

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 titled “Coronavirus Declared Global Health Emergency by WHO” was posted at bbc.com on Jan. 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The new coronavirus has been declared a global emergency by the World Health Organization, as the outbreak continues to spread outside China.

“The main reason for this declaration is not what is happening in China but what is happening in other countries,” said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The concern is that it could spread to countries with weaker health systems.

At least 213 people have died from the virus in China.

The WHO said there had been 98 cases in 18 other countries, but no deaths. Most cases have emerged in people who have traveled from the Chinese city of Wuhan, where the outbreak began.

Here is data based on the first 425 cases confirmed in Wuhan.

- 59 was the average age of those infected.
- 89% were not hospitalized until at least five days of illness.
- 56% of the cases were men.
- 55% of cases diagnosed before 1 January linked to seafood market.

However, there have been eight cases of human-to-human infection—in Germany, Japan, Vietnam and the United States.

Speaking at a news conference in Geneva, Dr. Tedros described the virus as an “unprecedented outbreak” that has been met with an “unprecedented response.”

He praised the “extraordinary measures” Chinese authorities had taken to prevent it from spreading and said there was no reason to limit trade or travel to China, adding: “Let me be clear, this declaration is not a vote of no confidence in China.”

But various countries have taken steps to close borders or cancel flights in recent days, and companies like Google, Ikea, Starbucks and Tesla have closed their shops or stopped operations.

What happens if this virus finds its way into a country that cannot cope? Many low and middle income countries simply lack the tools to spot or contain it. The fear is it could spread uncontrollably and that it may go unnoticed for some time.

Remember this is a disease which emerged only last month and yet there are already 7,736 confirmed cases in China and 12,167 suspected ones.

The 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa—the largest in human history—showed how easily poorer countries can be overwhelmed by such outbreaks. And if novel coronavirus gets a significant foothold in such places then it would be incredibly difficult to contain.

We are not at that stage yet—99% of cases are in China and the WHO is convinced the country can control the outbreak there. But declaring a global emergency allows the WHO to support lower and middle income countries to strengthen their disease surveillance and prepare them for coronavirus cases.

How unusual is this declaration?

The WHO declares a Public Health Emergency of International Concern when there is “an extraordinary event which is determined . . . to constitute a public health risk to other states through the international spread of disease.”

It has previously declared five global public health emergencies.

■ Swine flu, 2009

The H1N1 virus spread across the world in 2009, killing more than 200,000 people, and a public health emergency was called to ensure the world was carefully monitoring its spread and able to respond, including with vaccines.

■ Polio, 2014

Although closer than ever to eradication in 2012, polio numbers rose in 2013. An emergency was declared due to fears the global fight against its eradication could face a major setback.

■ Zika, 2016

The WHO declared Zika a public health emergency in 2016 after the disease spread rapidly through the Americas. Although for many Zika symptoms are mild, it can be dangerous for pregnant women and the emergency was called to spur urgent research.

■ Ebola, 2014 and 2019

The first emergency over the virus lasted from August 2014 to March 2016 as almost 30,000 people were infected and more than 11,000 died in West Africa. The WHO cited “the virulence of the virus, the intensive community and health facility transmission patterns, and the weak health systems” in affected countries. A second emergency was declared last year as an outbreak spread in DR Congo.

How is China handling the outbreak?

A confirmed case in Tibet means the virus has now reached every region in mainland China. According to the country’s National Health Commission, 9,692 cases have tested positive.

Although questions have been raised about transparency, the WHO has praised China’s handling of the outbreak. President Xi Jinping has vowed to defeat what he called a “devil” virus.

The central province of Hubei, where nearly all deaths have occurred, is in a state of lockdown. The province of 60 million people is home to Wuhan, the heart of the outbreak.

The city has effectively been sealed off and China has put numerous transport restrictions in place to curb the spread of the virus.

People who have been in Hubei are also being told by their employers to work from home until it is considered safe for them to return.

The virus is affecting China’s economy, the world’s second-largest, with a growing number of countries advising their citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to the country.

How is the world responding?

■ Voluntary evacuations of hundreds of foreign nationals from Wuhan are under way, and the UK, Australia, South Korea, Singapore and New Zealand are expected to quarantine all evacuees for two weeks to monitor them for symptoms and avoid any contagion.

■ Australia plans to quarantine its evacuees on Christmas Island, 2,000 km (1,200 miles) from the mainland in a detention center that has been used to house asylum seekers.

■ Countries with diagnosed cases have been keeping patients in isolation.

■ Italy suspended flights to China after two Chinese tourists in Rome were diagnosed with the virus.

■ Earlier 6,000 people on board a cruise ship were temporarily barred from disembarking after a Chinese passenger was suspected of having the virus but tests came back as negative.

■ In the US, Chicago health officials have reported the first US case of human-to-human transmission; and around 200 US citizens have been flown out of Wuhan and are being isolated at a Californian military base for at least 72 hours.

- Russia has decided to close its (2,670-mile) far-eastern border with China in an attempt to prevent contagion.
- Flights to take British and South Korean citizens out of Wuhan have both been delayed, after relevant permissions from the Chinese authorities did not come through.
- Two flights to Japan have already landed in Tokyo. Three passengers have so far tested positive for the virus, Japanese media reported.
- Two aircraft are due to fly EU citizens home, with 250 French nationals leaving on the first flight.
- India has confirmed its first case of the virus—a student in the southern state of Kerala who was studying in Wuhan.



“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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- A Reuters article by Jessie Pang and Felix Tam titled “Hong Kong Bars Hubei Residents From Entering City As Coronavirus Fears Intensify” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 26, 2020.
 - An article by Bill Bostock titled “Chinese Villages Are Cutting Themselves Off From the World With Makeshift Brick Walls to Try to Stop Outsiders From Giving Them the Wuhan Virus” was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 28, 2020.
 - An article by Yvette Killian titled “The Coronavirus Cruise Ship Problem: ‘Every Lost Voyage’ Could Cost \$4 Million in Revenue” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 30, 2020.
 - An article by Bethany Allen-Ebraimian titled “[U.S.] State Department Authorizes Personnel to Evacuate China Due to Coronavirus” was posted at axios.com on Jan. 30, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Khalil Ashawi titled “Thousands Flee Northwest Syria As Assad Pushes Closer to Idlib City” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 27, 2020.
 - An article by Stephanie Bolzen titled “The Agony of Brexit” was posted at spectator.co.uk on Feb. 2020.
 - An article by Jared Gilmour titled “Take a Look Inside the Longest Drug Tunnel Ever Found on California’s US-Mexico Border” was posted at sacbee.com on Jan. 29, 2020.
 - An article by Ken Parks titled “Got \$500,000 and 90 Days? Uruguay Might Have An Offer for You” was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Kate Chappell and Zachary Fagenson titled “Shaken Caribbean Tiptoes Back to Normal After Shock of Major [Magnitude 7.7] Quake” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 29, 2020.



An article by Talia Kaplan titled “[Greg] Gutfeld: ‘The Media Will Take Any Chance to Call Trump a Fascist’ ” was posted at foxnews.com on January 12, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

President Trump has used military force less than any other president since Jimmy Carter.

Greg Gutfeld reacted Saturday [Jan. 11] to the media’s response to Iran’s ballistic missile attacks targeting U.S. military and coalition forces in Iraq, saying, “The media will take any chance to call Trump a fascist.”

President Trump, in an address to the nation Wednesday, said Iran “appears to be standing down,” in the wake of the retaliatory missile strikes on American bases in Iraq following the killing of top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani. Trump said the missile strikes resulted in “no casualties.”

“You better not kill a bad guy because then you become a martyr,” Gutfeld said on “The Greg Gutfeld Show,” responding to Trump’s critics.

“Here’s the theory that is going to blow your mind: Why is it that when Trump uses any force, the critics go nuts?” he asked. “Because, as even *The New York Times* admits, Trump has used military force less than any president since Jimmy Carter, which is why the media hysterically amplifies it because it’s so rare.”

He continued, “So, when it happens, they have to milk it for all it’s worth.”

He referenced a David Brooks op-ed for *The New York Times* in which he wrote, “Love or hate him, Trump has used military force less than any other president since Jimmy Carter.”

Gutfeld went on to say, “The media will take any chance to call Trump a fascist. Example: Iran shoots down a Ukrainian passenger plane and who do the media and Dems blame? Trump. I mean, Iran is not even blaming him,” Gutfeld noted referring to Iran’s admission that it unintentionally shot down a Ukrainian passenger plane killing all 176 people on board.

Gutfeld referred to Trump’s Wednesday’s comment that “no Americans were harmed” in Iran’s attacks last week, saying, “Of course that is a good outcome.” Gutfeld then noted many of Trump’s critics in Washington were upset that “he didn’t give them a heads up.”

He then asked, “Would You tell [House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam] Schiff? After all, he is a big leaker.”

Gutfeld went on to say that “no one wants war, but what we saw wasn’t war.”

“Unlike the media and Democrats, we aren’t stuck in a prison of two ideas where it’s either do nothing or it’s World War III,” Gutfeld said. “In between those prisons is the turf that Trump navigates so well between nothing and everything. Trump chose a decisive action that solved a horrible problem.”



An article by Ann Coulter titled “Fully Automatic Media” was posted at anncoulter.com on Jan. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

The tedium of the impeachment trial has at least allowed me to catch up on my reading. Apparently, there was a peaceful gun rights rally in Virginia last week that had the media in a panic.

Today, I will explain how their hysteria about the gun rally is directly related to their hysteria about the Russians throwing the 2016 election with Facebook ads—or, as MSNBC’s Brian Williams put it, using Facebook, Instagram and Twitter “to turn Americans against one another, psychological and information warfare, that didn’t stop with the election.”

First, the moral panic on guns:

- “Virginia’s capital braces for gun-rights rally”—The Associated Press
- “New fears tied to a pro-gun rally that’s scheduled in Virginia”—NBC News
- “A gun rights rally in Richmond on MLK Day has people fearing a repeat of Charlottesville”—*Richmond Times Dispatch*
- As we have come to expect, the “newspaper of record,” *The New York Times*, bested them all: “Virginia Capital on Edge as F.B.I. Arrests Suspected Neo-Nazis Before Gun Rally.”

Wow—neo-Nazis! Wait, what did the arrest of “neo-Nazis” have to do with the Virginia gun rally? Not a thing, it turns out.

The FBI had arrested three white guys with guns in another state the week before the rally. One of the men was an illegal alien from Canada. Three of the four charges against the men had to do with his immigration status.

What does the arrest of an illegal alien and his accomplices in Maryland have to do with a gun rally in Virginia?

As the *Times* explained, “Although the charges were not directly linked to the Richmond rally, law enforcement officials said the three men had discussed attending it.”

Here’s an idea for you, *New York Times*. Every time an African American is arrested for some infamous crime, cite that arrest in a headline claiming that

people are “on edge” about a coming NAACP convention—or maybe a meeting of black scientists.

“Virginia Capital on Edge as F.B.I. Arrests R. Kelly Before NAACP Convention” (Just say Kelly had “discussed attending it”!)

The media are liars, and they know they’re liars. We’ve been having gun rights rallies forever, and they’ve never turned into murderous bacchanals. How about some flood-the-zone coverage of Big Foot sightings?

If journalists were serious about alerting the public to events that are likely to result in violence, they should check out the West Indian Carnival parade in New York.

The Wikipedia entry on the parade has a special listing for “incidents,” which I have fact-checked and edited for brevity.

- In 2003, a man was fatally shot and another was stabbed in the neck.
- In 2005, one man was shot and killed along the parade route.
- In 2006, one man was shot and another was stabbed.
- At the 2007 parade, a man was shot twice in the leg.
- In 2011, there was one murder, three stabbings and numerous shootings, including of a policeman.
- In 2012, two people were fatally stabbed; two others were shot.
- In 2013, several shootings killed two and wounded three.
- In 2015, at a pre-parade celebration, there was one fatal stabbing and one fatal shooting, when an aide to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Carey Gabay, was shot in the head. He died eight days later.
- In 2016, during pre-parade celebrations, four people were shot, two fatally, and two more were stabbed.

Under the bloodcurdling headline, “Playing and Swaying to Caribbean Rhythms,” the *Times* mentioned a few other incidents. In 2004, a man was stabbed and a woman was run over by a float. In 1999, two young children were killed by floats, and one man was killed by a sound truck.

Despite the annual bloodshed, you will never see the headlines: “Crown Heights Braces for West Indian Labor Day Parade” or “City on Edge Before Caribbean Carnival.” (And why not: “Playing and Swaying to Stirring Second Amendment Rhetoric”?)

Our media simply will not report crimes by non-whites. Journalists think to themselves: What’s the point of reporting a crime if it was committed by a black person?

At least this makes it easy to figure out the race of the perp. If any white person commits a crime, you know—oh my gosh, do you know! But if there’s no mention of the perp’s race . . . it’s a minority!

Journalists have convinced themselves that it's not dishonorable to mislead the public—in fact, it's actually the honorable thing to do! If we tell the truth, it will just feed the racists!

This is why the media are constantly demanding censorship of the internet. The ability of the public to escape the media's sleazy, dishonest ecosystem and get the truth elsewhere is a mortal threat, as it is to all totalitarian regimes.

Oh, how they long for the days of three TV stations, a handful of national newspapers and magazines—and nothing else!

Every night on MSNBC, you can see them warmly reminiscing about the good old days when they could remove a president from office without breaking a sweat.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Democracy and Tyranny" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

During President Donald J. Trump's impeachment trial, we'll hear a lot of talk about our rules for governing. One frequent claim is that our nation is a democracy. If we've become a democracy, it would represent a deep betrayal of our founders, who saw democracy as another form of tyranny.

In fact, the word democracy appears nowhere in our nation's two most fundamental documents, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The founders laid the ground rules for a republic as written in the Constitution's Article IV, Section 4, which guarantees "to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government."

John Adams captured the essence of the difference between a democracy and republic when he said, "You have rights antecedent to all earthly governments; rights that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; rights derived from the Great Legislator of the Universe."

Contrast the framers' vision of a republic with that of a democracy.

■ In a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives.

■ As in a monarchy, the law is whatever the government determines it to be. Laws do not represent reason. They represent power. The restraint is upon the individual instead of the government.

Unlike that envisioned under a republican form of government, rights are seen as privileges and permissions that are granted by government and can be rescinded by government.

Here are a few quotations that demonstrate the contempt that our founders held for a democracy.

- James Madison, in Federalist Paper No. 10, wrote that in a pure democracy, “there is nothing to check the inducement to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual.”
- At the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Edmund Randolph said that “in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy.”
- Alexander Hamilton agreed, saying: “We are now forming a republican government. (Liberty) is found not in “the extremes of democracy but in moderate governments . . . If we incline too much to democracy, we shall soon shoot into a monarchy.”
- John Adams reminded us: “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”
- John Marshall, the highly respected fourth chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court observed, “Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos.”
- Thomas Paine said, “A Democracy is the vilest form of Government there is.”

The framers gave us a Constitution replete with undemocratic mechanisms. One constitutional provision that has come in for recent criticism is the Electoral College. In their wisdom, the framers gave us the Electoral College as a means of deciding presidential elections. That means heavily populated states can't run roughshod over small, less-populated states.

Were we to choose the president and vice president under a popular vote, the outcome of presidential races would always be decided by a few highly populated states, namely California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania, which contain 134.3 million people, or 41% of our population.

Presidential candidates could safely ignore the interests of the citizens of Wyoming, Alaska, Vermont, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Delaware.

Why?

They have only 5.58 million Americans, or 1.7% of the U.S. population. We would no longer be a government “of the people.” Instead, our government would be put in power by and accountable to the leaders and citizens of a few highly populated states. It would be the kind of tyranny the framers feared.

It's Congress that poses the greatest threat to our liberties.

The framers' distrust is seen in the negative language of our Bill of Rights such as: Congress “shall not abridge, infringe, deny, disparage, and shall not be violated, nor be denied.”

When we die and if at our next destination we see anything like a Bill of Rights, we know that we're in hell because a Bill of Rights in heaven would suggest that God couldn't be trusted.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "A Conspiracy of Dunces" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 25, 2020. Following is the article.

We have often had inferior people running in the hopes of becoming America's Commander in Chief, but never have we had quite so many as today. Part of the reason is that so many women have begun setting their sights on the Oval Office. This isn't to say they're any worse than the men—which they're not and probably couldn't be even if they made the effort—merely that it increases the sheer number of mediocrities seeking the office.

Consider that among the frontrunners are the likes of Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar. There's not one of you'd want to have lunch with, let alone trust to decide the fate of the nation.

■ Joe Biden

Joe Biden is a total phony, and I'm not just referring to his hair plugs and his painted teeth. He has no convictions, which he proves every day as he flips on every issue; and while everybody is focused on his son's financial chicanery, nobody seeks to question why Vice President Biden had Hunter on the plane with him when he was flying off to Ukraine and China on supposedly official business and whether it's just possible that the father shared in some of those ill-gotten gains with his cocaine-addicted son.

In his desperate attempt to garner the nomination, Biden is promising to allow in an additional two million poor, uneducated, foreign-born, welfare recipients. The motto of the Democrats may as well be "The Welfare Junkies of Today are the Voters of Tomorrow."

■ Elizabeth Warren

Going him one better, we have Elizabeth Warren vowing to show up in the Rose Garden to read aloud the names of every black person and every transgender, especially black female transgenders, who were killed during the prior 12 months.

She didn't mention reading aloud the names of every soldier, sailor, marine or police officer, who was killed in action. She also didn't vow to read off the names of every person raped, murdered or robbed, by any of the twenty-odd million illegal aliens who have been welcomed into the country by Democrats over the past 30 years, ever since Tip O'Neill and his colleagues in the House promised Ronald Reagan to build a wall at the Mexican border in exchange for his signing the amnesty bill.

■ Pete Buttigieg

Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of a small town in Indiana and a practicing sodomite, joined with Sen. Warren in describing attacks on black transsexual women as a crisis and even an epidemic. Apparently, when a black female tranny is attacked, it is regarded as a crisis. But a million illegal aliens trying to crash our border is a crisis only in the unstable mind of Donald Trump.

■ Robert Mueller did not succeed

If the Democrats had set out to prove just how inept they are, they could hardly have done a better job over the past year. First, they kept insisting that Robert Mueller was going to get the goods on Trump, proving that he had personally financed the Russian Revolution. When that failed to pan out, they set out to prove that a phone call between Trump and his counterpart in Ukraine constituted treason. When they had to settle for the equivalent of Trump's jay-walking and cutting the tag off his White House mattress, even Nancy Pelosi was too embarrassed to send the articles of impeachment over to the Senate. She held off for a month before finally caving to pressure from the Democrats in the Senate.

■ House passed a non-binding resolution

In the meantime, Pelosi got her stooges in the House to pass a non-binding resolution that called for Trump to not engage in war with Iran without their okay. One, as I say, it's non-binding, meaning it's merely ceremonial, sort of like when the House names a new post office. Also, the drone strike that took out Gen. Soleimani occurred in Iraq, where he had no business being, so the resolution, even were it binding, probably wouldn't have given Trump a moment's pause.

■ Obama and Trump

What's more, Soleimani was on a terrorist watch list, so, as with Obama's assassination of Osama bin Laden, Trump didn't require anyone's okay to do what needed to be done.

And, finally, why would the President want to tip off the House when, in all likelihood, Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib would have tipped off Soleimani that a drone was headed his way?

■ Rough time for Iran

As weeks go, I'd say that Iran's was worse than any I can remember. First, they lost their top military commander. Then, in retaliation, they fired a dozen missiles into Iraq that failed to kill anyone and amounted to nothing but a fireworks show. Not only was their response feeble, but they were so nervous about what Trump might do in response, they shot down a Ukrainian airliner killing 176 people, including a number of Canadians.

There was also the memorial service for the General where people stampeded, resulting in the deaths of about four dozen and another 200 injured. Nobody explained the stampede, but perhaps in a Muslim nation, where movies, dancing, rodeos and alcohol, are prohibited, that's the only form of entertainment that's allowed.

Add all that to the demonstrators in the streets who are fed up with being constantly at war while their economy is in the toilet thanks to Trump's sanctions, and I doubt if the Ayatollah and the mullahs in Tehran are sleeping very well at night. What's more, all their tossing and turning is keeping the sheep awake.

■ Words of advice

Because I know a lot of you take your Second Amendment right seriously, I thought I should pass along some words of advice I came across in *The New American*.

A gentleman called Salvatore, who is described as “a firearms instructor, competitive shooter, and life-long practitioner of the concealed carry life-style,” suggests that there are a few things that people who might someday have to shoot someone in self defense should keep in mind.

First of all, a gun-hating district attorney might file charges against someone who was merely protecting his home or his loved ones or himself.

No matter how righteous the shooting might be, a prosecuting zealot might decide to put you on trial and leave it up to 12 people, the ones not bright enough to get out of jury duty, whether you retain your freedom.

Salvatore warns against displaying bumper stickers that carry messages such as things as “Kill them all and let God sort them out” that can be used to portray you as a gun-toting menace.

He also warns against using non-standard ammunition, such as Zombie Hunter bullets, because, again, it would help the D.A. claim you’re nothing but a vigilante who’s looking to single-handedly dole out frontier justice, casting yourself as sheriff, judge and jury.

So, if in spite of this warning, you have the wrong sort of bumper sticker on your car or the wrong sort of cartridges in your weapon when you blast a home invader, be sure to dig a hole in your garden where the thug can help you grow next summer’s crop of turnips and carrots.

■ Why stay silent?

A couple of quotes appeared on a Christmas card that arrived either two weeks late or 50 weeks early. They were Martin Luther King’s “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” and Edmund Burke’s similar sentiment, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

So don’t conceal your conservatism under a barrel for fear of offending. The one mind you change just might be the one vote Donald Trump needs to be re-elected in November.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Climate Derangement Syndrome” was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 27, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

It can’t just be a coincidence that so many of the same people who are hysterical about Donald Trump are so susceptible to the nonsense about the climate. When they’re not screaming about the sky falling, they’re screaming about the oceans rising. They must have nightmares about being squished between the two.

■ Their loud warnings seem hypocritical

It's perfectly understandable that those of us who place no stock in global warming/climate change being an existential threat wouldn't change our behavior. That makes perfect sense.

But those who claim to believe that the world will be destroyed within a decade, a warning begun in the 1970's by Paul Ehrlich, repeated by Al Gore in the 1990's and repeated yet again by Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez in 2019, haven't modified their behavior in the least.

They still drive or are driven in SUVs and limousines, still fly on private jets and, in Al Gore's case, live in mansions.

In what is probably the most glaring case of hypocrisy, we have seen such eminent greenies as Barack and Michelle Obama plunking down \$14 million for an estate on an island that, according to the data they swear they believe in, will be under the Atlantic Ocean by 2030.

■ Playing the innocent victim

One of my female subscribers let me know that she has little patience with the Hollywood actresses who, in order to further their careers, endured Harvey Weinstein's sexual demands and then turned around and joined #MeToo midst much fanfare.

Her point was that if the price one has to pay for a possible acting career is too steep, you simply choose a different career. You shouldn't get away with playing the innocent victim.

I happen to agree. I find it impossible to choose sides when my choices are either swinish men or overly-ambitious hypocritical women.



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Deficit

■ An article by Daniel Horowitz titled "Congressional Budget Office Projects Trillion-Dollar Deficits Indefinitely" was posted at conservativereview.com on Jan. 29, 2020.

Finances

■ A Reuters article by Lucia Mutikani titled "U.S. Economy Misses Trump's 3% Growth Target in 2019" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 29, 2020.

■ An article titled "The Verdict Is In: Farm Bankruptcies Up [20%] in 2019 [Trailing Only the 2010 Record of 33%]" was posted at fb.org on Jan. 29, 2020.

- An article by Michael S. Derby titled “Fed Adds \$82.58 Billion to Markets in Two Repo Operations” was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

Trade war

- An article by Finbarr Bermingham titled “China Coronavirus Could Hit Beijing’s Ability to Meet US Trade War Deal Import Demands” was posted at scmp.com (South China Morning Post) on Jan. 29, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled “AOC’s Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate” was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.

- An article by Kate Mansey titled “Prince Charles Flew 16,000 Miles in Just 11 Days Using Three Private Jets and One Helicopter Before Proudly Posing With Greta Thunberg in Davos” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 25, 2020.

- An article by Tiffany Taylor titled “Prince of Hypocrisy: Charles Racks Up Private Flight Miles, CO2 Emissions” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 29, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Stacy Washington titled “End Foreign Freeloading—Don’t Import It” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

- An article by Melanie Arter titled “AOC: ‘Organizing Is About Tipping People Off’ If You See ICE, CBP” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 28, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Jon Kamp titled “Gun-Control Bills Move Forward in Virginia” was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Christina Carrega titled “Tennessee Governor Signs Bill to Allow Religious-Based Adoption Agencies to Deny Services to LGBTQ Families” was posted at abcnews.com on Jan. 25, 2020.

- An article by Paul J. Weber titled “GOP [Easily] Wins Closely Watched Texas Special Election” was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 28, 2020.

- An article by Melanie Arter titled “[White House Counsel Pat] Cipollone: Obama’s Decision Not to Give Aid to Ukraine for 3 Years Worse Than [Trump] Pause” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

- An article by Andrew Duehren titled “Impeachment Trial Pushes Ted Cruz to Top of Podcast Charts” was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 30, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled “It’s Official: FISA Court Says Warrants Issued Against Carter Page Were Not Valid” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2020.

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Carter Page Files Suit Against DNC Over Dossier Dealings, Efforts to Turn U.S. Into 'A Surveillance State' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 30, 2020.
- An article by Margot Cleveland titled "IG Report Proves Obama Administration Spied on Trump Campaign Big Time" was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 28, 2020.
- An article by Adam Schrader titled "Obama Called Trump a 'Fascist' in Call to Hillary Clinton Running Mate Tim Kaine [in 2016]" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 25, 2020.
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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.”