

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 Elias Meseret titled "Pompeo Says South Africa Land Seizures Would Be 'Disastrous' " was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 19, 2020. Following is the article.

America's top diplomat on Wednesday asserted that South Africa's plan to allow expropriation of private property without compensation would be "disastrous" for the country's economy and its people.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made the comments in an address in Ethiopia on the final day of an Africa visit largely aimed at countering China's influence on the continent of more than 1.2 billion people.

"Be wary of authoritarian regimes and their empty promises," he said, without naming names. "They breed corruption, dependency and instability."

There was no immediate government response in South Africa to Pompeo's comments.

Land is a sensitive issue in South Africa, which is one of the world's most unequal countries in part because of the legacy of the former racist system of apartheid that ended in 1994.

Some members of the ruling African National Congress and the populist opposition Economic Freedom Fighters have pressed for redistribution of land, arguing that it will help right past wrongs in which many black people were forced off their property.

Critics have warned against what happened in neighboring Zimbabwe, where sometimes violent land seizures from white farmers scared away some investors and deepened that once-prosperous country's economic collapse.

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa last week in his state of the nation address said the government plans to accelerate land redistribution this year. The government also plans to table an expropriation bill "that outlines the circumstances under which expropriation of land without compensation would be permissible," he said.

Ramaphosa has called land redistribution necessary to "redress a grave historical injustice." South Africa's government calls the dispossession of land by the 1913 Natives Land Act "apartheid's original sin," and one which continues to shape land ownership today.

The president also has attempted to soothe investors by saying there will be no chaotic or illegal land grabs, mindful of the need to not scare away business in a country with unemployment at a decade high of 29%.

This is not the first time the Trump administration has spoken out on South Africa's moves to redistribute land.

In 2018, President Donald Trump claimed that South Africa was seizing farms and that many farmers were being killed. In fact, farmers have been killed for more than 20 years in what is widely seen as part of the country's high crime rate, and experts say white farmers have not been the target.

The secretary of state is the first Cabinet official to visit Africa in 18 months. He also stopped in Senegal and Angola on a trip that seeks to reassert U.S. interests on a continent that many have accused the Trump administration of largely neglecting.

China, Africa's top trading partner for a decade now, is a major U.S. concern. Numerous other global powers have turned their focus to the continent of more than 1.2 billion people, many of them young.

Analysts have said a key task for Pompeo is countering the recent messaging out of Washington. New visa restrictions target Nigerians, Sudanese, Tanzanians and Eritreans, and the Pentagon is considering cutting the U.S. military presence on the continent even as Islamic extremism spikes in West Africa's Sahel region.

"Peace in Africa will be won by Africans," Pompeo told reporters Tuesday.



A Reuters article titled “ ‘Nothing Left’: Kenyan Mother’s Fields Stripped by Locust Swarm” was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 19, 2020. Following is the article.

Kenyan farmer Mwende Kimanzi said planes started spraying as soon as the swarm of desert locusts appeared but it was not enough to save her crops.

The 38-year-old mother of three says the locusts landed in her fields two weeks ago and since then they have been eating their way through her sorghum, millet and lentils while she tries to chase them away.

Usually she sells the lentils and keeps the rest for her family, but the locusts’ arrival in Kyuso, about 200 km (125 miles) east of the capital Nairobi, means they could soon go hungry.

Farmers called the authorities as soon as the locusts arrived. Authorities used planes to spray the swarm, and while some died most ended up in Kimanzi’s fields.

“The locusts appeared, and we called the authorities immediately. The aeroplanes started the spraying from that edge of the river. Some died, but the rest of the swarm moved to our farms. They destroyed everything here then. They have now moved to our homes. They are now laying eggs there,” Kimanzi said.

She has only managed to harvest one bag of millet and one bag of lentils since the locust invasion.

“The rest of the crops were all destroyed,” she said. “There is nothing left. We will still face hunger.”

The swarms, first sighted in December, have already destroyed tens of thousands of hectares (acres) of farmland in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia, threatening food supplies in the worst locust invasion in 70 years.



An article by Michael O’Hagan titled “Uganda Army Fights Voracious Desert Locusts” was posted at afp.com on Feb. 19, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Under a warm morning sun scores of weary soldiers stare as millions of yellow locusts rise into the northern Ugandan sky, despite hours spent spraying vegetation with chemicals in an attempt to kill them.

From the tops of shea trees, fields of pea plants and tall grass savanna, the insects rise in a hypnotic murmuration, disappearing quickly to wreak devastation elsewhere.

The soldiers and agricultural officers will now have to hunt the elusive fast-moving swarms—a sign of the challenge facing nine east African countries now battling huge swarms of hungry desert locusts.

They arrived in conflict-torn South Sudan this week, with concerns already high of a humanitarian crisis in a region where 12 million are going hungry, according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

"One swarm of 40 to 80 million can consume food" for over 35,000 people in a day, Priya Gujadhur, a senior FAO official in Uganda, told AFP.

In Atira—a remote village of grass-thatched huts in northern Uganda—some 160 soldiers wearing protective plastic overalls, masks and goggles sprayed trees and plants with pesticide from before dawn in a bid to kill the resting insects.

But even after hours of work they were mostly able to reach only lower parts of the vegetation.

Major General Kavuma sits in the shade of a Neem Tree alongside civilian officials as locusts sprayed with pesticide earlier that morning fall around them, convulsing as they die.

An intense chemical smell hangs in the air.

They surrounded me

Zakaria Sagal, a 73-year-old subsistence farmer was weeding his field in Lopei village some 120 kilometres (75 miles) away, preparing to plant maize and sorghum, when without warning a swarm of locusts descended around him.

"From this side and this side and this side, they surrounded me," Sagal said, waving his arms in every direction.

"We have not yet planted our crops but if they return at harvest time they will destroy everything. We are not at all prepared."

East Africa's regional expert group, the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), warned Tuesday that eggs laid across the migratory path will hatch in the next two months, and will continue breeding as the rainy season arrives in the region.

This will coincide with the main cropping season and could cause "significant crop losses . . . and could potentially worsen the food security situation", ICPAC said in a statement.

Panic mode

Since 2018 a long period of dry weather followed by a series of cyclones that dumped water on the region created "excessively ideal conditions" for locusts to breed, says Gujadhur.

Nevertheless, governments in East Africa have been caught off guard and are currently in "panic mode" Gujadhur said.

The locusts arrived in South Sudan this week after hitting Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, Eritrea, Tanzania, Sudan and Uganda.

Desert locusts take over on a dizzying scale.

One swarm in Kenya reached around 2,400 square kilometres (about 930 square miles)—an area almost the size of Moscow—meaning it could contain up to 200 billion locusts.

“A swarm that size can consume food for 85 million people per day,” said Gujadhur.

Ugandan authorities are aware that subsequent waves of locusts may pose problems in the weeks to come, but in the meantime they are attempting to control the current generation.

Gujadhur is quick to praise the “quite strong and very quick” response from the Ugandan government but is concerned that while the army can provide valuable personnel, a military-led response may not be as effective as is necessary.

“It needs to be the scientists and (agriculture officials) who take the lead about where the control operations need to be and how and when and what time,” she said.

They eat anything green

The soldiers have been working non-stop for two days, criss-crossing the plains on the few navigable roads, trying to keep up with the unpredictable swarms.

Major General Kavuma recognises that the biggest threat is from the eggs which are yet to hatch but is confident the army will be able to control this enemy.

“We have the chemicals to spray them, all we need is to map the places they have been landing and sleeping,” he said.

“In two weeks time we will come back and by that time they will have hatched and that will be the time to destroy them by spraying.”

Back in Lopei village, Elizabeth Namoe, 40, a shopkeeper in nearby Moroto had been visiting family when the swarm arrived.

“When the locusts settle they eat anything green, the animals will die because they have nothing to feed on, then even the people (will suffer),” she said.

“The children will be affected by hunger and famine since all life comes from all that is green. I fear so much.”



“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 Elliot Smith titled "Plague of Locusts Threaten East African Economies As UN Sounds Alarm" was posted at [cnbc.com](https://www.cnbc.com) on Feb. 20, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Asif Shahzad titled "Pakistan to Consider Importing Insecticides From India to Fight Locusts" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 17, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Coronavirus Could Hamper \$2.24 Billion in Indian Solar Projects" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 17, 2020.
- An article by Sebastien Roblin titled "Forget the Coronavirus: The Flu Pandemic of 1918 Killed More People in One Year Than All of World War I" was posted at [nationalinterest.org](https://www.nationalinterest.org) on Feb. 15, 2020.
- An article titled "To Tame Coronavirus, Mao-Style Social Control Blankets China" was posted at [dnyuz.com](https://www.dnyuz.com) on Feb. 16, 2020.
- An article by George Martin titled "Coronavirus: 'Millions' in Britain Could Be Ordered to Self-Isolate If Cases Rise" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Feb. 16, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Stephen Lam and Stephanie Nebehay titled "Hundreds of Americans Flown Home From Cruise Ship, 14 With Coronavirus" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 16, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Hilary Russ and Sophie Yu titled "Fast-Food Companies in China Step Up 'Contactless' Pickup, Delivery As Coronavirus Rages" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 16, 2020.
- An article by Emily Cleary titled "Armed Thieves in Hong Kong Steal 600 Toilet Rolls As Coronavirus Fears Spark National Shortage" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Feb. 17, 2020.
- An article by James T. Areddy titled "Amid Coronavirus, the World Closes Its Doors to China: 'I Feel So Isolated' " was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on Feb. 18, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Russia Suspends Chinese Citizens From Entry to Russia From Feb. 20" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 18, 2020.
- An article by Mia Jankowicz titled "The 1,600-Bed Wuhan Coronavirus Hospital That China Panic-Built in a Few Days Is Less Than Half Full 11 Days After It Opened" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Feb. 19, 2020.
- An article by Gearoid Reidy titled "As Cases Mount, Japan Rapidly Becomes a Coronavirus Hotbed" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Feb. 19, 2020.
- An article by Jill Petzinger titled "Coronavirus Causes 85% Plunge in Adidas Business in China" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Feb. 19, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Dan Williams titled "Netanyahu Says Israeli Planes Have Started Flying Over Sudan" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 16, 2020.

- An article by Josef Federman titled “Netanyahu Trial [Which Begins on March 17] Clouds Last Days of Israel Election Campaign” was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 18, 2020.
- An article by Albert Aji and Zeina Karam titled “After Gains in Northern Syria, Assad Predicts Total Victory” was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 17, 2020.
- An article by Rosie Perper titled “Half a Million Mussels Cooked to Death at a New Zealand Beach” was posted at businessinsider.com on Feb. 15, 2020.
- An article by Keith Barry titled “Toyota and Lexus Recall Cars to Replace Engines” was posted at consumerreport.com on Feb. 14, 2020.
- An article by Jane Dalton titled “Snakes [in Central America] ‘Starving’ Because of Shortage of Frogs to Eat” was posted at independent.co.uk on Feb. 13, 2020.



An article by John P. Warren titled “The Coronavirus and Open Borders” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 14, 2020. Following is the article.

What no one is talking about yet is the direct linkage between pandemic diseases and uncontrolled immigration. In fact, no Democrat-Progressive-Socialist candidate for POTUS has been asked a question about it.

Here’s one: “If you were elected to the presidency, how would you and your party, which favors open borders, justify such a policy given a threat like the Coronavirus?”

To put today’s crisis in perspective, let’s recall a few facts about the SARS outbreak of 2003-2004. According to the CDC, the SARS outbreak produced about 8,100 infections worldwide and a bit less than 800 deaths. The UK’s National Health Service places the SARS virus origination in China in 2002.

Fast forward to February 13, 2020. China has confirmed 59,000 infections and 1300 deaths from the Coronavirus originating in Wuhan. And that’s just in its own country. This sleeping dragon went from nothing to a pandemic in less than a month, yet the World Health Organization—at the beginning—kowtowed to China in its obsequious praise for what has turned out to be a feeble early response to Coronavirus. The only unifying theme for on-air journalists is their fairly common assertion that China’s reporting on this deadly threat is likely under-accurate, to put it politely.

All of this brings us to the constantly repeated campaign platform of all or nearly all the current Democrat-Progressive-Socialist candidates (or whatever they’re calling themselves this cycle): open borders. Not only do they insist upon open borders, they sanctimoniously decry Trump’s attempt to secure them as the act of a Nazi, racist dictator. And what they call supporters of secure borders may not be printable.

For the last decade, at least, the D-P-S's have been content with death crossing our borders in the form of felons waiting to prey upon our citizens.

In FY2016, according to official US data, there were just over 16,000 convictions for serious crimes committed in the US, and despite strong enforcement by the Trump administration, there were about 1,250 in FY2020 (through September 30).

Those crimes include assault, domestic violence, robbery, burglary, drug trafficking, illegal entry/reentry, homicide, illegal weapons possession, and sexual offenses. The D-P-S's are OK with all of that, and if we give them power, we'd all have to be OK with that, too.

It is one thing to ask, "How many Kate Steinle cases must there be?"

That question seems to go unanswered by the D-P-S establishment and their acolytes, but with the Coronavirus now set loose upon the world, there are questions the purveyors of border anarchy must consider.

- How much death would have crossed our borders if there'd been a Clinton inauguration?

- Continuing the Obama gang's Look-The-Other-Way approach to border security—what would Clinton and her party have done to protect us from the invisible death brought by plague?

And for the Bernie-Pete crowd.

- How would they deal with a pandemic given their open border stance?

- How many American deaths from Coronavirus or its descendants would be just fine to them?

Most thinking Americans have figured out the answer to the question of why D-P-S candidates want open borders. It isn't about kumbaya, the Statue of Liberty, or, Emma Lazarus' stirring words, "Give me your tired, your poor.. ."

Not for a minute. It's about more people on whom D-P-S candidates can push free stuff (courtesy of you and me), so that when voting barriers are broken down for non-citizens to have "more say," the newbies will gladly cast a ballot for the freebie party.

Controlling immigration isn't about the tired and poor. It's about the first duty of our chosen government: protecting our citizens. How much political recklessness and negligence from the Democrat-Progressive-Socialists can the American people stand?

It's just been announced that United Airlines has suspended flights to major cities like Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Chengdu until at least April 24th. That's nice, but with still porous borders, infected persons can get to North America—and here. We need a well-funded and functioning immigration control system—now.

China also announced another 15,000 infections—in just one day. And tomorrow? With the D-P-S crowd in power, what about the next pandemic? Coming to a neighborhood near you?



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Shredding the US Constitution” was posted at patriotpost.us on Feb. 15, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

When Speaker Pelosi tore up President Trump’s State of the Union Address, she might as well have been ripping up the Constitution because that’s what she and her congressional cohorts have been up to for the past three years.

■ Beyond the Constitution

In an article titled “The Ugly History of Special Prosecutors,” Steve Byas made the case that people like Archibald Cox, Ken Starr and Robert Mueller, have all been granted powers that the Constitution denies them.

The President, whether he’s Nixon, Clinton or Trump, is the indisputable head of the Executive branch of the federal government, but he’s powerless when it comes to these bureaucrats.

One of the inevitable problems is that these various unelected prosecutors, although they are supposed to investigate specific crimes, can be counted upon to exceed their mandate.

■ Ken Starr

So it was that Starr who was installed to look into the Whitewater land scandal ended up sticking his nose into the Monica Lewinsky monkey business.

■ Robert Mueller

Robert Mueller was supposed to investigate collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia, but he quickly discovered there was nothing to it and then spent the next year and a half trying to find something, anything, to hang on the President. And \$30 million later, he could barely land a minnow, let alone Moby Dick.

■ Scalia dissented

As Antonin Scalia said on the occasion of his lone dissenting opinion when the court was deciding by an 8-1 decision that there was nothing unconstitutional about an Independent Counsel being granted powers that exceeded those of the President: “I fear the Court has permanently encumbered the Republic with an institution that will do it great harm.”

He later expounded on his decision, writing "To take away the power to prosecute from the president and give it to somebody who's not under his control is a terrible erosion of presidential power."

Or as Lavrentiy Beria, the brutal head of Stalin's secret police once put it: "Show me the man and I'll find you the crime."

■ Dershowitz said

Even Harvard law professor (emeritus) Alan Dershowitz, a left-wing zealot, has argued that "The president is entitled to fire the head of the FBI. The president is entitled to direct his attorney general who to investigate, who not to. I don't see that the prosecutor (Robert Mueller) should have a right to turn a constitutionally protected act of the president into a crime by speculating on what his motive might have been."

■ Hunter Biden

As for asking that a foreign nation investigate Joe Biden and son Hunter, that was well within President Trump's constitutional right, even if the father happens to be one of his political rivals. The President is granted certain protections because lawsuits and the like would hamper his ability to carry out his duties. Hoping to become the next president doesn't warrant the same protection.

In the same way, there was no way to prevent the President from leveling tariffs on Mexico if they refused to ignore his requests that they either turn back caravans of aliens from Central America or at least offer them sanctuary in Mexico.

■ Scalia explained

Scalia concluded his remarks, saying: "Frequently, an issue of this sort will come before the Court clad, so to speak, in sheep's clothing: the potential of the asserted principle to effect important change in the equilibrium of power is not immediately evident, and must be discerned by a careful and perceptive analysis. But this wolf comes as a wolf."

■ Pelosi, Nadler and Schiff

In moving to impeach the President on solely partisan grounds, the shoddy likes of Nancy Pelosi, Jerry Nadler and Adam Schiff, thought it was sufficient to point at Trump and cry "Wolf!" But they were, in fact, the ravenous wolves the public needed to fear.

I'm reminded that if anyone ever asks you the difference between Nancy Pelosi's House and the Okefenokee, tell them that one of them is a rancid swamp filled with man-eating alligators, the other is a national wildlife refuge in Folkston, Georgia.

■ Supreme Court appointments

When November rolls around, every Conservative should make a point of reminding any fence-sitters they might know how important it is to re-elect Donald Trump even if they think he lacks the proper decorum to be our Commander-in-Chief.

What people sometimes forget is just because a president leaves the White House, his legacies live on long after he's turned off the lights and left the key under the welcome mat. I'm not referring to such transient things as the Affordable Care Act, the Paris Accords and the Iran nuclear deal. We've all seen how easily Trump got rid of those things.

The real lasting legacy are his Supreme Court appointments.

Bill Clinton has been gone for 20 years, but Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 86, and on the Court since 1993, is still hanging in there; as is Clinton's other appointment, Stephen Breyer, 81, and on the Court since '94.

Barack Obama has been gone for three years, but Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor are only 59 and 65, respectively, and could be making goofy decisions for another 20 or 25 years.

■ RINOs have a purpose

As much as I despise Mitt Romney, Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins, I have to acknowledge that even RINOs serve a purpose. That's because control of the House and Senate is a numbers game. So long as there is one more Republican than Democrat in the Senate, Chuck Schumer is just another senator. It's the same in the House. Even if it takes a passel of RINO's to retake the House in November and turn Pelosi back into a pumpkin, having a Congress that isn't constantly trying to restrain Trump from carrying out his America First agenda would constitute the dawn of a great new day.

■ Some quips

"The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory." (Paul Fox)

"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach." (Aldous Huxley)

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something." (Plato)



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Braying Donkeys" was posted at patriopost.us on Feb. 17, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

It's not easy to determine who came out of the impeachment trial looking the worst. Some might cast their vote for Nancy Pelosi, some with the combo of Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler, but others—myself included—would hand the trophy to Mitt Romney.

That's because the others are Democrats. They were merely carrying out the orders of their leaders; namely, Ilhan Omar, Maxine Waters, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib.

And although throughout the farce Nancy Pelosi kept insisting she was praying for the nation and for President Trump, it was finally Sen. Romney who brought religion into the mix.

■ Romney's stand

Only the man who would have been elected president in 2012 if only Central Casting got to pick winners pretended he was responding to God's words more than to anything the seven House governors actually said while making their pathetic case to the Senate.

In doing so, he might as well have admitted to what Penny Alfonso referred to as POTUS- envy as his motive. Certainly nothing in the House articles of impeachment could suggest that Trump had committed a high crime or misdemeanor in dealing with Ukraine.

It's one thing to be a majority of one the way Edmund Gibson Ross, a Republican, was in 1868 during the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson, a Democrat, when he joined with the Democrats to prevent Johnson's impeachment by a single vote.

Ross knew he was committing political suicide.

In Romney's case, knowing his vote wouldn't make any difference, he made a grandstand play, casting himself as the one honorable man in the Senate. He knew that with his own election four years away, he would pay no political price. Being shunned by his fellow Republicans was no big deal. They already knew he hated the President.

On the other hand, in Democratic circles, he is now being hailed as the one Republican with courage and a functioning conscience.

He is just one more example of a person receiving absolution from those who in the not very distant past regularly referred to him as corrupt, money-mad and, more specifically and honestly, as a ruthless corporate raider, as a venture capitalist who would swoop in, buy a company, gut it and sell it off at a profit, while its workforce was left destitute.

But, like James Comey, James Clapper, John Brennan, Michael Hayden and John Bolton, all he had to do was cast a dishonest vote to get the birdbrains over at CNN and MSNBC to start parroting references to his legendary religiosity.

It's a case of redemption by partisan consensus.

Of course, none of this should have surprised anyone. On his first day as a newly-installed senator, Romney published an op-ed piece in the Washington Post attacking his party's leader. He thereby lost his opportunity to come off as a principled Mormon and, instead, showed himself to be a back-stabbing moron.

And while you know how much I hate piling on, why hasn't he been as openly mocked as Elizabeth Warren, who pretended to be a Cherokee, when Rom-

ney chose as his Internet alias Pierre Delecto? What sort of person adopts a pseudonym that sounds like the name of a French gigolo in a porn film?

■ Special status

In case you thought things were bad when the Democrats decided that blacks, Latinos, illegal aliens, gays and transgenders, deserved special status when it came to jobs, college entry and the law, I'm here to announce they've found a way to out-do themselves.

It was just a year or so ago that Nancy Pelosi took umbrage when Trump called the members of MS-13 "animals," Pelosi insisting that, in spite of the gang's extensive record of murders, rape and extortion, they were human beings who had a spark of the divinity in them.

Sometimes, one wonders how it was that the Speaker didn't become a nun. Then you recall that she approves of late term abortions and has campaigned on behalf of Planned Parenthood for her entire career, and you stop wondering.

■ New Way Forward Act

But the Democrats in the House are now pushing for enactment of something called the New Way Forward Act. If passed, it would prevent the deportation of criminal aliens now and forever.

What's more, taxpayers would have to pay to have formerly deported felons transported back to the U.S., which means HR 5383 would be retroactive. Or in other words, it would be the New Way Forward and Backward Act.

It's no wonder that the bill is being pushed by none other than Ilhan Omar. After all, it's definitely in her self-interest since she apparently married her brother in order to get around our immigration laws.

■ Are women victimized by men?

Midst a great many women and all the Democratic contenders insisting that women are victimized by men in America, according to Prof. Mark Perry, who studies such things for a living and doesn't require female votes to get elected, the evidence suggests the opposite is true.

It seems that 73% of graduate students are female. For every 100 women who die of opioids, 212 men die. For every 100 women who commit suicide, 450 men take their own lives. For every 100 female alcoholics, there are 200 men having their meals out of a bottle. For every 100 females who are homeless, there are 242 men living on the streets.

When it comes to enrollees in our colleges and universities, for every 100 women, there are only 77 men.

■ Appropriate" better than "perfect"

After all these months squandered by the Democrats in trying to get Trump evicted from the White House, the only question I have for the President is why he kept insisting that his phone conversation with the Ukrainian president, Zelensky, was "perfect."

He could have certainly referred to it as appropriate or even perfectly appropriate, but a perfect phone call?

A peach can be perfect, a no-hit/no walk baseball game can be called a perfect, but what could possibly constitute a perfect phone call unless, perhaps, it was from a lawyer letting you know that a relative you never liked died and left you ten bazillion bucks?

■ Lacking one sane person

I suppose because I used to write TV sit coms for a living, it did occur to me that from start to finish the impeachment saga resembled a very long sit com. It certainly had enough goofy characters to carry it off.

But the more I thought about it, I realized it lacked the one essential ingredient that all the great shows had.

Whether it was Mary Richards on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," Rob Petrie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show," Bob Hartley on "The Bob Newhart Show," Barney Miller on "Barney Miller," Alex Reiger on "Taxi," Hawkeye Pierce on "MAS*H" or Alice Kramden on "The Honeymooners," amidst all the zany, eccentric characters, there is always one sane person with whom the audience can identify, a character who can react as they think they would if they, too, were surrounded by lovable goofballs, which they very likely are; although probably not as lovable in real life as on TV.

That's what was lacking. No matter how goofy Pelosi, Schumer, Nadler and Schiff, were, there wasn't a single seemingly normal Democrat around who would look at them, shake his head and say: "Come on, guys, quit horsing around. Let's get back to work before we all wind up with pink slips. At the very least let's look busy."



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Deficit

■ An article by Joseph Zeballos-Roig titled "Trump's Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney Just Admitted Republicans Are Total Hypocrites on Cutting the Federal Deficit" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Feb. 20, 2020.

Finances

- An article titled "90,000 Delta Airline Employees Surprised With Collective \$1.6 Billion Bonus" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 14, 2020.
- An article by Emily McCormick titled "US Manufacturing Jobs Are Not in Demand Any Longer: Farmgirl Flowers CEO on Moving Jobs to Ecuador" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 16, 2020.
- An article by Shawn Donnan and Jordan Fabian titled "Trump Raises Doubts Over India Trade Deal Ahead of Visit" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 18, 2020.
- An article by Shelly Hagan, Wei Lu and Sophie Alexander titled "In America's Richest Town [Atherton, Calif.], \$500 K a Year Is Now Below Average" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 20, 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 Andrea Smardon titled "Red-State Utah Embraces Plan to Tackle Climate Crisis in Surprising Shift" was posted at theguardian.com on Feb. 19, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Rasha Abou Jalal titled "Egypt Builds a Wall on Border With Gaza" was posted at al-monitor.com on Feb. 14, 2020.
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- An article by Michael David Smith titled "Mike Tomlin [Black Coach] Supports Mason Rudolph [His White Quarterback], Doubts Myles Garrett's [Opposing Black Player's Racist] Claim" was posted at nbc sports.com on Feb. 15, 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.”