt on Everest: Officer” was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on May 21, 2018.



An article by Dennis Prager titled “Why the Left Won’t Call Anyone ‘Animals’ ” was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](https://www.jewishworldreview.com) on May 22, 2018. Following is the article.

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If you want to understand the moral sickness at the heart of leftism, read the first paragraph of the most recent column by Washington Post columnist E. J. Dionne:

"It's never right to call other human beings 'animals.' It's not something we should even have to debate. No matter how debased the behavior of a given individual or group, no matter how much legitimate anger that genuinely evil actions might inspire, dehumanizing others always leads us down a dangerous path."

Let's begin with the first sentence: "It's never right to call other human beings 'animals.' "

This is so self-evident to Dionne that he adds, "It's not something we should even have to debate."

Only someone who has never debated the issue could make such a claim.

So allow me to debate the assertion.

My view is the antithesis of Dionne's. As I see it, it is not right to never call another human being an "animal."

Calling the cruelest among us names such as "animal" or any other "dehumanizing" epithet actually protects humans. The word "bestly" exists for a reason and is frequently applied to human beings.

By rhetorically reading certain despicable people out of the human race, we elevate the human race. We have declared certain behaviors out of line with being human.

Biologically, of course, we are all human. But if "human" is to mean anything moral—anything beyond the purely biological—then some people who have committed particularly heinous acts of evil against other human beings are not to be considered human.

Otherwise "human" has no moral being. We should then not retain the word "inhumane." What is the difference between "he is inhumane" and "he is an animal"? Both imply actions that render the person no longer human.

Dionne provides his answer at the end of the paragraph: "dehumanizing others always leads us down a dangerous path."

He provides not a single argument or illustration for this truly absurd comment.

Anyone who refuses to "dehumanize" the Nazi physicians—who, with no anesthesia, froze naked people for hours and then dropped them in boiling water to rewarm them; put people in depressurized rooms where their eardrums burst, driving them out of their minds from pain; rubbed wood shavings and ground glass into infected wounds, etc.—is, to put it very gently, profoundly morally confused.

What would Dionne have us call those Nazi physicians—"not nice," "badly flawed," "evil"? Why is rhetorically ostracizing them from the human race "a dangerous path"?

He doesn't have an answer because he lives in the left's world of moral-sounding platitudes. Leftism consists almost entirely of moral-sounding platitudes—statements meant to make the person making them feel morally sophisticated.

But based on their relative reactions to the sadists of the MS-13 gangs, I trust Donald Trump's moral compass more than E. J. Dionne's.

It is ever dangerous to use dehumanizing rhetoric on people?

Of course—when it is directed at people based on their race, religion, ethnicity, nationality or any other immutable physical characteristic.

The Nazis did what they did to Jews and others because they dehumanized them based on their religious/ethnic/racial identity.

That's why racism is evil. But why is it dangerous to use such rhetoric on people based on their behavior?

By equating labeling the cruelest among us "animals" with labeling Jews "animals," Dionne cheapens the fight against real evil.

I once asked Rabbi Leon Radzik, a Holocaust survivor who had been in Auschwitz, what word he would use to characterize the sadistic guards in the camp. I will never forget his response: "They were monsters with a human face."

Incredibly, Dionne would not agree with him.



An article by Ann Coulter titled "The Irish Aren't Red-Headed Mexicans" was posted at [anncoulter.com](http://anncoulter.com) on May 16, 2018. Following is the article.

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In an interview with NPR last Friday, Trump's chief of staff John Kelly described the illegal aliens pouring across our border in the most gentle manner imaginable.

He said that illegal aliens aren't "bad people," but also "not people that would easily assimilate into the United States into our modern society." They are, he continued, mostly rural, poor, unskilled and illiterate. "They don't speak English," Kelly said. "Obviously, that's a big thing."

Kelly violated the civic religion of treating every non-American as better than an American—a potential valedictorian, Medal of Honor winner and Nobel Prize recipient. Naturally, he was called a "racist."

So what was the point? You're going to be called a "racist" no matter what you say, so why not be honest: Illegals are self-entitled law-breakers and thieves, stealing jobs and government benefits meant for our own people.

Our cliché-driven media huffed and puffed about Kelly's presumed descent from immigrants.

CNN's Don Lemon said, "But like most Americans, Kelly comes from a family of immigrants, doesn't he?"

If you'd read "Adios, America!" Don, you'd know this is PC nonsense. As late as 1990—a quarter-century into Teddy Kennedy's plan to remake our nation into a Third World hellhole—half of the population traced its roots to the Americans of 1790. We're a real country, made up of the people who created it, much like other countries.

There were Irish here at the time of our founding who fought in the Revolutionary War. I'm related to one.

CNN's John Berman said: "(I)f I remember my high school American history—and I do—America in the midst of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century was built on immigrants."

It's as if nothing happened in America until 1850—no Jamestown, no Declaration of Independence, no Constitution, no creation of a brand-new civilization out of mud.

Long before America experienced its first immigrant wave in the 19th century, this was already a wildly successful country—rich, literate and free (with one glaring exception, soon to be corrected in the only war ever fought to end slavery). We'd won a war with Great Britain, conquered the West, and invented electricity, refrigeration, suspension bridges and a democratic republic.

Twitter lit up in response to Kelly's inoffensive remarks, with idiots pointing out that THE SAME THING WAS ONCE SAID ABOUT THE IRISH!

Yes, and the people who said it were right. Let's not sugarcoat what wonderful immigrants the Irish were.

All immigrants have been a problem in their own way. Italian immigrants brought us organized crime, something America had never experienced before. Jewish immigrants brought us radicals, communists and anarchists, setting off bombs all over the place. Irish immigrants brought poverty and shocking levels of crime—also William Brennan and Teddy Kennedy, the two men who did more than any others to wreck our country.

In the draft riots of 1863, New York City's Irish exploded in feral violence over the Emancipation Proclamation, fearful that they would soon have to compete with freed blacks for jobs.

The Irish ran wild, lynching blacks and burning black establishments to the ground. As described in Leslie M. Harris' book "In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626–1863," the Irish rioters "made a sport of mutilating the black men's bodies, sometimes sexually.

A group of white men and boys mortally attacked black sailor William Williams—jumping on his chest, plunging a knife into him, smashing his body with stones—while a crowd of men, women and children watched."

Luckily for the Irish, there were no ethnic activist groups leaping in to excuse their bad behavior. President Lincoln sent in federal troops to crush the savage uprising. (Hey, President Trump! Lincoln is a very popular president!)

And these were European immigrants, most of whom spoke English, contrary to the claptrap you've heard in reaction to Kelly's remark this past week.

Today we're getting peasants who not only don't speak English, they don't even speak Spanish and are also illiterate in their own dialects.

The Irish were driven out of their country by a one-time calamity—the potato famine. This wasn't how they always lived. Starving poverty wasn't their culture.

Still, the Irish were—at one time—among the poorest immigrants we ever got and the slowest to assimilate. It took 120 years, by political analyst Michael Barone's estimate. (Imagine a time when our worst immigrants were the Irish!)

And they might still be a problem if The New York Times had demanded special rights for them, the ACLU had brought lawsuits on their behalf and the Southern Poverty Law Center had screamed "racism" whenever anyone noticed their bad behavior.

Instead, no-nonsense Irish priests knocked them upside the head and told them to sober up and go home to their wives. (Back then, the Catholic Church was not about "immigrant rights"; it was about cleaning up their own bums.)

By the 1950s, the Irish were outearning other Americans. Many reformed so well that they became Republicans.

That was then, this is now.



An article by Ann Coulter titled "The Doomsday Scenario: What If School Walkouts Don't Work?" was posted at [anncoulter.com](http://anncoulter.com) on May 23 2018. Following is the article.

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*The New York Times* seemed to think it was bitterly ironic that some of the students at Santa Fe High School, site of the recent mass shooting, had staged a walkout last month in support of the Parkland, Florida, students. But now, only a month later, one of the students who participated in the walkout is in the hospital from yet another school shooting.

I suppose we could revel in the irony, but, as a more results-oriented person, what I take from that vignette is that school walkouts are not effective deterrents to school shootings. I'm not sure the poems did much either.

These are hideous events that require serious proposals, not the self-indulgent mawkishness our media keep serving up.

Here are some news items that might help us figure out how to reduce the number of school shooting victims.

- May 3, 2017, Arlington, Texas: James Jones went to the Zona Caliente sports bar and began yelling incoherently. When the manager, Cesar Perez, went to talk to him and calm him down, Jones pulled out a gun and shot Perez dead, then started shooting wildly at patrons. Luckily, a concealed carry holder happened to be having dinner at Zona Caliente with his wife that night. He shot Jones dead before anyone else was hurt.
- Aug. 7, 2016, Linndale, Ohio: Two men getting into their car in a Dollar Store parking lot were held up by a masked armed robber. As the gunman, Varshaun Stephen Dukes, was rifling through one of the men's pockets, the other pulled out his concealed handgun and told him to stop. The robber fired at the man but missed. The concealed carry permit holder shot back, putting a .45 bullet in the robber's brain. (Naturally, he survived.) All of this was captured on the Dollar Store's surveillance camera, so no charges were brought against the armed citizen.
- June 26, 2016, Lyman, South Carolina: Jody Ray Thompson opened fire in the crowded Playoffz nightclub, injuring three. But before he could kill anyone, he was shot in the leg by a club patron with a concealed carry license. Police arrested Thompson without further incident and no one died.
- May 31, 2015, Conyers, Georgia: After arguing with a liquor store clerk, Jeffrey Scott Pitts returned with a gun and began shooting at everyone in the store, killing two. Todd Scott, who was there to buy a six-pack, returned fire. The crazed gunman fled, went home and shot his parents. "He was very surprised that he was not the only one in the store with a gun," Scott said. Apart from the two people killed in Pitts' opening barrage, no one died. Scott saved the lives of everyone else in that store.
- July 24, 2014, Darby, Pennsylvania: Felon and psychiatric patient Richard Plotts pulled out a gun at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, murdered his caseworker and wounded his psychiatrist, Dr. Lee Silverman. He would have kept shooting—Plotts had 39 more bullets—but the doctor pulled out his own gun and fired back, in violation of the hospital's no-guns rule. No one else died.
- Jan. 11, 2014, Portland, Oregon: After being turned away from a strip club in Portland, repeat felon Thomas Elliott Hjelmeland came back, wearing a clown mask, guns blazing. He hit a waitress, a security guard and a patron before a bouncer, concealed carry permit holder Jonathan Baer, returned fire and ended the attack. No one died.
- Dec. 16, 2012, San Antonio, Texas: Jesus Manuel Garcia began shooting at the Santikos Mayan Palace movie theater from a nearby restaurant and continued shooting as he walked toward the theater. An armed off-duty cop shot Garcia four times, stopping the attack. No one died.
- March 25, 2018, Boiling Springs, South Carolina: Jesse Gates kicked in a side door of the Southside Freewill Baptist Church during services, raised his gun to shoot—but was grabbed and held at gunpoint by the reverend's grandson, a concealed carry permit holder. No one was hurt. Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said, "I like the fact that a concealed weapons permit holder was prepared to protect the worshippers."

It's seems like it's been awhile since we've heard of a crazed gunman being quickly disarmed at a school. Maybe because we've been trying to stop mass shootings with gun-free school zones.

Here are some older school shooting cases that had comparatively happy endings.

- In 2001, 15-year-old Charles Williams tried to shoot up his high school in Santee, California, but luckily, an off-duty cop happened to be bringing his daughter to school that day. He ended Williams' rampage with his own gun, holding him until more police arrived. Two fatalities.

- In 1998, a 14-year-old student began shooting up a school dance being held at a restaurant in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. The restaurant owner pulled out a shotgun, keeping the death toll to one.

- In 1997, a student shot several people at his high school in Pearl, Mississippi, killing two, and was headed to the junior high, until assistant principal Joel Myrick retrieved a .45 pistol from his car and pointed it at the gunman's head. Another massacre averted.

- In 1993, student Mark Duong pulled out a gun during his disciplinary hearing at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, wounding three people, including the police officer, who, luckily, had been asked to attend the hearing. The officer immediately shot the psychotic student dead, saving the lives of everyone in the room.

We can try the walkouts, rallies, moments of silence, media adulation, poems and fist salutes. But if the full arsenal of liberal disapprobation doesn't stop schizophrenics from going on shooting sprees, concealed carry laws will at least save a lot of lives.



An article by Kevin McCullough titled "Lies the Anti-Gun Left Tell and That Must Be Confronted Now" was posted at townhall.com May 20, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The sociological, theological, cultural and political left lie often. This is not new.

That they lie regarding the issue of guns is taken for granted. That they do so in the aftermath of children dying—usually as a result of their horrid policies—they do so with such predictability you could set one's watch to it.

The shooting in Texas this week was no exception. Within minutes of the first reports breaking the wires, the twitter-verse had exploded worldwide with the demands that "something be done." (And you realize that they say this as though they are the only ones who think so.)

They do so in such a way that if you don't 100% agree with their "ideas" (they have precious few) they throw pejoratives faster than breathing.

Following the Parkland shooting I desired to start an honest dialogue about ideas that reasonable people could garner support for, while spending very little money, and on a timeline that could be implemented tomorrow. More than a million page views later the seven simple steps to eliminate school shootings overnight received lopsided approval and far many more asking than not, “can we implement these now please?”

Not surprisingly that column again began bouncing around twitter and the rest of social media on Friday.

I noted a different twist however. The left that hates the second amendment is attempting to morph their message to make even those who put forward such simple goals (non-partisan, and completely commonsense) appear to be the extremists.

They do so using a series of surprisingly effective lies. To confront them just to correct the record would be of benefit. But because they are using these lies to delay taking steps that would actually save children’s lives—these lies have to be crushed.

Kids are dying because of the lies these people are telling.

### **1. The left has a true understanding of what’s at stake.**

Spend time attempting to help them understand simple facts is a frustrating effort because they have no capacity to admit what the truth is. The “something must be done” comment is almost always followed by, “but Trump doesn’t care, neither does the NRA, and certainly not conservatives.”

The truth is, that as a commonsense, clarity-driven conservative, I’m one of the few people in the punditry of America that has actually put forward a plan that would factually come close to eliminating school shootings overnight.

### **2. Criminals aren’t so bad.**

How awkward I felt for the left as they attacked President Trump this week for calling the gang members of MS13 (operating in 42 states) “animals.”

Some of the very same people in my twitter feed went from decrying the President for his brutality in not recognizing the humanity of the members of MS13, and moments later screeching screed after screed of why school shooters must be stopped.

MS13 members—I personally believe—are given to demonic or satanic possession. There simply is no other explanation for how they rape young girls, dismember them, and even then sometimes document the carnage with photographs.

If I lived in an area of the country where MS13 roamed with Obama-style impunity, I would regularly carry self defense weaponry, for simply no other reason.

### **3. Police are worse than criminals.**

Even though killings by police are at record lows, the very same crowd that is screaming about “someone doing something” to stop the killers who seek

to kill our school children, regularly condemn all police for the actions of the less than 1% who have done criminal acts of their own.

#### **4. No one other than law enforcement must have guns.**

Despite the deep cognitive dissonance that this lie produces based on the last two, nonetheless this has been the argument they continually make.

Reasonable people can see through this. This is simply a way to say there's not enough "scrutiny" or "laws" or too much "access" therefore law enforcement are the ones we "allow."

#### **5. Hardening targets imprisons free people.**

When left-leaning anti-gun social media users read my "Simple Seven Steps" ideas, they are left with little to no factual basis to counter it with.

So the new talking point in response is "why do you just want to turn our schools into prisons?"

Mind you I don't believe these people are genuinely as stupid as they are pretending. They are by necessity playing a game in order to advance the agenda.

What they call "imprisoning our campuses" when (according to them) "campuses should be worry free zones of education" is actually one hundred percent backwards.

Hardening a target—especially a school campus—is similar to playing defense in any oppositional situation. Layers of defenses beats trying to count on all of society no longer having ANY criminal or evil impulse.

Mass shootings ALWAYS happen in areas where almost NO defenses exist.

- Controlled traffic through limited entryways and exists establishes a perimeter.
- Personnel (former military and law enforcement) walking the grounds and doing occasional bag checks are the next layer in.
- Metal detectors at the building is layer three.
- Reinforcing infrastructures with better locks, doors, windows is layer four.
- And people on the inside—properly trained people whether uniform officers or ground marshall staff, who can shoot back IF the shooter gets through the first four layers may be the layer that takes a shooter down instead of killing a dozen more before reloading.

No general planning a defense of an area would simply hope the enemy doesn't come walking into range. Instead perimeters, ID's, controlled access, and the evidence of a vibrant response are all parts of a properly hardened target.

#### **6. The BIGGEST lie of all: They don't wish to ban guns.**

No matter how many facts and rational arguments you put forward, eventually the discussion turns to "something must be done." And that something is always the removal of guns from the population.

They lie and say it isn't but their ultimate arguments always turn in that direction. Strike up a discussion, and watch it happen.

I remain as steadfastly committed to protecting our children as ever. The school in Texas only practiced two of the seven steps.

Last thought, for those who believe that "hardening targets" imprisons our children, an observation.

Every day I walk across the main level of the Oculus. It is the shopping mall/transit hub that sits at the base of the new World Trade 4 building.

Every day there are more than a million people that walk through it as well.

Every day I can likely count 6-10 uniformed military members, and about the same number of NYPD.

When I'm able I stop them and say "thanks" for protecting us. I'm wise enough to understand that even their mere presence makes the likelihood that someone will ever open fire on the crush of humanity in this completely open area is very low.

None of us feel imprisoned. We feel protected. They aren't taking our freedom away by standing their post. They are defending it, by defending us.

Doing the same for our children, isn't imprisonment, it's providing for their defense.

We live in evil times, being vigilant is the new reality, and combatting the lies that keep us from realizing this is the first step in creating the peace we all long for.



Looking back to February, here is an article by Kevin McCullough titled "7 Steps to Eliminate School Shootings Overnight" that was posted at town-hall.com on Feb. 18, 2018.

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After days of bitter hurt, anger, deep savage argument, and plenty of non-thinking social media trolls blurting whatever comes to mind through their thumbs, it's time we as Americans begin a genuine discussion about how to stop the next school shooting from occurring.

It's important that we do this even though gun deaths are by no means the most dangerous form of death in America today.

In 2017, with 300,000,000-plus guns in the hands of Americans, there were 15,549 gun deaths. This ranks less than half the number of automobile deaths even though there are fewer cars in existence than guns. In 2017, there were 253,000,000 cars in existence and 41,000 auto deaths.

Nonetheless, the rhetoric is so loud and the anger so tightly wound that a way forward needs to begin. Genuinely good people on both sides of this issue disagree.

Pro-gun people believe that owning a gun is one step of many in helping to keep their families safe and their government from becoming too tyrannical. Anti-gun people believe that the mere existence of a gun is a danger to all. But note that both sets of people desire safety in general.

With very little expertise, but with a robust research ability, my staff and I began looking at this issue this week from the perspective of what could be done that would be tangible, but also acceptable to both sides of the discussion.

Here are seven simple steps that can and should be implemented overnight across the country and in similar fashion school shootings would be eliminated. This list is not exhaustive but is a starting point where good-willed people can come together to make a significant difference now.

### **1. Metal detectors in every school.**

This maintains such common sense it's impossible to believe that it doesn't already happen. This is a bigger failure in the era of post-Columbine than the popularity of the AR-15.

How do the largest schools in our nation (Stoneman Douglas is one of the largest at over 3,000 students) not have access points controlled through a metal detector daily?

Our courts, government buildings, airports, sports stadiums, conventions, and plenty of other public gatherings demand them.

### **2. Enforce everything.**

Oddly those calling for more laws to be added to the already overly tufted books of law regarding firearms may not realize just how many laws already exist.

Simple enforcement of existing laws would cut down on uncounted numbers of people owning guns, possessing guns, and utilizing guns. This is particularly true in the area of those with mental health issues.

Begin doing what laws already state must be done, and do so like our children's lives depend on it.

### **3. Perform Active Shooter Drills.**

In many school districts in the nation earthquake drills are performed. No children have died in earthquakes at an American school in years but the drills go forward.

"Sequester and Hide" (and then get your cell phone out and begin "facebook-LIVE-ing") should be replaced with "Barricade, Attack, & Survive."

Young people should be aware of how quickly they can move a teacher's desk and their own to protect against a shooter. These should be practiced and drilled at minimum in comparison to earthquake drills.

### **4. Reinforce Doors, Windows, Buses, Locks.**

Though these things were installed and still did not stop the shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, they are able to stop some of the carnage.

At the Stoneman Douglas high school, the shooter attempted to shoot through the reinforced glass of the classrooms in an attempt to shoot victims outside the building, but was unable to because of the technology of the glass. That piece of hardened, thickened glass saved lives.

### **5. Recruit Retired Military & Law Enforcement.**

The number of qualified public safety professionals that live in our communities is surprising. These friends and neighbors have already received certification and weapons training. Most of them (unless they become criminals) are already allowed to own, possess, and carry firearms.

Having them operate the access points at all schools, check every backpack and bag carried onto the premises, and engage every threat be it a firearm, a pocketknife or any other form of contraband—would not only ensure a safer school campus, but also a more rule following, law abiding one.

Drugs, porn, and other forms of disruptive materials would be filtered out of the school campus environment on the threat of being discovered every day by the school security professional.

### **6. Arm All Appropriate Personnel.**

Giving teachers, coaches, and administrators (only the ones who wish to) the right to protect themselves on campus is a backstop to all other methods.

But it is a genuine deterrent nonetheless. If only 5-10% of staff were also armed, certified, and properly trained, there would be no threat that first got through the detectors, security professionals, and the hallways that would still be allowed complete and utter access to the student body.

Instead of a coach taking bullets, giving up his life to protect his students, numbers of teachers and coaches would be ready to confront any threat that made it to their area of the campus.

### **7. Publicize Consequence.**

The mere knowledge of this list of obstacles to any attacker may not completely dissuade them. But since it was readily apparent that this list of steps would have actually saved some if not all of the lives in Florida this week, one thing can be easily understood.

Any individual who decides to try something under these guidelines runs a much larger threat of being caught, captured, and killed if he tries it.

So talk about it openly. Do the drills, teach the kids to fight for their own survival, tell the predators in advance that if they choose to attack a school it is open war on them, and before they ever have the chance to enter the facility the daunting challenge they will face will likely be a price too steep for them to be willing to pay.

Israel has already put some of these steps into practice and the nation has seen almost zero school attacks since adopting them.

None of these steps infringe upon law-abiding people's Second Amendment rights.

All of these steps attempt to stop and engage mentally ill or deliberately belligerent attackers.

This list would make an immediate impact on every school that adopts them.

No common sense American can deny their effectiveness.

Our kids are worth it!



An article by Walter Williams titled "From Russia With Love" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on May 23, 2018. Following is the article.

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Robert Mueller's investigation into whether President Donald Trump and the Russians colluded to rig the 2016 presidential election so far has borne little fruit. The Democrats and their media allies would love to find some Russian collusion and interference. I can help them discover some, but I doubt they will show much interest. Here it goes.

For years, Russia has been the world's largest oil producer. Within recent times, the U.S. has edged Russia out of the No. 1 spot. Much of the increased U.S. production is attributable to hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in the shale formations in Texas and North Dakota. Now the U.S. is a net exporter of oil. Exports of oil have exceeded oil imports since 2011. This hasn't sat well with Russia, which has taken measures to hinder our oil productivity.

An *American Spectator* magazine story points to the kind of Russian collusion and domestic meddling that meets the approval of Democrats, leftists and their media allies. The story is aptly titled "Russian funding of U.S. environmental groups shows how collusion is done".

A 2014 U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee report identified that the San Francisco-based Sea Change Foundation receives funding from a Bermuda-based shell company known as Klein Ltd. Klein Ltd. was created by attorneys from Wakefield Quin, a law firm that has close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Klein Ltd. operates as a "pass-through" organization for foreign money going into the U.S.

The IRS requires nonprofit organizations to file 990 forms that report their activities. Those 990s show that Klein Ltd. contributed \$23 million to the Sea Change Foundation in 2010 and again in 2011. That's about half of the contributions Sea Change Foundation received during those years.

Those same 990 forms show that the Sea Change Foundation distributed more than \$20 million in grants in 2010 and 2011 to environmental organizations. It gave more than \$40 million in grants to leftist environmental groups, such as the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Sierra Club

Foundation, the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, the Tides Foundation, the Union of Concerned Scientists and the World Wildlife Fund.

In return for the grant money, those leftist environmentalists were “to promote awareness of climate change,” “reduce reliance on high carbon energy,” “educate the public about climate and clean energy” and “promote climate and clean energy communications.”

A U.S. House Science, Space and Technology Committee report, titled “Russian Attempts to Influence U.S. Domestic Energy Markets by Exploiting Social Media,” details that the environmental groups used the Russian money to protest the process of fracking and fight the building of the Keystone XL pipeline. If environmentalists can thwart U.S. oil production, Russia, which is a major energy supplier to Europe, stands to gain greater economic and political power.

Rep. Lamar Smith, the chairman of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, has raised the possibility that those complicit in the scheme to use American environmentalists to advance Russian propaganda and interests could be in violation of federal statutes that apply to foreign agents lobbying in behalf of foreign interests.

Russia is also a major supplier of natural gas to all of Europe. U.S. natural gas producers long wished to export some of their product to Europe and Japan to take advantage of higher prices. But up until 2016, they were blocked by natural gas export restrictions. In the case of natural gas, the Russians didn’t have to bribe environmentalists to do their dirty work. They had willing support from U.S. industrial giants such as Dow, Alcoa, Celanese and Nucor, members of America’s Energy Advantage. These U.S. companies lobbied against natural gas exports, saying that it would be unpatriotic to allow unlimited natural gas exports.

Export restrictions kept natural gas prices artificially low and gave U.S. manufacturing companies a raw material advantage. The lifting of export restrictions has raised natural gas prices in the U.S. but lowered them in the recipient countries and weakened Russia’s economic and political hold on Europe. In my book, that’s a good thing.



An article by Neal Rothschild titled “The Senate Democrats Who Keep Saying No to Trump Nominees” was posted at [axios.com](https://www.axios.com) on May 13, 2018. Following is the article.

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A handful of Senate Democrats are committed to opposing President Trump’s executive branch nominations at every turn—and the group bears an uncanny resemblance to the rumored 2020 frontrunners.

Here is the percent of time senators voted against confirming Trump nominees.

- Kristen Gillibrand—94.6%
- Elizabeth Warren—91.9
- Jeff Merkley—86.5
- Bernie Sanders—86.1
- Cory Booker—85.7
- Kamala Harris—83.8
- Ed Markey—83.8
- Richard Blumenthal—75.0
- Chuck Schumer—70.3
- Chris Van Hollen—70.3

Between the lines: Democrats like Kirsten Gillibrand, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and Cory Booker have nothing to lose by voting against Trump's nominations—and a lot to gain with the Democratic voters they'll need if they decide to run for the White House.

The winner: The list is topped by Gillibrand, who voted to confirm David Shulkin (an Obama holdover) and Nikki Haley, but no others for prominent leadership roles. She was the lone vote against Jim Mattis as Defense Secretary.

The flip side: The Senate Democrats who have voted against Trump nominees the least include red-state Democrats Joe Manchin (16.2%), Heidi Heitkamp (16.2%) and Joe Donnelly (27%)—as well as independent Angus King (24.3%). Manchin and Donnelly are the only Democrats who have committed to voting to confirm Gina Haspel as CIA director.



An article titled "33 Things Democrats Have Said Trump Could Be Impeached For" was posted at grabien.com on May 22, 2018. Following is the article.

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- For "disrespecting and disparaging women"—10/11/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
  - For banning transgenders from serving in the military—10/11/2017—Grabien—Al Green
  - For saying NFL athletes should stand for the national anthem—10/19/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
  - For being "friends" with Putin—10/24/2017—CNN—Maxine Waters

- For being “a clear and present danger” to Americans—10/25/2017—MSNBC—Tom Steyer
- For “putting the health and safety of Americans at risk”—10/28/2017—MSNBC—Tom Steyer
- For being an “inciter” of “hatred”—11/08/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
- For inciting “bigotry”—11/08/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
- For promoting “xenophobia”—11/08/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
- For being an “inciter” of “ethnocentrism”—11/08/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
- For “undermining the federal judiciary”—11/15/2017—Grabien—Steve Cohen
- For the “Access Hollywood” tape—11/16/2017—Bloomberg—Maxine Waters
- For mocking a disabled journalist—11/16/2017—Bloomberg—Maxine Waters
- For “threatening the media”—11/18/2017—MSNBC—John Yarmuth
- For “taking money from foreign governments”—11/26/2017—CNN—Tom Steyer
- For “dereliction of duty”—12/03/2017—MSNBC—Ted Lieu
- For being incompetent—12/04/2017—MSNBC—Ezra Klein
- For bringing “dishonor” upon the United States—12/06/2017—CSPAN—Al Green
- For being “psychologically deranged”—12/16/2017—MSNBC—Richard Painter
- For not believing in the Constitution—12/30/2017—MSNBC—Karine Jean-Pierre
- For being “racist, sexist, and Islamophobic”—12/30/2017—MSNBC—Anushay Hossain
- For being “unfit” for office—01/08/2018—MSNBC—Tom Steyer
- For saying some countries are “shitholes”—01/14/2018—MSNBC—Al Green
- For his aides talking to Russians—01/26/2018—CNN—Cory Booker
- For urging Sessions to investigate Hillary—02/28/2018 —MSNBC—Chris Hayes
- For not being respectful—03/04/2018—MSNBC—Maxine Waters
- For being “the most dangerous president in American history”—03/05/2018—MSNBC—Tom Perez
- For name calling—03/12/2018—MSNBC—Maxine Waters
- A.G. Sessions firing Andrew McCabe—03/16/2018—MSNBC—Danny Cevallos
- For violating the “emoluments clause”—03/20/2018—MSNBC—Tom Steyer
- If he were to fire Robert Mueller—03/23/2018—CNN—Ted Lieu

- For being “unwilling to make it clear” Russians can’t hack America’s “critical infrastructure”—03/26/2018—MSNBC—John Garamendi
- For being “unworthy” and “despicable”—03/27/2018—MSNBC—Maxine Waters



“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.

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## **Finances**

- An article by Justin Bogie titled “Does Congress No Longer Care About Cutting Spending, Fiscal Restraint?” was posted at cnsnews.com on May 24, 2018.
- An article by Kathy Orton titled “Mortgage Rates Have Been Rising at a Pace Not Seen in Almost 50 Years” was posted at Imtonline.com on May 24, 2018.
- An article by Nathan Bomey titled “Gas Prices Could Hit \$3 Nationwide Memorial Day Weekend” was posted at usatoday.com on May 24, 2018.

## **Illegal immigration**

- An article by Laretta Brown titled “Irony: Abortion Leaders Condemn Trump for Not Recognizing MS-13 As People” was posted at townhall.com on May 17, 2018.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled “WH Lists ‘Unthinkable Violence of MS-13’s Animals’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on May 21, 2018.
- An article by Stephen Dinan titled “MS-13 Gang Member Nicknamed ‘Animal’ Sentenced to 40 Years” was posted at washingtontimes.com on May 22, 2018.
- An article by Laretta Brown titled “Tennessee Will Ban Sanctuary Cities” was posted at townhall.com on May 21, 2018.

## **Comments about weapons**

- An article by Guy Benson titled “ ‘Good Guy With a Gun’: Illinois School Shooting Thwarted by Armed Guard” was posted at townhall.com on May 17, 2018.
- An article by Jamiel Lynch titled “Armed Citizen Kills Shooter at Oklahoma City Restaurant” was posted at cnn.com on May 24, 2018.

## **Comments about Trump support**

- An article by Matt Vespa titled “DHS Secretary: Democrats Owe Trump An Apology for Peddling Lies About His Remarks on Immigration” was posted at townhall.com on May 18, 2018.

- An article by Mark Penn titled "Stopping Robert Mueller to Protect Us" was posted at thehill.com on May 20, 2018.
- An article by Larry Elder titled "In Calling MS-13 Gang Members 'Animals,' Trump was Kind" was posted at townhall.com on May 24, 2018.

### **Comments about Trump opposition**

- An article by Derek Hunter titled "The Deep State is Real, and Much Bigger Than You Know" was posted at townhall.com on May 20, 2018.
- An article by Chelsea Adelaine Hassier titled "George W. Bush Just Delivered a Savage Takedown of Donald Trump—Without Even Saying His Name" was posted at yahoo.com on May 20, 2018.
- A video titled "Al Green: Democrats Will Impeach Trump If We Retake the House" was posted at grabien.com on May 22, 2018.
- An article by Thomas Lifson titled "Bombshell: More Obama Administration Spies Attempted to Insert Selves Into Trump Campaign" was posted at americanthinker.com on May 22, 2018.
- An article by Brent Bozell and Tim Graham titled "So They Were Spying on Trump's Campaign" was posted at newsbusters.org on May 22, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Grassley Tells Rosenstein to 'Provide Unredacted Copies' of All Strzok-Page Texts" was posted at cnsnews.com on May 24, 2018.

### **News about the media**

- An article by Paul Driessen titled "Real Russian Collusion the Dems and MSM Ignore" was posted at townhall.com on May 19, 2018.
- An article by Bill D'Agostino titled "What Changed? The Same Media Who Excuse Bob Mueller Abused Ken Starr" was posted at newsbusters.org on May 23, 2018.
- An article by Tom Blumer titled "Few Media Outlets Note Reuters' Midterm Election Poll Swinging to GOP" was posted at newsbusters.org on May 24, 2018.
- An article by Shalini Ramachandran titled "How Weakened ESPN Became Consumed by Politics" was posted at wsj.com on May 24, 2018.

### **General interest**

- An article by Timothy Meads titled "NFL Superstar [JJ Watt] Offers to Personally Pay for All 10 Sante Fe Shooting Victims' Funerals" was posted at townhall.com on May 19, 2018.
- An article by Carey Gillam titled "Landmark Lawsuit Claims Monsanto Hid Cancer Danger of Weedkiller for Decades" was posted at theguardian.com on May 22, 2018.

- An article by Beth Baumann titled “Lefties: Stop Pushing This Bogus ‘War on Women’ Narrative” was posted at townhall.com on May 21, 2018.
- An article by Lesley Messer titled “Former President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama Sign Multiyear Deal With Netflix” was posted at yahoo.com on May 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.”