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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).

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An article by Helen Raleigh titled "What the Corporate Media Won't Tell You About Trump's Historic Middle East Peace Deal" was posted at thefederalist. com on Aug. 19, 2020. Following is the article.

August 13, 2020 will go down as one of the most significant days in world history, especially in the long history of the Middle East. This past Thursday, the world woke up to a joint announcement from the United States, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates, declaring Israel and the UAE would establish formal diplomatic ties.

Although Israel had previously signed diplomatic agreements with Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994, the agreement with the UAE marks a substantial achievement for the mission of peace and stability in the Middle East.

The diplomatic agreement, called the Abraham Accord, means Israel and the UAE can exchange ambassadors and establish embassies in each other's nations. Furthermore, the accord allows direct trans-national flights and opens new opportunities for bilateral cooperation, particularly in health care and trade.

Despite the historic nature of this agreement, the Abraham Accord hasn't received the kind of coverage it deserves.

While there are numerous explanations for this—none of them satisfactory or justified—the lack of attention is most likely due to the reluctance of the cor-

porate media to give President Trump, his senior adviser and son-in-law Jarred Kushner, and Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu any credit for advancing peace in the Middle East.

#### Signposts for peace

In recent years, concerns about Iran's nuclear weapon program and its statesponsored terrorism in the region have brought Israel and select Gulf nations closer. Compared to its other Arab neighbors, however, the UAE has made the most concrete efforts toward normalizing relations with Israel.

Early signs of increasingly warm relations between Israel and the UAE were seen in 2019, when the UAE launched its "Year of Tolerance."

As part of the initiative, the UAE invited Pope Francis to speak, hosted interfaith meetings with religious leaders worldwide, announced the construction of an interfaith center in Abu Dhabi—to house a Jewish synagogue, a Christian church, and an Islamic mosque—and invited Israel to attend the 2020 World EXPO in Dubai.

Inspired by these efforts, a Jewish resident in the UAE opened the first kosher eatery in the Gulf region. This year, during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, two cargo flights from the UAE equipped with medical aid landed in Israel.

Then, on June 12, Youssef Al Otaiba, UAE's ambassador to the United States, made history by publishing an op-ed in Hebrew in Israel's largest newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot Daily*.

In the article, Youssef warned against Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu's annexation plan of the West Bank, and offered a possibility for improving relations between the two nations, stating: "With the region's two most capable militaries, common concerns about terrorism and aggression, and a deep and long relationship with the United States, the UAE, and Israel could form closer and more effective security cooperation."

With the Trump administration's involvement, Netanyahu halted the annexation of the West Bank, a compromise that sealed his nation's historic agreement with the UAE this month.

Across the political left, center, and right, the agreement left many Israelis stunned.

As the longest-serving prime minister in Israel's history and the head of the conservative Likud Party, Netanyahu is known for his tough and uncompromising rhetoric of defending Israel's sovereignty and has never hesitated to deploy Israel's military to stop terror attacks and rocket launches by the state-sponsored terrorist group Hamas.

#### Vindication for Netanyahu

Last year, Netanyahu was embroiled in a corruption investigation and charged with "bribery, fraud, and breach of trust" in three separate cases. Then, quite remarkably and to the dismay of his opponents, Netanyahu survived three inconclusive general elections in less than a year. Even though Netanyahu failed to win a majority in the most recent election, he and his main political rival, Benny Gantz, decided to work together to steer Israel out of the pandemic and the resulting economic recession.

Until this June, Netanyahu was still seeking the full annexation of the West Bank, a call that was criticized by Arab nations and the European Union, and made him deeply unpopular among Israel's center and left factions.

The fact that such a hard-liner who has been dogged by scandals and criminal charges managed to deliver a historic peace accord with an Arab nation is truly remarkable.

Vivian Bercovici, who served as Canada's ambassador to Israel from 2014 to 2016 and is an outspoken critic of Netanyahu, compared the accord to a "good atomic bomb," calling Netanyahu a "magician" who "pulled off the impossible" while being "sliced and diced six ways to Sunday by local scandal and subterfuge."

Furthermore, Bercovici wrote, "With Bibi (a nickname for Netanyahu), there simply is no Act V-no denouement. We are stuck in Act III, where the hero is unstoppable. Where his brilliance and unsurpassed triumphs continue, mere human frailties notwithstanding."

While the Israeli media are gracious enough to give Netanyahu at least some credit where credit is due, the corporate media in the United States have refused to give President Trump and his team any credit for this historic achievement and like to criticize Trump's foreign policies as chaotic, inconsistent, and isolationist.

It especially bothers them that Trump relies on his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, as a key foreign policy adviser even though Kushner is a newcomer to negotiating diplomatic relations between foreign nations.

# **Corporate media's conspicuous silence**

When the Trump administration rolled out its Israeli-Palestine peace deal in April, mainstream media dismissed it as "Kushner's deal." They claimed the deal was a nonstarter because of its nontraditional approach, such as establishing "Jerusalem as Israel's 'undivided' capital, with a potential Palestinian capital to the east and north of the city."

When Palestinian representatives rejected the deal outright, corporate media and its pundits cheered as if to say "I told you so." The general feeling has been that achieving peace in the Middle East is beyond the abilities of both Trump and Kushner since so many more experienced diplomats and politicians have failed to achieve any success in the past.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who was running for president then, said she would depose the plan once she became the president of the United States.

The critics of the president's plan failed to mention that several Arab nations, including the UAE, Egypt, Oman, and Qatar, all endorsed Trump's plan, which laid the foundation for the UAE and Israel's peace accord several months later.

The same critics also ignored that previous U.S. administrations had devoted tremendous resources in an attempt to bring peace in the Middle East, repeating the same conventional approaches and getting the same failure in return. It is obvious that the media simply can't bring themselves to admit the Trump's unconventional approach is working.

Comparing the Israel-UAE accord to a "geopolitical earthquake," pundits like *The New York Times's* Thomas L. Friedman have painstakingly avoided giving Trump, Kusher, or Netanyahu any credit for what Friedman recently called a "HUGE breakthrough."

One can almost feel Friedman's agony—how he wished this breakthrough was accomplished by anyone other than the trio he seems to loathe so deeply.

Most democrats in the U.S. Congress remained silent about the accord. Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wis.) called the deal a "sham."

Rather than giving this historic deal wall-to-wall coverage, the corporate media spent the weekend blaming Trump for a new conspiracy regarding the U.S. Postal Service, claiming Trump would shut down the USPS to steal the 2020 election.

# Implementing new strategy in the Middle East

Contrary to assertions that the Trump administration has no coherent strategic plan in the Middle East, Ilan Berman, senior vice president of the American Foreign Policy Council, wrote that he believes the Trump administration has a clear and ambitious plan for the region, comprised of three distinct yet closely connected components.

■ First, there is a noticeable focus on Iran.

The administration withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal and has been applying maximum political and economic pressure to get Iran back to the negotiation table. Berman believes the approach has been "broadly successful, dramatically reversing the Iranian regime's economic fortunes and generating renewed internal dissent against clerical rule."

■ The second piece of the strategy is the Middle East Strategic Alliance, or what some would call an "Arab NATO," a group consisting of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, and the UAE.

Since 2017, the alliance has worked closely with the Trump administration, with the goals of "confronting extremism, terrorism, and achieving peace, stability, and development" in the region.

■ The third piece is the Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

Even Friedman now urges the Palestinians to come back to the negotiation table in light of the Israel-UAE deal, because they will "find a lot of support from Trump, the Europeans and the Arabs for that position."

All three pieces build on one another's success.

As Brian Hook, the U.S. State Department's special envoy for Iran, said: "Peace between the Arabs and the Israelis is Iran's worst nightmare." Many in the administration, including the president, are hopeful that the Israel-UAE agreement will inspire other Arab nations to follow suit.

Thankfully, further positive developments on that front may already be underway. For example, Netanyahu visited Oman in 2018. In July 2019, the United States hosted a meeting in Washington between the foreign ministers of Bahrain and Israel.

If Trump is reelected this November, the world may indeed witness a few more peace agreements out of the Middle East. With this unconventional president, his fresh approach, and his tendency not to rely on career officials, anything is possible.

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An article by Ben Shapiro titled "The Remaking of the Middle East" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 19, 2020. Following is the article.

This week, while all eyes have been on the Democratic National Convention taking place via Zoom, truly historic events have occurred in the Middle East.

■ A long-awaited peace deal between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, including full normalization of relations.

Presumed peace deals to follow between Israel and Sudan, Oman and Bahrain.

The possibility on the horizon of a similar deal with Saudi Arabia.

■ These are not only historic events; they are unmitigated goods: the recognition of a Jewish state in the Middle East is the precondition to any peace in the Middle East.

■ And the formation of a durable coalition to stave off the aggressive Islamism of Iran provides more stability and greater deterrence in the region.

It's easy to tell whether these are historic events by identifying those who oppose them. Iran is particularly angry; so is Iranian publicity agent Ben Rhodes, who served as former President Obama's deputy national security adviser. The tyrannical government of Turkey is deeply miffed; so is the terrorist government of the Palestinian Authority.

All are angry for the same reason: The central myth of American Middle Eastern policy, formulated over the course of decades, has been thoroughly exposed.

That myth suggested that in order for any peace to bloom in the Middle East, the West would have to apply pressure on the Israeli government to make concessions to the Palestinians—that Israel would have to abandon claims to East Jerusalem, to the Golan Heights, to areas of Judea and Samaria. That myth had been repeatedly tarnished by events of the last several years.

When America moved her embassy to Jerusalem, foreign policy "experts" assured the public that the so-called Arab street would be set aflame. Instead, nothing happened.

When America recognized Israel's formal annexation of the Golan Heights, foreign policy "experts" said that the Middle East would become a tinderbox. Nothing happened.

Now Arab nations are openly forming alliances with the Jewish state, fully acknowledging that Israeli-Palestinian issues remain bilateral in nature.

Relations between Jordan and Israel; between the UAE and Israel; between Sudan and Israel; between Egypt and Israel—none now hide behind the fig leaf of Palestinian demands to avoid peace.

They have realized that other interests, both economic and security-related, are a top priority. And they have tacitly recognized that Palestinian intransigence is not worthy of their support.

Hilariously, former Vice President Joe Biden tried to take credit for the Israel-UAE deal, suggesting that his own communications with the UAE had paved the way for the agreement. That's laughable on its face.

■ In 2014, Biden had to issue a formal apology to the UAE government after suggesting that the UAE supported militants in Syria.

Biden's chief contribution to the diplomatic breakthrough was actually the Obama administration's sycophantic embrace of the Iranian regime.

■ By making clear that the United States could not be relied upon to protect Sunni nations from Iranian predations, the Obama administration convinced Arab nations that their interests lie in security alliance with Israel.

And so, the region has changed for the better.

In more honest times, Trump administration officials who brokered this breakthrough would be up for the Nobel Peace Prize; instead, the news has been largely downplayed in favor of the scandal du jour from Trump's Twitter account.

But we should be clear.

■ The first important breakthrough in the Middle East in three decades just took place.

■ And it took place because reality finally set in for Israel's heretofore enemies: Israel isn't going anywhere.

Perhaps Palestinians will eventually learn the same lesson and peace will truly be possible.



"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 Karen Weitzberg titled "Countries Around the World Are Using Border Surveillance Systems Against Their Own Citizens" was posted at theconversation.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Fares Akram titled "Israel Strikes Gaza Targets After Arson Balloons Launched" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 15, 2020.

■ An article by Ben Simon titled "Israel Warns Hamas of War As Egypt Seeks to Ease Tensions" was posted at afp.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Deborah Danan titled "Morocco Said Likely Contender to Sign Next Arab Peace Deal With Israel" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Josef Federman titled "Officials Say Israel, Sudan Close to Peace Agreement" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article titled "Iran Threatens 'Dangerous Future' for UAE After Israel Deal" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 15, 2020.

■ An article by Benoit Faucon and Aruna Viswanatha titled "U.S. Seizes Iranian Fuel Cargo for First Time" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 13, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Eric Beech titled "U.N. Security Council Rejects U.S. Bid to Extend Iran Arms Embargo: Pompeo" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Hillary Clinton Misleads on Iran Sanctions at the UN: Unlike Bush, 'We Did It' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Mahmud Turkia titled "German Foreign Minister Warns of 'Deceptive Calm' in Libya" was posted at afp.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Magdi Abdelhadi titled "Libya Conflict: Why Egypt Might Send Troops to Back General Haftar" was posted at bbc.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Debby Wu titled "China's Days As World's Factory Are Over, IPhone Maker Says" was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 12, 2020.

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■ A Reuters article by Takashi Umekawa titled "Japan Voices Concerns Over Chinese Activity Around Disputed Islands: [Public Broadcast] NHK" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Yuri Garcia titled "Ecuador Says Some Chinese Vessels Near Galapagos Have Cut Communications Systems" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article titled "Former CIA Officer [Alexander Yuk Ching Ma] Charged With Spying for China" was posted at bbc.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Tom McCarthy and Martin Pengelly titled "Edward Snowden Has Taken \$1.2 Million in Speaking Fees in Exile, US Filing Says" was posted at theguardian.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Ashok Sharma titled "India Urges China to Hurry Disengagement of Troops [From Border Areas] in [Eastern] Ladakh" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Manish Singh titled "Indian Lawmakers Accuse Facebook of Political Bias" was posted at techcrunch.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Marwa Rashad and Asif Shahzad titled "Pakistani Army Chief Visits Saudi Arabia to Revive Ties Strained Over Kashmir" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Sarah Al-Arshani titled "Greece Has Secretly Sent Away More Than 1,000 Migrants, Taking Them to the Edge of the Country's Territorial Waters and Then Abandoning Them at Sea" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Irem Koca and Jonathan Spicer titled "Erdogan Says Turkey 'Will Not Back Down' in East Mediterranean Standoff [With Greece Over Oil and Gas Exploration Rights]" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 15, 2020.

■ An article by Faycai Benhassain titled "France Looks to Germany for Support in Mediterranean Dispute With Turkey" was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Ross McGuiness titled "France Plans to Make Masks Mandatory at Work As Paris Is Declared a Coronavirus 'Red Zone' Again" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Henry Samuel titled "France's New Poster Girl for Hunting [Blonde, Gun-Toting 23-Year-Old Law Student] Receives Death Threat at [Perpignan] University" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 18, 2020. ■ An article by Thomas Colson titled "Nearly Half a Million Brits in France Face a Scramble to Get Home As the UK Announces Quarantine Restrictions From This Weekend" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

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■ An article by Kotja Brokke titled "Amsterdam Has Been Collapsing for Years; Now It's Paying the Price" was posted at cnn.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Julian Kossoff titled "Islamic State Has Gained Its First Outpost in Southern Africa After the Capture of Strategic Port [Mocimboa Da Praia] in [Northern] Mozambique [Which Is Now Under Sharia Law]" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 16, 2020.

■ An article by Katie Camero titled "Why Did Scientists Paint Eyes on Hundreds of Cattle Butts [in Southern Africa]? To Save Lives [From Lions and Other Predators], Study Says" was posted at miamiherald.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Katie Canales titled "The US Said Federal Agents Have Seized Millions of Dollars in Bitcom From Terrorist Groups Al-Qaeda and Hamas" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Mary Papenfuss titled "Surfer Punches Shark Repeatedly to Save His Wife in Attack Off Australian Beach" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 16, 2020.

■ An article by Bill Bostock titled "Russia Offered to Help the US Develop a Coronavirus Vaccine, But the Americans Said No Because They Don't Trust It, Report Says" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Sophie Yu and Brenda Goh titled "China Grants Country's First Covid-19 Vaccine Patent to CanSino: State Media" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 16, 2020.

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■ An article by Morgan McFall-Johnson titled "Greenland's Melting Ice Sheet Has 'Passed the Point of No Return,' Scientists Say; Dooming It to Disappear" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 15, 2020.

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An article by Margot Cleveland titled "7 Big Stories Corporate Media Is Ignoring Because the Truth Might Help Trump" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 17, 2020. Following is the article. When Donald Trump entered the political arena some five years ago, reporters floundered for a way to cover his candidacy. Then, sensing a ratings boom from the chaos the businessman and former reality TV star injected into the primary, the left-leaning press quickly converted to covering all things Trump, benefiting both their bottom line and their sense of schadenfreude.

Following Trump's surprise election in 2016, the press faced a different challenge: How to cover a president they despised?

Unfortunately, their answer was to abandon any semblance of journalistic integrity. They pushed fake news while ignoring huge stories that might accrue to Trump's benefit. As a result, Americans are sorely uninformed about news stories which, at any other time and under any other presidency, would deservedly flood airways and the print media.

Here are seven important stories from just the last year that the press should have—and would have—covered in detail, or differently, but for their disdain for Trump.

# 1. Spygate

While the Spygate scandal spans many years, some of the most newsworthy developments broke over the last several months, although you would not know it if you read corporate media.

Just Friday, the Department of Justice released information charging Kevin Clinesmith with making a false statement in an email he altered concerning Carter Page. Clinesmith inserted "was not a source" in the email addressing Page's relationship with an intelligence agency, and that false statement led to a fourth FISA surveillance order on Page.

Now, the MSM did "cover" this story, if you count the spin peddled as news coverage.

After telling readers "Ex-F.B.I. Lawyer Expected to Plead Guilty in Review of Russia Inquiry," *The New York Times* twisted the story to slam Trump, subheading its article, "Prosecutors did not reveal any evidence of the kind of broad anti-Trump conspiracy among law enforcement officials that the president has long alleged." *The Times* then hit Attorney General William Barr and defended the Robert Mueller investigation while minimizing Clinesmith's misconduct.

Coverage of the charge against Clinesmith is already receding, but the story deserves relentless investigative reporting. Clinesmith was deeply involved in the Crossfire Hurricane surveillance of Trump, including in the FBI's decision to task Joe Pientka with spying on the Trump campaign during an intelligence briefing.

Further, Clinesmith altered the email while a member of Special Counsel Mueller's team and the special counsel's office then obtained the fourth and final FISA surveillance order on Page. That a member of the supposedly independent special counsel's office falsified a document to get a surveillance order and allegedly committed a felony should burn up the wire for weeks.

But instead, we get misdirection and minimization from the press, because heaven forbid the public to learn that Trump was right: It was a witch hunt.

A couple of weeks ago, another Spygate-related development was also sidestepped by the press.

The Department of Justice announced its results from sampling FISA applications, telling Americans that the analysis of 29 different applications to the secret foreign intelligence surveillance court showed they "all contained a sufficient basis for probable cause" and that there were "only two material errors, neither of which invalidated the authorizations granted by the FISA Court."

That conclusion starkly contrasts the 17 significant errors Inspector General Michael Horowitz found in just the FISA applications submitted to surveil former Trump campaign advisor Page. Unlike the 29 randomly reviewed FISA applications which, notwithstanding an array of errors, were found to be supported by probable cause, the DOJ concluded probable cause did not exist for at least two of the four applications submitted to surveil Page—and in turn the Trump campaign and administration.

The media, however, made scant mention of the DOJ's findings, even though when IG Horowitz revealed in late March that initial results from an audit of FISA applications revealed "errors in every FBI application" the press pushed that news as evidence that the FISA abuse uncovered in the Page case wasn't the result of politics, but of "broad, institutional weaknesses."

The DOJ's announcement earlier this week decimated that spin and a press interested in the truth would realize the significance of the findings of the audit. While 29 randomly pulled FISA applications contained only two material errors in total, none of which rendered the warrants invalid, there were 17 significant errors or omissions in FISA applications involving one person—the Trump-connected Page.

But admitting the truth would help Trump, so the media remained silent.

The press has likewise ignored the stunning developments in the Michael Flynn criminal case, including revelations that the special counsel's office withheld exculpatory evidence from Flynn's attorneys, including notes suggesting FBI agents had attempt to either get Flynn fired or caught in a perjury trap and evidence establishing that the FBI agents did not believe Flynn had lied.

Any other defendants would have been beatified a martyr by the media over this. And any other prosecutor would have been excoriated.

But instead, the press villainized Barr, who directed the charges against Flynn be dismissed based on that evidence and the recommendation of Missouribased U.S. Attorney Jeff Jensen, following Jensen's independent review of the Flynn prosecution. These latest developments showcase but a sliver about the worst political scandal of our country's history: The Obama administration obtained an illegal court order to conduct surveillance on a political enemy, using evidence paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign.

Then, following Trump's election, holdovers continued to spy on the president-elect's team and later plotted to oust their new boss' national security advisor. This is a story for the ages. Just not the age of Trump.

# **2. Israel and United Arab Emirates Normalize Relations**

Last week also showed the press skimming over news that should make peace-seeking nations cheer: The normalization of relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Again, the media covered the news, even acknowledging its historic nature, but with a pivot playing the achievement as a culmination of a decade of outreach between the two Middle Eastern countries. The Trump administration's leadership received short shrift.

Is there any doubt that any other American president who helped bring about this promising leap forward in the Middle East—whether Democrat or Republican—would be heralded?

A month of in-depth interviews would follow. Specials on the Middle East would air. The history of the conflict would be retold and Trump's close relationship with Israel highlighted. Then Americans would learn the inside story of how this achievement came to be.

But not with a President Trump.

# 3. Big News on Terrorism Sponsor Iran

Likewise, the media has ignored or downplayed several significant stories involving Iran that would vindicate Trump's hardline stance against the Islamic regime.

While the press had no problem regurgitating the propaganda Ben Rhodes created in the D.C. echo chamber to sell President Obama's 2015 disastrous Iran deal, with Trump corporate media has opted to limit coverage of Iran's horrific human rights abuses.

Few Americans know of Iran's plans to execute those involved in a 2017 uprising, with one execution taking place earlier this month. "The silence of the international community about [that] execution," Mahmoud Amiri-Moghaddam, the director of the Oslo-based Iran Human Rights group, said, "can be considered a green light for more executions."

In contrast, earlier this year, the press played the U.S. military operation that killed Qassem Soleimani, a terrorist responsible for the death of scores of American soldiers and innocent civilians in Iraq, as an unnecessary escalation of tensions with Iran.

Then, when the Iranian regime killed 200-plus passengers on Ukrainian Flight 752, the media responded with far less outrage and scant coverage of the protests overtaking the authoritarian country.

On Friday, there were two new developments about Iran. How the media plays these stories will be telling.

Will the press highlight the Trump administration's failed bid to extend a UN arms embargo on Iran?

Or will the media provide detailed reporting on the news that the Department of Justice seized the "largest-ever" "fuel shipments from Iran," which headed to Venezuela on four Iranian fuel tankers?

By week's end, we'll know whether the media opts to focus on the former while downplaying Trump's recent success in pressuring the Iranian regime.

#### 4. Major News on China

Over the last year, the press has also sidestepped several significant stories about China, starting with Covid-19.

The press downplayed Trump's success in negotiating a new trade deal with China, and once Trump branded Covid-19 the Chinese virus, the media threw objectivity to the wind, as this *Washington Post* headline established: "Trump views China's Communist Party as a threat. Young Chinese see it as a ticket to a better future."

Beyond publishing propaganda-laced fluff pieces, the press proved its hatred of Trump by providing only scant coverage of three stories: China's takeover of Hong Kong, its persecution of Uighurs, and its use of TikTok and WeChat to spy on Americans.

While the media has touched on these topics, the coverage is neither representative of their significance nor near the coverage it dedicated to faux scandals harmful to the president, such as when Michael Avenatti repeated Julie Swetnick's lies about Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

The media's coverage of the Kavanaugh confirmation circus shows its strength in pushing a narrative, but sadly, journalists have failed to use their power to unite the world in opposition to China's sickening persecution of Uighurs and Hong Kong citizens.

While Trump's impending ban on TikTok and WeChat may be a lesser story, the media's downplaying of these apps' threats to Americans' privacy and national security is par for their so-called reporting on China.

Corporate media cannot provide the coverage warranted by these stories because it would prove Trump's position that China's Communist Party is a threat. Therein is all you need to know for why the press remains at best hushed and at worst a propaganda arm for the communist country.

# 5. Covid-19

Corporate reporting on Covid-19 provides another stark example of the Trump litmus test it constantly applies to news: Does the story help the president or hurt him?

Coverage of hydroxychloroquine as a possible therapeutic provides the clearest proof of this, as best illustrated by the national coverage of the death of a man who "ingested" fish tank cleaner, spun as a Trump-induced death. But more subtle bias by omission is prevalent as well.

For instance, under other circumstances, the harm widespread school closings cause to especially low-income and at-risk children would be the nightly news narrative. Personal interest stories featuring single moms, unable to work and supervise the online schooling of their children, would run.

Special-needs children struggling without individualized educational plans would be profiled. Heartstrings would be pulled, and pressure would be brought to bear on leaders refusing to open schools.

But because Trump wants the schools open, the coverage has focused instead on the risk to children and teachers of returning to the classroom.

The deaths of the elderly in states like New York that forced nursing homes to take in Covid-positive patients would also be a national scandal if it didn't counter the liberal narrative that Trump is to blame for Covid deaths.

Likewise, the Centers for Disease Control's antiquated flu surveillance system would be the stuff of investigative reporting, but for the vindication it would provide to Trump, who directed the CDC to create an entirely new system to track Covid.

American pharmaceutical companies might have even been championed for their record-breaking efforts to develop an effective vaccine for Covid.

However, highlighting the promise of a late-year vaccine would only provide a dualedged plus for the president by both showcasing his strong leadership and prompting Americans to sense a quick economic recovery. So the story stays muted.

# 6. 2020 Elections

While the media has long been biased towards Democrats, this year the press seems uninterested in even hiding this preference. The bias shows both by what the media covers and what it doesn't.

One taboo topic, of course, is Joe Biden's health.

Here the press is repeating its performance in 2016, which The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway exposed four years ago.

Then, the press was ignoring concerns over Hillary Clinton's health, including coughing spells, memory lapses supposedly caused by a concussion and a brain clot, and then a fainting spell caught on camera.

Now it is Biden's bizarre behavior, forgetfulness, and word salads served on those few occasions he emerges from his basement in unscripted exchanges.

A media less concerned about possibly assisting Trump's re-election bid would expose these disconcerting episodes. They also would not tolerate Biden's refusal to engage with the press.

Also ignored are the many stories that should have spun from Biden's announcement that Kamala Harris is his choice for vice president.

Is Biden a racist? A sexual predator? Harris said as much during the primaries. What changed? But other than late-night comedy, the press has already moved on. To paraphrase Biden, "Come on, media."

And in no sane world is Harris a moderate, but that is how the New York Times cast her in its continuing delusional coverage of the election.

The media's handling of the mail-in-voting story is likewise telling, and again reminiscent of 2016, when fears of hacking concerned both parties—until Trump raised the issue.

We're seeing the same dynamic today, with the press pushing back against concerns that universal mail-in-voting creates the risk of both fraud and foreign interference.

The media pivots from this legitimate concern by conflating mail-in-voting with absentee voting. To date, it also has remained relatively silent while USPS sabotage conspiracy theories go viral.

# 7. Riots? What Riots?

The media also finds itself struggling to cover the riots occurring throughout our country.

The "mostly peaceful protests" spin remains strong because any acknowledgment of the violence confirms Trump's criticism of Democratic-run cities and his decision to use federal law enforcement officials to protect federal property. So the press bypasses or shades these major stories.

At any other time and under any other president, the media would have descended on the Portland federal courthouse to report the insurrection taking place. Reporters would have infiltrated the autonomous zone and covered the rampant crime and violence occurring. Profiles of the small business owners whose livelihoods were destroyed by the riots would run.

Yes, covering these stories may help Trump, but it would also help Americans, who at best are ignorant and at worst are brainwashed.

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"Eye on the World" comment: The progressive politicians and progressive media have been negligent in calling the rioters what they are—criminals,

mobs and thugs. It is unfortunate that they don't follow the example of Barack Obama back in 2015. Notice the following headline.

■ An article by Lesley Clark titled "Obama Calls Baltimore Rioters Thugs, Says Entire Country Has Work to Do" was posted at mcclatchydc.com on April 28, 2015.

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A video titled "Michelle Obama Blames Trump for Chaos, Even Though It Occurs 'In Democratic Cities' " was posted on youtube.com on Aug. 17, 2020. Following is an excerpt.

"If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can; and they will if we don't make a change in this election. If we have any hope of ending this chaos, we have got to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depend on it."

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A letter to the editor by Frank Burkett titled "Democrats Blame Trump for Current Crisis, Support Protesters" was posted at columbiamissourian.com on Aug. 18, 2020. Following is the letter.

I rack my brain and ask "What the [heck] is going on in our glorious country?" Instead of the Democrats, Republicans, Independents or whatever you believe, why shouldn't we unite and quell the disturbances in our great country?

What started as protests are now all-out riotous anarchy. How do you just let people run wild and overtake city blocks, then the Democratic leaders of that city tell the police they are overreacting.

Seattle, Washington, is one city, but others include Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago and Portland.

To appease the Black Lives Matter and Antifa movements, those cities want to defund the police. Those cities and states I named, and others, have one thing in common: They are led by bleeding -heart Liberals and Democratic elected officials. Coincidence? I hardly doubt it.

No one that I am aware of has ever come down hard on these anarchists who are masquerading as protesters. Those Democrats I am talking about have three things in common: They seem to hate America, they blame Donald Trump when it's their own stupidity, but most of all, they hate Donald Trump, our president, who is carrying out his campaign promises.

The Democrats are blaming the president for crippling the U.S. Postal Service in order to derail the November election. It is my opinion that the radical Democrats are prodding these riotous protesters to extend this disruption that is going on for another three months and hoping that plus the pandemic will secure the White House and both houses of Congress in the 2020 election.

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An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Democrats Go Postal With Busted Mailbox Conspiracy Theory" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 2020. Following is the article.

Democrats have spent several days flogging the false "mailbox conspiracy" theory that President Donald Trump is deliberately crippling the U.S. Postal Service so that it cannot handle votes by mail in November—even forcing it to remove mailboxes.

The truth is that the mailboxes were removed because mailboxes are always being removed. At least 14,000 were removed during the Obama-Biden administration. Democrats are creating a new hysteria to cast Trump as a tyrant and motivate their conspiracy-theory-addled voters.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has enthusiastically inflamed this phony conspiracy theory—far more directly than Trump can be said to have "promoted" or "encouraged" the Kamala Harris "Birther" theory (which he declined to pursue).

Matt Viser wrote on August 14, 2020: "Joe Biden tonight on reports of mailbox removals: 'I wonder if you're outside trying to hold down your mailboxes. They're going around literally with tractor trailers picking up mailboxes. You oughta go online and check out what they're doing in Oregon. I mean, it's bizarre'!"

The truth is far more mundane.

The U.S. Postal Service has been a problem for years, constantly losing money.

In 2009, the postmaster general proposed moving to five-day-per-week mail delivery to cut costs. President Barack Obama criticized the service that year for failing to keep up with private sector competitors. The Obama-Biden administration considered closing nearly 3,700 post office locations, and proposed cutting 12,000 postal jobs.

President Trump tried a different tack, demanding in 2018 that Amazon lower the prices it charged the U.S. Postal Service for delivering its packages to consumers.

One aspect of ongoing cost management is the removal of mailbox from areas where few people deposit mail.

Kimberly Frum, a spokeswoman for the service, told *The Hill* (via the Blaze) that low-volume mailboxes are regularly removed to cut costs:

■ "She said that low-volume mailboxes are a financial drag on the Postal Service, which lost more than \$2 billion in the second quarter."

■ "`'It is a fluid process and figures can vary from day-to-day,' Frum said. 'Historically, mail boxes have been removed for lack of use and installed in growth areas.' "

■ "When a collection box consistently receives very small amounts of mail for months on end, it costs the Postal Service money in fuel and workhours for letter carriers to drive to the mailbox and collect the mail. Removing the box is simply good business sense in that respect. It is important to note that anyone with a residential or business mailbox can use it as a vehicle to send outgoing mail'."

(Update: Note that the photograph of "retired" mailboxes, above, is from 2009, during the first year of the Obama-Biden administration.)

The removal of mailboxes has been halted until after the election, to avoid further confusion (sown deliberately by Democrats and the media). But even with fewer mailboxes, the U.S. Postal Service can probably handle the delivery of ballots, Byron York argues in the *Washington Examiner*. It handles hundreds of millions of items daily.

The bottleneck is not necessarily the U.S. Postal Service, but rather the state and local election officials who set arbitrary deadlines for postmarking ballots, and who will have to sort out millions more additional mailed ballots than they are used to handling. In many states, they have never done anything like it before.

In New York's Democratic primary, more than one out of every four vote-bymail ballots was disqualified. In Clark County, Nevada, 223,000 mailed ballots were returned as undeliverable. That is not a postal problem; it is a government problem that cannot be fixed by November.

Democrats have targeted Postmaster General Louis DeJoy because he is a Republican donor. They ignore the fact that he "made a fortune in shipping and logistics" and that his "former company was a contractor of the Postal Service for many years," York notes.

DeJoy's plan to save the U.S. Postal Service involves delivering all mail in the morning, to avoid the expense of overtime pay. It is currently being tested across the country. Democrats have turned that into a dark conspiracy to steal the election—or cast doubt on mail-in voting.

But given that the Obama-Biden administration itself removed thousands upon thousands of mailboxes, this is a conspiracy theory that—like the others—has gone bust, at least for those of us living in the real world.

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An article by Katie Pavlich titled "DNC Panelist Admits: The Green New Deal Is About Destroying Capitalism" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 18, 2020. Following is the article.

Surrogates for former Vice President Joe Biden are falling all over themselves in an attempt to frame the candidate and his running mate, Senator Kamala Harris, as a "moderate" ticket worthy of running the White House.

But delegates and DNC participants are telling a different story. During a panel discussion on the opening day of the convention, one woman admitted that the Green New Deal is about destroying capitalism.

Steve Guest wrote on August 17: "DNC panelist: use the Green New Deal to further the 'destruction' of capitalism."

More on the Marxist foundation of the Green New Deal [from The Washington Examiner on July 13, 2019].

■ "In Europe, you will often hear politically savvy people refer to Green Party politicians as 'watermelons'. The reason is that although they might be environmentalist 'green' on the outside, these leftists are secretly communist red if you look beneath the surface."

■ "They typically resort to such subterfuge because environmentalism is more popular than Marxism. A former East German communist is bound to be unpopular, but perhaps not so much if he rehabilitates himself as a renewable energy enthusiast."

■ "The case of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democrat from New York, is different in that she openly advertised herself as a socialist in a country with a well-grounded historical aversion to such alien ideologies. But her grand policy initiative, the \$93 trillion Green New Deal, was still billed as if it were a legitimate environmentalist idea. We were supposedly trying to save the world from imminent destruction. As Ocasio-Cortez herself put it, 'We're, like, the world is going to end in 12 years if we don't address climate change'."

Democrat vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris is an official sponsor of the legislation, spearheaded by far left Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez.

"We need a Green New Deal based in climate and environmental justice, which means building a clean economy that protects communities that have been neglected by policy makers for far too long. I'm proud to work with Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez on this comprehensive proposal, and I'm hopeful that it brings a Green New Deal closer to reality," Harris said in July 2019 when she officially announced her partnership with AOC.

During a campaign stop during the Democrat primary, Harris said she unequivocally supports the goals of the Green New Deal and argued the United States needs to "figure out a way" to get there.

The facade of the "moderate" Democrat ticket continues to crumble.

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An article by Dennis Prager titled "Everything the Left Touches It Ruins; Now Add Science" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 18, 2020. Following is the article.

More than two years ago, I wrote a column titled "Whatever the Left Touches It Ruins." I listed eight examples:

- The universities.
- The arts: music, art and architecture.
- Sports.
- Mainstream Judaism, Protestantism and Catholicism.
- Race relations.
- Women's happiness.
- Children's innocence.
- And, perhaps most disturbingly, America's commitment to free speech.

One should now add the sciences.

The Covid-19 pandemic has hastened the left's ruining of science. This had already begun with the left's attacks on "objectivity," the most essential value in science—the very thing that makes science possible. The left declares objectivity, which it now puts in quotation marks, a characteristic of white supremacy.

One example is that science departments in universities throughout America have declared their intention to hire physicists, biologists and other scientists based on gender and race, not scientific expertise.

A few years ago, all five candidates on the shortlist of applicants to the physics department of the University of California at San Diego were females, "leading one male candidate with a specialty in extragalactic physics," reported Heather Mac Donald, "to wonder why the school had even solicited applications from Asian and white men."

Mac Donald updated her findings in a piece published this week: "The dean of the Jacobs School of Engineering at the University of California, San Diego, pronounced himself 'absolutely dedicated' to turning the engineering school into an 'anti-racist organization."

A recent example was the declaration by more than 1,000 doctors and other health care providers that despite all their previous warnings against public gatherings as health risks: "As public health advocates, we do not condemn these gatherings (mass protests against racism) as risky for Covid-19 transmission. We support them as vital to the national public health."

Yet another example of leftism overwhelming medical science is the medical profession's denial of the benefits of hydroxychloroquine and zinc in the early days of a Covid-19 infection. That physicians, including the Food and Drug Administration, would label a drug dangerous that has been used safely for

more than half a century, and by many thousands (such as those with rheumatoid arthritis or lupus) every day for decades, is a medical and moral scandal.

The medical profession has placed politics not only ahead of science but also ahead of saving lives. The medical profession, the FDA and the CDC have lost the faith of half of the American people and, over time, will lose the faith of the majority of Americans. It is difficult to envision the medical profession regaining its credibility in this generation.

One of the world's most prestigious medical and scientific journals, The Lancet in the U.K., withdrew an article it had published that dismissed the effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine in treating Covid-19 patients. The article contained made-up data.

As *The New York Times* reported, Dr. Richard Horton, the editor in chief of The Lancet, called the paper retracted by his journal a "fabrication" and "a monumental fraud."

The journal published the fraudulent study about the alleged dangers of hydroxychloroquine because of pressure from pharmaceutical companies, which have nothing to gain financially from widespread use of hydroxychlo-roquine, a cheap, generic drug.

And because the journal loathes President Donald Trump, who, when the first reports of successful treatment with hydroxychloroquine surfaced, had announced use of the drug could save lives.

Horton had labeled Trump's withdrawal of U.S. funding of the World Health Organization "a crime against humanity" after the WHO's politicization of the coronavirus, including behaving as a puppet of the Chinese Communist Party when it condemned Trump's Jan. 31 ban on travel from China.

The number of Americans killed by the medical boards, the pharmaceutical boards, the FDA and the CDC for not allowing doctors to prescribe hydroxy-chloroquine in the early days following a patient's diagnosis with Covid-19 and outside of a hospital setting, and the number killed by the doctors who could but would not prescribe hydroxychloroquine, is likely in the tens of thousands.

On my radio show, Yale University epidemiologist Dr. Harvey Risch said, "Because we were blocked from using it (hydroxychloroquine) in the United States to the present point, probably at least 100,000 people have died."

Based on the retracted study in The Lancet, The Washington Post headlined "Hydroxychloroquine Drug Promoted by Trump as Coronavirus 'Game-Changer' Increasingly Linked to Deaths."

And social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter immediately remove any citation of a scientist who promotes hydroxychloroquine.

A fourth example is the American Psychological Association, or the APA, choosing leftism over psychology in declaring, "40 years of research (show that) tra-

ditional masculinity is psychologically harmful and that socializing boys to suppress their emotions causes damage that echoes both inwardly and outwardly."

The one good thing to come out of the APA's pathologizing masculinity is that people searching for a competent psychotherapist for themselves or their child now have an easy method by which to identify the incompetent: Simply ask the prospective therapist if he or she agrees with the APA statement. If they do, or if they merely hesitate to distance themselves from it, you know you want another therapist.

Forthcoming columns will deal with more areas of life ruined by the left, including, most troubling of all, America itself.

As seen in their treatment of the statues of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, the left can tear down, but it cannot build.

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Looking back to 2016, an article by Christopher Pieper and Matt Henderson titled "10 Reasons You Can't Be a Christian and Vote for Donald Trump" was posted at dallasnews.com on Nov. 6, 2016. Following are excerpts of the article.

As sociologists of religion, we are intrigued by the surprisingly large number of self-identified Christians, especially evangelicals, who support Trump and have voted for him over the more vocally religious Ted Cruz.

In past elections, such voters were motivated by moral convictions around abortion, same sex-marriage, and the perceived deterioration of traditional values, and voted predictably for candidates such as Huckabee, Santorum, and most consequentially, George W. Bush.

These issues and their 2016 equivalents have never been central features of Trump's life history, let alone his candidacy, and on many of them he has confused, moderate or unclear positions. Whatever the appeal of Trump to evangelicals might be, it is not due to these conventional stances.

It would take a good bit more research and analysis than the current space permits to adequately understand this head-scratcher. And, to be frank, it is not our central concern to do so.

The clear and present danger of a Trump presidency impels us to skip over the thoroughness we would normally dedicate to investigation. And more precisely, our consciences demand that we address voters not primarily as scientists but as citizens and as people of faith. Our audience is that perplexingly large group of Texans who likewise identify as followers of Jesus Christ and plan to vote for Donald Trump.

For a while, his opponents have seemed willing to ignore Trump, perhaps as a disciplined tact to suffocate his bloviations of the oxygen they need to burn. We have come to feel, however, that this approach has ultimately proven naïve in the wake of his recent primary victories. However unserious anyone might find him, the nation is despairingly at a moment where we must take his challenge seriously.

So, at the risk of spilling more useless ink, on this eve of the Texas primary we offer an appeal to our fellow Christians—or anyone concerned with the potential moral consequences of a Trump presidency—to prayerfully consider how supporting him squares with Christian commitment.

Our argument is simple: A Christian who supports Trump either does not understand this person and his positions, or supports him in spite of Christian convictions.

In the same way that a person cannot love the Yankees and the Red Sox, follow veganism and devour a supper of Texas barbecue, or adore Joanna Gaines but hate shiplap, one cannot really love Jesus and wish to follow him and also vote for a person who so clearly embodies the opposite of everything Christ taught, died for and demands of us.

Here are 10 reasons, centered around ideas central to the Christian: character, relationships and values.

- 1. He lacks compassion.
- 2. He appeals to fear and anger.

3. He is enamored of "greatness" and ego, but has no concern for "goodness" or service.

- 4. He lies—a lot.
- 5. He is hostile to women.
- 6. He speaks about his daughter in a disrespectful and sexualized way.
- 7. He does not attempt to love his enemies, but instead cultivates antagonism.
- 8. He does not model sacrifice or altruism.
- 9. He doesn't seem to care about the poor.
- 10. His love of money is more apparent than his love of God or others.

It's a free country, thank God. You can vote for whoever you want. But for the Christian, this freedom is always constrained. Followers of Christ have taken up a yoke. And though it is light, it is not easy or common. This yoke ties all Christians, in all their perplexing diversity, to love, mercy, sacrifice, and justice. Voting, often thought of as a mere civic duty, is in this light, also a sacred act. It is the most powerful public expression of private values that most of us will ever harness. Let us cast all of our votes for love.

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"Eye on the World" comment: It has been interesting to watch the battle within the Democratic Party between groups called moderates/centrists and progressives. Notice a few headlines.

■ Looking back to November, an article by Ted Rall titled "Progressives Want to Capture Democratic Party" was posted at newsadvance.com on Nov. 19, 2019.

■ Looking back to January, an article by Quint Forgey titled "AOC: 'In Any Other Country, Joe Biden and I Would Not Be in the Same Party' " was posted at politico.com on Jan. 6, 2020.

■ An article by Daniel Villarreal titled "Kamala Harris More Liberal Than Bernie Sanders, Senate Record Analysis Shows" was posted at newsweek.com on Aug. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Brooke Singman titled "Kamala Harris Scored As Most Liberal US Senator in 2019" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 12, 2020.

■ A compilation of progressive scores for the U.S. Senators listed Kamala Harris as #4 out of the 100 Senators was posted at progressivepunch.org.

■ An article by Sumantra Maitra titled "Why Kamala Harris's Stealth Radicalism Is Worse Than Bernie Democrats' Open Radicalism" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 13, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Bernie Sanders: Joe Biden May Be 'The Most Progressive President Since Franklin Delano Roosevelt' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Brittany Shepherd titled "Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Nominates Bernie Sanders at DNC" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article titled "Sen. John Kennedy [of Louisiana]: Joe Biden May Be the Nominee, But Bernie Sanders Is the Head of the Democratic Party" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Liz Cheney [of Wyoming]: Biden, Sanders, AOC Are 'Advocating the Quicksand of Socialism' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Joseph Zeballos-Roig and Eliza Relman titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Slams Top Biden Advisor's Claim That the Growing Deficit Would Limit Government Spending Under a Potential Biden Administration" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 20, 2020.

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An article by Michael Brown titled "Some Illuminating Content in the Biden-Sanders 'Unity Plan' " was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 13, 2020. Following is the article.

The 110-page, Biden-Sanders "Unity Plan" was released last month, but I failed to review it until just this week. Some key word searches yielded some very interesting—and revealing—results.

# No mention of God

For example, God is never mentioned in the document. Not once.

# No mention of Christian or Jew

As for "religion," that is found one time, specifically in the section dealing with private schools. It reads: "Prohibit the disbursement of federal funds to organizations or providers that discriminate based on race, sex, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status."

As for the word "faith," it occurs four times. But two of those are in the phrase "bad faith."

The other two clearly refer to the Islamic faith, in this description of some of the alleged horrors of the Trump administration's immigration policy: "banning people from traveling to the United States based on their faith or their country of origin" (repeated twice, verbatim, in the document).

Accordingly, there are three references to Muslims and none to Christians or Jews.

Suffice it to say, then, that protecting the religious rights of Americans, especially American Christians and Jews, is not a focus of this plan.

That, however, should be no surprise, since the Democrats last year boasted about being the party of the religiously non-affiliated.

(For the record, "Israel" is mentioned but once, and in this benign context: "The United States will invite China, the EU, Israel, Sweden, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries to be partners in designing breakthrough technologies through the Clean Energy Ministerial's Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Initiative and Mission Innovation").

# Mentioned gender 22 times

In stark contrast to the absence of references to God and the paucity of references to faith, the word gender occurs 22 times.

More importantly, "transgender" occurs twice, and in very specific contexts: "we will act expeditiously to reinstate Department of Education guidance protecting transgender students' rights under Title IX and make clear that schools shall not discriminate based on LGBTQ status." (This is repeated, although not verbatim, later in the plan).

Put another way, young ladies in high school, get ready to have boys who identify as girls sharing your bathrooms and locker rooms, by federal mandate. And individual states, expect to lose your federal school funding should you refuse to comply.

# Mentioned LGBTQ 17 times

But there's more. We also find "LGBTQ+" mentioned 17 times in the plan.

So, "religion" is mentioned once, "Christian" and "Jew" and "God" are not mentioned at all, but "LGBTQ+" is mentioned 17 times. Need I say more?

# Race mentioned

Notice the mention of ethnic issues.

- The word "white" is found 19 times.
- "Native American" 17 times.
- "Latino" 14 times.
- The word "brown" 8 times.

■ In sharp contrast, "black" is found 50 times. Not only so, but while the words "white" and "brown" are spelled with lowercase "w" and "b," respectively, Black is spelled with uppercase B.

Is this, then, the new way to fight equality, by exalting one group over the others, distinguishing Black from brown or white?

Or is this simply a vivid example of pandering to the spirit of political correctness?

Either way, it is bizarre to capitalize one description of color while leaving the others lowercase. This was anything but an oversight. Rather, it shouts intentionality.

# Abortion mentioned

As for "abortion," is occurs only once in the document, but it is part of a major paragraph devoted to outline the extreme nature of the Biden-Sanders plan.

It reads, "Like the majority of Americans, Democrats believe that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides vital preventive and reproductive health care for millions of women, especially low-income women and women of color, and LGBTQ+ people across the country, including in underserved areas. Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women's reproductive rights, including repealing the Hyde Amendment, and will work to protect and codify Roe v. Wade. We are proud to be the party of the Affordable Care Act, which made prescription contraceptives available free of charge to all women and has helped significantly reduce teen pregnancy rates."

# **Democratic promises**

So, in anticipation of the official Democratic Platform, this plan promises to overturn pro-life federal and state laws, repeal the Hyde Amendment (which former Vice President Biden supported until the primaries), and seek to codify Roe v. Wade.

(According to The Cut, "Codifying Roe v. Wade would take the question of safe and legal abortion out of the Supreme Court's hands by passing legislation in Congress that guarantees women in every state the right to unfettered access to abortion care. This would protect the right to choose even in the event that Roe v. Wade is overturned").

Of course, none of this was in any doubt, but it is still striking to see the words on paper. The Biden-Sanders plan is as pro-abortion as can be.

# No surprises, merely confirmation

As for the rest of the plan, there are many more issues that could be addressed, but I simply focused on some of those that are of perennial concern to many evangelicals.

I also passed over head scratching statements like this: "The U.S. economy is rigged against the American people." But of course. Who didn't know that? A good, robust socialism will surely cure that ill.

Again, there are no surprises here. But there are certainly reasons for concern.

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Looking back to July, an article by Breitbart News titled "50 Things They Don't Want You to Know About Trump': Harpercollins Reveals Breitbart Editor [Black Conservative] Jerome Hudson's Book Cover" was posted at breitbart.com on July 29, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Publishing powerhouse HarperCollins has released the cover of Breitbart News Entertainment Editor Jerome Hudson's latest book, "50 Things They Don't Want You to Know About Trump", which promises to deliver counterintuitive facts about the president's first term that the establishment media have worked so hard to hide.

The ultimate collection of facts about what President Donald Trump accomplished in his first term—facts your professors; your politicians in Washington, DC; TV pundits; and Hollywood celebrities don't want you to know.

They include:

President Trump allocated more funding to historically black colleges and universities than any other president.

■ The poverty rate for black and Hispanic Americans dropped to an all-time low in 2018.

■ The famous "Muslim Ban" excluded 87 percent of the world's Muslims.

Blue-collar workers enjoyed three times the wage growth of the top one percent of households.

Median household income reached \$65,666 in 2019, the highest level on record.

■ From his first month in office, President Trump presided over the largest manufacturing boom in a first term since the 1970s.

Trump has been tougher on Putin than Obama was.

■ The Trump DOJ has opened more than 1,000 cases against the world's top intellectual property thieves as America loses trillions in Chinese theft.

Trump prioritized breaking the Chinese monopoly on rare-earth elements, and the U.S. is digging for them for the first time since the Manhattan Project.

Border crossings plummeted by 78 percent from March 2019 to March 2020.

Democrats began calling for trump's impeachment months before he was the Republican nominee.

■ Violent crime has fallen every year since Trump took office after rising the last two years under Obama.

■ Trump's federal agencies are investigating the big tech giants' monopolistic practices.

Americans have not been told the whole story about the Trump presidency. What we have seen is an endless stream of so-called scandals and establishment media narratives that Americans do not care about.

What you are not told is how President Trump created the number one economy in the world, drove down illegal immigration, confronted Silicon Valley's tech takeover, and took on our advisories from China to Russia to Iran.

"After finishing 50 Things They Don't Want You to Know About Trump, you'll be stunned at the many Trump accomplishments which just aren't reported by the powers that be," HarperCollins said.

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

# Deficit

■ An article by Joseph Zeballos-Roig and Eliza Relman titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Slams Top Biden Advisor's Claim That the Growing Deficit Would Limit Government Spending Under a Potential Biden Administration" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 20, 2020.

# News about the media

■ An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Donald Trump: 'My Biggest Opponent' Is 'Corrupt Media,' Not Joe Biden" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Kamala Harris Wants to Ban Trump From Twitter, and Her Former Spokesman [Nick Pacilio] Is Now Twitter's Top Censorship Flak" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 12, 2020. ■ An article by Joseph A. Wulfsohn titled "Former Kamala Harris Press Secretary [Nick Pacilio] Is Top Twitter Communications Official, Announced Removal of Trump Clip" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 12, 2020.

■ A video and an article titled "Watch: Obama Speechwriter [Jon Favreau] Mocks Media for Calling Kamala a 'Moderate' " were posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo: 'Go [Expletive] Yourself' Is Only Response [Deserved to] Huffpost Reporter's '[Expletive] Insult' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Tim Graham titled "Joe and Kamala's Fact-Mangling Debut" was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

■ An article by Steve Krakauer titled "The Anti-Trump Media Has Embraced Conspiracy Theories About the Post Office" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Mollie Hemingway titled "New York Times Manipulates FBI Lawyer's Guilty Plea to Hide Real Spygate News" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Allum Bokhari titled "Twitter Allows Misinformation About 'Locked' Mailboxes to Go Viral" was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 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."