

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 Raymond Ibrahim titled "The 630 Year-Old Reason Eastern Europeans Dislike Islam" was posted at americanthinker.com on June 15, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Why Eastern Europeans are much more reluctant to accept Muslim migrants than their Western counterparts can be traced back to circumstances surrounding a pivotal battle, that of Kosovo, which took place today, June 15, exactly 630 years ago today in 1389.

It pitted Muslim invaders against Eastern European defenders, or the ancestors of those many Eastern Europeans today who are resistant to Islam.

Because the jihad is as old as Islam, it has been championed by diverse peoples throughout the centuries—Arabs in the Middle East, Moors (Berbers and Africans) in Spain and Western Europe, etc.

Islam's successful entry into Eastern Europe was spearheaded by the Turks, specifically that tribe centered in westernmost Anatolia (or Asia Minor) and thus nearest to Europe, the Ottoman Turks, so-named after their founder, Osman Bey. As he lay dying in 1323, his parting words to his son and successor, Orhan, were for him "to propagate Islam by your arms."

This his son certainly did. The traveler Ibn Batutua, who once met Orhan in Bursa, observed that although the jihadi had captured some one hundred Byzantine fortresses, "he had never stayed for a whole month in any one town," because he "fights with the infidels continually and keeps them under siege."

Christian cities fell like dominoes: Smyrna in 1329, Nicaea in 1331, and Nicomedia in 1337. By 1340, the whole of northwest Anatolia was under Turkic control.

By now and to quote a European contemporary, "the foes of the cross, and the killers of the Christian people, that is, the Turks, [were] separated from Constantinople by a channel of three or four miles."

By 1354, the Ottoman Turks, under Orhan's son, Suleiman, managed to cross over the Dardanelles and into the abandoned fortress town of Gallipoli, thereby establishing their first foothold in Europe:.

"Where there were churches he destroyed them or converted them to mosques," writes an Ottoman chronicler. "Where there were bells, Suleiman broke them up and cast them into fires. Thus, in place of bells there were now muezzins."

Cleansed of all Christian "filth," Gallipoli became, as a later Ottoman bey boasted, "the Muslim throat that gulps down every Christian nation that chokes and destroys the Christians."

From this dilapidated but strategically situated fortress town, the Ottomans launched a campaign of terror throughout the countryside, always convinced they were doing God's work.

"They live by the bow, the sword, and debauchery, finding pleasure in taking slaves, devoting themselves to murder, pillage, spoil," explained Gregory Palamas, an Orthodox metropolitan who was taken captive in Gallipoli, adding, "and not only do they commit these crimes, but even—what an aberration—they believe that God approves them!"

After Orhan's death in 1360 and under his son Murad I—the first of his line to adopt the title "Sultan"—the westward jihad into the Balkans began in earnest and was unstoppable.

By 1371, he had annexed portions of Bulgaria and Macedonia to his sultanate, which now so engulfed Constantinople that "a citizen could leave the empire simply by walking outside the city gates."

Unsurprisingly, then, when Prince Lazar of Serbia (b. 1330) defeated Murad's invading forces in 1387, "there was wild rejoicing among the Slavs of the Balkans. Serbians, Bosnians, Albanians, Bulgarians, Wallachians, and Hungarians from the frontier provinces all rallied around Lazar as never before, in a determination to drive the Turks out of Europe."

Murad responded to this effrontery on June 15, 1389, in Kosovo. There, a Serbian-majority coalition augmented by Hungarian, Polish, and Romanian contingents—twelve thousand men under the leadership of Lazar—fought thirty thousand Ottomans under the leadership of the sultan himself.

Despite the initial downpour of Turkic arrows, the Serbian heavy cavalry plummeted through the Ottoman frontlines and broke the left wing; the Ottoman right, under Murad's elder son Bayezid, reeled around and engulfed the Christians. The chaotic clash continued for hours.

On the night before battle, Murad had beseeched Allah "for the favour of dying for the true faith, the martyr's death."

Sometime near the end of battle, his prayer was granted. According to tradition, a Serbian knight offered to defect to the Ottomans on condition that, in view of his own high rank, he be permitted to submit before the sultan himself.

They brought him before Murad and, after the knight knelt in false submission, he lunged at and plunged a dagger deep into the Muslim warlord's stomach. (Other sources say "with two thrusts which came out at his back").

The sultan's otherwise slow guards responded by hacking the Serb to pieces. Drenched in and spluttering out blood, Murad lived long enough to see his arch-enemy, the by now captured Lazar, brought before him, tortured, and beheaded. A small conciliation, it may have put a smile on the dying martyr's face.

Murad's son Bayezid instantly took charge: "His first act as Sultan, over his father's dead body, was to order the death, by strangulation with a bowstring, of his brother. This was Yaqub, his fellow-commander in the battle, who had won distinction in the field and popularity with his troops."

Next, Bayezid brought the battle to a decisive end. He threw everything he had at the enemy, leading to the slaughter of every last Christian—but even more of his own men in the process.

So many birds flocked to and feasted on the vast field of carrion that posterity remembered Kosovo as the "Field of Blackbirds."

Though essentially a draw—or at best a Pyrrhic victory for the Ottomans—the Serbs, with fewer men and resources to start with in comparison to the ascendant Muslim empire, felt the sting more.

In the years following the battle of Kosovo, the Ottoman war machine became unstoppable. The nations of the Balkans were conquered by the Muslims.

After withstanding a millennium of jihads, Constantinople itself permanently fell to Islam in 1453. And they remained under Ottoman rule for centuries.

The collective memory of Eastern Europeans' not too distant experiences with and under Islam should never be underestimated when considering why they are significantly more wary of—if not downright hostile to—Islam and its migrants compared to their Western liberal counterparts.

As Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán once explained: "We don't want to criticize France, Belgium, any other country, but we think all countries have a right to decide whether they want to have a large number of Muslims in their countries."

"If they want to live together with them, they can.

"We don't want to and I think we have a right to decide that we do not want a large number of Muslim people in our country. We do not like the consequences of having a large number of Muslim communities that we see in other countries, and I do not see any reason for anyone else to force us to create ways of living together in Hungary that we do not want to see . . .

"I have to say that when it comes to living together with Muslim communities, we are the only ones who have experience because we had the possibility to go through that experience for 150 years."

And those years (1541 to 1699, when the Islamic Ottoman Empire occupied Hungary) are replete with the massacre, enslavement, and rape of Hungarians.



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

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Trump Warns Iran: I'm Not Looking for War, But If One Breaks Out 'It'll Be Obliteration' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 23, 2019.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump Signs Executive Order Imposing 'Hard-Hitting Sanctions' Against Iran" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Trump: 'I Decided Not to Kill a Lot of Iranians . . . I Like Iranians So Much' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 26, 2019.

■ An article by Christy Cooney titled "India to Overtake China As World's Most Populated Country With Over 1.4 Billion People by 2027; UN Report Reveals" was posted at thesun.co.uk on June 20, 2019.

■ An article by Lorne Cook titled "NATO to Endorse Measures Against Russia Over Missile Treaty" was posted at apnews.com on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Michelle Roberts titled "Vaccines: Low Trust in Vaccination 'A Global Crisis' " was posted at bbc.com on June 19, 2019.

■ An article by Julia Belluz titled "Religion and Vaccine Refusal Are Linked [According to a Major Global Survey Published by Wellcome Trust, a UK Health Research Nonprofit]" was posted at vox.com on June 19, 2019.

■ A Reuters article by Thomas Escritt titled "Faced With Rising Far Right, Soros Foundations Look West" was posted at reuters.com on June 20, 2019.



An article by Derek Hunter titled "It's Now a Bribe When You Use Other People's Money" was posted at townhall.com on June 26, 2019. Following is the article.

There are people in prison right now for bribery. Judges have been removed from the bench for taking bribes, and people sent to cells for extended periods for offering and/or accepting them. So why aren't the candidates running for the nomination for the Democratic Party for president among them?

You name it, and there's a Democratic candidate out there offering to give it to people if they'd just vote for them. How is that not bribery?

Want free college? Done, just vote for candidate X, Y, or Z.

Want your student loans "forgiven"? You got it, just vote for one of the candidates promising just that.

Sick of paying for rent? Health insurance? Cable? Cell phones? Food? Housing? You can find a Democrat somewhere who'll swear it's all yours, and "for free," if you simply mark their name on your ballot.

Hell, there's even one candidate who says they'll just give you cash, \$1,000 per month, if you elect him. He doesn't call it a bribe, he calls it a "freedom dividend," but it sure sounds like a bribe.

In total, the Democratic field is offering tens of trillions of dollars in bribes to voters if they'd just pick them to be president. But they are not bribes, they're new and expanded government programs. Apparently it's not a bribe if you offer people someone else's money.

The latest entrant to the charade is Bernie Sanders. This week he offered everyone with student loan debt (of which I am one) a "get out of responsibility card." He introduced a bill to wipe clean the slate for everyone, no matter how much they owed, and create "tuition-free" college.

Since it won't become law with Donald Trump in the White House, implicit in his introduction of the bill is the condition that you can only get this goodie if you elect him. A big pile of someone else's cash awaits you, if you vote for him.

The estimated cost? A staggering \$2.2 trillion. Elizabeth Warren has a similar plan, so you've got competing offers for your vote if you have outstanding student loans.

An even bigger bribe is offered to people who want "free" health insurance. Every Democrat has some kind of "Medicare for all" plan promising to remove the responsibility of paying for expensive premiums if you'd just check their name.

The cost of that plan is literally tens of trillions of dollars, and they're all screaming that they'll cut you a check for a slice of that pie on the condition that you support them.

If you want to think bigger, if you want to “save the planet,” they’ve got a bribe for you there too. Like the worst episode of “The Price Is Right,” an unlimited wad of someone else’s money is just calling your name with the friendly sounding title of a “green new deal.” That involves all kinds of goodies for your vote—jobs, subsidized electricity, cars, you name it.

Of course, nothing is free.

These bribes don’t have associated bank accounts with them stuffed with ready cash waiting for the vault doors to be opened by one of Drew Carey’s beauties, they’re being offered through the power of the printing press. Actually, they’re being offered through the power of your grandchildren and great grandchildren’s credit cards.

With more than \$22 trillion in debt already on the books, our money is gone, as is our kid’s money, long before anyone has earned it. They’re a couple of generations out, digging through the wallets of the future to promise the Sun, the Moon, and the stars in exchange for their victory.

Will the American people fall for it? It’s awfully tempting to have so much offered for just a little piece of your soul. It’s a bribe many won’t be able to refuse.

As Democrats officially start the campaign debate season this week, pay attention to dollar amounts and what’s being offered by the candidates. It won’t be called a bribe, it’ll be called “progress,” but make no mistake—it’s a bribe.

But don’t follow their example and try this in your life.

Just as if you kept a corporation’s books the way the government handles its accounting, you’d end up in jail, the people who write the laws were very careful to exempt themselves from the legal definition of a bribe for the purpose of buying votes.

They’ve always done it, they’ve just never done it so blatantly.

The “Woke Olympics” have just started, hold on to your wallets.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled “Anti-Trump Crafters: A Decade-Long Unraveling” was posted at michellemalkin.com on June 26, 2019. Following is the article.

Fun fact: I’ve been crocheting since I was 10, when my Tita Lisa taught me the magic of granny squares. Fellow yarn nerds will understand the heavenly bliss of spending hours at Hobby Lobby or Walmart immersed in a sea of alpaca, mohair, angora, super bulky and super saver skeins for blankets, baby clothes, hats, headbands, scarves, bookmarks and potholders. (Yes, I’ve made them all!) I passed on the tradition to my artsy teenage daughter; teaming up on a Christmas afghan for my dad last year was one of my favorite ever projects.

Are you surprised? You shouldn't be. Creativity and crafting transcend political ideology—or so you might think.

This week, Ravelry.com, one of the internet's most popular gathering sites for crocheters and knitters with a reported 8.5 million users, publicly smeared and ejected conservative members who support President Donald Trump—all in the name of protecting their preciously "inclusive" safe space. Excluding to include. Welcome to opposite world.

On Sunday (there's no rest for vengeful social justice warriors), Ravelry's founders announced: "We are banning support of Donald Trump and his administration on Ravelry. This includes support in the form of forum posts, projects, patterns, profiles, and all other content."

The progressive operators at Ravelry declared that every right-winger on the fiber arts forum who supports our commander in chief is really just a KKK domestic terrorist wielding sharp needles instead of flaming crosses and nooses. It doesn't matter whether you support the White House because you are pro-borders, pro-life, pro-entrepreneur, pro-limited government, anti-collectivist or anti-socialist.

"We cannot provide a space that is inclusive of all and also allow support for open white supremacy," Ravelry management declared.

In case you weren't clear on Ravelry equating all Trump support with virulent racism, the defamers decreed: "Support of the Trump administration is undeniably support for white supremacy."

So watch out, America. Knitted MAGA beanies are the new MAGA baseball caps of hate. "TRUMP 2020" tea cosies are the new white hoods. Red, white and blue twisted cable ear warmers are subversive tools of racist oppression.

But here's the thing I know from being in contact with conservative knitters and crocheters over the past decade: Ravelry's ideological bigotry is not just about Trump.

They simply cannot countenance anyone in their community who disagrees with them on any political matter. During the 2008 presidential election season and into 2009, I heard from Republican hobbyists whose lively discussion boards were shutdown on Ravelry.

Janna S. wrote to warn that "while this may not be making waves in the headlines, there is an upswing in conservative censorship that has hit cyberspace."

A group on Ravelry called "The Bunker," which had more than 200 members who discussed GOP politics and knitting patterns, was singled out and shut down after liberal, pro-Obama members complained about its presence. Ravelry accused the conservative crafters of a "culture of anger and "us versus them" stance.

One of the Bunker's active members, Melissa, reported to me that Ravelry co-founder Casey Forbes had replied to right-leaning users asking how peacefully expressing their opinions violated their terms of service by "making excuses for the fact that he just doesn't like conservative people on his website . . . Many

of our members are mothers or grandmothers and are completely harmless. We've all been discriminated against because we think and believe differently."

Meanwhile, rabid leftists who promoted misogynist sweaters slamming Sarah Palin as "c—y" went unpunished. A forum titled "What Would You Do To Sarah Palin" inviting liberal members to post physical threats was allowed to thrive.

"The problem here is not that the site owners decided that they didn't want an active, vocal conservative group on their site. That is certainly their right as site owners," Melissa noted. "The issue is the double standard and the denigration of the reputations of all members of The Bunker and the injury and/or destruction of some members' businesses. The far-left is not only tolerated on Ravelry, they are nurtured and encouraged. Their bad behavior goes unchallenged."

This was more than 10 years ago, mind you, long before the latest wave of suppression, shadow-banning, algorithm-rigging, de-platformings, and defamation of right-minded people by Twitter, Facebook and Google/YouTube.

The speech-squelching imperative of the far left is a thread that traces back to the 1960s, when radical philosopher Herbert Marcuse popularized the "repressive tolerance" theory of modern progressives. "Liberating tolerance would mean intolerance against movements from the right and toleration of movements from the left," Marcuse taught. "Certain things cannot be said, certain ideas cannot be expressed, certain policies cannot be proposed."

In advance of the 2020 election, no space in the internet square is safe from "inclusive" exclusion. Silicon Valley's overlords, like Ravelry's petty tyrants, have no interest in promoting diversity, discussion and community. They are bent on decimating debate and dissent while wrapped in thick, woolly blankets of hypocrisy and sanctimony.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Educational Racism Comes With a Smiling Face" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on June 19, 2019. Following is the article.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio says that the city's specialized high schools have a diversity problem. He's joined by New York City Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza, educators, students and community leaders who want to fix the diversity problem.

I bet you can easily guess what they will do to "improve" the racial mix of students (aka diversity). If you guessed they would propose eliminating the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test as the sole criterion for admissions, go to the head of the class.

The Specialized High Schools Admissions Test is an examination that is administered to New York City's eighth- and ninth-grade students. By state law, it is used to determine admission to all but one of the city's nine specialized high schools.

It's taken as axiomatic that the relatively few blacks admitted to these high-powered schools is somehow tied to racial discrimination.

In a June 2, 2018 "Chalkbeat" article (<https://tinyurl.com/y64delc3>), de Blasio writes: "The problem is clear. Eight of our most renowned high schools—including Stuyvesant High School, Bronx High School of Science and Brooklyn Technical High School—rely on a single, high-stakes exam. The Specialized High School Admissions Test isn't just flawed—it's a roadblock to justice, progress and academic excellence."

Let's look at a bit of history to raise some questions about the mayor's diversity hypothesis.

Dr. Thomas Sowell provides some interesting statistics about Stuyvesant High School in his book "Wealth, Poverty and Politics."

He reports that, "In 1938, the proportion of blacks attending Stuyvesant High School, a specialized school, was almost as high as the proportion of blacks in the population of New York City."

Since then, it has spiraled downward. In 1979, blacks were 12.9% of students at Stuyvesant, falling to 4.8% in 1995. By 2012, *The New York Times* reported that blacks were 1.2% of the student body.

What explains the decline? None of the usual explanations for racial disparities make sense.

In other words, would one want to argue that there was less racial discrimination in 1938?

Or, argue that in 1938 the "legacy of slavery" had not taken effect whereby now it is in full bloom?

Genetic or environmental arguments cannot explain why blacks of an earlier generation were able to meet the demanding mental test standards to get into an elite high school. Socioeconomic conditions for blacks have improved dramatically since 1938.

The only other plausible reason for the decline in academic achievement is that there has been a change in black culture. It doesn't take much to reach this conclusion. Simply look at school behavior today versus yesteryear.

An Education Week article reported that in the 2015-16 school year, "5.8% of the nation's 3.8 million teachers were physically attacked by a student."

The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics show that in the 2011-12 academic year, there were a record 209,800 primary- and secondary-school teachers who reported being physically attacked by a student.

Nationally, an average of 1,175 teachers and staff were physically attacked, including being knocked out, each day of that school year.

In the city of Baltimore, each school day in 2010, an average of four teachers and staff were assaulted. A National Center for Education Statistics study found that 18% of the nation's schools accounted for 75% of the reported incidents of violence, and 6.6% accounted for half of all reported incidents.

These are schools with predominantly black student populations. It's not only assaults on teachers but cursing and disorderly conduct that are the standard fare in so many predominantly black schools.

Here are questions that might be asked of de Blasio and others who want to "fix the diversity problem" at New York's specialized schools.

- What has the triumph of egalitarian and diversity principles done for the rest of New York's school system?
- Are their academic achievement scores better than students at New York's specialized schools?
- The most important question for black parents: What has been allowed to happen to cripple black academic excellence?



An article by Walter Williams titled "Reparations" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on June 26, 2019. Following is the article.

On June 19, the House judiciary subcommittee on the constitution, civil rights and civil liberties held a hearing. Its stated purpose was "to examine, through open and constructive discourse, the legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, its continuing impact on the community and the path to restorative justice."

Slavery was a gross violation of human rights. Justice demands that all participants in the trans-Atlantic slave trade make compensatory reparation payments to slaves.

However, there is no way that Europeans could have captured millions of Africans. That means compensation would have to be paid by Africans and Arabs who captured and sold slaves to Europeans in addition to the people who bought and used slaves.

Since slaves and slave traders and owners are no longer with us, compensation is beyond our reach and it's a matter that will have to be settled in hell or heaven.

Let's pretend for a moment that the reparations issue makes a modicum of sense. There's the question of responsibility.

More explicitly, should we compensate a black person of today by punishing a white person of today, by taking his money, for what a white person of yesteryear did to a black person of yesteryear?

If we believe in individual accountability, we should find that doing so is unjust.

In other words, are the tens millions of Europeans, Asian and Latin Americans who immigrated to the U.S. in the late 19th and 20th centuries responsible for slavery, and should they be forced to cough up reparations?

What about descendants of Northern whites who fought and died in the name of freeing slaves?

Should they pay reparations to black Americans?

What about non-slave-owning Southern whites—who were a majority of Southern whites—should their descendants be made to pay reparations?

Reparations advocates make the unchallenged pronouncement that United States became rich on the backs of free black labor. That's utter nonsense.

While some slave owners became rich, slavery doesn't have a good record of producing wealth. Slavery existed in the southern states and outlawed in most of the northern states.

Buying into the reparations argument suggests that the antebellum South was rich and the slave-starved North was poor. The truth is just the opposite.

■ In fact, the poorest states and regions of our country were places where slavery flourished: Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

■ And the richest states and regions were those where slavery was absent: Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts.

The reparations movement would be an amusing sideshow were it not for its damaging distractions. It grossly misallocates resources that could be better spent elsewhere.

According to the state Department of Education, 75% of black California boys cannot meet state reading standards. In 2016, in 13 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, not a single student scored proficient on the state's mathematics exam. In six other high schools, only 1% tested proficient in math. The same story of low education outcomes can be told about most cities with large black populations.

I'd like to see lawyers bring class-action suits against public school systems in cities like Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Detroit and Los Angeles for conferring fraudulent high school diplomas. Such diplomas attest a 12th-grade level of academic achievement when in fact those youngsters often cannot perform at sixth- or seventh-grade levels.

The nation's most dangerous big cities are Detroit, Oakland, St. Louis, Memphis, Stockton, Birmingham, Baltimore, Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago and Milwaukee. The common characteristic of most of these cities is that they have predominantly black populations and blacks have considerable political power as mayors, city councilmen and chiefs of police. Energy spent on reparations should be used to solve those problems.

As of 2014, U.S. taxpayers have spent \$22 trillion on Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty (in constant 2012 dollars). Adjusting for inflation, that's three times more than was spent on all military wars since the American Revolution. If money alone were the answer, the many issues facing a large segment of the black community would have been solved.

There's another possible reparations issue completely ignored: Blacks as well as whites live on land taken, sometimes brutally, from American Indians. Do blacks and whites owe American Indians anything?



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "A Nation Divided" was posted at patriot-post.us on June 22, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I have long despaired over the fact that our geography doesn't allow us to separate into two nations—one liberal, the other conservative—the way it could have been handled prior to the Civil War, when the Mason-Dixon Line provided a perfect border.

These days, the country is far more divided than it was when the issues were pretty much limited to slavery and taxation. The problem is that today we are divided about everything, including open borders, sanctuary cities, taxes, national defense, photo IDs, education, race relations, illegal drugs, welfare, the Trump presidency, even the number of actual sexes.

But even in states that are predominantly blue or red, there are those like myself and 16 million other Republicans in California who find ourselves at the mercy of 24 million Socialists.

The only solution that occurs to me is to divide ourselves into 50 separate nations, although there's nothing to prevent blocs of states from merging, as might happen in the south, the northeast, most of the Midwest and the western seaboard.

Like European nations, all 50 could agree to do those things that were in their mutual interest but go their separate ways when they're not.

We could issue passports or work visas to move from one nation to the other.

No question it would entail a massive amount of inconvenience, calling for millions of people to re-locate, but a lot of people, such as those 24 million California dunces, could stay put.

■ Examples of migrations

But massive migrations are nothing new. Millions of Arabs left Israel on the promise that after the Jews had been eliminated, they'd be able to return to homes and farms they had neither built nor created. There was also a massive exodus when Pakistan was carved out of India, providing a homeland for Muslims, while the Hindus all stayed put or moved east to India.

But at least after the break, we wouldn't all wake up each day despising not only half the politicians, but half our neighbors.

Finally, it's not as if moving hundreds or even thousands of miles would be a new experience for the tens of millions of us who do it to attend college, take a job or because of the weather.

■ Could reduce stress

In the long run, even in the short run, this particular move would be even more important than those others because it would result in reducing our stress level and our natural inclination to punch some idiot in the nose or toss a shoe at what passes for televised news.

Just the idea that a person could wear a MAGA hat or have a Trump bumper sticker on his car or speak his mind honestly without fear of reprisal, would, I have no doubt, add years of peace and contentment to our lives.

■ Six candidates and Al Sharpton

I recently saw a video compilation consisting of Elizabeth Warren, Beto O'Rourke, Kirsten Gillibrand, Bernie Sanders, Julian Castro and Kamala Harris, all genuflecting to Al Sharpton, promising to push for black reparations if they were to, God forbid, win the presidency.

Sen. Harris, who is half-black, half-white, didn't mention if she figured to pay or collect.

■ Lemon and Acosta

When I saw Never-Trumpers Don Lemon and Jim Acosta complimenting each other on being good, honest and objective, newsmen, as ready to put Democrats as Republicans on the hot seat, I couldn't help but notice that neither laughed, winked or even cracked a smile. I haven't seen acting that superbe since Emma Thompson and Anthony Hopkins lit up the screen in "Remains of the Day."

■ Illegal aliens wanting to be females

The federal government is spending your tax dollars providing classes in grooming and makeup to illegal aliens who happen to be male transgenders. Their stated purpose is to help them appear at their feminine best.

Just because they're here illegally and they're biological males, the feds see no reason for them not to score high on the hubba-hubba meter.

Moreover, they are provided with free medical, dental and legal, services at their own detention center in New Mexico. They also have TVs, microwaves and a basketball court.

I would have assumed we already had more transvestites than we really needed. But, apparently you can never have enough of a weird thing.

■ Sorry to see her go

I will be sorry to see Sarah Huckabee Sanders depart as Trump's Press Secretary. She often stated Trump's positions better than he has, but she explained that she is only leaving in order to devote more time to her three young children. She added that the major change she foresees is that she will be dealing with smarter questions and having more intelligent discussions than she ever did with the members of the White House press corps.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Two Faces of Extremism" was posted at patriotpost.us on June 24, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

It was perfectly clear when Barry Goldwater said that extremism in the defense of liberty was no vice and that moderation in the pursuit of justice was no virtue that he was spelling out the basic creed of conservatism.

But extremism has gone through a number of transformations over the past half century. Today, those most likely to label their political opponents extremists are, oddly enough, Socialists.

Their perverted idea of an extremist is somebody who believes in Christ; doesn't regard it as unconstitutional to post the 10 Commandments on a public building; to say "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; or to place a Christmas tree in the public square.

They also regard those who support Israel; think a nation without borders is not a nation; or regard abortion as murder, as extremists.

The list also includes people who think taxes should be lowered, partly to discourage politicians from spending the money to buy the votes of certain racial groups.

They also call people who think that America is not only the greatest and most tolerant nation ever created—but the one that has shed the most blood and spent the most treasure to defend the freedom of other nations—white supremacists, xenophobes or, at the very least, suffering from toxic masculinity.

The Leftists also despise those of us who believe that western culture stands heads and shoulders above all others, and that when we suggest to those who abhor America and capitalism, that they should seek their happiness elsewhere, it proves we're bigots, racists and haters.

It also inflames them when we argue that there are only two biological sexes and that those who disagree are clearly delusional; that the insane should be institutionalized; and that heroin addicts are not innocent victims of a disease any more than bank robbers are. In both cases, people have to make a really stupid decision about how they wish to waste their lives.

If you think those are the only people that the Left regards as extremists, you're not even close.

For instance, if you believe that people who attempt to sneak across the border, putting their children or, more often, other people's children at risk, are the bad guys and that those trying to protect out border are the good guys, you're an extremist.

If you think it makes far more sense to be concerned about the votes being cast by non-citizens and by those refusing to use photo I.D.s to identify themselves than to worry about Russia meddling in our elections, you're an extremist.

If you think there is something screwy about our schools, which are otherwise religion-free zones, indoctrinating our young people with the madness of Islam, you're an extremist.

If you think that when it comes to college admission, there is something vile about tossing out academic criteria in order to accommodate undeserving minority students, you're an extremist, as well as a racist and a bigot.

If all you do is believe that Mother Nature, and not man, controls the weather, that's more than enough to get you branded.

Because those on the Left regard themselves as middle of the road realists, they naturally regard anyone who bases his conclusions on facts and logic as an enemy.

In short, in an America that neither Barry Goldwater nor John F. Kennedy, would recognize, Communism, not commonsense, currently prevails.

■ Impeachment in Mexico?

Which reminds me, in case you haven't heard, there is a move on to impeach the President. No, not Trump. I'm referring to El Presidente, Andrés Obrador. It seems that the Mexicans are getting tired of all the Central Americans passing through their country, and perhaps even more tired of those who have chosen to stay. No doubt Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi will soon be accusing the Mexicans of being brown supremacists.



"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.

Deficits

■ An article by Kate Davidson titled "U.S. Deficits Expected to Continue Growing" was posted at wsj.com on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Ylan Mui titled "Debt and Deficit Won't Be As Bad As Feared But Are Still Dangerous, CBO Says" was posted at cnbc.com on June 25, 2019.

Finances

- An article by Mark DeCambre titled "The Dow Is Now on Pace for Its Best June Return in 80 Years" was posted at marketwatch.com on June 21, 2019.
- An article by Mark DeCambre titled "U.S. Consumer Debt Is Now Above Levels Hit During the 2008 Financial Crisis" was posted at marketwatch.com on June 25, 2019.
- An article by Matthew Townsend and Joe Deaux titled "Toys 'R' Us, Back From the Dead, Will Open [About Six] U.S. Stores in 2019" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 21, 2019.
- An article titled "Toys 'R' Us Making Comeback With Plans for 2 U.S. Stores in 2019" was posted at yahoo.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Liz Lucking titled "Most Expensive Listing in the U.S. [Los Angeles Property Dubbed Chartwell] Is Now \$50 Million Cheaper [\$245 Million to \$195 Million]" was posted at mansionsglobal.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by David Koenig titled "FedEx Loses \$2 Billion, Warns of Headwinds in Coming Year" was posted at apnews.com on June 25, 2019.

Tariffs

- An article by M. Ray Perryman titled "U.S. Issues With China Won't Be Solved Through Tariffs" was posted at news-journal.com on June 20, 2019.
- An article by Max De Haldevang titled "Chinese Buyers Are Pulling Out of New York Real Estate in Droves" was posted at qz.com on June 25, 2019.

Green New Deal

- An article titled "Seattle City Council Endorses Call for Drastic 'Green New Deal' " was posted at foxnews.com on June 25, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Byron York titled "What Now, for Those Who Denied a 'Crisis' at the Border?" was posted at townhall.com on June 26, 2019.
- An article by Norman Merchant titled "Border Official [Acting Commissioner John Sanders] Resigns Amid Uproar Over Migrant Children" was posted at apnews.com on June 25, 2019.
- An article by Alexa Ura and Connie Hanzhang titled "Texas Gained Almost Nine Hispanic Residents for Every Additional White Resident Last Year" was posted at texastribune.org on June 20, 2019.
- An article by Stef W. Kight and Alayna Treene titled "Trump Isn't Matching Obama Deportation Numbers" was posted at axios.com on June 21, 2019.
- An article titled "Surge of Haitians Arrested at Southern Border" was posted at fox5ny.com on June 20, 2019.

■ An article titled "Laura Ingraham to Trump: We Must Provide Resources to Americans in Need Before Illegal Immigrants" was posted at foxnews.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Iona Schumicky titled "Sen. [Mike] Braun [of Indiana]: Trump Has Duty to Enforce Immigration Laws, But Gets Little Help From Congress" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Pence: Mexico Did More to Secure Border in 10 Days Than Democrats Did in 10 Years" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Wendy Fry titled "Thousands More National Guard Troops to Arrive in Tijuana" was posted at sandiegouniontribune.com on June 25, 2019.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs titled "She Turned Over Her Husband's Guns After His Arrest; The Police Charged Her" was posted at nytimes.com on June 25, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article by Piers Morgan titled "Forget the Polls; Rampaging Trump Is Going to Win Easily in 2020 Unless Democrat Ostriches Drag Their Heads Out of the Sand and Wake Up to Reality" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 20, 2019.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Clint Eastwood to Film New Movie in Georgia Despite Hollywood Boycott Over 'Heartbeat Bill' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 25, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Saritha Prabhu titled "A Civil War [Between Establishment Democrats and Progressive Democrats] Is Coming for the Democratic Party— And It Won't Be Pretty" was posted at usatoday.com on June 23, 2019.

■ An article titled "Ahead of Democratic Debates, Biden Leads in Iowa and South Carolina; Sanders Leads in New Hampshire" was posted at changere-search.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Sean Sullivan titled "Bernie Sanders Faces a New Kind of Threat in Elizabeth Warren" was posted at washingtonpost.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Zack Friedman titled "Elizabeth Warren: Here's My Plan to Cancel Student Loan Debt" was posted at forbes.com on June 17, 2019.

■ An article titled "Bernie Sanders Joins Elizabeth Warren in Pandering to Young Voters With a Student Loan Plan" was posted at usatoday.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Jeff Stein titled "Bernie Sanders to Propose Wiping Out \$1.6 Trillion of US Student Debt" was posted at independent.co.uk on June 24, 2019.

- An article by Bill Barrow titled "Biden: Congress Should Immediately Make 'Dreamers' Citizens" was posted at apnews.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Mark Jennings titled "Sen. Warren Introduces \$57 Million Retroactive Gay Marriage Tax Refund Bill" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Ted Johnson titled "Hollywood's Top Gay Donors Have Mixed Feelings About Buttiegieg" was posted at politico.com on June 20, 2019.
- An article by Jordan Fabian titled "Trump Not Planning to Block Mueller Testimony: Lawyer" was posted at thehill.com on June 26, 2019.

Kamala Harris

- An article by Christopher Cadelago titled "Texas Congressman [Al Green] Endorses Kamala Harris" was posted at politico.com on June 20, 2019.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Sen. Kamala Harris: 'I Don't Believe Anyone Should Receive Credit for a Crisis of Their Own Making'" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Sen. Kamala Harris on Whether She Would Meet With Putin: 'It Depends' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 24, 2019.

Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

- A Reuters article by Tim Reid titled "Democrat O'Rourke Proposes 'War Tax' on Affluent U.S. Families Without Military Members" was posted at reuters.com on June 24, 2019.

News about the media

- An article by Allum Bokhari titled "Project Veritas—Google Exec [Jen Genai] Decries Trump's Election: 'How Do We Prevent It From Happening Again?' " was posted at Breitbart.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Allum Bokhari titled "Google Censors Video [From Project Veritas] Exposing Google [for Having Anti-Trump Agenda]" was posted at Breitbart.com on June 24, 2019.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Google Employees Sure Are Covering Their Tracks Now That Their Censorship Scheme Has Been Exposed" was posted at townhall.com on June 25, 2019.
- An article by Qunit Forgey titled "Orlando Sentinel Announces 2020 Endorsement: Not Trump" was posted at politico.com on June 18, 2019.
- An article by Dawn Ennis titled "Tucker Carlson Finds It 'Painful' to Watch Trans Women Athletes 'Stealing Athletic Opportunities From Girls' " was posted at theDailyBeast.com on June 19, 2019.
- An article by Lisa Mascaro titled "AP Analysis: Trump Moves Show Him to Be Unreliable Partner" was posted at apnews.com on June 24, 2019.

■ An article by Mark Finkelstein titled "Morning Joe: Mueller Is 'Good' vs. Trump 'Evil'; Warnings on 'Post-Mueller Depression' " was posted at newsbusters.org on June 26, 2019.

General interest

■ An article by Christopher Ingraham titled "People Who Spend More Time Outdoors Lead More Fulfilling Lives, New Research Shows" was posted at washingtonpost.com on June 19, 2019.

■ An article by Ben Renner titled "Surprising Survey Shows 45% of Americans Doubt Safety of Vaccines" was posted at studyfinds.org on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Jacqueline Howard titled "Commonly Prescribed Drugs Are Tied to Nearly 50% Higher Dementia Risk in Older Adults, Study Says" was posted at cnn.com on June 25, 2019.

■ An article by Jo Craven McGinty titled "The Divorce Rate Is at a 40-Year Low, Unless You're 55 or Older" was posted at wsj.com on June 21, 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."