

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 Sarah Young titled "Fury As Ex-Olympian [Swimmer] Sharron Davies Says Trans Woman Should Not Compete in Women's Sports" was posted at independent.co.uk on March 3, 2019. Following is the article.

Former Olympian Sharron Davies MBE has been accused of "fuelling hate" after saying that transgender women should not be allowed to compete in female sport.

The competitive swimmer, who won a swimming silver at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and two Commonwealth golds, said that her comments were not transphobic and claimed she had spoken to many other female athletes who "feel the same way."

"I have nothing against anyone who wishes to be transgender [sic]," Davies wrote on Twitter.

"However I believe there is a fundamental difference between the binary sex you are born with & the gender you may identify as.

"To protect women's sport those with a male sex advantage should not be able to compete in women's sport."

The tweet has since received more than 22,000 likes and 3,000 retweets.

The 56-year-old's comments were supported by many, including Olympic track winner Sally Gunnell, gold medallist boxer Nicola Adams OBE and gold middle distance athlete Dame Kelly Holmes.

However, others criticised Davies, with some even calling for her to be stripped of her MBE.

“Well done Sharon, fuel the hate!,” one person wrote.

“No one chooses to be Transgender. You have no idea about what it is like to be TG. Shame on you! Strip the MBE.”

Another commented: “The use of the word “wishes” suggests you might have fundamentally misunderstood a key aspect of this issue.”

A third person added: “Absolutely heartbreaking to see UK sport stars coming out as transphobic.

“You don’t see trans women as women, you are also supporting transphobic hate groups. Heartbreaking.”

Davies has since defended her comments, claiming that she’s not the only female athlete who feels this way.

“It is not a transphobic thing—I really want to say we have no issue with people who are transgender,” she told the BBC.

“Every single woman athlete I’ve spoken to, and I have spoken to many, all of my friends in international sports, understand and feel the same way as me.

“Unfortunately, a lot of people who are in the races [now] are in a very difficult predicament when they can’t speak out. It maybe falls to the people who were competing [in the past] who would understand the predicament that is being faced at the moment to try to create a debate, and try to explain how we feel there needs to be a fair and level playing field.”

The debate comes just weeks after 18-time tennis Grand Slam singles champion Martina Navratilova said it was “cheating” to allow transgender women to compete in female sporting competitions because they had unfair physical advantages.

“I am happy to address a transgender woman in whatever form she prefers, but I would not be happy to compete against her. It would not be fair,” Navratilova wrote in *The Sunday Times*.

“To put the argument at its most basic: a man can decide to be female, take hormones if required by whatever sporting organisation is concerned, win everything in sight and perhaps earn a small fortune, and then reverse his decision and go back to making babies if he so desires.

“It’s insane and it’s cheating.”

A spokesperson for the Stonewall charity said: “Sport should be welcoming to everyone, including trans people. We need clubs and governing bodies, as the experts, to consider how their sports’ individual policies can work to be as inclusive as possible, and what advice and guidance they’re giving to ensure all people, including trans people, can take part in sport.”



An article titled "Under Threat of Indictment, Netanyahu Enters Campaign's Final Weeks" was posted at france24.com on March 8, 2019. Following is the article.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu heads into the crucial final weeks of his re-election campaign for April 9 polls fighting for his political life while under threat of indictment for corruption.

With a month to go, the longtime prime minister has found himself locked in a close battle with a centrist political alliance headed by former military chief of staff Benny Gantz and ex-finance minister Yair Lapid.

Their decision last month to team up against Netanyahu has changed the momentum of a race the premier had previously been expected to win, a victory that would put him on track to become the longest-serving prime minister in Israel's history.

Opinion polls have since shown Netanyahu's right-wing Likud trailing the Blue and White alliance, named for the colours of the Israeli flag, and the prime minister's legal troubles have only further helped his opponents.

Under those polls, the alliance would still fall far short of an outright majority, and it is unclear whether it would be able to assemble enough parties to form a coalition.

Further fluctuations are likely in store and many analysts predict a close race in which post-election negotiations may be key.

The vote will be seen in large part as a referendum on Netanyahu, who has towered over Israeli politics for years, but Gantz's message of wanting to heal divisions also seems to have resonated.

His alliance's centrist positions and security credentials—bolstered by the involvement of three former military chiefs of staff—have helped beat back Netanyahu's attempts to label it "weak" and leftist.

Prefer our way

"In a way, I think what they're doing will help us," Blue and White candidate Ofer Shelah told AFP, referring to Netanyahu's harshly negative campaign.

"Probably we won't get to the Likud core base, but we believe many people will prefer our way."

Eli Hazan, Likud's foreign affairs director, said the campaign would continue to try to brand Gantz's alliance as "leftist" while highlighting Israel's economic growth and other achievements under Netanyahu.

"We are going to continue with it because that's the truth," he told AFP of the "leftist" claims.

"We are going to emphasise our political and economic achievements. No doubt about it. This is what we have to offer to the public."

Seeking to prevent any further loss of ground, Netanyahu has hit back hard at the attorney general's February 28 announcement that he intends to indict the premier for bribery pending a hearing.

Netanyahu's rhetoric castigating the investigations as a political plot to bring him down have led to criticism, though it may also help motivate his supporters and boost turnout.

The 69-year-old known for his sharp political instincts clearly senses his career is at risk, and he has tacked further to the right.

In a widely condemned move, he brokered a deal aimed at making it easier for candidates from an extreme-right party many view as racist to enter parliament, hoping to secure as many right-wing seats as possible.

He has also enlisted the support of US President Donald Trump, tweeting a video of a man he calls his "friend" praising Netanyahu's leadership.

Losing the centre-right?

The campaign has provided a glimpse of Israeli politics' move to the right.

For much of the public, "leftist" means significant concessions to the Palestinians, and many have grown weary of such calls and see little hope in a two-state solution.

Blue and White's campaign platform speaks of separating from the Palestinians, but does not specifically mention a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu often seeks to avoid talking about the Palestinians apart from trying to burnish his reputation as Israel's "Mr. Security," the source of much of his popularity.

He has said in recent months he wants the Palestinians to govern themselves without specifying whether that would mean an independent Palestinian state or a lesser form of autonomy.

Prominent members of his current governing coalition, seen as the most right-wing ever in Israel, openly oppose a Palestinian state and advocate annexing much of the occupied West Bank.

Israel's Labour party, which sealed the Oslo peace accords with the Palestinians when it was in power in the 1990s, has fallen far out of favour among voters.

Security is always a major issue in a country that has fought repeated wars since its 1948 founding, and Netanyahu has been highlighting Israel's strikes against its main enemy Iran in neighbouring Syria.

But Israeli voters' decisions often come down to candidates' personalities—whether they like them and see them as strong leaders.

What could decide the race is if Netanyahu's negative campaigning and legal troubles change centre-right voters' opinions of him, said Gideon Rahat of Hebrew University and the Israel Democracy Institute.

"If he really loses the soft right, the moderate right, his strategy has failed," he said.



“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 “Israel Hits Hamas Sites After Balloons With ‘Explosive Device’ ” was posted at yahoo.com on March 3, 2019.
 - An article titled “Israel Said to Warn Hamas That Attacks From Gaza Risk Wide-Scale Military Action” was posted at timesofisrael.com on March 6, 2019.
 - An article titled “Russia-Israel Team to Eye Foreign Forces’ Pullout From Syria” was posted at yahoo.com on March 3, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Krishna N. Das and Abu Arqam titled “Pakistan Releases Captured Indian Pilot; Confrontation Cools” was posted at reuters.com on March 1, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Abu Arqam Naqash and Fayaz Bukhari titled “India Refuses to Share Proof of Strikes in Pakistan Amid Doubts of Militant Deaths” was posted at reuters.com on March 2, 2019.
 - A Reuters article by Drazen Jorgic and Fayaz Bukhari titled “Washington Wants to Know If Pakistan Used U.S.-Built [F-16] Jets to Down Indian War-plane” was posted at reuters.com on March 3, 2019.
 - An article by Ben Brown titled “India Readies 750,000 Russian Assault Rifles and a Nuclear Submarine; Is Pakistan in the Crosshairs?” was posted at yahoo.com on March 4, 2019.
 - An article by Sarah Ferris, Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan titled “House Dems Will Take Floor Action to Confront Omar’s Latest Israel Comments” was posted at politico.com on March 4, 2019.



An article By Brad Tuttle titled “The Retail Apocalypse Is Heating Up in 2019; Here Are the Major Stores Currently on Deathwatch” was posted at money.com on March 4, 2019. Following is the article.

Retailer bankruptcies and store closures: They’ve supplied depressingly consistent storylines at America’s malls for the past few years. And, just two months into 2019, it sure looks like the U.S. retail scene will continued to be plagued by a stunning number of store closures—and perhaps quite a few retailers going out of business for good.

In a single 24-hour period last week, Gap, J.C. Penney, and Victoria’s Secret announced they would be closing more than 300 stores combined. These announced store closures come soon after retail companies made the difficult

decisions to shut down all Payless ShoeSource and Gymboree stores throughout the U.S., and in the middle of Sears' dramatic struggle to survive.

Below are seven big retailers closing stores left and right in 2019.

Some are restructuring debt and refiguring business models to fight to stay alive in today's fast-moving ultra-competitive retail world, where every store must offer a compelling alternative to Amazon in order to win over shoppers.

Other retailers have already lost the battle, are hosting liquidation sales right now, and will soon disappear entirely—like Toys "R" Us and Bon-Ton before them.

■ Sears

Sears finished up 2018 by filing for bankruptcy and closing roughly 140 Sears and Kmart stores (the company owns both retailers). Then the company began 2019 by announcing 80 more store closures, before narrowly avoiding death in a buyout organized by hedge funder and Sears chairman Eddie Lampert.

For the time being, Sears is still alive, though it's a shell of what the company once was: There are around 425 Kmart and Sears stores open, compared to 2,000 five years ago. Perhaps unsurprisingly, many Sears employees are deeply skeptical that the company (or their jobs) have much of a future.

■ J.C. Penney

Like Sears and other old-fashioned department stores, J.C. Penney has been struggling for years to come up with a business model that can compete in the era when more consumers have turned to online shopping, dollar stores, and "fast fashion" shops.

News of more J.C. Penney store closures has become routine. The company closed 30 to 40 stores per year in 2013 and 2014, and shuttered upwards of 140 stores in 2017. As of late 2017, Credit Risk Monitor, which rates retailers according to the likelihood of them defaulting, calculated that J.C. Penney deserved a FRISK score of 1—the lowest rating, meaning its risk of bankruptcy was 10% to 50%. Last week, J.C. Penney said it would be closing 24 stores in 2019.

■ Victoria's Secret

A subpar 2018 holiday season was blamed as the big reason 53 Victoria's Secret stores will close this year. But it wasn't just a bad few weeks at Victoria's Secret. The women's lingerie retailer has seen declining business for months, with sales falling 14% in the second and third quarter of 2018, the Wall Street Journal reported.

■ Payless

A couple of years ago, Payless filed for bankruptcy and announced it was closing 800 stores. So it shouldn't come as a total surprise that the troubled retailer is completely going out of business in 2019. In February, Payless ShoeSource announced it was closing all stores (around 2,000 had still been open), and liquidation sales are happening right now all over the country.

■ Gymboree

Gymboree is also disappearing: The children's clothing store filed for bankruptcy a couple of years ago, and the company's Crazy 8 stores and all 800 of its flagship Gymboree stores are closing this year.

■ Gap

Late last fall Gap CEO Art Peck warned it would probably be forced to close hundreds of "stores that likely don't fit our vision for the future of Gap brand specialty store, whether in terms of profitability, customer experience, traffic trends."

Sure enough, last week the company said that it would close 230 Gap stores in 2019 and 2020, though locations for store closures haven't been announced. What's more, Gap said its Old Navy retail brand is going to be split off and turned into its own company in the near future.

■ Ann Taylor (Ascena Retail)

Ascena, the company that owns retailer brands like Ann Taylor, Loft, and Lane Bryant, has been on death watch for at least a year. It is in the middle of the process that began in 2017 to close about 250 stores.

Ascena said it operated about 5,000 stores as of 2016, and it was down to 4,600 stores at the end of 2018. Ascena's stock price has plummeted over this time period, dropping from over \$10 per share in 2016 to around \$2.25 in early 2019.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Sex Roles in the Age of Chaos and Gender Confusion" was posted at patriotpost.us on March 2, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I don't have any daughters, but if I did, I'd assure them that they could grow up to be anything they wanted to be, except male.

It was such a short time ago that was a given. But not any longer, when even small children are being told to ignore their biology. The screwballs who are today's maniacal social engineers don't seem to grasp the fact that if a little girl says she wants to be a boy or a little boy says he'd like to be a little girl, the likeliest explanation is that the girl thinks boy's games are more fun and the boy notices that little girls get more affection. It does not mean that they're signing up for surgical mutilation.

But those on the Left have been meddling in people's lives and trying to dictate their destinies for almost as long as I can remember.

■ Stay-at-home moms

My late wife carried with her a lifelong resentment of people like Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem who dismissed stay-at-home moms as a drag on society, as dim-witted goldbricks who preferred raising decent kids to fighting it out in the dog-eat-dog world of the so-called real world.

Although I understand that a lot of women want to work outside the home or need to do so in order to provide food and shelter for themselves and their chil-

dren, I also know that a great many do so because they've been brainwashed into believing that lavishing their children with over-priced luxuries and expensive vacations count for more than their personal time and attention.

It's a shame that several generations of women have been raised in this perverse culture to believe that not only can they do everything men can do, but that they should do everything men can do.

Otherwise, so the constant message goes, there must be something seriously wrong with them.

■ Netflix made a profit

Netflix, which I have somehow managed to live without, just paid a record \$10 million for a documentary about the 29-year-old who just might turn out to be Time Magazine's Ditz of the Year, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Part of the reason that the company was able to afford to pay that record sum was because in 2018, they made a profit of \$845 million, and not only didn't pay a dime in income taxes but received a \$10 million "refund."

I don't care to subscribe to their shows, but I'd sure love to have their accountants.

■ 110,318 votes

Speaking of Ocasio-Cortez, when Russ Mothershed sent me one of those gag lines attributed to her that have gone viral (as if her actual quotes aren't bad enough), I pointed out that before anyone calls her dumb, they should consider the people in the Bronx who provided her with the scant 110,318 votes that were required to provide her with a national megaphone.

She's now earning \$175,000-a-year and they're still living in the Bronx. And she's the dummy?



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Problem With Term Limits" was posted at patriotpost.us on March 4, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Although, my late wife generally saw eye to eye with me when it came to politics, the one issue we could never agree on was term limits.

Apparently, judging by a lot of the email I receive, many among you agree with her that the limits would be at least a partial solution to the problems heaped on us by the political class.

One of the problems is that for the corruption, cowardice and incompetence of the many, the few would suffer. After all, even someone as cynical as I am when it comes to politicians have to acknowledge that there are some who appear to be doing a good job. Which is to say, I agree with them.

Another problem with term limits is that politicians are generally interchangeable, so kicking one out is generally just going to result in replacing him or her with someone equally obnoxious.

■ Voters are the problem

The Islamic enclaves in Michigan and Minnesota will continue to elect the likes of Keith Ellison, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar, just as the folks in the Bronx will keep sending their own rock star A O-C back to the House for the next 50 years unless she decides to run for the Senate or the presidency.

The problem, as I kept trying to explain to Yvonne, is that the politicians aren't really the problem; the voters are. They're the ones who should have term limits.

■ Earl Warren

One of my least favorite politicians when I was growing up was Earl Warren, who went from being California's governor, where he oversaw the incarceration of American citizens of Japanese descent, to being the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, where he led his colleagues in evicting God and the reading of the Bible from our public school, by intentionally misinterpreting the First Amendment, so that instead of merely ensuring that the United States would never become a theocracy, the Court pretended that the words "separation of church and state" actually appear in the Constitution.

It's like the Court's pretending that the 14th Amendment, written to guarantee citizenship to freed slaves, extends to the babies of illegal aliens who have no right to be on American soil.

■ Special rights?

Somewhere along the way, the Courts went from deciding that certain minority groups are not merely entitled to equal rights, but to certain rights not granted to others.

I believe that most people think that every American is entitled to his say in how things are run, but balk at the notion that just because someone is a member of a designated victims group, he or she gets the final say.

■ Religion of secularism

In 1963, when the Warren Court, in the *Abington School District v. Schempp* case, banned Bible reading in school, only Justice Potter Stewart stood up for reason, stating in a dissenting opinion; "It led not to true neutrality with respect to religion, but to the establishment of a religion of secularism."

And since then, things have only grown worse in our schools. Between teachers' colleges churning out second-rate robots spouting leftist propaganda; a federal government curriculum, Common Core, that promotes the U.N. and globalism, while stifling the kids when it comes to reading, writing, arithmetic and reasoning; and the feds extorting schools by withholding funds if they dare rebel against the restrictions; we have a public education system that has been carefully devised by the likes of the Rockefeller Foundation and

George Soros to turn out sheep, 58% of whom are convinced that Socialism is the answer to their prayers. Their secular prayers, that is.

■ Military and schools

Along with all his other sins, Jimmy Carter created the U.S. Department of Education. As was the case in every evil regime of the 20th century, American liberals understood that gaining control of a nation is only part one; in order to retain control of a nation, one must control both the military and the schools. In the U.S., the military might still be up for grabs, but the Communists definitely have a stranglehold on the education system, and not just K through the 12th grade, but all the way through grad school.

■ Camps for protection?

One of the lies perpetrated by FDR and Governor Warren was that the internment camps were created to provide safety for Japanese-Americans. While it would be unfair to call them concentration camps inasmuch as the prisoners weren't gassed in ovens, experimented upon by an American Dr. Mengele or worked to death in coal mines, it would also be unfair to pretend that the camps were intended to protect those locked behind the barbed wire and the guard towers.

As one of the prisoners later remarked, "If they were supposed to protect us, why is it that the guns were pointed at us and not in the opposite direction?"

■ Keep citizens in—Keep non-citizens out

Ms. Ocasio-Cortez may be too young to run for President of the United States, but she should consider running for the presidency of Mexico. After all, she is only the second person I ever heard compare a wall at our southern border to the Berlin Wall. The first dope I heard who seemed confused as to the difference between a wall built to keep citizens in and one built to keep non-citizens out was the ex-president of Mexico, Vicente Fox.

■ Jussie Smollett

It's not as if Chicago doesn't already have more problems than it can handle, what with a nincompoop like Rahm Emanuel as its mayor, 3,000 shootings in 2018 and a murder solve rate of just 16%, now actor Jussie Smollett has come along to further embarrass the Windy City.

Although I had never heard of the guy or watched a show he's on called "Empire," he became famous overnight when he alleged he had been beaten up by two white guys, calling him names referencing his race (black) and his sexual identity (homosexual), and shouting "This is MAGA country!"

It smelled fishy from the start. Two white guys in a city that has a huge black population that went over 80% for Hillary Clinton announcing it to be MAGA country?!

■ Politicians jumped to conclusions

But that didn't stop the usual suspects—Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, Kamala Harris—from racing to his defense. Sen. Harris, quite predictably, called it "a modern-day lynching."

■ Modern-day lynching

I've thought about it, and what I've concluded is that a modern-day lynching is one where not only is nobody hanged, but is, instead, one where a black gay actor gets two friends to rough him up while shouting their support for President Trump just so Mr. Smollett could garner himself sympathy and nation-wide publicity.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "CPAC at the Bridge" was posted at michellemalkin.com on March 1, 2019. Following is the article.

Good afternoon. Thank you to CPAC for the invitation. My name is Michelle Malkin. I identify as an American. A proud, unhyphenated, unapologetic, fully assimilated American. My pronouns are U.S.A.

America is good and America is great. Of these basic truths, there is or should be little dispute among us here. But two questions loom large.

- For how long will the America we grew up in remain good and great?
- To whom shall we entrust the existential responsibility of securing the goodness and greatness passed down peacefully for generations?

I wish I could stand here and chirp happily to you about positive news. Yes, unemployment rates are at historic lows, regulations and taxes are being cut, some stellar judges have been confirmed, and the reckless, feckless liberal media has finally, finally self-immolated like a slow-motion downing of the Hindenburg.

Yes, we have much to thank President Trump for as he battles the Beltway swamp, the deep state, the administrative state, and the fake news fourth estate.

But there is no sugarcoating America's long-term forecast. We face fearful odds. The game is rigged. The playing field is manifestly unlevel.

My first book *Invasion* in 2002, exposed how border failures and systemic non-enforcement of our visa program rules created a national security crisis that led to 9/11.

My last book, *Sold Out*, which I co-authored in 2015 with former American computer programmer-turned-labor lawyer John Miano, documented how Big Business and Big Government created an economic crisis by exploiting the H-1B tech worker visa program and other foreign employment visas for cheap labor.

I've been accused of being a grifter for wanting to inform and educate citizens about these destructive rackets. But it's the GOP sellouts in bed with open borders—like the ones who hijacked the tea party movement to shill for amnesty—who are the real grifters cashing in and practicing deceit at the expense of their base.

Our shining city on a hill has become a much-abused doormat to the world. Building the border wall is just half the battle. The numbers tell all. Our future is dimmed. The odds are fearful.

- We currently grant one million legal permanent residencies to people from around the world every year.
- The number of green card holders is expected to increase by 10 million by 2025. That's more than the current combined population of Dallas, St. Louis, Denver, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.
- Now multiply that number by at least three and a half. Thanks to our chain migration system, created in 1952 and expanded exponentially by Congress in 1965 and 1990, these new immigrants can sponsor their entire extended families: parents, spouses, adult children and their children, and siblings and their children. Princeton University researchers found that recently admitted immigrants sponsored an average of 3.45 additional relatives each.
- An estimated 85,000 refugees and 20,000-plus asylees enter the country annually through an overwhelmed system so rife with fraud and abuse that the process is jokingly dubbed "refugee roulette" by immigration lawyers.
- In total, from fiscal year 2008 to 2017, the U.S. gave green cards to more than 2 million migrants for various humanitarian claims—a population larger than the city of Philadelphia.
- Nearly half a million more immigrants in that time frame got in through the diversity visa lottery. Illegal aliens are eligible if a legal family member wins the jackpot. Tens of thousands are pouring in from terrorism breeding grounds through the lottery unvetted, unmonitored and unassimilated. Thanks again to chain migration, immigration lotto winners' spouses and unmarried children under 21 all get passes into the country, too.
- Nearly half of all illegal aliens in the country have violated the terms of their short-term visitor or work visas. More than 10.8 million people received such visas alone in fiscal year 2015, including 500,000 foreign university and graduate students on academic visas and nearly 700,000 total foreign guest workers (both skilled and unskilled, not to mention their spouses, many of whom are allowed to work here as well).
- Congress has repeatedly mandated a nationwide visa entry-exit system to track legal short-term visa holders. But one has yet to be built—even in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which were perpetrated in part by several illegal alien visa overstayers. E-verify has been stalled. Sanctuary cities metastasized.

And BOTH parties are to blame—yeah I'm looking at you, Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, the Bush family, Mitt Romney and the ghost of John McCain.

This unrelenting inflow of new green card holders, short-term foreign visa holders, legal temporary workers, refugees and asylees is supplemented by 13 to 30 million illegal aliens who expect amnesty and chain migration privileges from Washington despite breaking immigration laws governing everything from border jumping to ID fraud, benefits fraud, tax fraud, and marriage fraud, to human and drug trafficking, to employment rules, deportation orders, and visa overstays.

The feds have proved themselves serially unwilling and incapable of handling the lapses, backlogs, overload, and yes, invasion. The numbers tell all. Open borders anarchy, multiplied by endless chain migration, amnesty, and cheap labor pipelines, endangers our general welfare and the blessings of liberty. By every clear measure, the war is not on immigrants but on American sovereignty.

I've been called white for stating the facts. I'm not white. I'm just right. Both native-born and immigrant families like mine, which revere the rule of law, common traditions, constitutional principles, one identity and one tongue, have been replaced by militantly unassimilable and hostile generations—of future Democrat voters whose tribal allegiance to the Left has only hardened over time.

It's insane that we have elected Republicans on Capitol Hill doing the bidding of the illegal alien DREAMer racket. Until and unless we reclaim the right of self-determination over the numbers, we are doomed.

My fellow Americans, we stand at the bridge as Horatius stood at the narrow bridge over the Tiber River alone facing fearful odds as hordes of Etruscans marched towards him and cowards cut and run behind him. Like his enemies, our enemies are both foreign AND domestic.

Inside are flimsily defended borders, we are not at peace, or rather, the radical Left is not at peace with us. From the comfort of TV green rooms, Beltway backrooms, corporate boardrooms, and conference ballrooms, it may not look like civil war is imminent.

But threats and outright violence against ordinary, law-abiding people are now regularized features, not random bugs, of political life in these dis-United States.

College students are being punched, elderly citizens are being harassed, MAGA hat wearers are being kicked off planes and assaulted in school hallways and restaurants, conservative speakers are being mobbed and Molotov cocktailed, ICE agents and their families are being targeted, pro-lifers are being kicked and menaced, pro-Trump, anti-jihad moms on social media are being monitored and doxxed. The madness is beyond parody.

Last week, social justice media warriors whipped up hysteria over a Mar a Lago pastry chef's Instagram posts.

Where are the sanctuary spaces for law-abiding conservatives who simply want to exercise their rights to free speech and peaceable assembly?

The divide in this country is between decent people who stand up for America and dastardly people who want to bring America to its knees.

We certainly should make common cause with others across the aisle who shares our values, but we should not rush to embrace those whose fundamental aim is to smear and destroy us all. That's suicidal.

Which is why I cannot stand here and stay silent about the role Van Jones has played in attempting to silence the Right. My objection is not to his support for criminal justice reform.

I have dedicated much of my own time, energy, and money to fighting wrongful convictions, false allegations, and prosecutorial and forensic misconduct. Next time you need a conservative to talk about criminal justice reform, call me. You don't need someone who's going to spew fake news pro illegal alien propaganda to talk CJR to conservatives.

Fact check: The most recent research by the Federation for American Immigration Reform found that illegal aliens are up to 5.5 times more likely than Americans to be incarcerated in state prisons compared to Americans and legal residents.

But my most vehement objection is to this stage being used to lend legitimacy to the George Soros-funded organization Color of Change, which dedicated to censoring and sabotaging right-leaning groups for championing the free market, opposing radical Islam, and exposing open borders.

Seven years ago, Van Jones' group pressured Pepsi, McDonald's, Intuit and other companies to cut ties to the mainstream American Legislative Exchange Council(ALEC), a half-century-old association of state legislators who believe in "the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty."

What was ALEC's crime?

Crafting model legislation on voter ID to protect election integrity, immigration enforcement measures and self-defense legislation to strengthen Second Amendment rights.

Color of Change and the smear machine racket known as the Southern Poverty Law Center use the same playbook to marginalize and criminalize mainstream conservatives, anti-jihad groups, and immigration hawks as "hate groups" and push us out of the public square. They conspire with payment processors and Silicon Valley to deprive the Right of our voices and our ability to make a living.

So many speaking up and fighting on the front lines for liberty and security are being detwittered depaypaled defacebooked deplatformed—people like Laura Loomer and Gavin McInnes and the Center for Immigration Studies and Robert Spencer and so many others. Many are in this room. Stand up if you are one of them. Many have been forced to beg for money to help them fight in court to restore their reputations. Many have been barred from this room.

Nice is not enough. Logic and facts and appeals to decency and fairness are not enough. Bemoaning double standards is not enough. Ultimately our future will not be secured in a Fox News anchor chair or a think tank office or on a cruise ship or at a cushy GOP retreat. The future is on the frontlines. At the edge of the bridge.

Then out spake brave Horatius, the captain of the Gate. To every man upon this earth death cometh soon or late. And how can man die better than facing fearful odds, for the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his Gods.

Instead of throwing allies under that bridge, movement conservatives who have preached so comfortably here in the Beltway about defending America

while preserving the status quo need to help provide financial and moral support to the disrupters willing to fight fire with fire.

Maybe it's providence that I am privileged to speak here on the 7th anniversary of Andrew Breitbart's death. He was a disrupter. We need more disrupters. We need legislative action at the local and state level. We need politicians who will DO SOMETHING to stop the sowers of hate and their handmaidens. Use the tools at your disposal. Don't just stand there. DO SOMETHING.

Diversity is NOT our strength. Unity is. Our common purpose is the common defense of our nation. Good people make America great. Good people: Stand and fight.



"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 Damian Paletts titled "The Federal Deficit Ballooned at Start of New Fiscal Year, Up 77 Percent From a Year Before" was posted at washingtonpost.com on March 5, 2019.
- An article by Jim Tankersley and Ana Swanson titled "In Blow to Trump, America's Trade Deficit in Goods Hits Record \$891 Billion" was posted at nytimes.com on March 6, 2019.

Finances

- An article titled "Gap, JCPenney, Victoria's Secret, Foot Locker: 465 Store Closures in 48 Hours" was posted at fox5ny.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Douglas Ernst titled "Thomas Sowell Warns U.S. May Not Resist Siren Song of Socialism: 'I Wouldn't Bet on It' " was posted at washingtontimes.com on March 5, 2019.

Green New Deal

- An article by Isabel Vincent and Melissa Klein titled "Gas-Guzzling Car Rides Expose AOC's Hypocrisy Amid Green New Deal Pledge" was posted at nypost.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Tamar Lapin titled "Ocasio-Cortez Responds to Carbon Footprint Expose: I'm Just 'Living in the World' " was posted at nypost.com on March 3, 2019.
- An article by the Post Editorial Board titled "Socialism's Millennial Fans Don't Even Know What It Is" was posted at nypost.com on March 3, 2019.
- An article by Alex Pappas titled "Greenpeace Co-Founder [Patrick Moore] Tears Into Ocasio-Cortez, Green New Deal: 'Pompous Little Twit' " was posted at foxnews.com on March 4, 2019.

- An article titled "Ocasio-Cortez Doesn't Understand the Crisis in Venezuela: Otto Reich" was posted at foxnews.com on March 4, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Melanie Arter titled "DHS Predicts 1 Million Illegal Aliens Will Try to Cross the Border This Year" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 6, 2019.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "DHS Secretary [Kirstjen Nielson]: Illegal Minors Were Separated From Their Detained Parents Like 'In the Last 3 Administrations' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 6, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article titled "AOC Vows to Defeat Those Who Side With the GOP After 26 Democrats Vote Yes on Gun Control Amendment" was posted at foxnews.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article titled "Despite City's Positive Outlook on Crime Numbers, NYPD Reports Murders and Rapes Soaring in 2019" was posted at cbsnewyork.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Sutherland Springs Families File Suit Against Gun Dealer Who Sold AR-15 to Shooter" was posted at townhall.com on March 3, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Aidan McLaughlin titled "Trump's Rollicking, Two-Hour CPAC Speech Is Longest of His Presidency" was posted at mediate.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Sahil Kapur titled "Trump's Base Clings Tight Despite Rising Tide of Troubles" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Brooke Singman titled "Lynne Patton, Trump Official at Cohen Hearing, Claimed He Only 'Turned' When Mueller Threatened Wife [With 30 Years in Jail]" was posted at foxnews.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Devin Nunes: 'Everything That Mueller Did' Should Be Made Public" was posted at nationalreview.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article titled "Rep. Devin Nunes Says Michael Cohen Is Testifying In a Private Setting With No Classified Information" was posted at foxnews.com on March 4, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Renae Reints titled "Trump Should Worry About the Southern District of New York More Than Mueller, [Chris] Christie Says" was posted at fortune.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Quinn Scanian titled "Over 60 Trump-Related Documents to Be Requested From WH, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler Says" was posted at abcnews.com on March 3, 2019.

- An article by Laretta Brown titled "Planned Parenthood President [Leana Wen] Warns of the Harm of 'Forcibly Removing a Child From Their Parent' " was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Katelyn Caralie titled "AOC Threatens to Put Moderate Democrats 'On a List' to Be Unseated" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Greg Stohr titled "Hold the Revolution: [Chief Justice John] Roberts Keeps Joining High Court Liberals" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Julie Pace titled "Bill Clinton Has 2020 Advice, But Few Candidates Seeking It" was posted at apnews.com on March 4, 2019.
- An article by Holly Otterbein titled "Clinton Camp Stews Over Sanders 2020 Campaign" was posted at politico.com on March 5, 2019.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Bernie Can't Name One Piece of Passed Legislation That Helps African Americans" was posted at townhall.com on March 4, 2019.
- An article by Dylan Stableford titled "Bernie Sanders on 'The Breakfast Club' Is a 'No' on Slavery Reparations" was posted yahoo.com on March 4, 2019.
- An article titled "Democrats Slam Former Vice President Joe Biden for Calling Mike Pence a 'Decent Guy' " was posted at foxnews.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Sam Gillette titled "Cynthia Nixon Calls Out Joe Biden for Complimenting 'Decent Guy' Mike Pence; 'You're Right,' Biden Responds" was posted at people.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Ari Fleischer: Omar Mess Is Bad News for Democrats 2020 Platform" was posted at townhall.com on March 7, 2019.
- An article by Eric Holder titled "I Won't Run, But I Will Fight to Elect the Right Democratic President" was posted at washingtonpost.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Reid J. Epstein titled "John Hickenlooper, Democratic Ex-Governor of Colorado, Enters 2020 Race" was posted at wsj.com on March 4, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

- An article titled "Beto O'Rourke Heads to a Metallica Concert After Making 2020 Decision" was posted at theweek.com on March 1, 2019.

News about the media

- An article by Timothy Meads titled "CNN Analyst [Samantha Vinograd] Compares Trump's CPAC Speech to Hitler, Says Putin Wrote It" was posted at townhall.com on March 3, 2019.
- An article by Joe DePaolo titled "[Rachel] Maddow Scores Huge: No. 1 Rated Show on All of Cable, Beats Broadcast Networks CBS and Fox" was posted at mediaite.com on March 7, 2019.

General interest

- An article by Joel Shannor titled “ ‘Massive’ Alligator Weighing About 700 Pounds Found in Georgia; It Was More Than 13 Feet Long” was posted at usatoday.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Chris Francesceni titled “DEA, New York Law Enforcement Raid Alleged NY Drug Mill, Recover Enough Fentanyl to Kill Nearly 2 Million People” was posted at yahoo.com on March 2, 2019.
- An article by Alex Halperin titled “ ‘Starbucks on Steroids’: Can America’s New Weed Cafes Make Smoking Social?” was posted at theguardian.com on March 4, 2019.
- An article by Laura Sky Brown titled “Subaru Recalling 1.3 Million U.S. Vehicles, and Scented Household Products Could Be the Reason” was posted at yahoo.com on March 1, 2019.
- An article by Alexandria Lim-Chua-Wee titled “Over 30,000 Pounds of Ground Beef [Produced Dec. 27, 2018 and Marked With a ‘Use Or Freeze Date’ of Jan. 20, 2019] Have Been Recalled Due to Potential Contamination” was posted at yahoo.com on March 4, 2019.
- An article by Carrigan Miller titled “General Mills Wants to Regenerate 1 Million Acres of Farmland Over Next Decade” was posted at yahoo.com on March 4, 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.”