

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 Anthony DiPaola and Vivian Nereim titled "Saudi Arabia Kicks Off \$425 Billion Bonanza for Infrastructure" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 28, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Saudi Arabia unveiled a sweeping plan to develop infrastructure and industry across the world's leading oil-exporting nation.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who's embarked on the biggest overhaul of the Saudi economy in its modern history, on Monday presided over the signing of agreements in planned deals before an invite-only crowd in Riyadh.

The program will net more than \$426 billion in investments by 2030 and add 1.6 million new jobs, according to a government statement.

The Saudi target for investment by 2030 "is actually growing as we speak," Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said in an interview. As for the government's outlays, "they're significant," and "over time there will be hundreds of billions of riyals that will be spent on both hard and soft infrastructure," he said.

Saudi Arabia's push for investment in railways, airports and industrial projects marks the latest effort by the biggest Arab economy to break its reliance on crude sales for government income.

The Saudi government is ready to put its money into financing projects alongside international investors. Funding for projects including a new airport and rail links could require hundreds of billions of riyals in state spending.

Special rooms were set up inside the Ritz, with booths labeled by sector, for people to discuss investment. In November 2017, Saudi Arabia used the hotel to detain leading royals and businessmen in what it described as a crackdown on corruption.

On Monday, the kingdom sealed 37 deals worth \$53 billion and announced 29 others valued at \$960 million. Boeing Co. agreed to manufacture airplane parts in the kingdom and Thales SA will cooperate in defense. International Business Machines Corp. signed a deal for research into cloud computing and artificial intelligence.

Saudi Arabia is getting a makeover under the crown prince, who assumed his de facto leadership in 2017 vowing to steer the economy from its near-total dependence on crude by masterminding reforms known as Vision 2030.

The kingdom's infrastructure—from roads to water supply—was ranked 40th among 140 nations in the World Economic Forum's latest Global Competitiveness Report.

But while higher public spending is projected to drive non-oil economic growth to 2.6 percent in 2019, the pace remains below levels achieved before 2014, when crude prices collapsed, according to Bloomberg Economics. The share of the government's oil income will grow to 68 percent of total revenue this year.

With Saudi Arabia finding it harder to continue pumping fiscal stimulus into the economy, the infrastructure push will test investor faith after the killing of Jamal Khashoggi sparked global outcry.

Al-Falih has said the program is expected to contribute \$320 billion to the Saudi economy by 2030, equivalent to almost half of the country's gross domestic product last year, and create 11 new industries from aerospace to biomedicine.

The kingdom is planning to boost expenditure this year by 7 percent, basing this year's budget on an oil price estimated by Bloomberg Economics at as high as \$80 a barrel. International benchmark Brent crude closed below \$62 in London on Friday.

"The room for fiscal spending is actually quite limited," Jaap Meijer, head of research at Arqaam Capital Ltd., said in an interview with Bloomberg Television. "Although fiscal policy is loosening a little bit into the new year, the scope of it has to be fairly limited."

The program will link energy, mining and infrastructure projects and will include new defense industry initiatives seeking to bring technology and manufacturing to Saudi Arabia, Al-Falih said Saturday in Riyadh.

The kingdom plans to restructure its power industry by separating ownership of power plants from the high-voltage lines used for transmission across the country and from the connections to homes and offices.

Known as the National Industrial Development and Logistics Program, the planned investment includes some projects that have already started and combines efforts across different industries. For example, the country has long planned to reform its electricity industry.

Some of Saudi Aramco projects will also come under the umbrella of the new program, including an industrial park on the Persian Gulf coast and a plan with Saudi Basic Industries Corp. to transform oil straight into chemicals, Al-Falih said.



An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Democrat Ilhan Omar Suggests Israel Is Not a Democracy Because of 'Jewish State' Law" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 31, 2019. Following is the article.

Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) told an interviewer Tuesday that she "almost chuckle[s]" at the idea that Israel is a democracy because it is a "Jewish state."

Omar, who has a long history of anti-Israel rhetoric, was speaking with Zainab Salbi of Yahoo! News.

She argued that U.S. foreign policy was biased toward Israel over the Palestinians, saying that it had "always been aggravating to me" that "we have had a policy that makes one superior to the other, and we mask it with a conversation that's about justice, and a two-state solution, when you have policies that clearly prioritize one over the other."

Omar did not note the long history of Palestinian terrorism, including against Americans, and the refusal of the Palestinian Authority to stop payments to terrorists and their families, which has resulted in an end to U.S. aid.

Pressed to elaborate on her views, Omar mentioned Israel's new "Jewish state" law, which she claimed "does not recognize the other religions that are living in it."

As Breitbart News columnist Caroline Glick has explained, the new law "is an aggregation of previously passed laws and statutes. It defines Israel as the Jewish nation state, which it has been since its founding." Members of all faiths continue to enjoy religious freedom in Israel.

Omar went on to compare Israel to Iran, a theocracy that is one of the world's most repressive regimes, saying that the U.S. should "call out" Israel for its supposedly similar democratic lapses.

Democratic Party leaders have insisted this week that Omar and fellow first-year left-wing Democrat Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan are not antisemitic, despite statements by both that evoke Jewish stereotypes.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi named Omar to the House Foreign Affairs Committee earlier this month.



"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 titled “20 Dead After Bombing in Philippine Cathedral During Sunday Mass” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 27, 2019.
 - An article titled “Greek Bishop Sentenced for Inciting Violence Against Gays: Report” was posted at france24.com on Jan. 28, 2019.
 - An article by Alex Vasquez and Andrew Rosati titled “Maduro Boxed In As Guaido Consolidates Position in Venezuela” was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 27, 2019.
 - An article by Robert Moore titled “Congress Must Prevent Any Military Intervention in Venezuela” was posted at nationalreview.com on Jan. 31, 2019.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “New York Governor Cuomo Wants to Ban the Death Penalty Except for Unborn Children; Go Ahead And Kill Those” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 24, 2019. Following is the article.

This week, the media did everything in their power to avoid talking about the pro-life March for Life, attended by hundreds of thousands of people who braved the cold to stand with the rights of unborn children.

Instead, the media manufactured stories out of whole cloth—in particular, the story of a group of Catholic high school boys supposedly harassing a kind elderly Native American gentleman. That story turned out to be false. But at least the American people weren’t subjected to coverage of the actual March itself. That could have disturbed the Democratic narrative that abortion is freedom.

How far has the Democratic Party gone at this point? Let New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) tell the tale.

- This week, Cuomo celebrated a bill passed by the legislature that legalized the murder of unborn infants up to the point of birth.

He even changed the criminal code so that there would be no separate punishment for the murder of an unborn infant (so, for example, if a boyfriend beat his pregnant girlfriend in the belly so hard she miscarried, the only crime would be for his assault on her, not for his killing of the baby).

Cuomo ordered that state sites be lit up in pink, in honor of the imminent murder of thousands of more children.

- Meanwhile, Cuomo came out strongly in favor of banning the death penalty in New York, hilariously citing Catholic doctrine in his own defense.

Mr. Cuomo wrote on August 2, 2018: “The death penalty is morally indefensible and has no place in the 21st century. Today, in solidarity with @pontifex and in honor of my father, I will be advancing legislation to remove the death penalty from State law once and for all.”

Now, it's already bizarre to see Democrats citing the Pope as justification for their politics, given the party's newfound hatred of Catholicism—just ask the Covington boys, Judge Amy Coney Barrett, and the Knights of Columbus.

It's even more bizarre to watch Cuomo invoke the Pope literally days after celebrating the mass killing of the unborn. It turns out the Catholic Church has had some ideas on abortion for a while.

But this is how extreme the Democratic Party has become: open celebration of the lethal injection of the unborn, while simultaneously protecting rapists and murderers from lethal injection.

At least we now know whom Democrats think are the most dangerous among us: innocent children who haven't exited their mothers' womb.



An article by Katie Yoder titled "10 Stars Slamming New York's Extreme Abortion Law" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 29, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Amplified by the media, celebrities and voices in entertainment regularly celebrate abortion and "reproductive justice." But not all of Hollywood is with them—especially when it comes to the recent passage of New York's abortion-friendly law.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) on January 22, the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court case that legalized abortion in the United States. The RHA allows abortions "within 24 weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or [when] there is an absence of fetal viability, or at any time when necessary to protect a patient's life or health"—the patient meaning the mother, not the unborn child.

While the RHA appears to restrict abortion after 24 weeks, it doesn't: the legislation fails to define what could be considered threatening to a mother's "life or health." That's something these stars noticed.

Here are 10 big names expressing outrage against Gov. Cuomo's legislation.

- Patricia Heaton
- Dean Cain
- Robert Davi
- Kaya Jones
- Charlie Daniels
- Kevin Sorbo
- Margaret Colin
- Scott Baio
- Brooke Ligertwood
- Jenn Johnson

These 10 aren't alone. Other big names, like NFL player Benjamin Watson, have protested the law, along with Catholic leaders and American mothers. While many in the media prop up abortion supporters, the pro-life movement exists.

A Marist poll revealed Jan. 15 that 75 percent of Americans want abortion limited to the first three months of pregnancy. New York's abortion law is out of touch not just for some in Hollywood but also for many in America.



An article by Allie Stuckey titled "The Agenda Is Infanticide" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 31, 2019. Following is the article.

The Virginia House of Delegates proposed a bill legalizing abortion through all nine months. Delegate Kathy Tran (D-Fairfax) confirmed that abortion would be available to the mother even while in natural labor, as long as it was for the reason of "mental health." The definition of "mental health" is obscure in the bill.

So, that's that, pro-choicers.

- No more pretending this is about healthcare.
- No more pretending this is about "reproductive rights."
- No more pretending this is about removing a non-human "clump of cells."
- No more "safe, legal and rare" business.
- No more pretending this is about compassion for the mother or child.

This is, and always has been, about ensuring a woman has the ability to walk away from parenthood the same way a man can. We've always known it; we've just been waiting for you guys to out yourselves. Thanks so much for coming through.

As I've stated in a previous piece, abortion is about feminists' obsession with equality through homogeneity. With that being the motive, why stop at the first or second trimester? Heck, why stop at birth?

In fact, Virginia governor Ralph Northam explained clearly that this abortion bill would indeed allow doctors to kill the child after birth. In a radio interview, Gov. Northam said:

"If a mother is in labor . . . the infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

So, the baby is out of the womb, cord is cut, and she's lying on the table next to the delivery bed. That child, according to Governor Northam, could be killed presumably the same way a full-term baby is killed in a partial-birth abortion: an incision is made in the back of her skull and her brain is sucked out through

a vacuum until her head collapses. Only a few moments earlier she was crying. Only seconds before she was instinctively longing to be held and fed. Now, she's nothing more than an object to be obliterated, a hindrance to be eliminated.

Northam specified in the interview that this would typically be in cases where the baby is deformed or isn't viable. This probably isn't true, but, even if it were, we're talking nothing short of eugenics.

We're talking nothing less than infanticide. Yet the real story, according to outlets like *The Washington Post* and CBS, is the "conservative backlash."

Not that we're condoning the brutal murder of babies under the guise of sympathy.

Not that we're seeing human selfishness manifest itself in the ugliest way possible.

Not that we're experiencing a fundamental shift in the American conscience.

No—the real headline is that we right-wingers are freaking out.

If only everyone were panicking half as much as we "out-there" conservatives are. Abortion, and, in this case, late-term abortion and infanticide, is the ultimate denigration of our nation's collective soul.

The left talks a big game when it comes to showing empathy for the marginalized and weak, yet few of them shed a single tear for the slaughter of the unborn, the most vulnerable and marginalized among us.

Pro-lifers have long been told we're making a mountain out of a molehill. If we don't want an abortion, we just shouldn't have one, they say. No, this isn't infanticide. No, this isn't eugenics. It's a woman's body. Her choice. It's about healthcare. It's about freedom. It's not even a person in there. It's about compassion for unfit mothers and unwanted children, they say.

But now the facade is gone, the charade is over.

It's probably a bit of a relief for pro-choicers to simply admit they're okay with murdering a defenseless human being. They can finally just admit "their truth."

Thank you, New York and Virginia, for proving us right yet again: we're not the extremists. You are.



"Eye on the World" comment: Following are additional headlines of articles about the laws in New York and Virginia to increase the opportunities for abortions. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

■ An article titled "New York Cheers Its New Lethal Injection Law for Babies, While the 'Morally Indefensible' Death Penalty Has Been Illegal for Years" was posted at countable.us on Jan. 24, 2019.

- An article by Emily Ward titled “Some Democrats Oppose NY’s New Law Allowing Up-to-Day of Birth [Abortion]” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Kugle titled “Northam on Abortion Bill: Infant Could Be Delivered and Then ‘Physicians and the Mother’ Could Decide If It Lives” was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Craig Millward titled “Va. Delegate Introduces Bill That Would Allow Abortions Up to Moment of Birth” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Laretta Brown titled “Dem Co-Sponsor [Dawn Adams] of [Kathy] Tran’s Abortion Up-to-Birth Bill in Virginia Apologizes, Admits She Did Not Read the Bill” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 31, 2019.



An article by Thomas Sowell titled “Lessons From the Past” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 28, 2019. Following is the article.

Seventy-one years ago this month—in January 1948—a black, 17-year-old high school dropout left home. The last grade he had completed was the 9th grade. He had no skills, little experience, and not a lot of maturity. Yet he was able to find jobs to support himself, to a far greater extent than someone similar can find jobs today.

I know because I was that black 17-year-old. And, decades later, I did research on economic conditions back then.

Back in 1948, the unemployment rate for 17-year-old black males was just under 10 percent, and no higher than the unemployment rate among white male 17-year-olds.

How could that be, when we have for decades gotten used to seeing unemployment rates for teenage males that have been some multiple of what it was then—and with black teenage unemployment often twice as high, or higher, than white teenage unemployment?

Many people automatically assume that racism explains the large difference in unemployment rates between black and white teenagers today.

Was there no racism in 1948?

No sane person who was alive in 1948 could believe that. Racism was worse—and of course there was no Civil Rights Act of 1964 then.

How then could there be this low unemployment rate, with virtually no racial difference?

Racism is despicable. But that tells us nothing about what weight it has—compared to other factors—as a cause of particular social problems such as unemployment.

Perhaps the most widely condemned racism in the second half of the 20th century was that in South Africa under apartheid, when an openly racist government proclaimed white supremacy, and denied blacks basic human rights. Yet, even under such a regime, there were particular occupations in which black workers outnumbered white workers—even though it was illegal to hire any blacks at all in those particular occupations. Economics carried weight, even in South Africa under apartheid.

In the United States, what was unusual about 1948 was that, for all practical purposes, there was no minimum wage law in effect. There was a minimum wage law on the books. But it was passed in 1938, and a decade of high inflation had raised money wages, for even low-level jobs, above that minimum wage.

Among the effects of a minimum wage law, when it is effective, is that many unskilled and inexperienced workers are priced out of a job, when employers do not find them worth what the law specifies. Another effect of a minimum wage law is that it can lead to a chronic surplus of job applicants.

When an employer has 40 qualified applicants for 20 jobs, it costs the employer nothing to refuse to hire 10 qualified black applicants. But if he has no more than 20 qualified applicants, that is a different ball game.

The point here is that economic factors carry weight, and sometimes, under some conditions, those economic factors carry more weight than racism. Even in South Africa under apartheid.

In the United States, as the minimum wage rate specified in the law began to be raised, beginning in the 1950s, so as to catch up with inflation and then keep up with inflation, the minimum wage law became effective in practice once again—and a racial gap in unemployment rates opened up and expanded.

As a black teenager, I was lucky enough to be looking for jobs when the minimum wage law was rendered ineffective by inflation. I was also lucky enough to have gone through New York schools at a time when they still had high educational standards.

Decades later, when examining the math textbook used by some young relatives of mine, who were living where I grew up in Harlem, I discovered that the math they were being taught in the 11th grade was less than what I had been taught in the 9th grade.

The opportunities open to my young relatives in Harlem—and to other young blacks elsewhere—were not nearly as good as the opportunities open to me back in 1948.

Many of the seemingly compassionate policies promoted by the progressives in later years—whether in economics or in education—have had outcomes the opposite of what was expected. One of the tragedies of our times is that so many people judge by rhetoric, rather than by results.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Demonizing White Men" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 30, 2019. Following is the article.

Rush Limbaugh's December 2018 Limbaugh Letter has an article titled "Demonizing White Men." It highlights—with actual quotations from people in the media, academia and the political and entertainment arenas—the attack on white men as a class. You can decide whether these statements are decent, moral or even sensible. Should we support their visions?

Don Lemon, a CNN anchorman, said, "We have to stop demonizing people and realize the biggest terror threat in this country is white men, most of them radicalized to the right, and we have to start doing something about them."

Steven Clifford, former King Broadcasting CEO, said, "I will be leading a great movement to prohibit straight white males, who I believe supported Donald Trump by about 85 percent, from exercising the franchise (to vote), and I think that will save our democracy."

Teen Vogue, a magazine targeting teenage girls, wrote, "Not only is white male terrorism as dangerous as Islamic extremism, but our collective safety rests in rooting out the source of their radicalization."

Economist Paul Krugman, a *New York Times* columnist, wrote a column titled "The Angry White Male Caucus," in which he explained, "Trumpism is all about the fear of losing traditional privilege."

There have been similar despicable statements made by academics. James Livingston, a Rutgers history professor: "OK, officially, I now hate white people . . . I hereby resign from my race. F— these people."

Stacey Patton, a Morgan State University professor: "There is nothing more dangerous in the United States than a white man who has expected to succeed and finds himself falling behind."

Stony Brook University sociology professor Michael Kimmel explained, "White men's anger comes from the potent fusion of two sentiments: entitlement and a sense of victimization."

Then there's the political arena. Sen. Bernie Sanders: "There's no question that in Georgia and in Florida racism has reared its ugly head. And you have candidates who ran against (Andrew) Gillum and ran against Stacey Adams who were racist . . . And that is an outrage."

Michael Avenatti, criticizing the GOP senators during the Brett Kavanaugh hearings: "These old white men still don't understand that assault victims and women deserve respect and to be heard."

"What troubles me is . . . they're all white men," commented former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm regarding GOP senators questioning Christine Blasey Ford at the Kavanaugh hearings.

William Falk, editor-in-chief of *The Week*, said, "There's something odd about the overwhelming white maleness of Washington's current leadership."

Not to be outdone, entertainers have hopped on the demonizing-white-men bandwagon. Joy Behar, talking on ABC's "The View" about senators supporting Kavanaugh, said: "These white men—old, by the way—are not protecting women. They're protecting a man who is probably guilty."

Actress Gabourey Sidibe, also on "The View," said: "Older white men are a problem, y'all, for everyone. We're all at risk."

Moira Donegan wrote an article for *The Guardian* titled "Half of white women continue to vote Republican. What's wrong with them?"

Renee Graham wrote a column in *The Boston Globe* that counseled, "Memo to black men: Stop voting Republican." Comedian Chelsea Handler tweeted, "Just a friendly reminder for the weekend: No white after Labor Day, and no old, white racist men after the midterms. Get out and vote."

That is just a partial list of statements that would be viewed and condemned as racist simply by replacing "white men" with "black men," "Mexican men" or "Asian men."

You can bet the rent money that university presidents and media executives would sanction any of their employees for making similar broad, sweeping statements about nonwhite men. Suppose a white anchorman said, "Black people are the greatest murder threat in this country." I guarantee you that he'd be shown the door.

There are only two ways to explain the silence by people who should know better. Either they agree with the sentiments expressed or they are out-and-out cowards.

Decent American people ought to soundly reject and condemn this brazen attack on white men. I think that the attack is on masculinity itself and that white men are a convenient scapegoat—for now.



An article by Larry Elder [a Black Conservative] titled "Media Call Kamala Harris, Barack Obama, Tiger Woods 'Black'—But Not Naomi Osaka?" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 31, 2019. Following is the article.

When Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., announced her candidacy for the 2020 presidential race, MSNBC's Chris Matthews asked a black guest whether Harris is "seen as African-American." The guest promptly assured a relieved Matthew: "Yes, I think she's seen as African-American. The fact that she was at Howard University today . . . when she did her announcement press conference, she's going to South Carolina in the first week—she's really planting her feet in the African-American community."

Mother Jones magazine called Harris “a woman of color” who attended Howard University, where she “was inspired by a strong legacy of black achievement.”

Being “African-American” or “black” is an important factor to Democrats, for whom white men need not apply—unless you’re Joe Biden.

Kamala Harris

But Matthews poses an interesting question. Harris was born in Oakland, California. “Kamala” is a Sanskrit name meaning “lotus.” Her mother is from India, her father from Jamaica. *The Wall Street Journal* describes Harris as “an African-American.” An Oprah Magazine piece, however, updated after Harris’ recent announcement, checked off several race/ethnicity boxes: “(Harris is) currently (California’s) first African-American senator and the country’s first South Asian-American senator. And now, with a 2020 run, she could be our first black female president.”

So, she’s African-American, black and South Asian-American.

Barack Obama

President Barack Obama, born in Hawaii, has a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas. Obama calls himself, as do the media, “black” or “African-American.” Occasionally, he is referred to as “biracial,” but not often.

So, do the media describe Harris and Obama as black because that’s their preference? Is that the rule, then—that one is racially described the way one wants? If so, explain Tiger Woods.

Tiger Woods

Woods, like Harris and Obama, is also a blend of races and ethnicities. In 2002, ESPN wrote: “For the record, he is one-quarter Thai, one-quarter Chinese, one-quarter Caucasian, one-eighth African American and one-eighth Native American. Woods, however, according to ESPN, refers to himself as “Cablinasian,” a word “he coined to identify who he is, a one-size-fits-all definition of his CAucasian, BBlack, American INdian and ASIAN ancestries.”

Woods’ mother, Kultida Woods, says Tiger is “more Asian.” She added, “A mother raises her son, and he had an Asian mother.” But ESPN quoted Karen Narasaki, the former executive director of the *Asian Americans Advancing Justice*, who said: “Tiger Woods can call himself what he wants to call himself—to most of America, he’s black. Asian-American groups have thought to give him awards, but as far as I know he hasn’t showed up to pick one up.”

In 2016, ESPN, along with other media outlets, ran an *Associated Press* story that described a book Woods planned to write about “when he broke 20 records and became the first player of black heritage to win a major championship.” So much for Kultida’s perspective, so much for Woods’ preference for “Cablinasian.” “Black” it is.

So if one parent is black, the child may be a blend of races, ethnicities and even nationalities, but he or she is also “black.” Right?

Naomi Osaka

What of tennis star Naomi Osaka, who just won the Australian Open?

To ESPN, she is “the first tennis player from Japan to reach No. 1 in the rankings.” USA Today called her “the first Japanese player, man or woman, to win a Grand Slam trophy.” Osaka was born in Japan, but she has lived in America since age 3 and has dual Japanese and American citizenship.

She says she “grew up in a Haitian household in New York,” where she lived with her grandmother. Her mother is from Japan, her father from Haiti. She moved to Florida at age 9, still lives there, and often visits her grandparents in Long Island, New York.

The U.K.’s *Telegraph* wrote, “Osaka is proud of her Haitian and American heritage but plays under the Japanese flag despite not being able to speak the language fluently.”

But one must search very hard for a news article describing Osaka as “black,” despite her Haitian father. Even then, news outlets painstakingly describe her as “half-Haitian” or the daughter of a “Japanese mother” and a “Haitian” or “Haitian-American” father.

The point of all of this, of course, is what difference does it make?

Martin Luther King Jr., whose birthday we recently celebrated, spoke of his vision of a society where “people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

A black childhood friend of mine married a white woman. “Linda” sought to enroll their son in a well-regarded school that touted its “diversity.” It required an entrance exam, and, if the student scored high enough, an interview with the parents.

During the interview, the school admissions administrator looked at the son and asked, “What race is he?” Linda replied, “What do you need?”



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Should I Consider Running in 2020?” was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 26, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Now that Kristen Gillibrand has officially announced that she is joining the other 4,000 Democrats seeking the presidential nomination next year, I think it might be time for me to join the fray.

The main drawback is that I hate traveling, so having to fly to Iowa and then New Hampshire would be a royal pain, but for the sake of the nation I just might do it.

Understand, I don’t want to be elected. I just want to make certain that nobody will be in a position to defeat Donald Trump. And who better to take a dive than someone like me?

My chances of getting the nomination may at first strike you as impossible. But let me remind you that the potty-mouthed Muslim, Rashida Tlaib, managed to be elected in an overwhelmingly black Detroit congressional district when she ran against four black candidates in the Democratic primary. Because they split up nearly 70% of the votes, Ms. Tlaib made it to the general election with just 31.2% of the vote.

Divide and conquer would also be my campaign strategy. Among those who have already announced they intend to run, you can already see deep fissures developing. The nutty Leftists hate the goofy Leftists, and the stupid Leftists hate the psychotic Leftists, and I despise them all. As I see it, that makes me the perfect compromise candidate.

■ Obstructing judges

Unfortunately, it's not only in Congress that these nutty, goofy, stupid, psychotic wretches are to be found. As often as not, you will find them wearing black robes where they can be every bit as annoying as Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi when it comes to obstructing the President's more rational decisions.

Judge Jesse Furman, an Obama appointee, recently denied the Commerce Department's request to allow its census takers to ask census respondents whether they are American citizens. Furman decided that was a racist question because illegal aliens living in Latino households would be reluctant to admit being here.

To most sane people, the fact that it's the census that determines how much federal money and how many congressional districts are allotted to each state would seem to be more important than whether people who don't belong here are discomforted.

■ Illegal immigrants

Even some immigration attorneys are now admitting that the number of illegal aliens either working or collecting welfare is probably twice the 11 million number the Democrats have been tossing around since the 90s. That would mean that certain states that are ripe with illegal aliens could have as many as 30 congressional districts they're not legally entitled to have. It also means those states are receiving billions of dollars that belong to the rest of us.

■ Pawn of the Russians?

In other confounding news, Don Lemon, James Clapper, John Brennan and Carl Bernstein, are among the CNN and MSNBC stooges promoting the fiction that Donald Trump is a pawn of the Russians.

Their proof is that he has suggested more than once that the U.S. resign from NATO. Inasmuch as I agree, I guess I'm also a pawn of the Kremlin, but at least with my last name, those idiots could make a stronger case against me than against the President.

Does anyone who's not collecting a salary from one of those cable networks actually believe that Russia is plotting to invade the 28-nation organization?

■ Funding NATO

Rep. Jackie Speier went so far as to claim that President Trump would be committing treason if he tried to stop funding NATO, even though we pick up 51% of its cost, while the other 27 freeloaders pay the remaining 49%. Worse yet, only five other members are coughing up the agreed-upon 2% of their GDP. They are Greece, the U.K., Estonia, Poland and Romania.

Why should the United States be carrying most of the water for the likes of Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Sweden, paying more to defend these snooty Socialists than they do to defend themselves?

It's not as if the Germans, the French, the Spaniards, the Italians and the Swedes, have come to our defense and paid for a wall.

After all, Russia has shown precious little inclination to invade any of them, but Honduras, to name just one of our many existential enemies, is clearly invading us one caravan at a time.

On top of everything else, only 38% of the French and 30% of the Germans approve of America. So, the [French] and the [Germans] are not only shameless freeloaders, but they're ingrates to boot.

■ Bribery in Mexico

The former secretary of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, while testifying at his trial, ratted out the ex-president of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, claiming he had accepted well over \$100 million in bribes for allowing Guzman to continue conducting his dirty business without fear of arrest.

But we shouldn't imagine that Senor Nieto pocketed all those pesos. I'm sure he felt obligated to share some of it with various Mexican mayors and police captains.

■ They have walls

Picking up on a suggestion I recently made, a Fox producer visited the homes of Barack Obama and George Soros just to make sure they didn't have any of those immoral and inefficient walls around their property. At Obama's home in our nation's capital, he not only found a concrete barrier, but police cars and a Secret Service booth in the driveway.

At the Soros estate in New York, he found a 10-foot wall. I'm sure Mr. Soros was as surprised as anyone to find out it was there.

■ Quick to play race card

It was one of those occasions that conservatives can usually only fantasize about. A black left-wing activist named Areva Martin was haranguing talk radio host David Webb, dismissing his rational arguments by pointing out he didn't know what he was talking about because his white male privilege blinded him to the facts.

She was stopped in mid-haranguer when he calmly identified himself as a black man. It was the verbal equivalent of those cartoon characters who take several steps off a cliff before realizing where they are, before plummeting to the ground below.

■ Suck out the child

In case you're fortunate enough to have never heard of a website calling itself #ShoutYourAbortion, "where people are encouraged to share their abortion experiences without sadness, shame or regret," your luck just ran out.

For openers, anyone who has undergone an abortion, should experience at least one of these very human emotions.

But not according to abortion activist Amelia Bonow, who shot a video of herself telling a couple of pre-teen girls that abortions are a part of God's plan. Ms. Bonow goes on to explain that she had gotten pregnant and decided she didn't wish to give birth. She then went on to say, and I quote: "They put this little straw in your cervix . . . in your womb . . . and they suck your pregnancy out. It's like a dentist appointment."

One, how is it that a grown woman in 2019 doesn't have the slightest idea how to avoid getting pregnant?

Two, the item being sucked out apparently like a chocolate ice cream soda, is not a pregnancy, it's a human being even if certain people object, for obvious reasons, to calling it a baby.

The upside to her revolting video is that most people hate going to the dentist, so her vile presentation may have the opposite effect from the one she had in mind.

Ms. Bonow is such a weird and spooky creature, she has the word "abortion" tattooed on the inside of her lower lip.

Which must scare the hell out of the poor unsuspecting dental hygienist who's working on her fangs for the first time.



"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.

Deficit

■ An article by Liz McCormick, Saleha Mohsin and Alexandre Tanzi titled "U.S. Treasury Set to Borrow \$1 Trillion for a Second Year to Finance the Deficit" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 27, 2019.

Howard Schultz

■ An article by Igo Bobic titled "Democrats Worry a Howard Schultz Presidential Bid Would Only Help Trump" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 27, 2019.

■ An article by Steve Peoples and Gene Johnson titled "Dems Fear Trump Re-Election If Ex-Starbucks CEO Schultz Runs" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 28, 2019.

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Howard Schultz Is Slaying Democrats' Unicorn Speak" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article titled "Kamala Harris Acknowledges to CNN She Would Eliminate Private Health Insurance in America" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled " 'That's Not American': Former Starbucks CEO Torches Tomahawk Liz and Kamala Harris' Agendas" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Ian Schwartz titled "Howard Schultz: Elizabeth Warren's Programs 'Will Lead to Socialism in America' " was posted at realclearpolitics.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Matthew J. Belvedere titled "Howard Schultz: America Doesn't Want Far-Left Ideas Like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's 70% Marginal Tax Targeting the Wealthy" was posted at cnbc.com on Jan. 29, 2019.

Finances

- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Pelosi on Border Deal: 'There Will Be Sizeable Funding for Food, Clothing, Medical Care for Immigrants' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Rebecca Shapiro titled "Tom Brokaw: 'Hispanics Should Work Harder at Assimilation' " was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 27, 2019.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Bigger Threat: Russian Social Media or Mexican Drug Cartels?" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article titled "Complaints Filed Against [Pittsburgh, Pa.] Mayor Peduto, City Council Over Gun Legislation" was posted at cbstpittsburgh.com on Jan. 31, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Sean Moran titled "Mo Brooks [Representative from Alabama]: Trump 'Ought to Declare a National Emergency' Build the Wall, Save American Lives" was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Paul Bedard titled "Report: Trump Can Build Wall Without Declaring Emergency [Using 10 United States Code 284]" was posted at WashingtonExaminer.com on Jan. 29, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Rep. Swalwell: 'It's Pretty Clear' Trump Is a Russian Agent 'Hiding in Plain Sight' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 28, 2019.
- An article by Natalie Gontcharova titled "Maxine Waters: Nancy Pelosi Brought Trump 'To His Knees' " was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 30, 2019.

- An article by Adam Lusher titled “Trump Labeled ‘Wimp’ and ‘Broken Man’ by Right-Wing Supporters Over Mexico Border Wall Capitulation” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 27, 2019.
- An article by Philip Wegmann titled “Sarah Sanders Whacks Breitbart, Ann Coulter and Drudge? ‘Conservatives Who Actually Have Influence’ Support Trump’s Deal With Pelosi” was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Jan. 29, 2019.
- An article by Zamira Rahim titled “Hillary Clinton ‘Still Considering 2020 Presidential Run’ ” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 28, 2019.
- An article by Salena Zito titled “Trump and Ocasio-Cortez Use the Same Tricks to Win at Politics” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 26, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O’Rourke

- An article by Paul Steinhauser titled “ ‘Draft Beto’ Ups Pressure on Road-Triping O’Rourke to Join 2020 Race” was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 31, 2019.

News about the media

- An article by Curtis Houck titled “Primetime CNN, MSNBC Ignore Virginia Dems Supporting Late, Post-Term Abortions” was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 31, 2019.

General interest

- An article by Kristina Pydynowski titled “By the Numbers: Midwestern US Endures Worst of Polar Vortex, All-Time Record Lows Broken” was posted at accuweather.com on Jan. 31, 2019.



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.”