

# Eye on the World

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**Luke 21:34-36**—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article titled "Netanyahu Vows 'Forceful' Response If More Attacks From Lebanon" was posted at france24.com on Aug. 26, 2020. Following is the article.

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel views with "great gravity" the latest flare-up on the Lebanese border and pledged a tough response in the event of further incidents.

"We shall react forcefully to any attack against us," Netanyahu said in a statement. "I advise Hezbollah not to test Israel's strength. Hezbollah is once again endangering Lebanon due to its aggression."

Israel and Hezbollah fought a devastating month-long war in 2006.

Israel said earlier it had launched air strikes against Hezbollah observation posts in Lebanon after shots were fired from across the border towards its troops the previous evening.

The border flare-up came hours after Lebanon rejected an Israeli call to reform the UN peacekeeping force which patrols the border ahead of a UN Security Council vote to renew its mandate.

The Israeli army had said earlier that a "security incident" was unfolding near Manara, a kibbutz near the UN-demarcated border between the two countries, and urged residents to take shelter.

It reported no Israeli casualties.

Manara was quiet on Wednesday morning, an AFP journalist reported. The army told residents they could come into the open and resume work in the fields.



An article by Sam Kennedy titled "The Biggest Oil Discovery of the Year Could Happen Here [in Africa]" was posted at oilprice.com on Aug. 24, 2020. Following is the article.

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When it comes to finding the final frontier for big oil discoveries, you need to look beyond the Guyana-Suriname basin where everyone's already staked their claims. And beyond the American shale patch, where growth is already slowing.

Africa is the next great oil frontier, where small-cap companies are staking large-cap claims of the kind that generously reward investors with a bigger risk appetite.

This could be the final, underexplored frontier for oil; is there anywhere else to go?

"There is nowhere on earth with as much potential as Africa," Jay Park, CEO of Reconnaissance Energy Africa told Oilprice.com in an interview.

While many would have disagreed two decades ago, times have changed, and the fact that the African continent already holds 7.5% of the world's known oil reserves, and as much of its gas reserves, yet still remains woefully underexplored, is exactly what might make this the last big land based venue on Earth for oil.

We've got the "legacy" players, such as Nigeria, Angola, Congo-Brazzaville and Equatorial New Guinea, but the real final frontier is only just emerging in places such as Ghana, Uganda, Mozambique, Tanzania and—even further off the radar, Namibia.

Park, who previously worked as a lawyer specializing in upstream oil and gas and petroleum regimes, says the African continent is wildly undervalued.

"The value of subsoil resources in OECD countries is at about \$300,000 per square mile. In Africa, they're valued at only about \$60,000 per square mile," he said. "This is either because Africa doesn't have its fair share of the world's resources, or because it hasn't found those resources yet. I'd put money on the latter because Africa is vastly underexplored compared to the rest of the world."

### **New legacies**

Ghana, according to Deloitte, boasts the highest oil production among its peers, launching its first offshore licensing round in late 2018 and attracting majors from all over the place. They're all hoping to top the massive Jubilee field—a massive discovery made in 2007 and operated by Tullow Oil.

Mozambique, another newcomer on the final frontier scene, enjoys the largest gas resources in the region and the biggest untapped gas potential, according to Deloitte. And now it's planning a massive LNG development in the Rovuma Basin, with production expected somewhere around 2022.

Tanzania—the fastest-growing economy among these oil players—is second only to Mozambique in terms of natural gas resources, while major oil discoveries in Uganda in 2006 have catapulted the country into fifth place in terms of resources, with first production scheduled for next year.

Namibia is the newest venue of the lot, but it's also the one that has the potential to be bigger in territory than Eagle Ford—the shale basin that put the U.S. on the oil exporter map to rival the best of OPEC.

The prize here is about as pure as it gets: The country has never produced a barrel of oil, but its potential is pinging the radar of even giant Exxon (NYSE:XOM), which recently acquired an additional 7 million net acres from the government for a block extending from the shoreline to about 135 miles offshore in water depths up to 13,000 feet, with exploration activities to begin by the end of this year.

Onshore, the potential is also striking. And nothing is more striking than the 6.3-million-acre Kavango Basin, which rivals the Eagle Ford in size. It's also believed to be an extension of South Africa's 600,000-square-kilometer Karoo sedimentary basin, home to Shell's massive Whitehill Permian shale play.

ReconAfrica bought up the entire basin, with a 90% interest (the government owns the other 10%) and a four-year exploration license and a 25-year production license once a commercial discovery is made.

That's a major feat for a small company with a market cap of ~\$50-million. Still, they've done what is usually reserved for the majors: They've secured the oil and gas rights to an entire sedimentary basin in Namibia and Botswana—both very friendly to oil exploration, with very low royalty fees (5%) and an estimated 18.2 billion barrels of oil in place.

It is the quintessential setup for the rare savvy junior. It has plans to go big on exploration, and even has the potential to be scooped up by a supermajor that's already operating in the region.

And just as exciting—one of the world's leading Geochemists, Dan Jarvie of Worldwide Geochemistry has just put out a report on Recon Africa's oil potential and he is saying there is potential for 120 billion barrels of petroleum potential on just 12% of Recon Africa's holdings.

It certainly seems that promising things are going down in Namibia.

### **How Risky Is Oil's Next Frontier?**

Whether it's legacies like Nigeria and Angola, or newcomers with massive potential such as Ghana, Uganda, Mozambique or Namibia, what's always kept investors away is the regulatory risk associated with these venues.

That's exactly why Africa is, today, the next frontier for oil.

Park, who has spent years identifying and creating investor-friendly petroleum regimes around the world—from Africa to South America—says this is exactly what makes or breaks a country's oil industry.

Overall, Park says he's disappointed that Africa has fallen so far behind.

That's a result of states creating regimes that are "complex and heavily taxed," he says. "They also fail to give investors the assurances they need. Investors want to be confident that when they make a discovery, it will turn into money."

So, while Africa is definitely the place to go for resources, it's not always attractive to investors.

According to Deloitte, the risks are high, and companies need to plan for everything from regulatory and policy hurdles, to problems with third-party partners and suppliers, environmental and labor issues, and overriding questions of infrastructure.

In addition to that, "macro risks, such as political, security, governance, economic structural, country liquidity and currency risks also loom large."

For Park, Namibia ticked all the right boxes: good geology, good fiscal terms and a good regime. That includes a 5% royalty and a 35% corporate income tax on oil reserve profits—and, of course, the country is offering up good deals because it hasn't made any discoveries yet.

For companies who can properly navigate the risk, that risk gets smaller every day, particularly thanks to technological advancements.

Major developments over the past decade and a half open up enormous possibilities in this underexplored region.

And if parts of Africa weren't on investor radar yet, they will be soon.

"You probably hadn't heard of Suriname on the oil map until a couple of months ago," says Park. "By the time it's on everyone's radar, it's much less of an opportunity. Namibia, for instance, is just emerging as one of the world's exploration hot-spots with some big wells going down this year. But for now, it's a virgin opportunity."

"Success with ReconAfrica's three-well program could radically alter the value of the Company because it has all rights to the entire sedimentary basin. In all, the basin is optimally conducive to a functioning petroleum system that must be drilled," Park said.



An article by Kelly MacNamara and Laurence Coustal titled "Could Injectable Microrobots One Day Run in Your Veins?" was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on Aug. 26, 2020. Following is the article.

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Scientists have created an army of microscopic four-legged robots too small to see with the naked eye that walk when stimulated by a laser and could be injected into the body through hypodermic needles, a study said Wednesday.

Microscopic robotics are seen as having an array of potential uses, particularly in medicine, and US researchers said the new robots offer “the potential to explore biological environments.”

One of the main challenges in the development of these cell-sized robots has been combining control circuitry and moving parts in such a small structure.

The robots described in the journal *Nature* are less than 0.1 millimeter wide—around the width of a human hair—and have four legs that are powered by on-board solar cells.

By shooting laser light into these solar cells, researchers were able to trigger the legs to move, causing the robot to walk around.

The study’s co-author Marc Miskin, of the University of Pennsylvania, told AFP that a key innovation of the research was that the legs—its actuators—could be controlled using silicon electronics.

“Fifty years of shrinking down electronics has led to some remarkably tiny technologies: you can build sensors, computers, memory, all in very small spaces,” he said. “But, if you want a robot, you need actuators, parts that move.”

### **Figuring out what’s possible**

The researchers acknowledged that their creations are currently slower than other microbots that “swim,” less easy to control than those guided by magnets, and do not sense their environment.

The robots are prototypes that demonstrate the possibility of integrating electronics with the parts that help the device move around, Miskin said, adding they expect the technology to develop quickly.

“The next step is to build sophisticated circuitry: can we build robots that sense their environment and respond? How about tiny programmable machines? Can we make them able to run without human intervention?”

Miskin said he envisions biomedical uses for the robots, or applications in materials science, such as repairing materials at the microscale.

“But this is a very new idea and we’re still trying to figure out what’s possible,” he added.

### **Swallow the surgeon**

Researchers said that they were able to produce the components for the robots in parallel, meaning they could make more than one million of them in each four-inch wafer of silicon.

The legs were made from nanometre-thick platinum that bends when stimulated by laser light, creating the walking motion.

Their average speed was about one body length per minute, the study said, adding this was “comparable to crawling biological microorganisms.”

The robots can survive highly acidic environments and temperature variations of more than 200 degrees Kelvin (minus 73 degrees Celsius), the study said.

In a commentary also published in Nature, Allan Brooks and Michael Strano of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said the concept of robots small enough to travel through blood vessels had been around since Nobel laureate Richard Feynman talked about the potential to “swallow the surgeon” in 1959.

They said the new study provides “a clear vision” for solving the challenge of creating a tiny robot that can both convert energy into motion and is able to be programmable.

“The authors’ robots, although not autonomous in their current form, can be seen as a platform to which ‘brains’ and a battery can be attached,” they said, predicting the “hurdle of developing autonomous programmability for micro-robots will soon be overcome.”



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

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- An article by Nicholas Bariyo titled “Pompeo Push for Sudan-Israel Ties Is Rebuffed” was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 25, 2020.
  - An article by Peter Weber titled “Israel’s COVID-19 Breathalyzer Test Prototype Promises Results in 30 Seconds” was posted at theweek.com on Aug. 25, 2020.
  - An article by David Rising titled “Germany, Israel Agree [That] Continued Iran Arms Embargo Important” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 27, 2020.
  - An article by Henry Bodkin titled “WHO Has Shown ‘Yawning Silence’ to China’s Harassment of Hong Kong Doctors: Says Leading Media” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 22, 2020.
  - An article by Thomas D. Williams PH.D. titled “Report: China Suppresses Catholics ‘Under Covid-19 Cover’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 23, 2020.
  - A Reuters article by Angela Amante titled “Hong Kong Activist [Nathan Law] Warns West to Shun Chinese Technology Ties” was posted at Reuters.com on Aug. 25, 2020.
  - An article titled “China Protests Alleged US Spy Plane Incursion During Drills” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 25, 2020.
  - An article by Yuras Karmanau titled “Belarus Blocks Over 50 News Websites, But Protests Continue” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 22, 2020.
  - An article by Barbie Latza Nadeau titled “Putin Says His Men Are Standing by Ready to Go Into Belarus If Protests ‘Get Out of Hand’ ” was posted at thedailybeast.com on Aug. 27, 2020.

- An article titled "Karachi Floods: Pakistan's Biggest City Hit by Record Rain and Heavy Floods" was posted at [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Chris Tomlinson titled "Somali Migrant Torched [Two Norwegian] Churches As Revenge for a Qur'an Being Burned" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 23, 2020.
- An article by Kirsten Grieshaber and Frank Jordans titled "Germany to End Mandatory Tests for Travelers, Bans Protests" was posted at [apnews.com](https://apnews.com) on Aug. 25, 2020.
- An article by Jill Lawless titled "Scotland's Handling of Virus Boosts Support for Independence" was posted at [apnews.com](https://apnews.com) on Aug. 25, 2020.
- An article titled "Turkey's Erdogan Converts Another Former Church Into Mosque" was posted at [france24.com](https://www.france24.com) on Aug. 21, 2020.
- An article titled "Erdogan Warns Greece That Turkey Will 'Never Compromise' on Mediterranean Energy Reserves" was posted at [france24.com](https://www.france24.com) on Aug. 26, 2020.
- An article titled "Turkey's Erdogan Warns Greece Against Taking 'Path to Ruin' " was posted at [presstv.com](https://www.presstv.com) on Aug. 26, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Kte Chappell titled "Fastest Man Alive [8-Time Olympic Gold Medalist Usain Bolt] Tests Positive for Coronavirus" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Aug. 24, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Gardner titled "Confusion Reigns As Canada Turns Away American Students" was posted at [politico.com](https://www.politico.com) on Aug. 22, 2020.
- An article by Kelly McLaughlin titled "A Kentucky Man Is Facing \$569,000 in Fines After Being Accused of Violating Canada's COVID-19 Rules" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 26, 2020.



A video and an article by Cate Cauguiran and Rob Elgin titled "Jacob Blake Paralyzed From Waist Down After Kenosha Shooting by Police, Father Says; Family Pleads for Peace, Justice" were posted at [abc7chicago.com](https://www.abc7chicago.com) on Aug. 25, 2020. Following is the article.

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Jacob Blake, a black man shot by police in Kenosha Sunday, is currently paralyzed from the waist down, his father said Tuesday.

Jacob Blake Sr. told CNN he does not know if the injury is permanent. Blake's attorneys said Tuesday afternoon it would be a "miracle" if he ever walked again. The attorneys said the bullets severed his spinal cord and shattered some of Blake's vertebrae, as well as causing damage to his stomach, kidneys and liver. He was undergoing more surgeries Tuesday afternoon, his father said.

The Blake family's attorney Ben Crump joined Good Morning America Tuesday morning and said Blake is in stable condition, but remains in the ICU. Crump said his three children are "absolutely devastated" by the shooting.

Blake, 29, was shot in the back seven times in front of his young children after breaking up a fight in the neighborhood, his family said.

His family spoke emotionally to the press Tuesday afternoon. His father, Jacob Blake, Sr., called what happened to his son "senseless attempted murder."

But it was Blake's mother, Julia Jackson, who made the most impassioned plea for healing and humanity.

"I am really asking and encouraging everyone in Wisconsin and abroad to take a moment and examine your hearts," she said. "Please let's begin to pray for healing for our nation. We are the United States. Have we been united?"

"Let's use our hearts, our love, and our intelligence to work together to show the rest of the world how humans are supposed to treat each other," Jackson added.

"So many people have reached out to me telling me they're sorry that this happened to my family," said Letetra Widman, Blake's sister. "Well don't be sorry, because this has been happening to my family for a long time. It happened to Emmett Till. Emmett Till is my family. Philandro. Mike Brown. Sandra."

Blake, Sr. was still grappling with the shooting itself.

"They shot my son seven times, seven times," he said, choking up. "Like he didn't matter. But my son matters!"

Blake's family along with his attorneys, including Crump, spoke in front of the Kenosha County Courthouse, which was the epicenter of the second night of unrest. His mother said her son would not have approved of the destruction of the past two nights.

"It doesn't reflect my son, or my family," she said.

Attorneys said they intend to file a civil rights lawsuit against the city for multiple reasons, including to pay for the years of medical treatment Blake will need.

He grew up in Evanston moved to Kenosha for a fresh start, his family said.

Video posted on social media Sunday show one officer grabbing the man's shirt from behind and then firing into the vehicle.

His grandfather, Jacob Blake Sr., was lead pastor at Evanston's Ebenezer AME Church during the 1960s and '70s and fought for years for fair housing. Two senior homes bear his name.

"Because of the family legacy that's here in Evanston, I think it has shaken everyone just to hear this kind of news," Rev. Deborah Y. Scott, Ebenezer AME Church.

Multiple buildings burned in Kenosha for a second night after the police shooting of Jacob Blake, an unarmed Black man.

The shooting has sparked two nights of protests in Kenosha, with violent confrontations between protesters and police. Monday night, several buildings and trucks were burned.



Video of the shooting was posted on social media. The video appeared to show the shooting from across a street, three officers could be seen shouting and pointing their weapons at Blake as he walked around the front of a parked SUV. As Blake opened the driver's side door and leaned inside, one officer grabbed his shirt from behind and then fired into the vehicle.

Ben Crump, an attorney representing Jacob Blake's family, said his children who were in the car at the time of the shooting by Kenosha police are "absolutely devastated."

Three police officers are now on administrative leave as the investigation continues. Their names have not been released.

Kenosha police are asking people to withhold passing judgment until all the facts are known.



A video and an article by Cate Cauguiran, Jessica D'Onofrio and Eric Horng titled "Jacob Blake Police Shooting: Black Man Shot in Front of 3 Sons After He Broke Up Fight, Family Says" (with a subtitled "Jacob Blake Moved From Evanston to Kenosha for a Fresh Start, Family Says") were posted at abc7chicago.com on Aug. 25, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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A Black man who was shot several times by Kenosha police Sunday evening remains hospitalized with serious injuries.

Jacob Blake, 29, was shot in the back in front of his young children after breaking up a fight in the neighborhood, his family said.

In a video that appeared to show the shooting from across a street, three officers could be seen shouting and pointing their weapons at Blake as he walked around the front of a parked SUV. As Blake opened the driver's side door and leaned inside, one officer grabbed his shirt from behind and then fired into the vehicle.

### **Children in car**

"He was shot seven times in his back while his children sitting in the [expletive] car," said Justin Blake, Jacob Blake's uncle.

"Livid wouldn't describe how I feel right now," Justin Blake said. "It's crazy and to traumatize some children that were in the vehicle-this is beyond repair," he said.

Blake's fiancée Laquisha Boone said that Blake was unarmed.

"That don't make no sense to treat somebody like that, who is not armed, with the kids in the back screaming," she said.

### **Security guard**

Blake's family and multiple witnesses told ABC News the 29-year-old security guard had just broken up an argument before he was shot.

"The officers were responding to a fight," said witness La-Ron Franklin. "It was some girls fighting. A gentleman was breaking up the fight. When he was turning to get his kids, the officer shot this man seven times."

"He does the same job the police does. He protect people from being hurt and let people enjoy themselves at the same time," said Donnell Lauderdale, Jacob Blake's neighbor and friend. "Why can't the police do the same?"

### **Fresh start**

Blake grew up in Evanston, his family told ABC7. They said he moved to Kenosha from Evanston for a fresh start, only to find himself at the center of the national debate over police-use-of-force and racial justice.

Fifty miles from Jacob Blake's hometown, his name has become a rally cry. Evanston resident Amy Landolt drove to Kenosha to be with protesters.

"It's really just to support his family," she said. "Make sure that they know Evanston supports them and stands with them."

### **Grandfather a pastor**

His grandfather, Jacob Blake Sr., was lead pastor at Evanston's Ebenezer AME Church during the 1960s and 70s and fought for years for fair housing. Two senior homes bear his name.

"Because of the family legacy that's here in Evanston, I think it has shaken everyone just to hear this kind of news," Rev. Deborah Y. Scott, Ebenezer AME Church.

Several protesters have drawn parallels between Blake's grandfather's fight for fair housing, and today's protests, some calling to this sort of full circle moment in the fight for social justice.



A video and an article by Joshua Caplan titled "Video: Kenosha Protesters Shout 'Death to America' and 'Kill the Police'" were posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 25, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Protesters outside Kenosha County Courthouse shouted anti-American and anti-law enforcement slogans during a Tuesday evening demonstration prompted by a police-involved shooting of a 29-year-old black man, according to footage shared to social media.

Photos posted to Twitter by Townhall reporter Julio Rosas show National Guardsmen protecting the courthouse behind a newly-erected fence. Next, Rosas shared video of a young woman shouting "Kill the police!" as she clutched an America flag.

Moments later, another video posted shows one woman yelling "Death to America!" as she kicked the fence. An American flag can also be seen being burned.

Some protesters then began throwing projectiles at National Guardsmen and local police officers outside the courthouse, said Rosas.

Kenosha is about 30 miles south of downtown Milwaukee.

Authorities arrested at least two people while investigating a fire at a library, officials said, and National Guard troops helped patrol the city Monday night.

Hundreds of protesters filled the streets of Kenosha some two hours past curfew. Some tossed fireworks into a line of police officers at a courthouse, which drew smoke bombs and flash-bang grenades in response. A garbage truck burst into flames after a rioter tossed an incendiary device.



An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Jacob Blake's Mother Pleads for Peace Amid Kenosha Rioting" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://thefederalist.com) on Aug. 26, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Julia Blake, the mother of Jacob Blake who was shot by police in Kenosha Sunday night, expressed how "disgusted" she is at the people who hijacked her son's shooting for their own gain.

"To use my child or any other mother or father's child, our tragedy, to react in that manner is just not acceptable. And it's not helping Jacob or any other of the men or women who have suffered in these areas," she added.

Destructive, violent, and fatal riots erupted in Kenosha, Wisconsin after police shot Jacob Blake, a black man, seven times in the back, leaving him partially paralyzed. According to the family's attorney, three of Blake's children saw the shooting occur from a nearby vehicle.

"My family and I are very hurt. And quite frankly disgusted. And as his mother, please don't burn up property and cause havoc and tear your own homes down in my son's name. You shouldn't do it," Julia Blake urged.

According to Blake's mother, rioting is not justified, especially without knowing the full story of situations like the one with her son.

"We should always get the details from the right source before we start throwing bricks," she warned.

Julia Blake also apologized for comments made by a family member about President Trump and expressed regret that she missed his phone call because "maybe the comments that you made would have been different."

She clarified, however, that she is not mad at the president and respects his leadership.

The victim's mother previously spoke against the violence and destruction at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon in front of the Kenosha County Courthouse, encouraging people to stop the hate.

“I noticed a lot of damage. That does not reflect my son or my family,” she said. She also told reporters that she had been “praying, even before this, for the healing of our country.”



“Eye on the World” comment: When NBA players spent a day boycotting games, many journalists described the public’s reaction as (1) the players were heroes or (2) the players should stick to basketball. However, there was another possibility—The public didn’t care what the NBA players do because citizens are interested in solving problems without the hypocrisy of NBA players. Notice some headlines.

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- Looking back to June, an article by Maitreyee Joshi titled “ ‘All He Cares About Is Money, Not Human Rights’: Hong Kong activists Target LeBron James for Hypocrisy” was posted at [essentiallysports.com](http://essentiallysports.com) on June 13, 2020.
  - An article by David Isaac titled “Both the MLB and NBA Started Off With Great [Viewing] Numbers, But Then Fell Off; Critics Are Blaming the Leagues’ Embrace of Black Lives Matter” was posted at [worldisraelnews.com](http://worldisraelnews.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
  - An article by Thomas Laforgia titled “NBA Ratings Nosedive Proves Sports Are Not Essential” was posted at [deadspin.com](http://deadspin.com) on Aug. 13, 2020.
  - An article by Warner Todd Huston titled “Ratings Continue to Crater for Protest-Filled NBA” was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on Aug. 21, 2020.
  - An article by Utkarsh Bhatla titled “NBA Ratings Decline: Will NBA TV Ratings Further Crash After NBA Boycott by Players?” was posted at [thesportsrush.com](http://thesportsrush.com) on Aug. 27, 2020.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled “Let’s Hope LeBron James Reads and Comprehends the Autobiography of Malcolm X” was posted at [outkick.com](http://outkick.com) on Aug. 20, 2020. Following is the article.

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LeBron James says he’s reading The Autobiography of Malcolm X.

Is he?

On Wednesday, via Instagram, James posted a picture of himself, shirtless, riding a stationary bike and wearing earbuds while reading the iconic book.

On Thursday, following the Lakers 111-88 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers, LeBron carried the book into his postgame news conference. Bleacher Report’s Taylor Rooks asked James for his biggest takeaway on the book. You can listen to his complete response on Rooks’ embedded tweet below.

Here's a bit of what James said: "It's him understanding how powerful the negro can be. He uses that word a lot. But we have to unite and we have to be together and we have to stand strong because there's always going to be obstacles. There's always going to be things that's going to be thrown at us where they try to weaken us, they try to make us feel like we're not kings and queens and it's going to come from all different races and all different shapes and sizes and things of that nature."

James said this was his first time reading the book start to finish.

I'm wondering where did he start and when does he plan to finish. I'd love to talk with James about the book. I've read it start to finish three times. No book has had a more profound impact on my worldview than Alex Haley's telling of the life of Malcolm X.

The Orange County Register's Kyle Goon spotted James reading the book Thursday outside of Lakers coach Frank Vogel's postgame press conference. Goon said it appeared James was early into his reading of the book.

Hmm. The first half of the book focuses on the life of Malcolm Little, the child and man before his conversion to Islam and a one-letter last name. The first eight to 10 chapters detail the poor mental health of Malcolm's mother, Malcolm's three-year life with a white foster family, the Swerlins, his move to Boston with his sister, friendships with Sammy the Pimp, numbers runner West Indian Archie and Shorty, his white girlfriend Sophia, his fall into drug abuse, drug dealing and robbery and his subsequent 10-year prison sentence.

What book is LeBron reading?

The Autobiography of Malcolm X is one of the most powerful pieces of literature ever written. It goes to great lengths to explain just how far Malcolm Little fell before undergoing a religious transformation while in prison.

I'm a Christian. I disagree with the theology espoused by the Nation of Islam and find its demonization of Jews and white people reprehensible. But I will never deny that Elijah Muhammad's religion transformed many career criminals into better human beings. Malcolm X is exhibit A.

What book is LeBron reading?

Inauthenticity is my problem with LeBron. His headfirst dive into politics and social justice warring has made him as phony an athlete as we've ever seen. He's a full-blown politician willing to say and do anything to advance an agenda.

After his servants told him vandals spray-painted the n0-word on the gate of his \$20 million Brentwood, California mansion, the dude compared himself to Emmett Till's mother. LeBron never saw the graffiti. Neither did police. LeBron's servants removed it before police could investigate. LeBron was in Ohio at the time of the alleged crime. Emmett Till was a 14-year-old child brutally murdered in Mississippi. Spray paint is equivalent to murder?

Now LeBron's life is dedicated to avenging the death of Breonna Taylor? Now he's posing for pictures reading the Autobiography of Malcolm X?

Stop it.

- LeBron has more in common with Vanilla Ice than Emmett Till’s mama.
- LeBron is a studio social justice warrior.
- He’s dedicated to promoting the narrative that black people are perpetual victims incapable of sustaining themselves without the assistance of white liberals.

What book is LeBron reading? Malcolm’s thoughts on the Swerlin family directly contradict the narrative LeBron is promoting.

I’m tired of the media selling LeBron’s fraudulence. It’s all staged. No one inside the NBA’s China Bubble is authorized to question LeBron’s political posturing. Rooks and others pitch LeBron daily softballs.

I hope LeBron takes the time to read *The Autobiography*. I hope he engages in conversations with people who can help him find the deeper meaning of the book.

Malcolm’s life is a testament to the power of the human mind when it is inspired by religious faith. Malcolm Little was a depraved drug addict and criminal. Malcolm X—and later El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz—was an intellectual force respected across the globe.

Here’s what Malcolm X said about the political puppet masters controlling black celebrities:

“The worst enemy that the negro have is this white man that runs around here drooling at the mouth professing to love negroes and calling himself a liberal, and it’s following these white liberals that has perpetuated the problems that negroes have. If the negro wasn’t taken, tricked or deceived by the white liberal, then negroes would get together and solve our own problems.”

Keep reading, LeBron. Start at page 1 and call me when you’re ready for a real discussion about Malcolm X.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled “BLM 101: Career Politicians Who Created Systemic Unfairness Are Playing LeBron and His Disciples for Suckers” was posted at [outkick.com](http://outkick.com) on Aug. 26, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Today’s edition of BLM 101, Volume 5 will focus on the sports world’s reaction to the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

BLM 101 is dedicated to educating athletes on the true agenda and negative consequences of the Black Lives Matter movement. BLM 101 tries to avoid snark and ridicule. We ask that you share the link of this article with your favorite athlete.

Tuesday the sports world reacted strongly to the shooting of Jacob Blake.

The Detroit Lions canceled football practice, choosing instead to hold a mass press conference to discuss the shooting.

Members of the Toronto Raptors threatened to boycott games inside the NBA Bubble.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers launched a political attack on President Donald Trump.

Denver Nuggets coach Michael Malone expressed frustration that the Disney World Bubble limits what basketball players can do to fight what they believe to be police brutality.

A day after LeBron James declared that black people live in daily fear of police violence and that black men are targeted for death by police, his disciples backed him up en masse.

James is the Al Sharpton of sports, an agent of chaos working closely with politicians who use racial division to rally voter support. Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and black ministers can no longer deliver black voters to polling booths. The task has now been handed to James, Colin Kaepernick and black athletes. It's their job to inflame the emotions of black people and get us to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depended on it.

As you know, I don't vote. I reject the pervasive dishonesty in politics. As it relates to BLM, the man or woman sitting in the White House has absolutely nothing to do with how police engage with a resisting suspect. President Barack Obama was in office when Michael Brown tussled with officer Darren Wilson.

The politicization of Jacob Blake is a byproduct of political dishonesty. The prevailing sentiment propagandized by BLM that police are intentionally targeting black men is a political ploy.

Jacob Blake, George Floyd, Eric Garner and Rayshard Brooks are not examples of "systemic racism." If anything, they're examples of "systemic resisting arrest."

The police, even bigoted police, are not nearly as dumb as BLM supporters would have you believe. LeBron James has foolishly suggested that police officers are intentionally hunting, targeting and killing black men.

When discussing the actions of Kenosha police, James said: "Or maybe he just left the house saying that, 'Today is going to be the end for one of these black people.' That's what it feels like. It just hurts. It hurts."

Police are not that stupid. Killing a criminal suspect complicates and jeopardizes the life of the police officer, even if he's not convicted of a crime. You think Darren Wilson is somewhere happy he was involved in the death of Michael Brown?

The goal of a good police officer is to lock up bad guys. The goal of a white racist cop is to lock up black people. Good and bad police officers want to put handcuffs on and politely escort people to jail. That's the payoff. That's the goal. They leave their houses hoping to put people in handcuffs and escort them inside the belly of the beast—the criminal justice system created by career politicians such as Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Bill Clinton.

I'm referencing Democratic politicians because LeBron James and his disciples seem to believe the Democratic Party is going to save black people from the "systemic racism" found within the criminal justice system.

It's a joke. The architects of the system are using LeBron James and athletes to point black people at the wrong target. The athletes are useful idiots. They've been talked into dedicating themselves to ensuring that career criminals are unharmed while resisting arrest and refusing to comply with police instructions.

The Detroit Lions canceled practice so they could speak out on behalf of a man wanted for sexual assault. The city of Kenosha is being burned to the ground on behalf of a man who wrestled with police and wouldn't comply with instructions at gunpoint.

Across the country, police kill roughly 250 to 300 black people a year. The overwhelming majority of those killed are armed and violently resisting arrest.

Thousands of black people are killed by black people every year. In Detroit alone roughly 250 black people are murdered annually. The majority of the murders go unsolved.

The Detroit Lions do not care.

An unarmed black man is a million times more likely to be killed by another black man than the police. But LeBron is terrified of police?

If all it takes is a handful of high-profile anecdotes to justify living in fear of a group of people, can black, brown and white people say they live in fear of black men?

Can the Detroit Tigers cancel practice the next time a black man kills a Detroit citizen?

Let me return to my main point. Putting people behind bars is the goal of good and bad police. Prisons are hell on earth. The prison industrial complex is the beast. It's the system that crushes the poor and financially exploits all who enter its gates.

If you have had a loved one or family member incarcerated, you know the financial burden placed on the prisoner's family. It's a racket of exploitation that would make Tony Soprano envious. Politicians know exactly what they created.

These same politicians are using athletes and the media to focus all negative attention on \$60,000-a-year cops who occasionally make deadly mistakes during millions of encounters with dangerous criminals.

Black Lives Matter is a smokescreen to divert attention away from the architects of the systemic unfairness in our criminal justice system.

Twitter race-baiter and BLM activist Shaun King is demanding Kenosha police release the name of the police officer who shot Jacob Blake. Another Kenosha officer is in hiding because he's been wrongly identified as the shooter.

King, LeBron, Doc Rivers, Michael Malone, the Toronto Raptors, the Detroit Lions, the NBA, the NFL and the woke sports media have all been incentivized to keep the focus on the lowest-hanging fruit—working-class cops.



This is what passes for speaking truth to power in the age of social media. Blame the cops. Work to elect the career politicians who created the system.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Institutional Racism" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on Aug. 27, 2020. Following is the article.

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Institutional racism and systemic racism are terms bandied about these days without much clarity. Being 84 years of age, I have seen and lived through what might be called institutional racism or systemic racism.

- Both operate under the assumption that one race is superior to another.
- It involves the practice of treating a person or group of people differently based on their race.

Negroes, as we proudly called ourselves back then, were denied entry to hotels, restaurants and other establishments all over the nation, including the north. Certain jobs were entirely off-limits to Negroes. What school a child attended was determined by his race.

In motion pictures, Negroes were portrayed as being unintelligent, such as the roles played by Stepin Fetchit and Mantan Moreland in the Charlie Chan movies. Fortunately, those aspects of racism are a part of our history.

By the way, Fetchit, whose real name was Lincoln Perry, was the first black actor to become a millionaire, and he has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and, in 1976, the Hollywood chapter of the NAACP awarded Perry a Special NAACP Image Award.

Despite the nation's great achievements in race relations, there remains institutional racism, namely the widespread practice of treating a person or group of people differently based on their race.

Most institutional racism is practiced by the nation's institutions of higher learning.

Eric Dreiband, an assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, recently wrote that Yale University "grants substantial, and often determinative, preferences based on race." The four-page letter said, "Yale's race discrimination imposes undue and unlawful penalties on racially-disfavored applicants, including in particular Asian American and White applicants."

Yale University is by no means alone in the practice of institutional racism.

Last year, Asian students brought a discrimination lawsuit against Harvard University and lost. The judge held that the plaintiffs could not prove that the lower personal ratings assigned to Asian applicants are the result of "animus" or ill-motivated racial hostility towards Asian Americans by Harvard admissions officials. However, no one offered an explanation as to why Asian American applicants were deemed to have, on average, poorer personal qualities than white applicants. An explanation may be that Asian students party less, study more and get higher test scores than white students.

In court filings, Students for Fair Admissions argued that the University of North Carolina's admissions practices are unconstitutional. Their brief stated: "UNC's use of race is the opposite of individualized; UNC uses race mechanically to ensure the admission of the vast majority of underrepresented minorities."

Edward Blum, president of Students for Fair Admissions, said in a news release that the court filing "exposes the startling magnitude of the University of North Carolina's racial preferences." Blum said that their filing contains statistical evidence that shows that an Asian American male applicant from North Carolina with a 25% chance of getting into UNC would see his acceptance probability increase to about 67% if he were Latino and to more than 90% if he were African American.

In 1996, California voters passed Proposition 209 (also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative) that read: "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

California legislators voted earlier this summer to put the question to voters to repeal the state's ban on the use of race as a criterion in the hiring, awarding public contracts and admissions to public universities and restore the practice of institutional racism under the euphemistic title "affirmative action."

When social justice warriors use the terms "institutional racism" or "systemic racism," I suspect it means that they cannot identify the actual person or entities engaged in the practice.

However, most of what might be called institutional or systemic racism is practiced by the nation's institutions of higher learning. And it is seen by many, particularly the intellectual elite, as a desirable form of determining who gets what.



An article by [Black Conservative] Larry Elder titled "Kamala Harris: 'There Is No Vaccine Against Racism'" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 27, 2020. Following is the article.

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A few years ago, a political cartoon depicted Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton looking wistfully into the night sky as they make a wish "for an end to racial strife and bigotry." In the next panel, both suddenly evaporate, indicating that the eradication of racism would leave these two "leaders" with nothing to do and that their race-hustling would come to an end.

This brings us to Sen. Kamala Harris' Democratic National Convention speech, where she accepted her nomination as vice president and quickly whipped out the race card. Harris said: "And let's be clear—there is no vaccine for racism. We've gotta do the work."

A vaccine against racism would be the worst possible nightmare for Democrats such as Harris and her running mate, Joe Biden. A vaccine would produce the mother of all the emperor-wears-no-clothes moments.

As with the Jackson/Sharpton cartoon, the elimination of racism would deprive Harris of liberals' go-to excuse: Blame racism. Whether the disintegration of the Black family, urban crime, or support for public schools with high dropout rates and where those who remain in school often cannot read, write and compute at grade level, the left blames racism.

During the convention, former President Barack Obama, as he did during the eight years of his presidency, pushed the America-is-a-racist-nation narrative: "Americans of all races joining together to declare, in the face of injustice and brutality at the hands of the state, that Black Lives Matter, no more, but no less, so that no child in this country feels the continuing sting of racism." He, of course, provided no definition of what he means by "the continuing sting of racism."

When in private practice, young attorney Obama was on an eight-member legal team representing one of the plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit against Citibank. The plaintiffs argued that Citibank turned them down for loans because of racism. The lawsuit claimed Citibank "rejected loan applications of minority applicants while approving loan applications filed by white applicants with similar financial characteristics and credit histories."

Despite denying any racial discrimination in denying their mortgage applications, the bank settled, giving some plaintiffs cash payments and others mortgages.

According to a 2012 piece in the Daily Caller: "Roughly half of the 186 African-American clients in (Obama's) landmark 1995 mortgage discrimination lawsuit against Citibank have since gone bankrupt or received foreclosure notices.

"As few as 19 of those 186 clients still own homes with clean credit ratings."

Given the plaintiffs' post-loan approval track record, had there been a vaccine against racism in the '90s, would it have made it any more likely that their loans would have been approved?

Arguably, a vaccine against racism would disproportionately impact Blacks, but not in the way Harris likely thinks. Question: Who is racist?

A recent Rasmussen survey of Americans found: "Eighteen percent (18%) say most white Americans are racist. But 25% believe most black Americans are racist. Fifteen percent (15%) think most Hispanic-Americans are racist, while nearly as many (13%) say the same of most Asian-Americans." As to anti-Semitism, it is higher among Blacks compared with the general population, 23% versus 14%, respectively, according to a 2016 survey commissioned by the Anti-Defamation League. The survey found, "In the past four years, anti-Semitic views among the African American population have remained steady and are higher than the general population."

An example just occurred in the National Basketball Association, a league that takes pride in its "wokeness." A Black player got into an on-court scuffle, and the Black player, who later apologized, called the white player "b— a— white boy."

One can imagine the Category 5 storm had a white player used a slur against a Black player. Would an apology from the white player have sufficed? The big “woke” names in the NBA—LeBron James, coach Steve Kerr and coach Gregg Popovich—never shy about pointing out racism against Blacks, went social media silent on this issue.

We would likely obtain a greater benefit with a vaccine against white guilt, a paternalism that leads to counterproductive policies.

These policies include the following.

- The welfare state that encourages the nonformation of a nuclear family
- The minimum wage that reduces jobs and hours for unskilled American workers
- Race-based preferences that create college-student mismatches that increase the dropout rate of the supposed beneficiaries of the racial preference
- Refusal of Democrats to support school choice, something that Black urban parents want but white Democrats do not.



An article by Dustin Waters titled “Mail-In Ballots Were Part of a Plot to Deny Lincoln Reelection in 1864” was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on Aug. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

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Traveling to Baltimore in the fall of 1864, Orville Wood had no way of knowing he would soon uncover the most elaborate election conspiracy in America’s brief history.

Wood was a merchant from Clinton County in the most northeastern corner of New York. As a supporter of President Abraham Lincoln, he was tasked with visiting troops from his hometown to “look after the local ticket.”

New York legislators had only established the state’s mail-in voting system in April with the intent of ensuring the suffrage of White troops battling the Confederate Army.

The results of the 1864 elections would heavily affect the outcome of the war. Lincoln and his supporters in the National Union Party sought to continue the war and defeat the Confederacy outright.

Meanwhile antiwar Democrats, also referred to as Copperheads, looked for an immediate compromise with the Confederate leaders and the end of the abolition movement.

Troops from New York were allowed to authorize individuals back home to cast a vote on their behalf. Along with their mail-in ballots, troops would assign their power of attorney on slips that required four signatures: the voter’s, the person authorized as a recipient, a witness to the signed affidavit and a fellow officer.

These documents would be sealed in an envelope and shipped back home to be counted in the final vote. This was the process that Orville Wood intended to uphold, he would testify in court later. He quickly found out what a challenge that would be.

Wood arrived at Fort McHenry in Baltimore to visit with the 91st New York Regiment. There, an Army captain suggested that there had been some “checker playing” when it came to the gathering of soldiers’ mail-in ballots.

These suspicions of fraud were echoed when Wood visited wounded men at the Newton University Hospital. The rumors of wrongdoing led Wood to the office of Moses Ferry in Baltimore.

Ferry had been selected by New York Gov. Horatio Seymour to help oversee the voting process for New York’s enlisted men. Seymour had vetoed the initial bill to establish mail-in voting and would go on to run against Ulysses S. Grant in the 1868 presidential election.

Wood masked his suspicions as he entered Ferry’s office, portraying himself as a strong supporter of Lincoln’s opponent, George McClellan. This was enough to gain Ferry’s trust, he testified later.

Ferry told Wood that the votes from New York’s 91st Regiment had already been tallied: 400 for McClellan and 11 for Lincoln.

Wood returned to the office later and, following Ferry’s instructions, began forging signatures of the 16th New York Cavalry. Meanwhile, a clerk sat across the room signing ballots from the roster of names Wood had brought with him from home.

Wood asked to personally deliver these fraudulent ballots, but Ferry said they would have to receive final approval from his colleague in Washington—Edward Donahue Jr.

Donahue soon arrived in Baltimore and met with Wood. It was revealed during this conversation that around 20 co-conspirators were already at work in D.C. to aid in the plot to deliver votes to McClellan.

The following day Wood watched as Donahue and his crew formed a sort of assembly line, passing blank papers along to one another to be signed with the names of active enlisted men, wounded and dead soldiers, and officers who never existed.

In addition to operations in D.C. and Baltimore, the scheme extended back to New York. Donahue had received rosters of soldiers from military officials and members of law enforcement.

A letter from Gen. J.A. Ferrell read, “Inclosed in this package you will find tickets, also a list of names of the actual residents of Columbia County, now members of the 128th Regiment. With my best wishes for your success.”

A letter from Albany Sheriff H. Cromdell offered to send additional men to assist in Baltimore. The letter read, “All is well here, and we are confident of complete success. It is unnecessary to say that all here have entire confidence in your skill and abetting, and hope you like your help.”

Also discovered in Ferry's office was a list of around 400 names belonging to sick and wounded soldiers under treatment at a nearby hospital. In reference to the roster, Ferry joked, "Dead or alive, they all had cast a good vote."

Ferry, Donahue, and their fellow conspirators found humor in their work. One accomplice mocked the outcry he expected from abolitionist newspapers following the corruption of the election. The men bragged about their past successes in fixing local elections back home.

Together, the men had shipped crates of fraudulent votes back to New York. But their scheme was over. Wood reported the operation to authorities. Ferry's office was searched, and on the morning of Oct. 27, 1864—less than two weeks before the election—he and Donahue stood trial before a military commission.

Ferry offered a full confession that same day, even offering up the names of others involved in the scheme. Donahue proved more of a challenge.

Following the first day of the trial, a reporter for the *New York Times* wrote, "The honest electors of the state of New York have escaped an extensive and fearful fraud, a fraud in keeping with the proclivities of the party in whose behalf it was initiated, but one that, if unexposed might have subverted the honest will of the people and left the state and the nation at the mercy of those who would make peace with rebellion and fellowship with traitors."

Arrests in New York and Washington continued to mount as Donahue returned to trial. Following Wood's damning testimony and supporting evidence, Donahue begged for mercy from the court. He was a young man, newly married, with no previous record. He visibly wilted as he realized the weight of his current situation, no longer expressing the defiance with which he had entered the proceedings.

The judge advocate addressed the tribunal, saying that Donahue had engaged in one of the most gigantic frauds ever attempted in America—"a fraud which, if it shall be successful, will, in my opinion, have produced a disruption of our entire country, and our war for the preservation of the Union will be practically at an end and futile."

In the months following Lincoln's victory—he won 221 electoral votes to McClellan's 21—anti-abolitionist newspapers attacked his legitimacy, calling the trial another aspect of a conspiracy conducted by the president to ensure his reelection.

The commission that oversaw Ferry and Donahue's trial recommended life in prison for the two men who sought to corrupt the election by mail. The president, who would soon be slain, approved.



An article by Wayne Grudem titled "30 Good Things President Trump Has Done for America" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 24, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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President Trump receives non-stop criticism in the press. I agree that criticism is necessary when a president makes mistakes, but where are the voices expressing appreciation for the good things Trump has done? It's unfair to always criticize and never recognize any of the good things a president has done.

It might be a refreshing change to recall some of the remarkable, nation-changing good things that Trump has accomplished for America. Here is my personal list.

Because of space limitations, I have not given extensive arguments explaining why I think these actions are good for the United States. But more extensive arguments can be found in my books *Christian Ethics, Politics According to the Bible*, and *The Poverty of Nations*.

## **1. Judges**

Trump has appointed two Supreme Court justices, 53 federal appellate judges, and 146 District Court judges (as well as two judges for the Court of International Trade) who have been confirmed by the Senate so far. In addition, 64 more have been appointed and are awaiting Senate confirmation.

All of them are committed to interpreting the Constitution and laws according to the original meaning of the words, rather than according to what a modern liberal judge thinks the law should have said.

As an evangelical Christian, I am glad to see that Trump's two Supreme Court appointments have already been responsible for highly significant cases that increase religious freedom, such as the following decisions.

- Decision to allow state aid that is given to non-religious schools to be given also to religious schools (Montana decision)
- Decision to protect the right of religious schools to hire and fire employees based on the school's religious convictions
- Decision to allow religious groups to be exempt from government regulations that would otherwise cause them to violate their consciences in matters of birth control (and, by implication, probably in matters of abortion and same-sex marriage, but that has not yet been tested).

## **2. Historic tax cuts and deregulation**

After eight years of high unemployment and meager growth under President Obama's administration, the Trump tax cuts of 2017 and Trump's extensive canceling of excessive government regulations on businesses have given a tremendous boost to the American economy.

An estimated 25,000 pages of regulations have been canceled, resulting in a savings of \$3,100 per household per year.

Another result of tax cuts combined with deregulation has been the addition of thousands of new jobs, so that unemployment (before the coronavirus crisis) fell to the lowest point in 50 years, and unemployment among African-American and Hispanic workers was the lowest it has ever been in history.

On election day, 2016 (11-8-16), the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 18,332.74.

This afternoon (8-21-20 at 2:29 p.m.) it stands at 27,898.82, which is an increase of 52% in 3.5 years, even including several months of the coronavirus epidemic. This is remarkable.

These economic changes affect ordinary people's everyday lives, not just wealthy people.

Tens of thousands of people who were unemployed have recovered the dignity of steady employment (including getting paid during the coronavirus crisis).

Millions of ordinary Americans whose retirement savings are partially invested in the stock market (including my wife and me) are finally receiving some protection and even growth in their savings.

### **3. Building a stronger U.S. military**

Reversing the massive budget cuts that had seriously weakened our military under the Obama administration, President Trump has increased military spending by nearly \$150 billion per year from \$605 billion in 2016 to \$750 billion, steadily rebuilding U.S. military readiness.

### **4. Protecting unborn babies**

Numerous executive orders have increasingly restricted government funding for abortions (such as the reinstatement of the Mexico City policy).

On February 22, 2019, the Trump administration announced that it would not allow organizations that provide referrals for abortions to receive federal family-planning money, which implies a cut in funding for Planned Parenthood (the nation's largest abortion provider) unless they perform abortions in a separate facility and not refer patients to it.

And on May 2, 2019, the Trump administration's Department of Health and Human Services issued a new rule protecting healthcare workers who decline on the basis of conscience or religious conviction to participate in procedures such as abortion or assisted suicide.

Trump was the first president ever to personally attend the pro-life March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24, 2020.

### **5. Expanding educational freedom**

President Trump appointed Betsy DeVos, one of America's leading advocates for greater school choice, to be Secretary of Education, resulting in rising support for charter schools, taxpayer-funded vouchers, and tax credits for private-school vouchers, programs aimed at expanding options for parents looking beyond traditional public schools as she brings attention to them.

### **6. Standing with Israel**

Reversing President Obama's repeated marginalization and shunning of Israel, President Trump has reaffirmed our commitment to support and defend Israel.



He decisively moved the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He recognized the Golan Heights as part of Israel.

He has welcomed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the White House several times and has repeatedly reaffirmed our support for Israel. I recently read in the *Jerusalem Post* a statement that Israel has never had a better friend in the White House than Donald Trump.

## **7. Negotiating a historic agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates**

On August 13, 2020, President Trump announced that Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had come to a historic agreement to establish full diplomatic relations between the two countries, including the establishment of permanent embassies and the beginning of direct airline flights between the two countries.

This is important because Dubai, the largest city in the UAE, is the leading financial center in the Middle East and plays a paramount role in world air travel and tourism. The agreement will “strengthen regional checks on Iranian power.”

It also has the potential to set a pattern for future agreements establishing peaceful relations between Israel and other Arab countries in the Middle East.

## **8. Actually building a border wall**

President Trump has relentlessly battled against Democratic stonewalling and liberal federal judges to build an effective, secure border wall along more than 200 miles of our southern border, and it could possibly reach as much as 450 miles by the end of 2020.

Critics object that most of this construction is simply replacing old barriers that were already in place, but they fail to recognize that the government’s first priority has been to secure the highest traffic areas, and in many of those areas the old fence was not up to the job.

An effective border wall is absolutely necessary to keep our nation secure and to gain some control over an immigration crisis that has spiraled out of control. It won’t put an end to all illegal immigration, but eventually it will likely stop over 95 percent of people who try to enter on foot.

This is important because once the American people feel that the border is secure, it will be much easier to gain the political consensus necessary for a humane and just solution regarding the undocumented immigrants who are already here, and for widespread support for the legal entry of large numbers of immigrants who will contribute much value to this great nation.

## **9. Comprehensive immigration reform proposals**

President Trump has proposed and worked for sensible, comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system that would change our policy on legal immigration from a system based on extended family connections and randomness to a system based on merit, so that we prioritize admitting people who will be

most likely to contribute positively to American society (as well as those who are escaping from genuine threats to their lives in their homelands).

## **10. Religious freedom and freedom of conscience**

President Trump's administration has repeatedly and continually worked to defend religious freedom, and his Justice Department has defended religious freedom in numerous court cases, such as the following.

- Supporting the case of Colorado cake designer Jack Phillips at the Supreme Court (Phillips faced massive fines for politely declining to design a cake celebrating a same-sex wedding), and the right of faith-based organizations not to be required to provide access to abortifacients through their health care plans, overturning the Obamacare HHS regulation that had forced them to do so.

In addition, in the first year of Trump's presidency, the Department of Justice issued a strongly-worded, 25-page memorandum detailing exceptionally strong protections for religious liberty.

## **11. Withdrawing from the Paris climate accord**

President Trump wisely and decisively removed the United States from the Paris climate accord, a radical environmentalist program which, according to a Heritage Foundation study, would have brought massive increases to U.S. energy prices with no statistically significant benefit to the environment.

Doubling or tripling of U.S. energy costs (as under the Paris climate accord, according to the Heritage Foundation) would have harmed the poor most of all as they spend the highest portion of their budgets on energy. In addition, it would have cost America more than 206,000 jobs by 2040.

## **12. Energy production and energy independence**

President Trump gave approval to the Keystone pipeline, the Dakota access pipeline, and oil production from the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge, a vast uninhabited region that could produce up to 20 percent of our petroleum needs.

His administration has also granted more permits for mining of oil, gas, and coal from federal lands.

The result has been lower energy prices (which benefits everyone) and also U.S. energy independence so that we are now becoming the leading exporter rather than a net importer of energy.

## **13. Waterways of the U.S.**

The Trump administration's decision to abandon the "waterways of the U.S." policy rightfully returned control of water on private lands to the owners of those lands, rather than the federal government seizing control over nearly all waterways in the United States. These rules have hindered farmers, ranchers, and developers.

American Farm Bureau Chairman Zippy Duvall praised the action, saying: "Farmers and ranchers care about clean water and preserving the land, which are essential to

producing healthy food and fiber and ensuring future generations can do the same. That's why we support the new clean water rule. It provides clarity and certainty, allowing farmers to understand water regulations without having to hire teams of consultants and lawyers. We appreciate the commitment of the agencies involved and this administration to crafting a new regulation that achieves important regulatory oversight while allowing farmers to farm. Clean water, clear rules."

#### **14. Halting the increase in Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards**

The Trump administration decision halted the Obama-imposed harsh annual increases in projected average miles per gallon required in new cars every year. This decision will lead to more consumer choice and less expensive and safer cars, which is much better than the Democratic policy of ever-higher mileage goals, requiring ever-lighter and smaller cars, which means more dangerous cars and less consumer choice.

#### **15. Defeating ISIS**

President Trump gave our military forces the freedom to defeat ISIS and drive them out of large sections of Iraq and Syria, which they did.

This is far superior to the Democratic policy of inaction and appeasement, which had allowed ISIS to take over large areas of the Middle East.

Under President Trump's leadership, U.S. military forces located and killed ISIS founder and terrorist leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi on Oct. 26-27, 2019. President Trump also directed the killing of Iranian terrorist mastermind Qasem Soleimani on Jan. 2, 2020.

#### **16. Persuading European nations to pay more for NATO**

President Trump has insisted that NATO countries start to pay their fair share of defense costs, and some NATO countries have responded by increasing their defense budgets.

In 2017, five countries met the goal of spending 2 percent of their GDP on defense and that has now increased to nine, according to the alliance's latest budgetary data.

The U.S. is set to spend over \$750 billion (3.7 percent of GDP) on its military this year and leads the "above 2%" group, which now includes Bulgaria (3.25 percent), Greece (2.28 percent), the United Kingdom (2.14 percent), Estonia (2.14 percent), Romania (2.04 percent), Lithuania (2.03 percent), Latvia (2.01 percent) and Poland (2 percent).

#### **17. Protections against false accusation on college campuses**

President Trump's administration has restored many due process guidelines that universities must follow in processing title IX accusations of sexual assault on university campuses.

#### **18. Protecting freedom of speech on college campuses**

President Trump issued an executive order giving more specific protections to freedom of speech on college campuses by threatening the loss of federal research dollars if they do not allow for free speech for all students and faculty members.

On many campuses, conservative and religious students and faculty members have had their views censored or have faced retribution for expressing conservative or faith-based views.

### **19. Protecting boys' and girls' bathrooms, locker rooms, and sports teams**

On February 22, 2017, President Trump directed the Department of Education to revoke the Obama administration's guidance letter that had directed schools to allow children who claim to be "transgender" to use the bathrooms, locker rooms, and showers of their choice, and to join sports teams of their choice, even when their choices differed from their biological sex.

In a related decision, President Trump issued an executive order banning transgender persons from entering our military forces, which would have allowed biological males free access to women's bathrooms, locker rooms and showers, and similarly allowed biological females to enter men's facilities.

Present Trump's order was upheld by the Supreme Court, which lifted the block on the order by a 5-4 vote. While litigation will continue, the order stands for now.

### **20. Negotiating new trade agreements that are more favorable to the United States**

President Trump has negotiated new trade agreements with Mexico, Canada, and China, and all of them give more favorable treatment to the United States than the previous treaties did.

### **21. Streamlining environmental reviews for major construction projects**

In order to build a new section of highway, a new subway line, or a new gas pipeline, the necessary environmental impact statements have recently taken an average of 4.5 years, and many ran for six years or longer. These delays massively increased construction costs and delayed relief for over-congested highways for many years.

But on July 15, 2020, President Trump's White House released new guidelines limiting environmental impact studies to two years and limiting less-extensive environmental assessments to one year.

*The Wall Street Journal* says these new rules "could literally cut thousands of years of cumulative delay" for construction projects. This will be a huge help in renewing America's aging infrastructure.

### **22. Sending weapons to Ukraine**

Whereas President Obama sent only humanitarian aid, President Trump authorized the selling of actual military equipment to Ukraine, including Javelin missiles that were necessary to defend against Russian aggression.

### **23. Standing up to China and Russia**

Trump has been the first president to decisively denounce China's blatant practice of industrial espionage and bullying, stealing of intellectual property, and violating international copyright protections.

He has followed up with strong trade sanctions against China, an increased U.S. naval presence in the South China Sea, and the closing of the Chinese consulate in Houston, which was a center of Chinese espionage.

The Trump administration has closed several Russian consulates in the U.S. and expelled over 60 Russian “diplomats” (espionage agents), issued sanctions against several Russian officials, and persuaded several European nations to increase their defenses against potential Russian invasion.

#### **24. Withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal**

President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Iran nuclear deal, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Action, which would have allowed Iran to build a nuclear bomb within the next few years.

#### **25. A wise COVID-19 response**

President Trump imposed strict restrictions on travel from China on January 31, 2020, long before other leaders recognized the danger of this coronavirus.

Then, when the COVID-19 virus began to spread rapidly within the United States, the dominant media narrative was a fear that we would run out of hospital beds to care for the sick.

President Trump immediately mobilized the military to construct huge new hospital facilities in New York City and elsewhere, and soon there were enough beds. The next fear was that we would run out of ventilators.

President Trump persuaded leaders of American industry to fast-track the manufacture of ventilators, and soon there were enough ventilators.

Then the question was how soon to reopen buildings and meeting places, and President Trump wisely left the decision to local governors and other local officials who best know the different situations in their individual locations.

Finally, the FDA has fast-tracked the trial and approval process for a vaccine, and the federal government has made commitments to purchase millions of vaccines from various companies as soon as they are approved for wide-spread use. Several promising vaccines are now in the advanced stages of testing on human subjects. The previous record for rapid FDA approval of a new vaccine was four years from initial research to final approval.

But under President Trump’s leadership experts are now optimistically predicting that an FDA-approved coronavirus vaccine will be available as early as October 2020, which would be nine months from the time the outbreak of the coronavirus in Wuhan, China became known.

In addition, President Trump, working with Congress, quickly passed three coronavirus relief packages, with the result that millions of Americans continued to receive pay in spite of their workplaces being temporarily closed.

Unfortunately, many Democrats have decided to make the coronavirus tragedy a political issue, repeatedly criticizing President Trump’s response. With

the benefit of hindsight, Monday morning quarterbacks can always claim they would have made better decisions in Sunday afternoon's game, but they didn't have to make instant decisions in the midst of the contest.

We need to recognize that President Trump, in dealing with the coronavirus crisis, has repeatedly had to make hard decisions in a situation where he had incomplete information and conflicting advice from different scientific, medical, economic, and educational experts.

Others may disagree, but it seems to me that in a very difficult situation he has done a commendable job of balancing the need to protect Americans' health, the need to avoid destroying our economy, the need to protect businesses from bankruptcy, and the need to get children back to school so that they will not be deprived of many crucial months in their education.

## **26. Reforming the Department of Veterans Affairs**

On June 23, 2017, President Trump signed the Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, which gave the Secretary of Veterans Affairs streamlined authority to fire unproductive employees and to appoint new medical directors at VA hospitals.

But even before that law, the Trump administration had begun to clean house, and over 500 employees were fired from the Veterans Administration in the first six months of Trump's presidency.

## **27. Criminal justice reform**

President Trump signed the First Step Act on December 21, 2018.

This law gives judges more flexibility in reducing mandatory sentencing guidelines in individual cases, eliminates the "three strikes" requirement of life imprisonment for some offenses, improves opportunities for academic and vocational education within prisons, provides more support for the successful reentry of released prisoners into society, and requires prisoners to be placed in prisons near their place of primary residence where possible.

## **28. Reducing prescription drug prices**

On July 24, 2020, President Trump signed four executive orders aimed at reducing prescription drug prices. These included the following.

- Requiring federal health centers to make insulin and epinephrine available at massive discounts to low-income persons
- Prohibiting secret deals between drug manufacturers and pharmacy "benefit manager" middlemen
- Ensuring patients directly benefit from available discounts at the pharmacy counter
- Allowing more importation of prescription drugs from Canada and other countries where prices are lower

- Reducing prices for Medicare Part B drugs if they are available for lower prices in other economically advanced countries

I personally doubt the wisdom of using price controls instead of fostering greater competition to reduce drug prices, but I'm still listing this as a good action because it may be a useful first step in providing a signal that Republicans are serious about solving the real problem of expensive drugs that many people cannot afford.

## **29. Protecting federal property from rioters**

The movement that began as peaceful and well-justified protests against the murder of George Floyd was soon co-opted by the presence of lawless rioters whose goal was destruction of property by looting and arson that began in Minneapolis and soon spread to Seattle, Portland, Chicago, New York, and other cities.

In contrast to the weak Democratic mayors and governors who adopted a policy of appeasement that only encouraged more violence and even resulted in the burning of a police station in Minneapolis, President Trump announced in Washington, D.C. that any destruction of federal statues and monuments would result in fines up to \$10,000, and suddenly the attacks on these statues came to an abrupt halt.

When rioters threatened to destroy the U.S. courthouse in Portland, and the governor and the mayor were not protecting this federal property, President Trump sent in federal officers to protect it, which they did. The courthouse was not destroyed and the slightly over 100 U.S. marshals and DHS officers inside the building were protected until eventually the mayor of Portland sent local and state police to protect the building.

According to the 1807 Insurrection Act, the president has the legal authority to take any measures (including deploying federal troops or other law enforcement officials) necessary to suppress any insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination or conspiracy, even without an invitation or permission from the governor of the state in which that federal property is located.

An example of this happened in 1957 when President Dwight Eisenhower sent federal troops into Arkansas over the objections of Governor Orval Faubus to enforce federal school desegregation orders and protect African-American schoolchildren from a mob that had gathered to stop them outside Central High School in Little Rock.

In a further response to the violence threatening many of our cities, President Trump's Department of Justice has now launched Operation Legend, in which over 1,000 additional federal agents have been dispatched to work alongside local law enforcement officers in nine cities to apprehend the most violent instigators of these riots.

They have now located and arrested 1485 suspects for violent crimes, including 90 homicides.

### **30. Welcoming evangelical Christians into positions of influence**

This may not be important to others, but, speaking as an evangelical Christian, I see it as a positive factor that, rather than marginalizing evangelical Christians (as was the practice of the Obama administration), President Trump has appointed a remarkably large number of evangelicals to high government offices.

In addition, he has frequently welcomed evangelical pastors and other leaders to the White House, for both public and private conversations.

#### **Hostile national media**

These 30 good actions have all been accomplished in spite of a remarkably hostile national media.

The Media Research Center analyzed all the evaluative statements made by reporters, anchors, and nonpartisan sources (such as experts or voters but not people identified as Democrats or Republicans) during June and July of 2020 on "World News Tonight" (ABC), "Evening News" (CBS), and "NBC Nightly News" (NBC).

They counted 34 positive evaluative statements made about President Trump and 634 negative statements during those two months.

By contrast, there were eight positive statements and four negative evaluative statements about Biden during the same time period. (Biden had become the presumptive Democratic nominee on April 8 when Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign.)

These numbers indicate the following.

- For every time that viewers heard a negative evaluation of Biden, they heard 158 negative evaluations of Trump.
- For every positive statement they heard about Trump, they heard 18 negative statements.
- This is not balanced reporting, nor is it responsible journalism.

Someone may object that the Media Research Center is a politically conservative content analysis organization, but that does not invalidate their tabulations, which I suspect would be consistent with the perceptions of any viewers who watch these newscasts for a few days. A similar kind of bias could also be seen on CNN or MSNBC.

Research director Rich Noyes at the Media Research Center was quoted as saying, "I have been studying the news media and elections for more than 35 years. Trust me—there has never been anything like it." He called this "the most biased presidential campaign coverage in modern media history."

I point out this media bias in order to observe that President Trump's unwavering commitment to common-sense conservative political policies is remarkable.



Few human beings would have the courage and strength of character to persist in the face of such overwhelmingly hostile mainstream news coverage. And he has not done this while avoiding the press but has held 17 solo press conferences and 44 joint press conferences in 3.5 years (as of July 20th) plus numerous less formal interchanges with the press when he leaves or returns to the White House by helicopter.

### **Years of resistance**

In addition, he has done all this while enduring 3.5 years of “resistance” by a massive special counsel investigation (that came to nothing), impeachment by the House (that came to nothing), and numerous nationwide injunctions against his executive orders issued by individual U.S. District Court judges.

In this context, Trump’s resolute pursuit of the policies on which he campaigned seems to me to be commendable.

### **Conclusion**

If President Trump is reelected (as I hope he will be), we can expect four more years of the same type of White House activity.

- More originalist judges
- Ongoing lower taxes and deregulation
- Continuing funding for a stronger military
- Further restrictions on abortion
- More school choice
- Continued support for Israel
- Hundreds of additional miles of border wall
- A humane and just solution to immigration
- Continuing protection of religious freedom and freedom of conscience
- Abundant safe energy production
- Continued protection against Islamic terrorism
- A stronger NATO alliance
- More free speech protections on college campuses
- Continued protection of separate boys and girls sports teams and locker rooms
- More trade agreements that are fair to the United States
- Accelerated renewal of our aging infrastructure
- Unflinching resistance to Russian and Chinese aggressiveness

- Continued isolation of Iran and multilateral containment of their hostile expansionist ambitions
- Normalization of relations between Israel and other Arab nations
- Further solutions to the problem of high drug prices.

No doubt more beneficial actions could be added to this list, but these should be enough to justify another four good years with Donald Trump as president.



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### **Not conceding an election**

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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.”