# **Eye on the World** *Nov. 28, 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).

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"Eye on the World" comment: In recent days, various articles have been written in the corporate media chiding people for calling the "Great Reset" a conspiracy theory. It is true that conspiracy theories exist. It is also true that some people seek to deflect criticism from themselves by ridiculing people often claiming that any criticism of their ideas is a conspiracy theory.

■ Some conservatives are promoting the idea that the coronavirus was started on purpose to create a "great reset."

■ However, many conservatives merely believe that influential people are using the pandemic in an attempt to recreate much of the world in their image —involving the Green New Deal and anticapitalism approaches.

The following 7 articles talk about the "Great Reset." The first article was posted on Nov. 24. The next 6 articles are being repeated—after being published in the Aug. 1, 2020 edition of "Eye on the World."

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An article by Veronica Appia titled "Covid-19 and the 'Great Reset': Here's What You Need to Know" was posted at toronto.com on Nov. 24, 2020. Following is the article.

In a news conference on Friday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed conspiracy theories circulating about his involvement in the "Great Reset," saying that "we're seeing a lot of people fall prey to misinformation."

On Nov. 20, Trudeau was asked about an earlier UN speech he gave in late September, in which he mentioned that covid-19 is an "opportunity for a reset," a remark that spurred a torrent of online comments from conspiracy theorists, including a member of parliament.

"I think we are in a time of anxiety where people are looking for reasons for things that are happening to them. That (in) the difficult moments we're in, it's nice to find someone to blame, something to point to, something to get mad at," Trudeau responded.

## What did Trudeau say in his UN speech?

In his United Nations address on Sept. 29, Trudeau made mention of a reset, which sparked controversy among skeptics across the country.

Prior to using the word "reset," Trudeau was speaking about the need for nations to work together amid the pandemic, and not just on vaccines.

"Canada believes that a strong coordinated response across the world and across sectors is essential," he said. "This pandemic has provided an opportunity for a reset. This is our chance to accelerate our pre-pandemic efforts to reimagine economic systems that actually address global challenges like extreme poverty, inequality and climate change."

## What is the "Great Reset"?

The Great Reset is an initiative launched earlier this year by the World Economic Forum (WEF) to help inform decisions around global recovery amid the covid-19 crisis.

According to the WEF website, the initiative will tackle the areas of "global relations, the direction of national economies, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons."

Speaking generally about a need for a reset in global cooperation, Daniel Trefler, a Canadian economist and professor at U of T with no connection to WEF, said he is a big proponent.

Using the U.S. as an example, Trefler said unilateralism with regards to trade has lowered GDP, raised consumer prices, and not brought back any significant number of jobs, all while alienating the country's allies.

From a Canadian perspective, Trefler added that our country, like many others, has little say in global governance architecture.

"It is in our interest to promote rules-based global governance systems so as to constrain the unilateral behaviour of the largest players internationally," he added.

# What is the conspiracy theory?

The conspiracy theories around the Great Reset are centred on the notion that the WEF initiative is a plot by an international group of elites to strip citizens of their property rights, force them to get vaccinations and create "isolation camps" for anyone who resists. The conspiracy theory—which fact-checkers at Snopes.com suggest started as a chain email picked up by QAnon-associated internet forums—relies on an allegedly "leaked" email from a Canadian "Liberal committee member" outlining the scheme to suggest the "Great Reset" liberal buzz term is actually an international plot.

#TheGreatReset also has its own special place on Twitter where conspiracy theorists have been contributing to the action.

Conservative MP Pierre Poilievre has also implied a connection between the WEF initiative and Trudeau's Sept. 29 speech in a petition on his website called "Stop the Great Reset."

"Global financial elites have called for the same 'Great Reset,' which would reengineer economies and societies to empower the elites at the expense of the people," the petition reads.

Poilievre also took to social media to express his views.

In response to this on Friday, Trudeau said: "We're seeing a lot of people fall prey to misinformation and if Conservative MPs and others want to start talking about conspiracy theories, that's their choice. I'm going to stay focused on helping Canadians get through this."

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An article by Beatrice Di Caro titled "Covid-19: [New Book Called] The Great Reset" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on July 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The covid-19 coronavirus crisis has wrought economic disruption on a monumental scale, contributing to a dangerous and volatile global upheaval—politically, socially and geopolitically—while raising deep concerns about the environment and the extending reach of technology into our lives.

World Economic Forum Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab and Thierry Malleret, Co-Founder of Monthly Barometer, explore these themes in their new book, *Covid-19: The Great Reset*.

The book's main objective is to help us understand what's coming: it has three main chapters, offering a panoramic overview of the future landscape.

Last month, the World Economic Forum launched the Great Reset initiative: a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a fairer, sustainable and more resilient post-covid future.

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Looking back to May, an article by Martina Larkin titled "The European Green Deal Must Be at the Heart of the covid-19 Recovery" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on May 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article. ■ The coronavirus crisis recovery is a chance to redesign a sustainable, inclusive economy, revitalizing industry, preserving vital biodiversity systems and tackling climate change.

■ The European stimulus packages will shape Europe's economies and societies for decades to come—we should make sure these lead to a greener, more resilient and inclusive future.

■ The European Green Deal must become the cornerstone of Europe's pandemic recovery. Rather than rebuilding the 20th-century economy, we must focus on spending stimulus money wisely and on preparing Europe for a competitive and inclusive 21st century, climate-neutral future—Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, European Commission.

Achieving this transformative agenda and making Europe a leader in the global climate transition requires a massive mobilization of public and private investments.

It is why the World Economic Forum has created the CEO Action Group for the European Green Deal as a vehicle for policy-makers and institutions to collaborate with representatives from governments, industry and the business sector.

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An article by Christopher Alessi titled " 'A Golden Opportunity'—HRH the Prince of Wales and Other Leaders on the Forum's Great Reset" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

"There is a golden opportunity to seize something good from this crisis . . . global crises know no borders, and highlight how interdependent we are as one people sharing one planet."

Speaking at the launch of the Forum's Great Reset on Wednesday, those were the words of HRH the Prince of Wales on humanity's chance to craft a more sustainable and equitable world in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

He added: "Unless we take the action necessary, and build in a greener and more inclusive and sustainable way, then we will have more and more pandemics."

The Great Reset will be the theme of a unique twin summit to be convened by the World Economic Forum in January 2021.

The 51st World Economic Forum Annual Meeting will bring together global leaders from government, business and civil society, as well as stakeholders from around the world to convene both in-person and virtual dialogues.

But, more broadly, the Great Reset is a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient post-covid future.

The initiative grew out of the Forum's Covid Action Platform. And, as we enter a window of opportunity to shape the covid-19 recovery, the Great Reset will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economies, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons.

Here's a roundup of a some of the key quotes and clips from today's launch.

■ "The best memorial we can build for those who lost their lives in the pandemic is that greener, smarter, fairer world."—Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.

■ "We can never again allow our health, education and care systems to be underfunded."—Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation.

■ "The pandemic has accelerated the adoption of digital technologies . . . broadband has become the electricity of the 21st century."—Bradford L. Smith, President, Microsoft.

■ "We need our imagination here: we're seeing every day the arc of the possible, it's being defined every day now."—Bernard Looney, Chief Executive Officer, BP.

■ "The time for cynicism is a little behind us . . . Being an armchair critic is really not acceptable. It's time to come to the table and make a difference."— Ajay S. Banga, Chief Executive Officer, Mastercard.

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Looking back to June, an article by Kate Whiting titled "How the World Can Reset Itself After Covid-19; According to These Experts" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

■ The economic fallout from covid-19 dominates risk perceptions, but there is a unique opportunity to reshape the global economy.

■ Greenpeace International's Jennifer Morgan, IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath and ITUC head Sharan Burrow discuss how they perceive a reset.

There won't be many among the 7.7 billion people on Earth who haven't been affected in some way by covid-19.

From sickness and the death of loved ones to work shortages and school closures, the pandemic's ramifications have touched every part of society—and thrown inequalities into sharp relief.

As lockdowns are starting to ease, governments and organizations across the globe are turning their attention to the recovery process—and the opportunity it provides to rebuild in a different way. One that makes the world better for everyone and addresses the other great crisis of our time: climate change.

With the economic fallout from covid-19 dominating risk perceptions, this is a rare window of opportunity to shape a more sustainable, resilient world.

<sup>■</sup> The Great Reset is a new initiative from the World Economic Forum and HRH the Prince of Wales to guide decision-makers on the path to a more resilient, sustainable world beyond coronavirus.

And starting today [June 3], the World Economic Forum is working with HRH The Prince of Wales on an initiative coined Great Reset, to guide decisionmakers on the rocky path ahead.

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Looking back to June, an announcement by Adrian Monck titled "The Great Reset: A Unique Twin Summit to Begin 2021" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the announcement.

Geneva, Switzerland, 3 June 2020—"The Great Reset" will be the theme of a unique twin summit to be convened by the World Economic Forum in January 2021.

The 51st World Economic Forum Annual Meeting will bring together global leaders from government, business and civil society, and stakeholders from around the world in a unique configuration that includes both in-person and virtual dialogues.

■ "We only have one planet and we know that climate change could be the next global disaster with even more dramatic consequences for humankind. We have to decarbonize the economy in the short window still remaining and bring our thinking and behavior once more into harmony with nature," said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

■ "In order to secure our future and to prosper, we need to evolve our economic model and put people and planet at the heart of global value creation. If there is one critical lesson to learn from this crisis, it is that we need to put nature at the heart of how we operate. We simply can't waste more time," said HRH The Prince of Wales.

■ "The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call. We must build more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change and the many other global changes we face," said António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations, New York.

■ "A Great Reset is necessary to build a new social contract that honors the dignity of every human being," added Schwab "The global health crisis has laid bare the unsustainability of our old system in terms of social cohesion, the lack of equal opportunities and inclusiveness. Nor can we turn our backs on the evils of racism and discrimination. We need to build into this new social contract our intergenerational responsibility to ensure that we live up to the expectations of young people."

■ "Covid-19 has accelerated our transition into the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We have to make sure that the new technologies in the digital, biological and physical world remain human-centered and serve society as a whole, providing everyone with fair access," he said.

■ "This global pandemic has also demonstrated again how interconnected we are. We have to restore a functioning system of smart global cooperation struc-

tured to address the challenges of the next 50 years. The Great Reset will require us to integrate all stakeholders of global society into a community of common interest, purpose and action," said Schwab. "We need a change of mindset, moving from short-term to long-term thinking, moving from shareholder capitalism to stakeholder responsibility. Environmental, social and good governance have to be a measured part of corporate and governmental accountability," he added.

# Including social justice

"The Great Reset" is a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient future.

It requires a new social contract centered on human dignity, social justice and where societal progress does not fall behind economic development.

# Virtual hubs

To do so, the World Economic Forum will draw on thousands of young people in more than 400 cities around the world (the Global Shapers Community) who will be interconnected with a powerful virtual hub network to interact with the leaders in Davos.

Each of those hubs will have an open house policy to integrate all interested citizens into this dialogue, making the Annual Meeting open to everyone.

In addition, global media and social media networks will mobilize millions of people, enabling them to share their input while also providing them with access to the Annual Meeting discussions in Davos.

In the run-up to the Annual Meeting, the Forum will host a virtual series, The Great Reset Dialogues.

These dialogues are a joint initiative of the World Economic Forum and HRH The Prince of Wales. Contributions to the Great Reset will also be invited through UpLink, the World Economic Forum's digital platform to crowdsource innovations for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The map shows the location of Hubs of the World Economic Global Shapers Community—more than 420 Hubs and 11,000 Global Shapers and alumni.

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Looking back to June, an article by Simon Brandon titled "Europe Must Overcome These Three Challenges to Seal the European Green Deal" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 11, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

■ The global fall in both CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and levels of air pollution has been one of covid-19's few silver linings. It has been estimated that the world could now be on course for the biggest ever annual fall in greenhouse gas emissions.

■ This presents what many see as an opportunity to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable future.

Here are a few of the challenges that must be understood and managed.

#### 1. A new downturn

As the world enters a severe recession, some fear that countries hit hardest by the coming downturn might begin to see climate-friendly policies as less of a priority.

#### 2. Different visions, priorities

Within the Eurozone, the crisis has exacerbated divisions between richer countries and their less affluent neighbors over what form a recovery package should take. In broad terms, Eurozone's southern members recommend a transfer of funds to the hardest-hit countries, while many northern countries have expressed support for a loan scheme.

#### 3. Few strings attached

Efforts by countries to focus on their own economic and physical health during the pandemic was essential—but focusing too squarely on national interests in the long term could put a dent in the bloc's environmental goals.

It has also been true in the past that when faced with an apparently existential crisis, the EU has found a way. Climate change represents an existential threat to much more than just the EU—so it will be no surprise that the EU could find a way through that crisis, too.

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Looking back to 2001, an article by Brian Knowles titled "Environmental Marxism Is Still Marxism" was posted at thejournal.org on June 30, 2001. Following is the article.

Marxism, even though history has consistently repudiated its efficacy, continues like a relentless virus to assert itself in the world. One of its most virulent forms is the environmental movement. Environmental Marxism is all the rage in the highest circles of government, especially among globalists.

Let's begin this discussion (monologue?) with a disclaimer: I believe every Christian ought to be an ardent environmentalist. The care, protection and stewardship of the biosphere that provides us with all that we need is a biblically mandated duty for believers. At creation God gave man dominion over all that He had created (Genesis 1:28). That was a mandate for stewardship. Man is the rightful caretaker of the biosphere.

In the beginning the biosphere was a perfect system, designed to sustain in health its myriad life-forms (verse 31). No pollution was anywhere to be found, no imperfections, no environmental "concerns." Sometime between then and now something went terribly wrong.

We Christians and Jews know what it was: It was sin. The environmental mess we have on our hands is the result of sin: the violation of divinely revealed laws. If you study the Bible closely, you will find a pattern of ecodestruction beginning with the first man and continuing apace until the great flood of Noah's day. After the Flood we find revealed a changed biosphere. For the first time man is allowed to consume meat (Genesis 9:3). We see the nature of animals changed. The relationship of predator vs. prey appears. Man too becomes a predator.

As post-Flood man multiplies, environmental destruction grows. At creation no deserts existed (Genesis 1:31). Yet, after the Flood, deserts expand over the planet. Today some 14 to 28 percent of the earth is desert. Deserts are associated in the Bible with curses (see Jeremiah 17:5-6; Deuteronomy 28:16, 18, 23-24; etc.).

The human race is inextricably bound up in what Paul called "the law of sin and death." Between sin and death is the realm of curses. A major curse is the destruction of the ecosystem that God gave man to bless and sustain him.

## True confession

In the '70s I became a serious environmentalist. I joined the Sierra Club and Audubon Society. I even subscribed to Mother Earth News. I fantasized about homesteading self-sufficiently on five acres of Alberta's Peace River country.

But at some point it began to dawn on me that behind these seemingly noble organizations was a political agenda. Their beautiful calendars and magazines belied that they were more about gaining political power than advancing anything like biblical environmental stewardship.

Once I gained a picture of the politics behind these groups, I withdrew my memberships. I wanted, and want, no part of any organization that forwards the cause of socialism or Marxism.

Today the complexion of the environmental movement has changed dramatically.

No longer is its Marxism and anticapitalism closeted. They're right out there in the open for all to see.

The political tide of the once-free world is shifting strongly toward the left. I have written of creeping authoritarianism. It has stopped creeping. It's standing on its hind legs and marching arrogantly forward, aided by a complicit press, media, Hollyweird and half the population.

The ultimate goal is not a clean and healthy environment; it's political power pure and simple.

Environmental issues are relentlessly demagogued to give Big Brother government more and more power over every aspect of the lives of "we the people."

## Environmentalists in their own words

The so-called green movement collectively views as the enemy free-market capitalism, conservatism, constitutionality, the Protestant work ethic, patriotism and the American dream.

You think I'm exaggerating? Listen to these words from prominent environmental activists:

■ "I think if we don't overthrow capitalism, we don't have a chance of saving the world ecologically. I think it is possible to have an ecological society under socialism. I don't think it's possible under capitalism" (Judy Barri of Earth First, quoted by Walter Williams, June 25, 1992). ■ "The immediate source of ecological crisis is capitalism . . . Capitalism is a cancer in the biosphere . . . I believe the color of radicalism today is not red, but green" (Steve Chase, editor, Defending the Earth: A Dialogue Between Murray Bookchin and Dave Foreman, Boston, South End Press, 1991, pp. 57-59).

■ "More science and more technology are not going to get us out of the present ecological crisis until we find a new religion, or rethink our old one" (Lynn White Jr., Science, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecological Crisis," March 10, 1967, p. 1206).

In the '70s I collected a fileful of journal articles blaming the "Protestant work ethic" for the corruption of the environment. Christian cultures, they claimed, had been responsible for plundering the ecosystem.

So the Christian faith became a target. It continues to be such.

## Having kids should be a crime

We remember the Erlichs' alarmist book The Population Bomb. The Erlichs continue to demagogue population issues and have spawned an army of people such as David Brower of Friends of the Earth. He says, as do the leaders of Communist China, that "childbearing [should be] a punishable crime against society, unless the parents hold a government license."

Keith Boulding, the originator of the "Spaceship Earth" concept, has reportedly said, "The right to have children should be a marketable commodity, bought and traded by individuals but absolutely limited by the state."

Carl Emery of Germany's Green Party is alleged to have said, "We in the green movement aspire to a cultural model in which the killing of a forest will be considered more contemptible and more criminal than the sale of 6-year-old children to Asian brothels."

Do you get the picture? Do you see the kind of people who are behind environmental activism? These people are not out of sync with the movement in general. They are not the lunatic fringe. They are key players.

#### Grave new world

I could fill this entire issue of The Journal with quotes from others in the movement that reveal the frightening darkness of their hearts. Even the saintly Jacques Costeau is said to have mouthed some genocidal wishes late in his career. He was not alone in advocating mass euthanasia for those who don't fit in.

The brave new world of Orwell's nightmares is not just around the corner; we're in it. Like hapless frogs in a huge cannibalistic pot, the water has heated up without our realizing it.

Many powerful names on the national and international scenes advocate alarming and draconian measures in the name of the environment and with the goal of more power over the human populace for an elite, Marxist few.

The American leaders of the so-called green movement are not interested in upholding the U.S. Constitution. As Bruce Babbit once said, "you can't read the Constitution like a rule book" (Arizona Republic, July 8, 1987).

Maurice Strong, one of the most powerful and dangerous Canadians on the planet and long a key player in the United Nations, said at the 1992 Earth Summit: "Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized nations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?"

These people have an agenda. They want to bring an end to the United States of America as we have known it. They have no interest in, or allegiance to, the Constitution or the rule of law.

#### Blunt instrument

Within their ranks are terrorists, saboteurs, radicals and anarchists. They are energized by hate and offer nothing but a totalitarian state to replace what they seek to tear down.

They have infiltrated every major opinion-forming sector in our culture. Universities are hotbeds of environmental demagoguery. Junk science is their servant.

God for them is Gaia, the earth "herself."

From Gore to Gorbachev the armies of environmental Marxism grow at an alarming pace.

If they are not checked soon, they will have their malevolent way with the nations of the world.

The United Nations is a blunt instrument in their service. Modern environmental Marxists worship and serve the creation more than the Creator (Romans 1:25), but only as a means of gaining absolute political power.

The life of a stand of trees is more important to them than the life of a 6year-old boy sold into sexual slavery.

These people are not merely crazy; they are evil.

Evil unopposed is evil encouraged.

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"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 Celine Castronuovo titled "[The International Federation of] Red Cross Says Global Warming Poses Greater Threat Than Covid-19" was posted at thehill.com on Nov. 18, 2020.

■ An article titled "Iran's Low-Enriched Uranium Stockpile 12 Times Beyond Limit: IAEA" was posted at aljazeera.com on Nov. 11, 2020.

■ An article titled "Saudi Minister Says Nuclear Armament Against Iran 'An Option' " was posted at aljazeera.com on Nov. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Jacob Kornbluh titled "Obama: Netanyahu Paints Himself As 'Chief Defender' of Jews to Justify Political Moves" was posted at jewishinsider.com on Nov. 13, 2020.

■ An article by Hank Berrien titled "Netanyahu Meets Saudi Prince in Saudi Arabia, Report Says" was posted at dailywire.com on Nov. 23, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by Jonathan Saul and Lisa Barrington titled "Oil Tanker Hit by Blast at Saudi Terminal, Saudi Arabia Confirms" was posted at reuters. com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by John Feng titled "China Admits Creating Wanted List of Taiwan Independence Supporters" was posted at newsweek.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Ed Johnson titled "Outdoor Exercise Banned in One of World's Toughest Lockdowns [in South Australia]" was posted at bloomberg.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Chris Tomlinson titled "Barbeque Rebellion: Restaurant Owner Arrested After Days of Defying Toronto Lockdown" was posted at breitbart. com on Nov. 26, 2020.

■ An article by Chris Tomlinson titled "Italian Businesses Threaten Tax Strike If Closed Under Lockdown" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Oliver J. Lane titled "UK Govt.: Lockdown Likely to last 12 Months, 'Hard Winter' Coming, Repeated Vaccinations May Be Required" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 26, 2020.

■ An article by Andrew MacAskill and William James titled "Post-Brexit UK Announces Largest Military Spending Since Cold War" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Breitbart London titled "Turkish President Says Turkey 'Part of Europe', Wants 'Full Membership' of EU" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 22, 2020.

■ An article by Carl Heneghan and Tom Jefferson titled "Landmark Danish Study Finds No Significant Effect for Face Mask Wearers" was posted at spectator.us on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Wesley J. Smith titled "Dutch Doctors Can Now Drug Dementia Patients Before Killing Them to Prevent Resistance" was posted at nationalreview.com on Nov. 21, 2020.

■ An article by John Hayward titled "[University of Michigan] Study: Scandinavian Countries [Which Enjoy Top 'Freedom Ratings'] Engaging in 'Extremely Aggressive' Internet Censorship" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by David Biller titled "Death [of Black Man] on Eve of Brazil's Black Consciousness Day [November 20] Sparks Fury" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Nov. 20, 2020. ■ An article by Thomas D. Williams titled "Buildings [Around the World] Lit Up Blood Red [on Nov. 25] to Protest Christian Persecution" was posted on Nov. 25, 2020.

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An article by J.B. Shurk titled "5 More Ways Joe Biden Magically Outperformed Election Norms" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

In all the excitement among objective journalists for Joe Biden's declared victory, reporters are missing how extraordinary the Democrat's performance was in the 2020 election. It's not just that the former vice president is on track to become the oldest president in American history, it's what he managed to accomplish at the polls this year.

Candidate Joe Biden was so effective at animating voters in 2020 that he received a record number of votes, more than 15 million more than Barack Obama received in his re-election of 2012. Amazingly, he managed to secure victory while also losing in almost every bellwether county across the country. No presidential candidate has been capable of such electoral jujitsu until now.

While Biden underperformed Hillary Clinton's 2016 totals in every urban county in the United States, he outperformed her in the metropolitan areas of Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. Even more surprising, the former VP put up a record haul of votes, despite Democrats' general failures in local House and state legislative seats across the nation.

He accomplished all this after receiving a record low share of the primary vote compared to his Republican opponent heading into the general election. Clearly, these are tremendous and unexpected achievements that would normally receive sophisticated analysis from the journalist class but have somehow gone mostly unmentioned during the celebrations at news studios in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The massive national political realignment now taking place may be one source of these surprising upsets. Yet still, to have pulled so many rabbits out of his hat like this, nobody can deny that Biden is a first-rate campaigner and politician, the likes of which America has never before seen. Let's break down just how unique his political voodoo has been in 2020.

80 Million Votes

Holy moly! A lot of Americans turned out for a Washington politician who's been in office for nearly 50 years. Consider this: no incumbent president in nearly a century and a half has gained votes in a re-election campaign and still lost.

President Trump gained more than ten million votes since his 2016 victory, but Biden's appeal was so substantial that it overcame President Trump's record support among minority voters. Biden also shattered Barack Obama's own popular vote totals, really calling into question whether it was not perhaps Biden who pulled Obama across the finish lines in 2008 and 2012.

Proving how sharp his political instincts are, the former VP managed to gather a record number of votes while consistently trailing President Trump in measures of voter enthusiasm. Biden was so savvy that he motivated voters unenthusiastic about his campaign to vote for him in record numbers.

Winning Despite Losing Most Bellwether Counties

Biden is set to become the first president in 60 years to lose the states of Ohio and Florida on his way to election. For a century, these states have consistently predicted the national outcome, and they have been considered roughly representative of the American melting pot as a whole. Despite national polling giving Biden a lead in both states, he lost Ohio by eight points and Florida by more than three.

For Biden to lose these key bellwethers by notable margins and still win the national election is newsworthy. Not since the Mafia allegedly aided John F. Kennedy in winning Illinois over Richard Nixon in 1960 has an American president pulled off this neat trick.

Even more unbelievably, Biden is on his way to winning the White House after having lost almost every historic bellwether county across the country. The Wall Street Journal and The Epoch Times independently analyzed the results of 19 counties around the United States that have nearly perfect presidential voting records over the last 40 years. President Trump won every single bellwether county, except Clallam County in Washington.

Whereas the former VP picked up Clallam by about three points, President Trump's margin of victory in the other 18 counties averaged over 16 points. In a larger list of 58 bellwether counties that have correctly picked the president since 2000, Trump won 51 of them by an average of 15 points, while the other seven went to Biden by around four points. Bellwether counties overwhelmingly chose President Trump, but Biden found a path to victory anyway.

Biden Trailed Clinton Except in a Select Few Cities

Patrick Basham, a pollster with an accurate track record and the director of the Democracy Institute in D.C., highlighted two observations made by fellow colleagues, polling guru Richard Baris of Big Data Poll and Washington Post election analyst Robert Barnes. Baris noted a statistical oddity from 2020's election returns: "Biden underperformed Hillary Clinton in every major metro area around the country, save for Milwaukee, Detroit, Atlanta and Philadelphia."

Barnes added that in those "big cities in swing states run by Democrats...the vote even exceeded the number of registered voters." In the states that mattered most, so many mail-in ballots poured in for Biden from the cities that he put up record-breaking numbers and overturned state totals that looked like comfortable leads for President Trump.

If Democrats succeed in eliminating the Electoral College, Biden's magic formula for churning out overwhelming vote totals in a handful of cities should make the Democrats unbeatable. ■ Biden Won Despite Democrat Losses Everywhere Else

Randy DeSoto noted in The Western Journal that "Donald Trump was pretty much the only incumbent president in U.S. history to lose his re-election while his own party gained seats in the House of Representatives." Now that's a Biden miracle!

In 2020, The Cook Political Report and The New York Times rated 27 House seats as toss-ups going into Election Day. Right now, Republicans appear to have won all 27. Democrats failed to flip a single state house chamber, while Republicans flipped both the House and Senate in New Hampshire and expanded their dominance of state legislatures across the country.

Christina Polizzi, a spokesperson for the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, went so far as to state: "It's clear that Trump isn't an anchor for the Republican legislative candidates. He's a buoy." Amazingly, Biden beat the guy who lifted all other Republicans to victory. Now that's historic!

■ Biden Overcame Trump's Commanding Primary Vote

In the past, primary vote totals have been remarkably accurate in predicting general election winners. Political analyst David Chapman highlighted three historical facts before the election.

First, no incumbent who has received 75 percent of the total primary vote has lost re-election. Second, President Trump received 94 percent of the primary vote, which is the fourth highest of all time (higher than Dwight Eisenhower, Nixon, Clinton, or Obama). In fact, Trump is only one of five incumbents since 1912 to receive more than 90 percent of the primary vote.

Third, Trump set a record for most primary votes received by an incumbent when more than 18 million people turned out for him in 2020 (the previous record, held by Bill Clinton, was half that number). For Biden to prevail in the general election, despite Trump's historic support in the primaries, turns a century's worth of prior election data on its head.

Joe Biden achieved the impossible. It's interesting that many more journalists aren't pointing that out.

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An article by Laura Hollis titled "The Propaganda War" was posted at townhall. com on Nov. 12, 2020. Following is the article.

What is going on in this country right now is a propaganda war. It has been going on for some time but has now escalated to the point that it threatens the stability of the country. This is not mere media bias; what we are seeing is media manipulation of public opinion and events, tied directly to the political objectives of the Democratic Party.

For months, polls showed Joe Biden ahead in the presidential race by double digits. The public was not concerned, we were inscrutably assured, about

Biden's rambling, inarticulate and often completely nonsensical statements. The last-minute revelations of his son Hunter Biden's role in potential political corruption was just a "Russian disinformation campaign." The anemic attendance at Biden's (and Kamala Harris') sparse public appearances, we were told, was better proof of their overwhelming voter support than the tens of thousands of people who waited in line to attend President Donald Trump's rallies.

None of this was intended to depress the turnout of Trump voters. It was not pollster miscalculation. It was deliberate and designed to create the impression that Biden's election was a sure thing—an impression that would become useful later.

#### Propaganda.

The refusal of Fox News to call the states of Florida and Texas for Trump was not an abundance of caution. Why would the network refuse to call Florida with 98% of the votes in but call Arizona with over a million Election Day votes yet to be tallied?

Consider: Only moments after its polls closed, California was called for Biden as well. States that had already been called for Biden—plus Arizona and California—then gave Biden the appearance of having more electoral votes than Trump, creating the impression that Biden was ahead. This manipulation of the public's perception of unfolding events would echo the earlier polls and begin to reinforce the idea in at least some of the public's minds that Biden was—or would be—the victor.

#### Propaganda.

Amazingly, this call would also be the trigger for swing states in the Midwest, Nevada and Georgia to suddenly stop counting votes, with Trump up in almost every single state. It would then be much easier to calculate the number of votes Biden would need to capture the lead. While we were told that ballot counting had stopped, in fact, bins and boxes and bags of ballots were being delivered and counted in the middle of the night—and, in many cases, 100% percent of them would be for Biden.

Statistically impossible. But remember those polls and electoral vote tallies. And remember also that, several weeks ago, Axios used the term "red mirage" to explain what the public was going to see on Election Night: Trump would appear to be winning, but the flood of mailed-in ballots (that Democrats had insisted were necessary to protect the public from covid-19) would sweep Biden to victory.

#### Propaganda.

Even Biden's self-designation as the "president-elect" is propaganda since one is not the president-elect until one is elected. And that does not take place until the electors have cast their votes and Congress certifies the vote. (In typical Biden fashion, even this bit of hubris isn't original; former President Barack Obama created his own sign and seal for "the Office of the President-Elect" in 2008.)

The networks' proclamations last Saturday that Biden had been elected president were more of the same. Those throngs of joyful people crying, singing, shouting, screaming in the streets of Washington, D.C., and other major cities (throwing covid caution to the winds) were exactly what was intended. As with the polls, the "red

mirage" predictions and the election night calls, this manipulation of public sentiment has been crafted to leave President Trump with two options, both unpleasant.

Trump and his team are challenging vote tallies in several states, alleging fraud and other procedural irregularities. This is legal and unremarkable. Manual recounts are frequent—automatic in some states—when vote totals are close. But you would never know that from listening to the media, which has been reinforcing the Democratic Party narrative that Trump is an aspiring dictator or a lunatic who will have to be dragged from the White House.

If, on the one hand, those allegations turn out not to be true—or if they are true but do not affect enough votes to flip the states Trump needs—then he loses the election.

Profoundly disappointing.

But the alternative appears worse. If Trump's challenges prove successful, if he flips some combination of the contested states so as to win the election, the master manipulators behind the scenes will have convinced millions of Americans that the legal challenges were an abuse of process, that such a result will be illegitimate, that the presidency has been stolen. Trump's first term will look like a honeymoon compared with what he will/would be facing after two, three, four weeks of Biden voters celebrating what they were told was Biden's victory, what they have been told for months would be Biden's victory.

Propaganda.

And that brings us to other, more ominous aspects of the media manipulation. It's implausible that anyone high up in the Democratic Party or the major media planned last summer's riots in reaction to the death of George Floyd; antifa's ongoing violence in Portland and other cities; or the "occupation" of Seattle. But the Democratic mayors of these cities didn't stop them either. The threat inherent in the confluence of these events is clear: Accept the results of the election as we have announced them—or face the wrath of the mobs we have whipped into a fervor.

In a bitterly ironic twist, a huge majority of the nearly 72 million Americans who voted for Trump already believe that that fraud has irreparably compromised the election. According to a poll released earlier this week, 70% of Republicans do not believe that this election was free or fair.

Propaganda thrives in a climate of deceit. The body politic is infected with it. We desperately need laws that protect the integrity of our elections and minimize the possibility of manipulation. If the ongoing challenges to state vote tallies reveal widespread fraud—even if it is not enough to change the election results—that alone will be a beneficial result.

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An article by Laura Hollis titled "The Propaganda War Continues" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 19, 2020. Following is the article.

The past week brought further evidence of how deep and wide the propaganda war is on ordinary Americans. Trump supporters converged on Washington, D.C., last Saturday for the "Million MAGA March." The crowd was enormous, but—like so much else these days—it is nearly impossible to get accurate information about how many people were there. White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany tweeted out that it was "more than one MILLION" people, which seems highly unlikely. Yet, the major media—predictably—went in the opposite direction, downplaying the event to one that only thousands attended. How many thousands? Tens of thousands? Hundreds of thousands? Just eyeballing the crowds from the vantage points of the many overhead shots provided on social media and elsewhere, it looked like enough people to fill the largest college or NFL stadium and then some. You wouldn't know that from reading the articles.

It isn't just the numbers that the media manipulates; it's the motives.

The crowd was diverse in age, race, ethnicity and every other conceivable characteristic. However many there were in our nation's capital, they were clearly there to express their love of their country, their support for the president and their support of his efforts to determine whether the vote count on Nov. 3 was accurate or the product of manipulation, deceit and fraud. They were peaceful, unmasked, walking with flags and many with children and pets. At various points throughout the event, they prayed and sang the national anthem. There was no looting, no vandalism, no attacking people, destroying monuments or burning buildings.

Until the rally ended, that is, and out came the attackers, believed to be part of the antifa and BLM groups, screaming obscenities, instilling fear, inciting violence and causing bloodshed, as they have in cities across the country for months. Rally attendees were screamed at, pelted with eggs, doused with liquids, shoved and assaulted, their flags and clothing stolen and burned. Diners at a D.C. restaurant had exploding fireworks and debris thrown at them. One of the most disturbing videos showed a man getting sucker-punched from behind, falling onto the pavement and then being kicked as he lay unconscious. He wasn't wearing a mask, but his attackers were. One even stole the cellphone that he dropped when he collapsed.

The media is no more honest about the march itself than it is the concerns behind it.

Americans concerned about voter fraud are denounced as "conspiracy theorists" and part of the "hard, hard right," and those concerns themselves are dismissed as "debunked ideas." NPR called last weekend's D.C. march "a petri dish of conspiracy and extremism" and, in what has become a tried-and-true trope, evoked the specter of the 2017 event in Charlottesville, Virginia, at which a woman was killed.

Meanwhile, the screamers and sucker-punchers and firework throwers were mere "counterprotesters," the violence they instigated called "scattered clashes." In fact, the Washington Post accused rally attendees of having come to D.C. "intent on clashing."

Oh, so it's the fault of those who were attacked.

This started even before Trump was elected, but the narrative has remained the same: Trump supporters are ignorant racists, sexists and bigots, making them—all 73 million of them, apparently—purveyors of "lies, hate, chaos and division," at least if one listens to former first lady Michelle Obama.

Buried in the Washington Post article is this statement: "Organizers of the event falsely claim that the election won by President-elect Joe Biden was stolen."

There's the real issue.

The press—like the left generally—is treating all claims of election fraud as an absurd impossibility concocted in the fevered dreams of QAnon (whoever that is). But in truth, whether there was serious fraud in the Nov. 3 election is unknown and under investigation.

I wonder sometimes whether Republicans—including Trump's team—truly understand what's meant by a "propaganda war." It is a war. You cannot sit back while your opponent does battle. The anti-Trump forces are lobbing round after round, and the Trump side keeps saying, "Just wait!"

Trump's people don't seem to get that teaser after teaser is not going to cut it. Conservative voters have heard this stuff for years: "We've got the goods on 'Fast and Furious' now!" "Lois Lerner is going to prison!" (She retired with a full pension.) "Just wait until you hear the big bombshell about Hillary Clinton's emails!" "Hunter Biden smoked crack—with Russian hookers!"

This week, attorney Sidney Powell dropped the biggest teaser of all: Trump really won, and by millions of votes!

But no proof.

Meanwhile, two Republican election officials in Wayne County, Michigan, caved in and agreed to certify the votes—after they were accused of racism and their children were threatened, but whatever.

Meanwhile, the Trump campaign has lost recent court challenges in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Arizona.

Drip. Drip. Drip. Pound. Pound. Pound.

The diehards stand waiting for the Mother of All Bombshells to drop. But that group is shrinking. Because the rest of the 73 million Americans (or 75 million or 77 million or whatever the number really is) are getting that sinking, familiar feeling again. They've seen this movie way too many times, and they know how it ends.

The propaganda war is not the electoral victory, which is—perhaps understandably—where the Trump team is focusing all its efforts. But if Team Trump loses the propaganda war—and he is behind there, too—even if Trump finds the votes to flip the states and claim election victory, he will face popular opposition that cannot be underestimated.

Whatever information Powell, Rudy Giuliani and the rest of Trump's legal team have, they need to drop it soon if they want it to matter, not to the judges but to the American people.

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An article by Laura Hollis titled "The Propaganda of Despair" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 26, 2020. Following is the article.

What the Democratic Party pitches as compassion for minorities and the poor is nothing but forced dependence, and now Democrats are seeking to expand their targets.

Theirs is not a message of hope and opportunity but the propaganda of envy and helplessness. "You can't succeed because the deck is stacked against you," they say. "You don't have X because someone else has it." "The only reason someone else has X and you don't is because they have exploited you." And the big finale: "The only way you can get X is by electing us to take it away from others and give it to you."

This self-serving sales pitch has made generations of Democrats very wealthy, but it hasn't done much to raise the standards of living for those in poverty.

What has moved people out of poverty is entrepreneurship and business ownership. All across the globe, countries that have embraced an entrepreneurial culture (including the rule of law, private property, and liberal human rights) have seen untold millions lifted out of poverty. Indeed, the U.N. and the World Bank reported that extreme poverty was reduced by half globally between 1990 and 2010.

Old-timey Democrats would have been happy about these success stories. But today's Democrats are not, because this evidence blows a C4-sized hole in their narratives that condemn capitalism and call for top-down control of national (and global) economies.

Some of this is a function of ignorance; most politicians (and leftist activists) have ZERO experience starting or running a business. Politicians spend money extracted by force (through taxes) and don't seem to get that commerce is free exchange based upon quality, competition, and persuasion.

Increasingly, however, it is not ignorance of business but hostility toward it that is the force behind Democratic policies.

Democrats love to criticize business and, in so doing, convey the impression that all business is "big business." This is a deliberate and dangerous deception. The Democratic Party is, in fact, a globalist, corporatist party that loves big business because big business makes big donations. The big businesses themselves shrug off any inflammatory "anti-business" rhetoric, knowing that they'll pay lobbyists to carve out exemptions from the most profit-hostile policies enacted by a Democrat-controlled Congress.

But 99% of the businesses in the United States are small businesses, and most are family-owned. According to the U.S. Census, of the roughly 30.2 million firms in this country, fully 80% of them—24.3 million—do not employ anyone but the owners. Of the remaining 5.9 million firms, nearly 90%

employ fewer than 20 people. Fewer than 50,000 employ more than 500 people, and there are only about 6,000 publicly-traded companies in the U.S. (And even that number has been shrinking every year for 20 years.)

This matters now more than ever because small businesses and the entrepreneurs who own them have been a bulwark against communism and socialism in the United States. Countries, where Marxist ideologies got traction, had primarily two classes of people: the extremely rich (often nobility), who owned land, and the extremely poor, who neither owned land nor could navigate the impenetrable bureaucracies to acquire land or business licenses.

By contrast, the United States has always been a place where anyone could start a business. The poor, minorities, and even immigrants who didn't speak a word of English have used that freedom to create their version of the American dream. Since the founding of this country, those small businesses have been Americans' ticket to financial security and upward mobility. With them, we built a middle and upper-middle class of millions of people who are impervious to the communists' propaganda of despair.

But collectivists understand this. And so, those businesses are under attack.

Front and center are covid-19 lockdowns. They may have started as health protocols, but they are being twisted into political opportunities for collectivists whose objectives include the destruction of the United States economy and the stalwart objections business owners have to their statist aspirations.

Since just March, 100,000 small businesses have closed their doors for good. In typical fashion, this has hurt minority-owned businesses worst—41% of black-owned businesses closed from February through April. (And this is without mentioning the minority-owned businesses destroyed by looting and arson that Democratic mayors and governors allowed to happen.) States have had the freedom to set their own covid policies, but if the puppet masters pulling putative president-elect Joe Biden's strings get their way, we'll soon have national lockdowns. Experts say that as many as 1 in 5 small businesses will close if another lockdown goes into effect.

This is nothing short of government-sponsored theft of mind-boggling levels Vladimir Lenin couldn't have dreamt of.

But fear not, all ye who have lost your jobs, your livelihoods, your life savings, your property, your dreams! The collectivists are here to save the day!

They'll say: "True, your business is dead. Your income is gone. You can't pay your mortgage or your rent. You can't pay off your loans. Things are terrible." They'll try to distract you from the fact that it was their policies that destroyed everything you owned in the first place. And then they'll try to lure you in with their socialist siren song of "universal basic income"; "forgiveness of student loan debt"; mortgage and rent "moratoria"; and "fair housing." (Because "Housing is a right!")

"You can't fix it without us."

Gone is your independence, replaced by the ring in your nose by which they plan to lead you around. You can't vote against them now because they control everything you have. That is how a relative handful of people who produce nothing become more powerful than millions of people who produced everything. They, not you, will decide which industries will prosper and which will shut down. They, not you, will decide which enterprises operate, what those enterprises make, how much they can charge, who owns them, what the owners can take from them, and what their employees must be paid.

That is the ugly reality hiding behind the left's propaganda of despair.

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

## News about the media

■ An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Why Is Big Media Hiding That Illinois Has Far More Covid Cases Than Florida? Because Illinois Has a Democrat in Charge and Tighter Lockdowns" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

■ An article titled "CNN's Christiane Amanpour Regrets Equating Trump Presidency With Nazi's Kristallnacht Assault" was posted at usatoday.com on Nov. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Kristina Wong titled "Trump Legal Adviser Jenna Ellis Rips Media: 'You Are Not Unbiased Jurors' " was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Brianna Kraemer titled "Verizon to Sell HuffPost to BuzzFeed in Business Deal" was posted at justthenews.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Mike Stunson titled "Fox News Popularity Slipping Among Republicans; Where Are Viewers Going?" was posted at miamiherald.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

■ An article by Nicholas Waddy titled "When It Comes to Election Fraud, It's 'Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil' " was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

■ An article by Julio Rosas titled "Mika Brzezinski: Trump Needs to Be Investigated Because He Almost Destroyed Our Country" was posted at townhall. com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "New York Governor Andrew Cuomo Wins Emmy for 'Masterful Use of Television to Inform and Calm' on Pandemic" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

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## **Comments about Parler**

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■ An article by Dade Hayes titled "Parler Sees Membership Double As Conservatives and Donald Trump Backers Seek Alternative to Facebook, Twitter" was posted at deadline.com on Nov. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Alexis Benveniste and Kaya Yuneff titled "Meet Rebekah Mercer, the Deep-Pocketed Co-Founder of Parler, a Controversial Conservative Social Network" was posted at cnn.com on Nov. 16, 2020.

■ An article by Laura Romero titled "'Free Speech' Social Media Platform Parler Is a Hit Among Trump Supporters, But Experts Say It Won't Last" was posted at abcnews.com on Nov. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Jade Scipioni titled "Bill Gates Says Social Media Platform Parler's Content Has Some 'Crazy Stuff' " was posted at cnbc.com on Nov. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Andrew Mark Miller titled "Mark Levin Says He's Fed Up With Facebook and Will Leave Platform 'Probably by the End of the Year' " was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Tina Nguyen titled "On Parler, MAGA's Postelection World View Blossoms With No Pushback" was posted at politico.com on Nov. 22, 2020.

## Tragedies of lock-down

■ An article by Jon Militone titled "Lockdowns Not Linked With Lower Covid Death Rates, New Study [by Frontiers in Public Health] Finds" was posted at fee.org on Nov. 23, 2020.

■ An article by Margot Cleveland titled "Forcing the Sick and Elderly to Die Alone Is Crueler Than Covid-19" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

■ An article by Brad Polumbo titled "4 Life-Threatening Unintended Consequences of the Lockdowns" was posted at fee.org on Nov. 25, 2020. (The four consequences are: (1) Massive Spikes in Suicide Rates and Mental Health Crises, (2) Uptick in Drug Overdoses and Substance Abuse, (3) Economic Devastation Leads to Hunger and (4) Surge in Domestic Violence Under Covid-19 Lockdowns.)

## Finances

■ A Reuters article titled "Wendy's Wants to Buy Nearly 400 of Its Restaurants Out of Bankruptcy" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ A Reuters article by David Shepardson titled "GM Will Recall 7 Million Vehicles for Air Bag Issue Worldwide" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 23, 2020.

■ An article titled "Half the Labor Force in Major U.S. Cities Is Working From Home" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

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■ A Reuters article by Radhika Anilkumar titled "Disney Increases Planned Layoffs to 32,000 [Up From 28,000] As Virus Hits Park Attendance" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

## **Coronavirus and civil liberties**

■ An article titled "A New Study Questions Whether Masks Protect Wearers; You Need to Wear Them Anyway" was posted at nytimes.com on Nov. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Charlie Spiering titled "CDC Director Robert Redfield: Schools the 'Safest Places' for Children During Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Varun Hukeri titled "Our Kids Are the Hostages—How Teacher Unions Are Using Coronavirus to Try to Line Their Pockets" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 23, 2020.

■ An article by Nolan Hicks, Carl Campanile and Natalie Musumeci titled "De Blasio Says He Has No Plan to Reopen the NYC Schools He Closed" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

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■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "California Governor Orders Everyone Except Hollywood to Stay at Home" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

■ An article by Ruben Vives titled "Pasadena [California] Will Allow Outdoor Dining to Continue Despite L.A. County Health Order" was posted at latimes. com on Nov. 23, 2020.

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■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "'How Very Orwellian of You': Vermont Governor Makes Schools Question Kids About Thanksgiving Plans" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Kentucky Coffee Shop Owner Loses License After Bucking Coronavirus Restrictions" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by John Hawkins titled "Line of Customers Stretches Out the Door As Kentucky Coffee Shop Defies Covid-19 Lockdowns" was posted at bongino.com on Nov. 26, 2020.

■ An article by James Crump titled "Florida Governor Accused of 'Killing Spree' After Extending Ban on Cities From Imposing Own Mask Mandates" was posted at independent.co.uk on Nov. 27, 2020.

■ A letter to the editor by Nanette Smith (of Irvine, Calif.) titled "We Need a Full-Blown Lockdown [in California], Not Just an Outdoor Ban" was posted at latimes.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

## Coronavirus and religion

■ An article titled "More U.S. Churches [in California and Minnesota] Sue to Challenge Covid-19 Restrictions" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 13, 2020.

■ An article by John Soloman titled "Supreme Court Strikes Down Cuomo's Covid Restrictions on Religious Services in New York" was posted at justthenews.com on Nov. 26, 2020.

## **Comments about Thanksgiving**

■ An article by David Ng titled "Climate Change Alarmist Harrison Ford Seen Landing Private Jet to Pick Up Son Ahead of Thanksgiving" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 22, 2020.

■ An article by Evita Duffy titled "Oregon Governor [Kate Brown]: Snitch on Your Neighbors for Violating Thanksgiving Covid Orders" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 23, 2020.

■ An article by Mary Margaret Oldhan titled "'Uninvite Your Bragging Brother': Oregon Governor [Kate Brown] Who Cheered BLM Protests Tells Citizens to Uninvite Family for Thanksgiving" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Joseph Curl titled "[State] University [of New York] System Mandates 140,000 Students Test Negative for Covid-19 Before They Can Leave for Thanksgiving" was posted at dailywire.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "After Being Called Out, Cuomo Cancels His Thanksgiving Plans" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

■ An article by Evita Duffy titled "Denver Mayor [Michael Hancock] Preaches 'Stay Home' for Thanksgiving While Boarding An Out-Of-State Flight" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

■ An article by Keith Stanglin titled "No, the Pilgrims Didn't Desecrate Native American Graves, and Other Myths You Shouldn't Believe" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 26, 2020.

■ An article by cbsla.com staff titled "SoCal Edison Begins Shutting Off Power [to 5,000] in LA, Ventura Counties [on Thanksgiving]" was posted at cbsla. com on Nov. 26, 2020.

# Comments about police "misconduct"

■ An article by Anne Branigin titled "14-Year-Old Honestie Hodges, Handcuffed at Gunpoint by Michigan Police As a Child, Dies From Covid-19" was posted at theroot.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

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■ 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.

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■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Nikki Haley Asks AOC How Will She Pay for Green New Deal When She Wants to Pay People Not to Work" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

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■ An article by Bob Price titled "October Migrant Arrest Rate at Border Up 87 Percent" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

■ An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Biden Announces He Will Immediately Move to Give Citizenship to Millions of Illegal Aliens" was posted at dailywire.com on Nov. 24, 2020.

■ An article by Alex Nitzberg titled "Sanctuary Outrage: Criminal Alien Arrested in Two Murders After California Released Him Repeatedly" was posted at justthenews.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

## **Comments about weapons**

■ An article by Jake Dima titled " 'It's a Disaster': Joe Biden's Gun Plan Could Bankrupt the Firearms Industry, Advocates Say" was posted at dailycaller.com on Nov. 24, 2020. (Biden's plan includes a provision to repeal the "Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act" which provides firearm sellers and manufacturers from lawsuits related to the misuse of weapons or ammunition.)

## **Comments about Mail-In Ballots**

■ 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 washingtonpost.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 P.F. Whalen titled "Tell Us Again—Why Was Mail-In Voting So Important?" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 20, 2020.

## Trump supporters and detractors

■ An article by Julia Musto titled "Florida Police Bust Large Child Sex Trafficking Network, Charge Nearly 180 Individuals" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 18, 2020.

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■ An article by Asher Hamilton titled "Apple Is Reportedly Moving iPad Production Out of China for the First Time Ever Because of Trump's Trade War" was posted at businessinsider.com on Nov. 26, 2020.

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■ An article by Olivia Harvey titled "Hallmark Is Releasing Their First Christmas Movie With a Gay Couple in the Lead" was posted at hellogiggles.com on Nov. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Kaitlin Greenockle and Joel Shannon titled "Florida Man Save His Dog From the Jaws of An Alligator; Wildlife Cam Films the Dramatic Rescue" was posted at usatoday.com on Nov. 21, 2020.

■ An article by Molly Hennessy-Fiske titled "Texas Tackles Wild Hogs With High-Stakes Hunts" was posted at latimes.com on Nov. 27, 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."