# **Eye on the World** *Oct. 24, 2020*

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



An article by Delia Gallagher and Nicole Chavez titled "Pope Endorses Civil Unions for Same-Sex Couples" was posted at cnn.com on Oct. 21, 2020. Following is the article.

Pope Francis has declared support for civil unions for same-sex couples for the first time, according to the Catholic News Agency.

The Pope made the historic remarks in "Francesco," a new documentary film directed by Russian filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky, that premiered at the Rome Film Festival on Wednesday.

"Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They're children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it," the Pope said in the film, the Catholic News Agency reported.

"What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered," the Pope said.

The film also explores the Pope's work and views in other issues, including climate change, migration and economic equality, according to the film's website. It is set to premiere in North America on Sunday during the SCAD Savannah Film Festival.

Francis has suggested in past interviews that he is not against civil unions, but this is the first time as Pope that he has directly come out in favor of them. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis advocated for same-sex civil unions as an alternative when Argentina was discussing whether to legalize same-sex marriage.

Francis' comments differ from his predecessor, Benedict XVI, who made the news when he labeled homosexuality "an intrinsic moral evil."

Jesuit Father James Martin, who has advocated for the church to welcome LGBTQ people, said bishops from many countries, including some in the United States and Poland, who are "violently against" civil unions will have to rethink their positions.

"He's creating a new space for LGBT people . . . He's saying it on the record and he's being very clear. It's not simply that he's tolerating it—he's supporting it," Martin told CNN's Christine Amanpour on Wednesday.

In the US, Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, Rhode Island, asked for more clarification, saying the Francis' comments contradict the church's teachings on same-sex unions.

"The Church cannot support the acceptance of objectively immoral relationships," Thomas said in a statement. "Individuals with same-sex attraction are beloved children of God and must have their personal human rights and civil rights recognized and protected by law. However, the legalization of their civil unions, which seek to simulate holy matrimony, is not admissible."

Ed Mechmann, director of public policy for the Archidiocese of New York, described the Pope's comments as a serious mistake that can lead to a lot of confusion.

"In this case, I think we have to recognize that the Holy Father has plainly erred," Mechmann wrote in a blog post. "Catholics cannot promote the legalization of same-sex unions. But we also have to be clear that he isn't changing the teaching of the Church on homosexuality or same-sex unions in any way."



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Catholic Bishop, Advocates Urge Vatican to Clarify Pope's Remarks on Same-Sex Civil Unions" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

Remarks by Pope Francis defending civil unions for same-sex couples sent shock waves around the Catholic world on Wednesday, with voices on either side of the debate calling on the Vatican to clarify exactly what they mean.

"Homosexuals have a right to be a part of the family," Pope Francis said in a documentary that premiered Wednesday at the Rome Film Festival. "They're children of God and have a right to a family."

Speaking in Spanish, his native language, he continued, "Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable because of it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."

Catholics on both sides of the divide over the sanctity of marriage and samesex rights acknowledged that the pontiff's comments do not constitute a change in church teaching on homosexuality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church declares unequivocally that homosexual acts are "contrary to natural law," noting that the Bible "presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity."

A June 2003 document from the Vatican's Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith—signed by the cardinal who would become Pope Benedict XVI less than two years later—states that, "The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behaviour or to legal recognition of homosexual unions."

And in a 2010 letter the pope himself, the then-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, called the push to legalize same-sex marriage in Argentina "a 'move' of the father of lies who wishes to confuse and deceive the children of God."

Conservative Catholic leaders called for clarity from the Vatican.

"The Holy Father's apparent support for the recognition of civil unions for same-sex couples needs to be clarified," Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, R.I., said in a statement.

"The Pope's statement clearly contradicts what has been the long-standing teaching of the Church about same-sex unions. The Church cannot support the acceptance of objectively immoral relationships," Tobin said. "Individuals with same-sex attraction are beloved children of God and must have their personal human rights and civil rights recognized and protected by law. However, the legalization of their civil unions, which seek to simulate holy matrimony, is not admissible."

Catholic League president Bill Donohue said the pope's remarks appear to be "one more instance where he is trying to reach out to homosexuals, letting them know that their sexual status does not disqualify them from God's love."

"There is a huge difference, however, between the sexual status of an individual, and the social status of an institution, such as marriage and the family," Donohue said. "The pope knows the difference, even if some of his gay fans do not."

"It would be helpful for the Vatican to clarify what the pope meant," he said. "The content of his remarks is not problematic, but the lack of context is. The laity need clarity, not confusion."

Donohue also noted that the Holy See press office, in a press release about the documentary, was silent on the comments relating to homosexuality.

"Is it because what he said does not change Church doctrine? Or is it because they want to avoid controversy? The former is true and the latter may also be."

The press office release focuses on other subjects raised during the two-hour film entitled "Francesco," including the coronavirus pandemic, racism, sexual abuse, conflicts in Syria and Ukraine, and the persecution of Rohingya Muslims in Burma.

In Arizona, Bishop of Tucson Edward Weisenburger stressed that the pope "has not suggested any change to the Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a relationship exclusively between a man and a woman, open to the possibility of procreation, and whereby the parties support and encourage one another in their development as human beings and as children of God."

"If the Holy Father were addressing a formal teaching of the Church then it is probable that he would have made use of a written format, such as an Encyclical or a motu proprio," Weisenburger said, referring to a papal edict. "Again, as his statements reflect no change in Church dogma or teaching I do not view his statement as within the paradigm of either personal belief or representing the entire Church."

But New Ways Ministry, which "educates and advocates for justice and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Catholics, and reconciliation within the larger church and civil communities," called the pope's comments "historic."

"It signals that the church is continuing to develop more positively its approach to LGBTQ issues," said the organization's executive director, Francis DeBernardo.

"At the same time, we urge Pope Francis to apply the same kind of reasoning to recognize and bless these same unions of love and support within the Catholic Church, too. Since the pope framed his support for civil unions by saying that same-gender couples are 'right to be a part of the family,' it would not be a long stretch for him to do so."

Dignity USA ("Celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBTQI Catholics") said it was "cautiously optimistic about this development, while acknowledging that we are very early in the story."

"We are anxious to see the full film, the context in which Pope Francis made these comments, and whether the Vatican will make further comment on this story," it said in a statement.

"We hope that Pope Francis will take steps to enshrine support for same-sex couples, LGBTQI individuals, and our families in official Catholic teachings and will work to formally end Catholic teachings that are hurtful to LGBTQI people," said executive director Marianne Duddy-Burke, citing the language in the Catechism.

According to the Vatican the documentary, by Russian-born director Evgeny Afineevsky, will have its U.S. premier on Sunday at the Savannah Film Festival. The event is usually held in Georgia but this year is an all-virtual affair.



"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 Alexander Watson titled "NCRI [National Council of Resistance of Iran]: New Nuclear Weaponization Center Discovered in Iran" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 16, 2020.

- A Reuters article by Tim Hepher titled "Trump's Security Adviser Says China Is the Threat of the Century" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Anthony Boadle and Andrea Shalal titled "U.S. and Brazil Must Reduce Dependence on China Imports: Pompeo" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 19, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Van Dyke titled "State Department Greenlights \$1.8 Billion Weapons Sale to Taiwan" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Karel Janicek titled "Czechs Enter 2nd Lockdown to Avoid Health System Collapse" was posted at apnews.com on Oct. 22, 2020.
- An article titled "Canada's Trudeau Survives Latest Confidence Vote" was posted at bbc.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Wayne Duggan titled "US Election Could Have 'Positive Collateral Benefits' for Canadian Cannabis Stocks" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 21, 2020.



A website titled "Election 2020: Donald Trump Must Go" was posted at web. archive.org on Oct. 13, 2020. Following are excerpts of the website.

- Election 2020: Donald Trump Must Go
- Our Call to Action

Donald Trump must go. It's as simple as that.

For four years, Trump has used hate, state violence, unprecedented corruption, and executive overreach to force his agenda on and cause untold harm to people in the United States and around the world. His racist rhetoric has fueled the murder of black and brown people in our communities. His failed response to the covid-19 pandemic has caused hundreds of thousands of deaths. And his support of the fossil fuel economy has accelerated the climate crisis.

From his attacks on mail-in ballots and the U.S. Postal Service to the GOP's longtime voter suppression strategy, Trump has shown that he will stop at nothing to maintain his grip on power.

Trump will not leave office without mass mobilization and direct action.

- November 3rd
- After you vote, hit the streets!

We can't anticipate exactly how Trump and his enablers will try to attack democracy (although we have been gaming out a number of different scenarios). But we know that the stakes are too high to sit on the sidelines and wait.

That's why we're making plans to be in the streets before polls even close—ready to adapt and respond to whatever comes our way.

■ If You're in DC; Come to Black Lives Matter Plaza.

On Election Day when you're done voting (doing election protection or getting out the vote), come join us at Black Lives Matter Plaza.

We're inviting everybody who agrees with these organizing principles to work together to make this uprising happen. We're going to make sure Trump leaves. From election night on, as the situation changes and evolves; we all work together to make that happen.

■ If You're Not in DC . . .

Organize in your community. Find out where the votes will be counted where you live. Make a plan with others to get there and stay until all the votes are counted. And come up with a plan to create serious disruption if Trump really tries to steal the election.

Be ready to block a highway (of all the highways in your town), shut down a port, or occupy your state capital. Do whatever it takes!

We hope to be able to offer trainings and support to groups outside DC that share our principles.

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An article by Ben Shapiro titled "The Media Officially Becomes the Communications Department for Joe Biden" was posted at creators.com on Oct. 21, 2020. Following is the article.

This week, the *New York Post* published a bombshell story. Hunter Biden's laptop was apparently given to a computer repairman in Delaware, and a copy of the hard drive was turned over to *the Post*.

The Post found several alarming emails. The first was a communique from a Ukrainian businessman from the natural gas company Burisma—the same company from which Hunter Biden would gain a reported \$50,000-per-month salary as a board member, despite knowing nothing about Ukraine or natural gas. The communique contained the businessman's thanks to Hunter for brokering a meeting with Joe Biden.

- This was mildly damning, considering that Joe had blithely informed the world that he knew nothing of his ne'er-do-well son's foreign activities.
- What was more damning was an email thread that appeared to concern proposed compensation packages from the now-defunct CEFC China Energy Co.

That thread identified Hunter as "Chair/Vice Chair depending on agreement with CEFC," with a proposed equity split of "20" for "H" (presumably Hunter)

and "10 held by H for the big guy." A Fox News source privy to the thread confirmed that the "big guy" was Joe Biden. An apparent text from Hunter to one of his children contained this tantalizing suggestion: "(U)nlike Pop, I won't make you give me half your salary."

All of this would, in a normal world, prompt the media to ask Biden about the emails. Instead, the media have halfheartedly questioned Biden, who has promptly dismissed all questions, calling them a "smear campaign" and even suggesting that a CBS reporter was biased against him.

The New York Times' Maggie Haberman was ripped up and down for even tweeting a link to the Post story; Politico's Jake Sherman abjectly apologized for having tweeted the story.

Other media members have overtly made the case that the story shouldn't be taken seriously.

- NBC News' Andrea Mitchell reported that the email scandal could be Russian disinformation.
- Politico reported that 50 former intelligence officials posited that the story was indeed Russian disinformation.

In this, they followed the lead of Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, who claimed, without evidence, that the Biden story was a Russian dirty trick—despite the fact that director of national intelligence John Ratcliffe openly denied such speculation.

Meanwhile, Biden has deployed his campaign surrogates to television to insist that the reports are "unconfirmed." Not one surrogate denied that the emails were authentic or bothered to explain them.

But Biden hasn't had to explain. His protectors aren't relegated to the media. They also encompass the Big Tech heads, who quickly cracked down on dissemination of *the Post* story itself.

- Twitter banned tweeting of the link and suspended accounts that tried to spread it, including that of White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany.
- Facebook announced that even though the story hadn't been fact-checked or found to be false, the company would suppress its reach in anticipation of such fact-checking.

There is no doubt that Big Tech's decision was political—or that the media's hesitancy to cover the Biden allegations is similarly political. Both Big Tech and the media, staffed thoroughly with Democrats, are gun-shy about the prospect of turning the election toward President Donald Trump. If they err, they would far rather err on the side of Joe Biden than the side of journalistic aggressiveness. The last thing they want is getting the blame if Biden somehow blows the White House.

This is all deeply dangerous. At a time when our trust in media is already low, the media have thoroughly debunked themselves as neutral arbiters of fact.

At a time when social media has consolidated unprecedented power to control the information seen by Americans, social media overseers have decided to bottleneck information they don't like.

Americans rightly distrust the journalistic establishment. They are right, too, to question whether they are being allowed to read stories that cut against the priorities of Silicon Valley Leftists.

The result of journalistic and social media overreach will not be Americans' quiet acquiescence to the new Informational Elite. It will be frustration and anger.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "The Disunited States of Oppression" was posted at creators.com on Oct. 20, 2020. Following is the article.

Is there any clearer sign of how privileged a society is than the disproportionate amount of time that society spends quilting citizens over how privileged they are?

I'll never forget the first time I encountered "critical race theory" and its overbearing adherents at my alma mater, Oberlin College, in the 1990s. Multicultural studies were all the rage.

Higher education officials had torpedoed Western civilization curriculum requirements at prestigious universities nationwide. The ululations of the aggrieved reached a fever pitch as anti-white extremists demanded separate academic departments, dorms, graduation ceremonies and deans in the name of justice and equality.

The entire spectacle was as self-indulgent as it was comical. Spoiled white limousine liberals' children lectured me—a child of Filipino immigrants who came from a Third World country colonized by the Spanish, overtaken by Americans and occupied by the Japanese—for thinking and acting "white" because I opposed race-based affirmative action policies.

A miserable feminist student castigated me for using the patriarchal term "exploit" (as in "exploiting an opportunity.") Wealthy minority progressives—cloistered in their intolerant "safe spaces" on a campus full of entitled brats whose parents forked over \$40,000 a year in tuition—whined about being systemically oppressed.

The whiners whined all their way through their senior theses to secure their worthless degrees. A large portion of the whiners went on to graduate schools in advanced griping and grousing—and are now ensconced in the ivory tower of critical race theory babble, subsidized by tax dollars at public colleges and universities, venting from on high about how hopelessly downtrodden they are at the hands of the oppressors paying their cushy salaries.

This toxic resentment has metastasized in academia and spread to the bowels of the federal bureaucracy. Last month, after Discovery Institute scholar Christopher Rufo sounded the alarm with a series of whistleblower reports in the Treasury and Justice Departments, the Trump administration belatedly moved to crack down on "diversity" training sessions that perpetuate the idea that America is an inherently racist and white supremacist nation. But far more troubling is the trickledown of racist anti-racism into K-12 education across the heartland.

A parent/educator in the Springfield, Missouri, public schools sent mandatory curriculum materials for "equity training" that all teachers must now undergo.

"Growing a deeper sense of cultural consciousness" is now an essential part of the district employees' job responsibilities. This means accepting an "oppression matrix" chart that classifies all white people as a "privileged social group," no matter their socioeconomic status, life struggles or family history.

Asians are considered "oppressed," despite vast differences in income among Asian groups and despite higher median net worth and household income than whites.

All "males assigned at birth" are inherently more privileged than all "females assigned at birth." All Protestants are forever more privileged than worshipers of any other faith.

All Springfield public school employees must now share "reflections" upon watching a "George Floyd video," outline "what steps you will take to become an anti-racist" and engage in a "group discussion" on "white supremacy" (but not any other kind of identity politics supremacy).

Of course, the definition of "white supremacy" has been stretched to include every microaggression under the sun. "White silence"—not saying a word, remaining neutral, minding your own business—now counts as "covert white supremacy," according to equity training materials.

■ Saying, "all lives matter" is covert white supremacy.

So are these unforgivable offenses.

- "Eurocentric curriculum" (that is, any lessons that don't put nonwhite people above white people at all times in all subject areas).
- "Not believing experiences of black, indigenous, and people of color," (which means never questioning any obvious racial hoaxes and fake hate crimes and never questioning the shady claims of racially ambiguous people that they are what and who they say they are).
- "English-only initiatives" (because heaven forbid we demand that non-English-speaking immigrants assimilate and our sovereign nation demand that residents speak the same language as our founders).
- "Colorblindness" (because actual anti-racism is racism).

We are trapped in a manufactured "oppression matrix" by the most comfortable and protected of liberal elites. Our children are being taught by anti-white, anti-American "equity" bullies that we are nothing more than the miserable sum of our politicized identities.

A great and healthy society would teach its children to be thankful for, not guilty over, the "privileges" so many have worked so hard to pass on to our posterity.



An article by Dennis Prager titled "America Is Drowning in the Lies of the Left" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 20, 2020. Following is the article.

There are conservatives who lie, and there are liberals who lie, but both conservatism and liberalism hold truth to be a supreme value.

This is not true for leftism.

Truth is simply not a left-wing value.

Lying is to the left what breathing is to biological life. That is why the father of modern leftism, Vladimir Lenin, named the Soviet communist newspaper "Pravda," the Russian word for "truth." Truth is what a leftist says it is. It is not an objective reality.

The left has always relied on lies to gain and retain power. This is as true today in the United States as it was in the Soviet Union.

Here are examples of lies Americans are told they must hold lest they be removed from social media, shamed, ostracized and even fired from their jobs.

In no order of importance:

#### Men menstruate.

ACLU tweet, Nov. 19, 2019: "Men who get their periods are men. Men who get pregnant and give birth are men." If this is not a lie, the word has no meaning.

■ It is fair when males who identify as females compete in girls' and women's sports.

In Connecticut, two biological men who are trans women have combined to win 15 girls state indoor or outdoor championship races since 2017. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, "19 state athletic conferences . . . allow athletes to compete based solely on their expressed gender identity." No one with a passing acquaintance with truth could say this is fair.

To be colorblind is to be racist.

This left-wing assertion is the opposite of the basic liberal ideal to end racism: to have everyone colorblind, meaning we are all to view and judge people solely as individuals irrespective of race. "Colorblind is racist" is not just a lie; it is an Orwellian lie. But it is actually normative on the left. See, for example, "Color-Blindness Is Counterproductive" (The Atlantic, Sept. 13, 2015) or the book "Colorblind Racism" by Meghan Burke, associate professor of sociology at Illinois Wesleyan University.

■ The Trump 2016 campaign colluded with Russia to win the election.

This lie has permeated the American media for more than three years. There was never any truth to it. But those on the left—the Democratic Party and the mainstream media—found it a very useful claim, and they are doing so again in the 2020 campaign.

■ President Donald Trump said there were "very fine" Nazis.

This is "the Charlottesville lie." First, the media spread it, and now Joe Biden has run with it, claiming repeatedly that this was the reason he decided to run for president.

Of course, what Biden said is a lie; he has wanted to run for president all his life. At Trump's press conference on Aug. 15, 2017, right after the Charlottes-ville march and demonstrations, Trump made it clear he wasn't referring to the neo-Nazis when he said there were "very fine people on both sides." He told the press, "I'm not talking about the neo-Nazis and the white nationalists because they should be condemned totally." He was referring to the two sides at the protest over statues. See the video "The Charlottesville Lie" by former CNN reporter Steve Cortes at PragerU.com.

Donald Trump is a dictator.

This lie has been told since before Trump was elected. It is repeated by virtually every left-wing commentator and politician.

See, for example, "10 Ways Trump Is Becoming a Dictator, Election Edition" by Harvard professor Stephen M. Walt (Foreign Policy, Sept. 8, 2020) or "Donald Trump Wants To Be a Dictator" by Guardian columnist Jonathan Freedland (The Guardian, July 5, 2019). It is a lie.

The fact is no conservative American politician is a likely dictator because one of the fundamental goals of American conservatives is to shrink the power of the government.

A dictatorship in America is far more likely to come from the left, which seeks to massively increase government power. For example, as reported in Politico on Aug. 21, 2020, Biden has already pledged, "I would shut it down," referring to the American economy and Americans' freedom of movement to combat the covid-19 virus.

America is a racist society.

This is the greatest national lie since the medieval blood libel, in which Christians accused Jews of slaughtering Christian children to use their blood to bake matzo for Passover.

America is, in fact, the least racist country in history. That's why, for example, there are so many race hoaxes; the real thing is so hard to find. Jews didn't need to concoct anti-Jewish hoaxes to prove there was widespread anti-Semitism in Germany in the 1930s.

Ferguson was an example of racist police brutality.

The Ferguson lie is frequently cited by the left as an example of police racism, including by figures as prominent as Barack Obama. Yet, a grand jury, which included black jurors, declined to indict the white police officer who shot and killed Michael Brown, a black man, because Brown had attacked the officer, sought to steal his gun and was in the process of a second attack when he was killed. The claim that Brown had said, "Hands up, don't shoot" was also a left-wing lie. Brown never said it. See the PragerU video with Larry Elder.

■ America was founded in 1619, not 1776.

This is the infamous *New York Times* lie for which the Times was awarded a Pulitzer Prize.

This is the same prize awarded to the same newspaper in 1932 for its horrific lie that there was no famine in Ukraine when, in fact, Joseph Stalin was deliberately starving about 5 million Ukrainians to death. Leading liberal scholars of American history have condemned the Times' rewriting of American history—that the American Revolution was fought in order to preserve slavery—as a lie.

These are just some of the left-wing lies increasing numbers of Americans believe. America's survival depends on Americans—especially young Americans—recognizing them as such.

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"Eye on the World" comment: Following are a few headlines about how communist ideas influenced the view of Barack Obama.

- Looking back to 2008, an article by Greg Ransom titled "Obama Hid His Father's Socialism From Readers" was posted at mises.org on April 7, 2008.
- Looking back to 2008, an article by Toby Harnden titled "Frank Marshall Davis, Alleged Communist, Was Early Influence on Barack Obama" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 22, 2008.
- Looking back to 2012, an article by Thomas Sowell titled "Obama's Early Mentors and Allies Shared Hostility Toward West" was posted at disbatch.com on Sept. 28, 2012.

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Looking back to 2019, an article by Maxim Lott titled "Lifestyles of the Rich and Socialist: American Celebs Who Blast Capitalism While Making Millions" was posted at foxnews.com on April 30, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Socialism is all about equality. But you might not know that from the fancy lifestyles of America's most outspoken democratic socialists.

Here is a list of some well-known Americans who espouse socialist views while sitting on substantial wealth:

■ Michael Moore—Net worth estimate: \$50 million

Michael Moore, a multimillionaire celebrity, made a 2009 movie that concludes with: "Capitalism is an evil, and you cannot regulate evil."

Moore also struck up a friendship with the late Venezuelan socialist leader Hugo Chavez. Chavez's socialist policies eventually brought the country to ruin.

Despite Moore's hatred of capitalism and embrace of socialism, he lives the high life.

According to records unsealed as part of a divorce filing, in 2014 Moore owned nine properties, including a condo in Manhattan that was created by combining three smaller apartments into one huge one. Moore also owned a 10,000-square-foot mansion in Michigan.

In the book "Do As I Say, Not As I Do," author Peter Schweizer says that Moore refused to take commercial flights on an early 2000s book tour. "He traveled the country by private jet, accompanied by a fleet of private SUVs and bodyguards," Schweizer writes.

Critics also note that while Moore makes movies against capitalism, he engages in "crony capitalism."

"Michael Moore . . . secured nearly a \$1 million film subsidy from Michigan taxpayers to direct his movie bashing capitalism," Jason Mattera, author of "Hollywood Hypocrites", told Fox News.

"I'm sure Detroit could use an extra million, no?" Mattera asked.

■ Susan Sarandon—Net worth estimate: \$50 million

Actress Susan Sarandon appeared in a star-studded pro-Bernie Sanders video promoting democratic socialism.

Sarandon says: "Democratic socialism is your kid's public school."

Celebrities around her add that democratic socialism really means "our public libraries and museums" and "our national parks."

Socialists want to expand government ownership to industries currently in the private sector, like health care, to equalize treatment received by the rich and poor.

Despite Sarandon's push for equality, she keeps a lot of wealth to herself.

Her estimated net worth of \$50 million puts her squarely in the richest 1 percent of Americans, and she reportedly owns multiple million dollar New York City condos, including a penthouse.

Sarandon did not respond to a request for comment sent to her publicist.

Critics said Sarandon is far from unusual in Hollywood.

"There really is no shame in Hollywood's hypocrisy," Mattera told Fox News.

"Here we have individuals who have raked in millions largely because of the free market and now live glamorously as a result. You'd think that they would be the biggest proponents of capitalism," he said.

■ Danny DeVito—Net worth estimate: \$80 million

The star who plays feisty characters in "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" and other productions also touted democratic socialism in the same web video that featured Sarandon.

Democratic socialism "is research and science, paid with our taxes," DeVito explained.

Despite his appearance in a video backing democratic socialism, DeVito partakes liberally in capitalism—and recently listed a mansion he owned for \$85 million.

Mattera said that he thinks celebrities take socialist positions not to help the poor, but rather to signal to others how much they care without hurting their own bottom line.

"It's vacuous signaling of how virtuous they are compared to the rest of us unwashed masses," Mattera said.

"Indeed, while celebrities demand higher tax rates imposed on high-income earners, they hire armies of accountants to slash what they pay to Uncle Sam," he added.

■ Mark Ruffalo—Net worth estimate: \$20 million

Ruffalo appeared in the celebrity video promoting democratic socialism and bragged about how he'd address "social justice" and "income inequality" if giving an Oscar speech.

But Ruffalo has a net worth estimated at \$20 million, solidly in America's top 1 percent.

The actor has been spotted checking out apartments with a \$10 million price tag and he recently sold a New York City townhouse for just over \$3 million.



Looking back to 2019, an article by John Stossel titled "Why Does Hollywood Smear Capitalism, Promote Socialism?" was posted at ocregister.com on Dec. 4, 2019. Following is the article.

Hollywood is now obsessing about increasing ethnic and gender diversity. Good. There's been nasty racial and gender discrimination in the movie business.

Unfortunately, Hollywood has no interest in one type of diversity: diversity of thought.

In most every movie, capitalism is evil.

Greedy miners want to kill nature-loving aliens in "Avatar." Director James Cameron says: "The mining company boss will be the villain again in several sequels . . . Same guy. Same mother\*\*\*\*er through all four movies."

One reviewer calls a scene in the recent "Star Wars" movie "a beautiful critique of unregulated capitalism."

"Unregulated capitalism" is such a stupid cliche. Markets are regulated by customers, who have choices; we routinely abandon suppliers who don't serve us well.

In the movie "In Time," rich people live forever by buying more time, which they hoard while arranging for higher prices so poor people die.

I guess rich movie people feel guilty about being rich.

In the new Amazon series "Jack Ryan," the hero asks a good question about Venezuela: "Why is this country in the midst of one of the greatest humanitarian crises in history?"

Because socialism ruined the country's economy! But no, that's not the answer Jack Ryan gives.

"Nationalist pride," not socialism, is named as the culprit—and the politician who will fix things is an activist running "on a social justice platform."

The producers reversed reality, portraying leftists as Venezuela's saviors rather than as the people who destroyed it.

Hollywood reserves praise for people who share their politics. A documentary about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is full of people gushing praise, calling her things like "the closest thing to a superhero."

"RBG" is a good documentary and Ginsburg is impressive. But so is Justice Clarence Thomas. Hollywood would never praise him like that.

Recently, my former bosses at ABC surprised me by interviewing Thomas. Promotion for the video suggests that they actually let Thomas speak, without sneering at him. Good. But I'm sure no one on the show will be allowed to call Thomas "a superhero."

Hollywood's love for the left frustrates actors who lean right. Most fear saying anything because they fear they'd lose work.

Actor Kevin Sorbo spoke out about his conservative views.

Then, recounts Sorbo in my video this week, "all of a sudden, less and less calls. My agent said we'd better part ways. And I made a lot of money for these guys!"

Sorbo says in Hollywood, being a conservative Christian is "like being a double leper."

He was even banned from a comic book convention.

"They're the ones who say, 'We need to be tolerant; we need to have love,'" observes Sorbo. But "they're the most anti-tolerant people... Every movie, every TV show . . . there's always some point, someplace, where they'll pretty much degrade anybody who's conservative or Republican."

When a Republican is shown—someone like president George W. Bush in 2018's "Vice"—Sorbo says, "They make him as dumb and as hick-y as possible."

Sorbo's also annoyed that movies like the latest "Ghostbusters" film shove women into what had been male parts. In the most recent "X-Men" movie, an actress says: "Women are always saving the men around here. You might want to think about changing the name to X-Women!"

"What's wrong with that?" I pushed back. I like watching female superheroes.

Sorbo replied, "It was created as 'X-Men.' We're in this business now of rewriting everything . . . It's not even politically correct; it's politically insane."

Hollywood's recent movie about man's first trip to the moon chose to leave out the American flag. When asked about that, the film's star, Ryan Gosling, said, "This was widely regarded in the end as a human achievement."

"An American human achievement!" replies Sorbo.

Sorbo's response to Hollywood's rejection was to make his own movies. He says his Christian drama "God's Not Dead" cost \$2 million to make but earned \$140 million.

Other conservative and Christian movies have done well. Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is America's highest-grossing R-rated film ever.

Those aren't my kind of movies, but I'm sure glad Hollywood doesn't have monopoly power.

Maybe competition will make Hollywood a little less narrow-minded.

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An article by Walter Williams titled "Disgusting Professorial Teachings" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Oct. 21, 2020. Following is the article.

The ugliness that we have recently witnessed including rioting, billions of dollars of property destruction, assaults, murders and grossly stupid claims about our nation has its origins on college campuses. Two websites, College Reform and College Fix, report on the despicable teachings on college campuses across the nation. Let us look at some of it.

In response to Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson's tweeting that he supports "citizen soldiers" in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Tressie McMillan Cottom, a black professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's School of Information and Library Science declared that "they have deputized all white people to murder us."

- Jesse A. Goldberg, professor in the English department at Auburn University who teaches classes in African American literature, American literature and composition wrote a now-deleted post on Twitter, "f\*\*\* every cop. Every single one." Goldberg added, "The only ethical choice for any cop to make at this point is to refuse to do their job and quit."
- Eddie Glaude Jr., a Princeton University professor and chairman of the Department of African American Studies said that when it comes to policing in America "Black people still live under the slave codes." Glaude's tweet came in response to news that Jacob Blake was handcuffed to his hospital bed after being shot by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Glaude added: "Placing shackles around the feet of Jacob Blake amounted to a physical reminder that he was still, no matter the protests, a n\*\*\*\*r in the eyes of these policemen."

- New School professor Richard Wolff has called for the abolition of grades. He claims they are not only unfair to students, but also that they are a means of propping up capitalism, and as such, academia would be better off doing away with grading entirely. He went on to say: "Grading takes up much of my time that could be better spent on teaching or otherwise directly interacting with students." Administering grades to students has "little educational payoff" and "disrespects (students) as thinking people."
- Wichita Falls, Texas, station KFDX-TV reported that Midwestern State University far-left philosophy professor Nathan Jun wrote on Facebook, "I want the entire world to burn until the last cop is strangled with the intestines of the last capitalist, who is strangled in turn with the intestines of the last politician."
- Vanderbilt University scientist Heather Caslin Findley says that "white supremacy, racism, and prejudice" are perpetuated by the concept of "academic freedom."

She added, "I hope there are a lot of circles in academia having a serious conversation on how 'academic freedom' upholds white supremacy, racism, and prejudice."

Findley also addressed past violent riots, writing that she was initially opposed to the 2015 Baltimore riots and was worried for the police officers but changed her mind. She said: "I was scared for the fires, for the rioting, for the storefronts that would need to be rebuilt. That was my 'protest differently,' 'all lives matter,' and 'blue lives matter' moment. I was wrong and I was called out."

In the wake of financial problems, many colleges are crying broke and want government bailouts, but they have enough money to hire costly diversity people.

For example, University of Pennsylvania pays its chief diversity officer more than \$580,000 a year.

University of Michigan pays it vice provost for equity and inclusion and chief diversity officer \$385,000 per year. Other universities around the country pay their chief diversity officers annual salaries of \$200,000 and up.

Many university professors do not buy into the gross academic deception that has become part and parcel of today's college education today. They are too busy with their own research to get involved with campus politics.

Rather than being on the committees that run the university, they concede the turf to those who are willing to take the time. Often those who are willing to take the time are not necessarily the most talented people but people with a political agenda to change what has been traditional college education.

But all is not lost. Taxpayers, parents and donors who foot the bill can have a significant impact if they would stop being lazy and find out what is going on at our colleges. And, if they do not like what they see, they can snap their pocketbooks shut.



An article by Michael Brown titled "My Message to 'Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden' "was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 6, 2020. Following is the article.

In a period of less than 10 minutes on Monday, I read an article about Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's extreme pro-abortion views and then was sent a link to the homepage for "Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden."

The article cited Biden's response to a question about abortion rights, where he addressed the potential of Amy Coney Barrett becoming a Supreme Court justice. Should that be the case, he said, and should the court overturn Roe v. Wade, "the only thing, the only responsible response to that would be to pass legislation making Roe the law of the land. That's what I would do."

This is in harmony with the Democratic platform, which plainly states, "We will repeal the Hyde Amendment, and protect and codify Roe v. Wade."

In that light, how can you identify as a "pro-life" evangelical who supports Biden?

Wouldn't that be like declaring yourself a pro-abolition supporter of George B. McClellan, the Democratic candidate who ran against Abraham Lincoln in 1864?

Or like declaring yourself an anti-segregation supporter of George Wallace?

How can you identify as "pro-life" and yet actively campaign for the party of abortion?

The pro-Biden website states this, in all caps: "AS PRO-LIFE EVANGELICALS, WE DISAGREE WITH VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM ON THE ISSUE OF ABORTION. BUT WE BELIEVE A BIBLICALLY SHAPED COMMITMENT TO THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE COMPELS US TO A CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE THAT AFFIRMS THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE FROM BEGINNING TO END."

In other words, while we think the slaughter of tens of millions of innocent babies is a bad thing, and we're willing to sacrifice their lives before they even

enter this world, we do prefer the other policies of the Democrats, so they get our vote. Seriously?

How much different is this than saying, "While we have a problem with Pol Pot's genocidal policies, we do think his other reforms serve in the best interest of the country, and so he gets our vote."

To be clear, I am not comparing Joe Biden to Pol Pot (please repeat that 10 times slowly, since I am not making that comparison). But I am comparing the slaughter of the unborn to other, mass moral atrocities, and for good reason.

Thus, I find any evangelical justification of a vote for an aggressively proabortion candidate and party to be unethical. (Yes, this is my personal opinion. Each of us will give account to God, and He is the ultimate judge.)

How, then, do these evangelical leaders justify their position?

They state, "Many things that good political decisions could change destroy persons created in the image of God and violate the sanctity of human life. Poverty kills millions every year. So does lack of healthcare and smoking. Racism kills. Unless we quickly make major changes, devastating climate change will kill tens of millions. Poverty, lack of accessible health care services, smoking, racism and climate change are all pro-life issues."

And this is the justification for voting for a pro-abortion candidate?

A candidate who wants to be sure that Roe v. Wade is the law of the land?

A candidate who, during the campaign, reversed his longstanding support of the Hyde Amendment?

I agree that poverty kills, but Trump's economic policies have helped alleviate poverty, not accelerate poverty.

As for lack of healthcare, both parties want good healthcare for all Americans but simply differ on the best way to achieve that.

As for smoking—yes, smoking—what on earth does that have to do with a vote for Biden?

Does Trump, himself a non-smoker, encourage Americans to smoke?

Would a vote for Biden be a vote against smoking?

As for racism killing people, perhaps what kills people is the stoking of racism, especially by the left?

As for Americans literally killed because of racism every year, as tragic as even one such death would be, that number pales in comparison to the 700,000 (!) babies killed in their mother's wombs every year. (In years past, that number has been twice as high.)

As for climate change and what should be done about that, there is intense scientific debate about the subject.

Yet, for these very reasons, we are being told not to vote for the strongest pro-life president we have ever had and rather to vote for the most radical, pro-abortion ticket in our nation's history.

These pro-Biden evangelicals claim that "the most common reason women give for abortion is the financial difficulty of another child," and so "we appreciate a number of Democratic proposals that would significantly alleviate that financial burden: accessible health services for all citizens, affordable child-care, a minimum wage that lifts workers out of poverty."

Oh yes, if we vote Democrat, they will help these poor women out of their poverty, and thus abortions will be reduced.

In all honesty, I ask: Can you really say those words with a straight face in the presence of a holy God?

Are you not perhaps driven more by deep opposition to Trump (as expressed quite forthrightly in other writings by some of this movement's leaders) than by the hope that a vote for Democrats will help save babies' lives?

The statement concludes with, "For these reasons, we believe that on balance, Joe Biden's policies are more consistent with the biblically shaped ethic of life than those of Donald Trump. Therefore, even as we continue to urge different policies on abortion, we urge evangelicals to elect Joe Biden as president."

Tell that to the more than 60 million babies slaughtered since 1973. Tell that to the babies viciously terminated in the third-trimester, some of them with their brains sucked out while still alive.

And tell that to Brenda Pratt Shafer, a registered nurse from Dayton, Ohio, who testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 17, 1995 about what she witnessed when assisting a doctor abort a baby boy in his  $26^{1}/_{2}$  week.

She stated that the baby was alive and moving as the abortionist "delivered the baby's body and arms—everything but the head. The doctor kept the baby's head just inside the uterus. The baby's little fingers were clasping and unclasping, his feet were kicking. Then the doctor stuck the scissors through the back of his head, and the baby's arms jerked out in a flinch, a startle reaction, like a baby does when he thinks he might fall. The doctor opened up the scissors, stuck a high-powered suction tube into the opening and sucked the baby's brains out. Now the baby was completely limp."

These "pro-life" evangelicals are voting for the party that has supported these barbaric procedures for years. Indeed, they are calling on other Christians to vote for the party that opposes the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would guarantee medical care for a baby that survives abortion.

In fact, as senator, Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris voted against this very Act, and "earlier this year she voted against the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Act, which would have protected unborn babies from abortion procedures after the point at which they can feel pain (20 weeks)."

Yet these enlightened evangelicals state they "oppose 'one issue' political thinking because it lacks biblical balance."

With all respect, I say this: Do not talk to me about "biblical balance" while urging evangelical followers of Jesus to vote for the party that justifies the slaughter of more than 60 million babies in their mother's womb and will fight tooth and nail to codify Roe v. Wade.

Any mention of "biblical balance" that doesn't start with concern for the shedding of innocent blood is so far out of balance it is no longer biblical.



An article by Casey Chalk titled "5 Most Shocking Abortion Policies Biden-Harris Openly Support" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 20, 2020. Following is the article.

Asked about abortion rights during the Oct. 7 vice-presidential debate, Democratic Party candidate Sen. Kamala Harris declared: "I will always fight for a woman's right to make a decision about her own body. It should be her decision and not that of Donald Trump and the vice president, Michael Pence."

In turn, Pence accused Joe Biden and Harris of supporting "taxpayer funding of abortion all the way up to the moment of birth," a claim NPR labeled untrue.

Yet the Democratic Party is indeed unabashedly pro-abortion, promoting policies to ensure abortions may be sex- and race-selective and taxpayer-paid, occur in the last month of pregnancy, and are done even by medical practitioners who conscientiously oppose them. Democrats also seek to limit pregnancy-center alternatives. They are, quite simply, the abortion party.

# 1. Democrats support aborting babies based on race, sex, or disability

Democrats have consistently opposed legislation that seeks to limit abortions that are based on race, sex, or disabilities such as Down syndrome. When Oklahoma in February 2019 considered HB 1396, which would have prohibited abortion after the sex of the fetus is known, its only two opponents on the state legislature's Public Health Committee were Democrats. The Democratic Party has a long history of opposition to such measures.

When the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012 considered the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, which would have prohibited abortions because of the father's race or the unborn child's sex, Democrats overwhelmingly opposed the bill.

When a similar bill was codified in Arizona in 2011, it did so with the support of only two Democratic representatives out of a total 24 in the state's legislature. Democrats opposed a similar bill in North Dakota in 2013.

Currently, 10 states ban abortions for reason of sex selection at some point in pregnancy, three states prohibit abortions for reasons of race, and three

states prohibit abortions when the fetus might have a genetic anomaly. Harris aims to reverse such bans, endorsing the Women's Health Protection Act.

She declared that "states that have a history of passing legislation that is designed to prevent or limit a woman's access to reproductive health care" would be subject to review and approval by the Department of Justice. "Until we determine that they are constitutional, they will not take effect," Harris said.

# 2. Democrats support taxpayer-funded abortions

Biden once supported the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of Medicaid dollars for abortion in most cases. Yet in June 2019, following significant criticism for this stance, Biden reversed his opinion and now opposes the amendment, a position shared by most Democrats—this, even though hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars have gone to abortionists.

Without Hyde, it would be hundreds of millions more. Harris has stated her desire to overturn Hyde, while Biden has promised to restore federal funding to Planned Parenthood.

During the primary, when asked by the Washington Post, "Should federal law require all private insurance plans to cover abortion?" most of the Democratic presidential candidates answered yes.

Biden declined to answer that question. Harris has received a 100 percent rating from the pro-choice organization NARAL and has been labeled "one of Planned Parenthood's most vocal supporters," so one can only presume she also would answer in the affirmative.

# 3. Democrats oppose conscientious objections for pro-life medical professionals

In 2019, Democrats in the House of Representatives submitted the Medicare for America Act (H.R. 2452), a new national health insurance program that clearly states conscience protections would not apply to any medical professional under any circumstance.

It states, in part: "Health care providers and institutions are prohibited from denying covered individuals access to covered benefits and services because of their religious objections."

Medical providers have sought to force medical professionals to participate in abortions, evidenced in such recent cases as a 2019 case in Vermont or Cathy Cenzon-DeCarlo v. The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York in 2013.

Democrats have nearly uniformly opposed the Abortion Nondiscrimination Act, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act, and other similar proposals to protect the right of medical professionals not to participate in abortions. NARAL, which at this point is basically an extension of the Democratic Party, explicitly rejects conscientious objector laws regarding abortion.

As attorney and theologian Kenneth Craycraft explains in a recent First Things article, as a U.S. senator Harris introduced the "Do No Harm Act," which

aimed to coerce religious individuals and organizations to engage in activities that directly violate their firmly held religious beliefs.

This would include health-care-related activities tied to abortion, which explains why it received strong support from pro-abortion groups like NARAL and Planned Parenthood.

# 4. Democrats oppose pregnancy center alternatives

Although crisis pregnancy centers have persuaded many prospective parents to avoid procuring an abortion, the Democratic Party has consistently attacked crisis pregnancy centers. In April 2019, Democrats criticized attempts to fund crisis pregnancy centers.

"The shift of funding toward [crisis pregnancy centers] that will not offer patients direct access to a broad range of contraceptive care and counseling is alarming," wrote Reps. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., and Diana DeGette, D-Colo.

A 2015 blog post on Democrats.org claimed that crisis pregnancy centers "have zero understanding of what women's health care is."

Craycraft notes that Harris in 2015 was an "enthusiastic advocate of California's so-called Reproductive FACT Act," which forced pregnancy centers to inform clients where they could obtain free abortions, as well as to advertise abortion clinics. She even claimed to have "co-sponsored" the FACT Act.

# 5. Democrats support late-term abortion methods

In a recent Federalist article, I noted that some leftists portray the dismembering and murdering of in-utero humans as "banal," akin to getting an annual flu shot. Democrats have supported abortion in all of its ghastly forms.

Senate Democrats (with the exceptions of Bob Casey, Doug Jones, and Joe Manchin) in February blocked a pair of Republican-sponsored bills that would have banned late-term abortions.

Kathy Tran, a Democratic representative to the Virginia legislature, during a January 2019 discussion of her bill that sought to repeal certain state restrictions on abortion, said her bill would allow for an abortion to occur when a woman is in labor and about to give birth (she later said she "misspoke").

During a subsequent interview, Virginia's Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam said that in the case of a birth of a child with "severe deformities," the infant would be "resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired."

Democratic support for late-term abortions includes Harris. Even fact-checker Snopes acknowledged that the vice-presidential candidate "has advocated for policies that allow for late-term abortions, primarily when the mother's life is at risk."

Moreover, if Harris truly is the future of the Democratic Party, this will be a future marked by ever-more extreme pro-abortion policies.

Harris has voted against legislation to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy and in support of late-term abortions.

In 2019 and 2020, she voted to refuse protections for babies born alive after an abortion. She has recently promised to codify Roe v. Wade, which would keep it in place even if the Supreme Court overturns it.

Pro-choice advocates like to drape abortion in libertarian language of freedom for individuals to control their bodies. Harris, for example, attempted a "got-cha" during Brett Kavanaugh's judicial confirmation hearing by asking if he was aware of any laws that restricted male bodies.

Of course, many laws restrict what both men and women can do with their bodies if it involves harming others. Americans cannot pump their body full of alcohol and get behind the wheel of a vehicle nor use their bodies to beat their fellow citizens into unconsciousness.

This same principle should apply to abortion: Women have a unique ability to carry and feed human life within their bodies.

When they decide to "terminate a pregnancy," they decide in favor of irreversibly harming another person. The exact geographic location of that child, who has just as much a right to live as the mother, is irrelevant.



"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 Terence P. Jeffrey titled "\$6,551,872,000,000: Federal Spending Smashes Record in Fiscal Year 2020" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 16, 2020.

#### News about the media

- Looking back to August, 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 Jennifer Maas titled "Trump Is the Butt of 97% of Late-Night TV Hosts' Presidential Candidate Jokes, Study Says" was posted at thewrap. com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Katie Canales titled "Silicon's Valley's Biggest Billionaires Have Reportedly Poured Millions Into a Super PAC-Run Series of Anti-Trump TV Ads Ahead of Election Day" was posted at businessinsider.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo Rivera: 'Outrageous Negligence' by ABC's Stephanopoulos to Not Ask Biden About Son Hunter" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 16, 2020.

- An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "Why Big Media Will Never Report on Hunter Biden's Emails" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "[Ted] Cruz: Joe Biden Knows Media 'Lapdogs' Will Ignore and Big Tech Will Censor Hunter Biden Laptop News" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Ted Cruz: 'Media's Docile Willingness to Cede Power to Big Tech . . . Poses the Single Greatest Threat to a Free Press' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "[Brent] Bozell: Hunter Biden Story Shows Big Tech Is Engaged in 'Outright Attempt to Suppress the Conservative Conversation'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Christopher Bedford titled "The Corporate Takeover of 'Fact-Checking' Is Just a Different Path to the Same Partisan Censorship" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Brennan, Clapper, Hayden Give Cover to Biden; Say Hunter's Emails Look Like Russian Disinformation" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "The Russia Misinformation Narrative Peddled by Democrats to Protect Joe Biden Was Dealt a Massive Blow" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article titled "Push to Identify Biden Allegations As Russia Disinformation 'Has Been Repudiated': Former Federal Prosecutor" was posted at foxnews. com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Ellie Bufkin titled "Despite Widespread Censorship, the New York Post's Hunter Biden Story Has Dominated Social Media" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "NPR Refuses to Report on Hunter Biden Story: 'We Don't Want to Waste Time on Stories That Are Really Not Stories' "was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 22, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Twitter Is Nuking Retweets Until After the Election" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 20, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Election Interference: Twitter Blocks Donation Links to Republicans, But Not Democrats" was posted at townhall. com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article titled "President Trump Abruptly Ends Interview With '60 Minutes' Reporter Leslie Stahl" was posted at insideedition.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Crystal Hill and Christopher Wilson titled "Trump Calls for Obamacare Repeal, Complains About Media in Leaked '60 Minutes' Interview" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 22, 2020.

# **Tragedies of lock-down**

■ Looking back to September, an article by Maria Gifford titled "Depression Symptoms 3 Times Higher During covid-19 Lockdown" was posted at health-line.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

#### **Finances**

- An article by Patti Domm titled "The Bond Market Is Starting to Wake Up With Interest Rates Headed Higher" was posted at cnbc.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Daniella Genovese titled "Job Growth in Restaurant Industry Slowed 'Significantly' in 32 States Last Month" was posted at foxnews.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Michael Balsamo and Geoff Mulvihill titled "OxyContin Maker Purdue Pharma to Plead to 3 Criminal Charges" was posted at apnews.com on Oct. 21, 2020.
- An article by Leslie Josephs titled "American Airlines Reports \$2.4 Billion Net Loss in Third Quarter, Cuts Cash Burn" was posted at cnbc.com on Oct. 22, 2020.

#### Stimulus checks

■ An article by Jacob Pramuk titled "Senate Democrats Block GOP's \$500 Billion Coronavirus Aid Bill As Pelosi-Mnuchin Talks Continue" was posted at cnbc.com on Oct. 21, 2020.

### **Green New Deal**

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

#### Coronavirus and civil liberties

■ An article by Sophia Ankel titled "A Hasidic Jewish Wedding in New York That Expected 10,000 Guests Is Stopped by New York Officials Over Coronavirus Infection Fears" was posted at businessinsider.com on Oct. 18, 2020.

# Coronavirus and religion

■ An article by James Enstrom titled "Ending California's Lockdown on Churches Is Compatible With Science and Good Health" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 19, 2020.

# **Coronavirus and sports**

■ An article by Cassandra Negley titled "NBA Reportedly Saved Up to \$1.5 Billion in Losses by Resuming Season at Disney Bubble Site" was posted at yahoosports.com on Oct. 19, 2020.

# **Protests and sports**

■ An article by Chris Cwik titled "Anonymous NBA Agent Rips League for Embracing Black Lives Matter: 'It's a Horrible Look for the League' " was posted at yahoosports.com on Oct. 21, 2020.

# Comments about police "misconduct"

- Looking back to June, an article by John Kelly and Mark Nichols titled "We Found 85,000 Cops Who've Been Investigated for Misconduct; Now You Can Read Their Records" was posted at usatoday.com on June 11, 2020.
- Looking back to August, an article by Rashawn Ray titled "How Can We Enhance Police Accountability in the United States?" was posted at brookings. edu on Aug. 25, 2020.
- An article by Danielle Wallace titled "George Floyd Case: Second-Degree Murder, Manslaughter Charges Upheld Against Derek Chauvin" was posted at foxnews.com on Oct. 22, 2020.
- An article by Brittany Bernstein titled "Third-Degree Murder Charge Dismissed Against Derek Chauvin in Death of George Floyd" was posted at nationalreview.com on Oct. 22, 2020.

# Illegal immigration

- An article by John Binder titled "DOJ: 94 Percent of Foreign Nationals in U.S. Federal Prison Are Illegal Aliens" was posted at breitbart.com on Oct. 17, 2020.
- An article by John Binder titled "More Than 170 Criminal Illegal Aliens Arrested in Sanctuary Cities, Including Convicted Sex Offenders" was posted at breitbart.com on Oct. 17, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "WH Press Secretary: Americans Deserve Better Than Pelosi's Illegal Immigrant Relief Package" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 20, 2020.

# **Comments about weapons**

■ An article by Awr Hawkins titled "Joe Biden's Gun Policy Could Tax Gun Owners \$200 for Every 'High-Capacity' Magazine They Own" was posted at breitbart.com on Oct. 19, 2020.

#### Comments about Mail-In Ballots

- Looking back to March, an article by Ella Nilsen titled "Voting by Mail Could Get a Boost During the US Coronavirus Outbreak" was posted at vox.com on March 17, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Just a First Step in Preparing for November Elections" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Breakdown: \$400 Million in Election Funding" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to June, an article by Erica Werner titled "Treasury Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, Congressional Watchdog [Government Accountability Office] Finds" was posted at washing-

tonpost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

- Looking back to August, an article by Katie Pavlich titled "Fauci: There's No Reason People Can't Vote Safely in Person" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Michigan Court of Appeals: Ballots Must Arrive by Election Day; 14-Day Extension Overturned" was posted at breit-bart.com on Oct. 16, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Roberts Sides With Liberals in Pennsylvania Vote-By-Mail Battle" was posted at breitbart.com on Oct. 19, 2020.
- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "California Ballot Box Fire Being Investigated As Arson" was posted at national review.com on Oct. 19, 2020.
- An article by Peter Weber titled "Divided Supreme Court Hands Alabama GOP a Victory, Allows Ban on Curbside Voting" was posted at theweek.com on Oct. 22, 2020.

# **Comments about Supreme Court**

- An article by Camille Caldera titled "Fact Check: True Claim About [Kamala] Harris Failing Bar Exam on First Try and [Amy Coney] Barrett's Law School Rank [at the Top of Her Class]" was posted at usatoday.com on Oct. 18, 2020.
- An article by Trace William Cowen titled "Adult Film Stars Speak Out on How Amy Coney Barrett Could Be 'Catastrophic' for Porn Industry" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 19, 2020.
- An article by Wayne Grudem titled "Why Leftist Judges Play Politics and Truly Conservative Judges Don't" was posted at thefederalist.com on Oct. 19, 2020.
- An article titled "Carrie Severino [Judicial Crisis Network President] Says Barrett Hearing Showed Democrats Want to 'Shove' Politics Back in the Court System" was posted at foxnews.com on Oct. 22, 2020.

# **Comments about court-packing**

■ An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Senate Republicans Go on the Offensive Against Democrat-Led 'Court Packing' Proposal" was posted at townhall. com on Oct. 21, 2020.

# **Comments about Trump support**

- An article by Fnr Tigg titled "[Rapper Turned Media Mogul] 50 Cent Says 'Vote for Trump' After Biden Reveals Proposed Tax Plan" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 19, 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."