

# Eye on the World

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



A Reuters article by Dan Williams titled “Israel Hopes for Rapprochement With Fifth Muslim Country Before Trump Exit” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

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Israel is working towards formalizing relations with a fifth Muslim country, possibly in Asia, during U.S. President Donald Trump’s term, an Israeli cabinet minister said on Wednesday.

The White House has brokered rapprochements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco this year. Rabat hosted an Israeli-U.S. delegation on Tuesday to flesh out the upgrade in relations.

Asked if a fifth country could sign up before Trump steps down on Jan 20, Regional Cooperation Minister Ofir Akunis told Israel’s Ynet TV: “We are working in that direction.”

“I believe . . . there will be an American announcement about another country that is going public with the normalisation of relations with Israel and, in essence, with the infrastructure for an accord—a peace accord,” he said.

Administration officials have said they are trying to get more countries to recognize Israel or warm existing ties to it.

Akunis said there were two main candidate countries to become the next to move towards normal ties with Israel.

He did not name either but said one is in the Gulf and could be Oman but would not be Saudi Arabia. The other, further to the east, is a "Muslim country that is not small" but is not Pakistan, Akunis said.

Indonesia, the most populous Muslim country, said last week it would not recognize Israel as long as Palestinian statehood demands remain unmet. Malaysia has signaled a similar policy.

"Malaysia's firm stance on the Palestinian issue will not change," Deputy Foreign Minister Kamarudin Jaffar told the country's senate on Wednesday, adding that Kuala Lumpur would not interfere in other nations' decisions on Israel.

In Dhaka, a foreign-ministry official said Bangladesh was not interested in establishing diplomatic ties with Israel. "Our position remains the same," he told Reuters.

Oman has praised the U.S.-brokered diplomatic drive but has not commented on its own prospects of forging Israel ties.

The Palestinians, whose negotiations with Israel stalled in 2014, fear being sidelined by the normalization process.



An article by Ben Ariel titled "The Israeli Submarine That Sent a Message to Iran" was posted at [israelnationalnews.com](http://israelnationalnews.com) on Dec. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

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IDF [Israel Defense Force] Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi said earlier on Monday, "The IDF will forcefully attack anyone who is involved, in part or in full, from near or far, in action against the State of Israel or against Israeli targets."

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted at churchofgodbig sandy.com, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- An article titled "Israel Is Starting to Vaccinate, but Palestinians May Have to Wait Months" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.
  - An article by Patrick Fagan titled "Face Masks Make You Stupid" was posted at [thecritic.co.uk](https://www.thecritic.co.uk) on July 28, 2020.
  - An article by Gabrielle Reyes titled "China Celebrates Over 70 Countries Introducing Mandarin in Schools" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
  - An article by Helen Raleigh titled "Recent Leaks Expose Communist China's Extensive Infiltration of the West" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.
  - An article titled "No 'Negative' News: How China Censored the Coronavirus" was posted at [dnyuz.com](https://www.dnyuz.com) on Dec. 19, 2020.
  - A Reuters article by Afolabi Sotunde and Ismail Abba titled "Nigerian Security Forces Rescue More Than 300 Schoolboys Kidnapped by Gunmen" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
  - A Reuters article by Elida Moreno titled "Panama Orders Men and Women to Shop on Different Days to Curb Coronavirus" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Dec. 19, 2020.
  - An article by James Hookway titled "Mammoth Iceberg [Iceberg A68a of South Georgia Island, a Remote British Territory in the South Atlantic That Is Larger Than Rhode Island] Jeopardizes Millions of Penguins" was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on Dec. 19, 2020.
  - A Reuters article by Elizabeth Piper titled "Tougher UK Coronavirus Curbs May Last Some Time, Health Minister Suggests" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Dec. 20, 2020.
  - An article by Elisabetta Bianchini titled "Ontario-Wide Lockdown: Entire Province to Shut Down on Dec. 26, Students Move to Online Learning" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Dec. 21, 2020.



An article by Andrea Widburg titled "Republicans and Democrats Come Together to Rob American Taxpayers" was posted at [americanthinker.com](https://www.americanthinker.com) on Dec. 22, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Late Monday night in a huge secretive rush, Congress passed a combined virus relief and omnibus spending bill that's almost 6,000 pages long and, in less than a year, will spend \$2.3 trillion that does not exist.

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- The bill spends \$1.4 trillion (or 61%) on funding the government through September 2021.
- The bill spends \$900 billion (or 39%) on covid relief.



An article by Matt Vespa titled "Liberals Are Probably Fuming Over These Seven Words Trump Uttered in Rejecting Covid Relief Bill" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

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He will fight to the bitter end. No one can say he's a quitter or soft. President Trump is going to deny conceding the election until pretty much Joe Biden has to move into the White House in January.

Look, it's done. The legal avenue has run its course. The Trump campaign and its allies didn't convince the courts and they ran out of time. It happens. Whether we like it or not, a Biden presidency is the next chapter here, but Republicans have plenty of ground to mount a defense, pending the results of the Georgia runoffs.

Yet, before we descend too far into the 2020 election pit, Trump is still president and he wants a covid-relief bill to help Americans who were economically tortured by Nancy Pelosi and congressional Democrats. These despicable people blocked past attempts to give millions of working families relief during the pandemic. They wanted to better the chances of Biden winning and that means giving the finger to American workers. Pelosi probably loved it. So much for the "country over party" b\*lls\*\*t.

A covid bill and a spending bill were hashed out. They were must-pass since we're on the verge of a government shutdown because that's how Democrats govern. Get us into these must-pass situations in order to logroll all the wasteful spending under the sun. It's a "woke" Christmas sendoff for the progressive Left.

We have \$700 million going to Sudan, \$40 million going to the Kennedy Center, and millions going to Pakistan for some gender nonsense. Oh, in the covid-relief bill, families who were screwed over by Joe Biden's party are getting \$600 . . . because that's really going to help alleviate months of economic stress.

Trump was not happy with the amount in the relief checks. He wants a bill with \$2,000 payments and has threatened a veto . . . Yes, I like the veto threat, but it's probably a symbolic gesture. Trump could whip out the pen, but these current spending and relief bills passed with veto-proof majorities. Should this happen, it will be overridden.

I don't know. I'm not a big fan of harping on moral or symbolic victories. Yet, in his video address regarding these bills, Trump brought the 2020 election into focus, warning that the next administration will have to handle covid relief, and that administration might be him.

"The next administration will have to deliver a covid-relief package," said the president as he closed his remarks. "And maybe that administration will be me. We will get it done," he added.

Those seven words—"and maybe that administration will be me"—has to be driving liberals mad. Sorry, these are your rules. You didn't accept the 2016 results. You had members of the Democratic Party, the intelligence community, the FBI, the Department of Justice, the liberal news media, and others conspire to derail this presidency through the Russian collusion hoax.

Why? Because you didn't want to accept the results. You wanted to execute a coup. So, sorry, cry me a river over the Left's consternation over Trump not conceding just yet. Keep trolling, Mr. President.



An article by Tucker Carlson titled "Congress Tells Struggling Americans to Take Their \$600 and Shut Up; Our Lawmakers Seek to Change Centuries-Old Societies While Their Constituents Fight to Survive" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

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After tense negotiations and multiple rounds of televised theatrics, Congress has passed a spending bill. It's 5,593 pages long, and allocates \$2.3 trillion, including more than \$900 billion in covid relief.

That's a lot of money, but, on the other hand, there's a lot of need. Thanks in part to government lockdowns, more than 100 million Americans are out of the workforce. One in six restaurants is closed. Huge parts of the retail sector are in tatters. J. Crew, Pier 1, Neiman Marcus, Brooks Brothers, Century 21 and many others are in bankruptcy.

If there was ever a time that Americans need relief, it's right now. So be glad to know there is something for you in this bill: It is entirely possible that you could get a \$600 check, courtesy of the U.S. Congress.

That money, should you receive it, is yours with which to do what you wish. Buy a moderately sized television set and watch the free channels all night. Rent a Tesla for a day and drive it until the power runs out. Order two appetizers off the tasting menu at The French Laundry in Napa County (tip not included). The sky's the limit here. Go crazy. It's good to be an American.

On the other hand, it's also pretty good to be a Jordanian. The same bill passed (but not read) by Congress allocates \$500 million for border security in that country. Congress wants to help Jordan build a wall along its 275-mile long border with Syria. Apparently, Congress is worried about illegal immigration in the Middle East, which is why it allocated another \$250 million for

additional border security in Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Oman. God knows those countries need it. Borders make a nation, remember that.

Except here in the United States, which is unique among nations through history: Borders are not relevant. In fact, borders are racist. And that's why this very same bill defunds American border security. It slashes funding for ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] detention space and blocks requests to hire more deportation officials. Immigration authorities in this country will have 11,000 fewer detention beds starting this year.

There's also \$33 million for what are called "democracy programs" in Venezuela, because we're experts on democracy. We're spending \$231 million to help pay down the national debt of Sudan, debt being another area we know a thing or two about. And, just in case you were worried that American society wasn't divided enough, this bill creates two new monuments to the interest groups that have the most political power at the moment. So the Smithsonian will create a women's-history museum, as well as what's called the National Museum of the American Latino.

There's a whole lot more for the rest of the world. This bill spends \$10 million on what it calls "gender programs" in Pakistan. Now, Congress doesn't specify exactly what those are. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., seems to know and he's thrilled about it. Here he is on *Fox & Friends* Tuesday morning.

GRAHAM: Pakistan is a place I really worry about. [In] 85 countries, a woman can't open up a bank account without her husband's signature. She can't inherit property. If you're a young girl in Pakistan, life is pretty tough. So we're trying to make life better for women throughout the world.

Suddenly, Lindsey Graham is an expert in how the people of a country 7,000 miles away whose language he does not speak and whose culture he does not understand should be running their families. Lindsey Graham doesn't like how young people in Rawalpindi or Lahore too easily accept the customs of their elders. He'd like to shake things up in Pakistani society. He's got big ideas for how to create more-enlightened Urdu-speaking households on the subcontinent, and he's going to use your money to do it.

"We're trying to make life better for women throughout the world," Graham announces, like it's an item on a "honey do" list. Take out the trash, feed the cat, pick up spaghetti sauce, make life better for women throughout the world. It's all in a day's work for an American politician.

"Overreach," I hear you say. "These are the same people who can't get the votes counted in a congressional election." Yeah, but they've got bigger aspirations than that. And those aspirations are all over this bill.

On one page, you will find tens of millions of dollars set aside to recruit and retain women in the Afghan army. Why is the U.S. paying for this? Is that something that will help the United States in some measurable way? Why are we doing this?

The real reason Congress is spending that money, of course, is because crazy ideologues and various interest groups and the federal bureaucracy would like to change

one of the world's last remaining traditional societies. Someday, some unhappy 26-year-old foreign-service officer can write her master's thesis in gender studies on how she undermined the patriarchy in Southwest Asia. That's the whole point of it.

Meanwhile, no one in the State Department or Congress has paused to think about what the Afghans think. The very same people who lecture you about cultural imperialism think it's totally irrelevant what the native population might think of this. It's possible Afghans may not consider this progress. Maybe they are happy with their ancient culture, unsavory as we may find it. That culture existed a thousand years before ours, and maybe they'd like to keep it.

Come to think of it, why would anyone in Pakistan ever take advice from us on how to organize a society? "You must allow market forces to destroy your gender roles," says a civilization that's become miserable by doing the exact same thing. Maybe they'll tell us to keep our money. But, no matter what they say, we will not stop sending them our money.

Foreign aid is the most effective possible way for the academic left to export its poisonous social programs to the rest of the world. The Roman Empire built roads. We demand that poor countries become woke. Before long, our aid budget will consist entirely of advanced weapons systems for the Middle East and taxpayer-funded gender-reassignment surgeries for Africa, and Lindsey Graham and the State Department will be happy about that.

But how will you feel about it? Well, who cares how you feel about it? You get \$600, so shut up.



An article by Morgan Watkins titled "Rand Paul Plays Christmas Grinch, Derides Covid-19 Relief Aid Mitch McConnell Negotiated" was posted at [courier-journal.com](https://www.courier-journal.com) on Dec. 21, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Casting himself in the role of Christmas Grinch, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul is chastising Democrats and Republicans alike who support a roughly \$900 billion coronavirus relief package that officials argue is sorely needed to help the staggering economy.

Paul is opposing the new relief package and deriding Congress for handing out "free money" as the federal government's national debt keeps climbing.

"This bill is free money for everyone," he said in a speech on the Senate floor Monday afternoon. "And yet, if free money were the answer, if money really grew on trees, why not give *more* free money? Why not give it out all the time?"

"Why stop at \$600 a person? Why not \$1,000? Why not \$2,000? If we can print up money with impunity, why not do it?"

The newly proposed covid-19 relief package includes a second set of stimulus payments the federal government plans to send to most Americans, totaling \$600 per person.

The House passed the measure 359-53, and it next heads to the Senate, which is expected to approve it late Monday night.

Kentucky's other senator, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, supports the relief package, negotiating it with fellow congressional leaders of both parties over the weekend.

The proposal is linked to an approximately \$1.4 trillion government spending bill that is needed to fund federal agencies and initiatives.

"Yesterday, leaders in the Senate, in the House, and the secretary of the treasury reached the major agreement that struggling Americans have needed for months," McConnell said Monday. "We are going to pass another historic rescue package to help American families through this pandemic."

This deal comes after top Democrats and Republicans in Congress, including McConnell and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, failed for months to compromise on a new round of aid for Americans still struggling through the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.

But Paul warned Republicans they would "lose their soul" by supporting the massive bill.

"To so-called conservatives who are quick to identify the socialism of Democrats: If you vote for this spending monstrosity, you are no better," Paul said. "When you vote to pass out free money, you lose your soul and you abandon forever any semblance of moral or fiscal integrity."

Those \$600 relief checks are in the works more than eight months after Congress approved an initial round of stimulus payments worth up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per child, which people received nationwide as part of March's roughly \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act.

The new bill would (among other things):

- Provide a temporary, \$300 weekly boost to unemployment benefits.
- Allocate more than \$80 billion for schools.
- Provide over \$280 billion for more Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP, business loans.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "The Abominable 'America Last' Porkulus' " was posted at creators.com on Dec. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

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This country is not governed by a "Republican Party" and a "Democratic Party." It is governed by an establishment "uniparty" that betrays our citizens at every turn. Exhibit A: The joint annual ritual of fiscal vulgarity known as the omnibus spending bill.

While Americans are distracted with the holidays, Beltway crapweasels stuff their legislative Christmas trees with multibillion-dollar goodies for every special interest except the American people. I've reported with depressing regularity over the past quarter-century on how these pork-laden monstrosities get rammed through Congress, unread, with little scrutiny or outrage. But finally lightbulbs are going off.



The juxtaposition of measly covid-19 relief for U.S. citizens against the backdrop of lavish aid for illegal immigrants, the military-industrial complex, Big Pharma, overseas social justice warriors, nongovernmental organizations and foreign countries is just too brazen to ignore. Americans will receive \$600 covid-19 relief checks and \$300 unemployment payments as part of the consolidated federal government funding package. The \$900 billion in covid-related aid is folded into the massive, 5,600-page legislation encompassing 12 fiscal 2021 spending bills worth \$1.4 trillion.

The puny pandemic stimulus for we the people is a pittance compared with these giveaways buried in the abominable "America last" porkulus:

- 15.4 million illegal immigrant family members are now eligible for stimulus checks and can also now receive retroactive payments worth up to \$1,800.
- The amnesty program for thousands of Liberians who've lived and worked here unlawfully since 2014 has been extended for another year.
- Untold numbers of illegal immigrants who claim to live with "unaccompanied minors" smuggled across the border will now enjoy a new shield from deportation.
- While funding support for the detention and removal of illegal immigrants by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency has been slashed by \$431 million, open-borders nonprofits are rejoicing over new funding for catch-and-release pilot programs that will keep deportable illegal immigrants out of federal custody.
- \$500 million to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama to "address key factors that contribute to the migration of unaccompanied, undocumented minors to the United States."
- \$461 million to Colombia for drug control and "human rights" programs.
- \$75 million to the "Caribbean Basin Security Initiative."
- \$33 million "for democracy programs for Venezuela.
- \$1.65 billion to Jordan for "foreign military financing" and other assistance.
- \$700 million in economic aid to Sudan for "global health" and "transition."
- \$40 million to Syria for economic support, drug control and law enforcement, and emergency medical and rescue response.
- At least \$25 million for "democracy" and "gender programs" in Pakistan.
- "Not less than" \$135 million for drug control and law enforcement assistance in Burma.
- "Not less than" \$85.5 million to Cambodia.
- \$130 million to Nepal for "development" and "democracy" programs.
- \$1.3 billion to Egypt for "economic support" and "higher education."
- \$453 million to Ukraine.
- \$241 million for Tunisia.

- \$15 million to refurbish a patrol boat in Sri Lanka.
- \$170 million to Vietnam, including \$19 million to clean up dioxins.
- \$200 to Bangladesh, including \$23.5 million to support Burmese refugees and \$23.3 million for “democracy programs.”
- \$132 million “for assistance for [the nation of] Georgia.”
- “Not less than” \$1.5 billion for implementation of Indo-Pacific Strategy and the Asia Reassurance Initiative.
- Then there’s Israel, which raked in \$500 million in military aid, plus \$250 million to invest in “people to people” exchanges among Palestinians, Israelis and Americans, “\$5 million for refugee resettlement, \$2 million for cooperative covid-19 health research, \$2 million for ‘sustainability’ research, \$4 million for the U.S.-Israel Center of Excellence in Energy and Water, \$2 million for cooperative energy programs, \$2 million for U.S.-Israel ‘border security’ programs and \$2 million for ‘strategic dialogue’ among the U.S., Israel, Greece and Cyprus.”

This half-billion-dollar gift to Israel, one of the world’s wealthiest nations with universal health care and highly subsidized higher education, comes on top of the \$3.8 billion in foreign aid already allocated to the country this month through the National Defense Authorization Act—which also included \$3.3 billion for security assistance, \$500 million for missile defense, \$47.5 million for “anti-tunnel technology” and \$25 million for anti-drone aerial systems thousands of miles away to protect them. Not us.

What about our borders? What about our domestic peace? What about our health? What about our sustainability? What about our schools? What about our small businesses? What about our human rights?

Americans who dare ask these questions are viciously attacked by the uni-party gatekeepers and globalist water-carriers as “xenophobic,” “racist” and “anti-Semitic.” We’ve had enough. A manufactured public health crisis, post—George Floyd anarchy, and the wholesale hijacking of our election system are pushing citizens to the brink of revolt.

In such times, and at all times, any self-respecting sovereign nation must put its people first. If you don’t demand leaders who represent your interests, you deserve the serial abusers you elect.



An article by Eric Boehm titled “We’re Not Doing Anything Wrong’: This Pennsylvania Brewery Refuses to Obey State’s Indoor Dining Ban” was posted at reason.com on Dec. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

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And it isn’t alone. Pennsylvania has banned indoor dining through the end of the year, but dozens of businesses are banding together to defy the mandate.

It’s a few days before Christmas in Bethlehem, Pa., and there is plenty of room at Seven Sirens Brewing Co.

The brewery's 7,000-square-foot tasting room has a fire-code capacity of 320, but, during happy hour on Monday, there are only about a dozen patrons scattered around the place, sitting in ones and twos at socially distanced tables and sipping beers served by two masked bartenders. Whether they know it or not, everyone here is engaged in an act of civil disobedience, challenging Pennsylvania's ban on indoor drinking and dining that will continue through New Year's Day, at least. It's a policy that assumes all establishments in the state are equally risky—that a tiny, crowded diner or coffee shop is no different than a massive, mostly empty beer hall.

"We're not doing anything wrong," says co-owner Jordan Serulneck, a 32-year-old with a full beard and surprisingly cheerful attitude given everything that's happened since Seven Sirens opened in mid-February—just weeks before the pandemic hit. "It was the best timing," he says with a weary laugh.

When Pennsylvania governor Tom Wolf ordered indoor dining to close in March, Serulneck dutifully shut his doors. But what started out as a temporary shutdown was extended several times before the restrictions were finally lifted during the summer.

When a new statewide shutdown of bars, restaurants, and breweries was ordered for the Wednesday night before the Thanksgiving holiday—typically a major night for social gatherings—Seven Sirens refused to yield. The newest ban on indoor drinking and dining went into effect on Dec. 12, but 10 days later the beer is still flowing here.

"We've been enforcing the same measures here that we did during the summer and we've had no problems," says Serulneck, pointing to the tables spread around the tasting room. With his 67-year-old mother living with him, Serulneck says he takes covid-19 as seriously as anyone and understands the importance of mask-wearing and hand-washing.

Where he draws the line, however, is in listening to orders that come from "people who haven't missed a paycheck in nine months" and who don't seem to appreciate the toll that shutdowns have taken.

"It's been nine months and I don't know how much longer they think people are just going to completely put their lives on hold," he says.

The pandemic, of course, isn't letting up. According to the state Department of Health, Pennsylvania is "in the midst of a spike" in positive covid-19 tests, with more than 581,000 cases statewide as of Wednesday afternoon. There have been 14,442 deaths caused by the virus in Pennsylvania—a little more than 4 percent of all covid-19 deaths in the country.

The real crisis in Pennsylvania isn't centered on restaurants or breweries, but nursing homes. Almost 70 percent of the covid-19 fatalities in Pennsylvania have been tied to nursing homes. According to a *New York Times* analysis of covid-19-related deaths in nursing homes, six of the 10 deadliest facilities in the country were located in the Keystone State.

Indoor dining has been identified by some studies as a major vector for the spread of covid-19, and people should be aware of the risks. But, after nine months of

being warned about avoiding crowded indoor spaces, the government should trust proprietors and individuals to make their own assessments about what risks to tolerate. After all, the government appears to trust shoppers who packed the parking lot of the Lehigh Valley Mall a few miles down the road from Seven Sirens.

Serulneck is hardly alone when it comes to ignoring the state's shutdown order. PALockdown.com, a website that encourages residents to patronize businesses "standing up to the unconstitutional mandate," lists dozens of restaurants, bars, diners, breweries, and other establishments defying the dining ban. A Facebook group promoting the website has more than 68,000 members.

But the state is striking back. Last week, at least 150 businesses got notices from the Wolf administration threatening legal action, including fines of up to \$300 per day, if they refused to comply with the indoor dining ban. On Wednesday, the administration ordered 40 restaurants closed for defying the governor's order.

So far, Seven Sirens has avoided the government's hammer—though Serulneck says the brewery has received warnings from local and state agencies. He's hopeful that a groundswell of civil disobedience will leave law enforcement overwhelmed, or simply unwilling to punish their neighbors.

In some places, that's already happening. The sheriffs of Elk, Lancaster and Westmoreland counties say they will not enforce the state's indoor dining ban this time around. Westmoreland County sheriff James Albert told Trib Live that his 40 years of experience as a law-enforcement officer and judge have taught him to find a balance between enforcing government mandates and "protecting individual civil liberties."

Judges will have their say too. In September, Judge William Stickman struck down large portions of Wolf's previous covid-19 lockdown mandate as an unconstitutional use of the state's police powers. By then, however, much of the earlier mandates had been lifted.

Now a group of bars and restaurants have filed a new lawsuit against the Wolf administration, hoping to build upon that September victory to overturn the newest lockdown. But it seems unlikely that there will be a ruling in the case before the shutdown is scheduled to expire on Jan. 4.

In the meantime, business owners like Serulneck are risking their licenses and livelihoods to stay open—doing the best they can to respect public-health guidelines and keep employees and patrons healthy. He has to duck out of our interview to participate in a conference call with other business owners who are banding together to defy the state.

"You have an inherent right to provide for yourself and your family, and that's not suspended during a time of emergency," he says. "Those rights weren't granted by a governor, so they can't be stripped away by a governor."



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "Some Church Lives Matter More Than Others" was posted at unz.com on Dec. 18, 2020. Following is the article.

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Here is a textbook illustration of how the corporate media's sins of omission can be far more damning than the corrupted industry's sins of commission.

Over the weekend, thousands of patriotic citizens descended on Washington, D.C., to protest election fraud and defend President Donald Trump.

Left-wing "black bloc" mobs threw water bottles, bricks and fireworks at cops and Trump supporters. Eight law-enforcement personnel were injured by Antifa and Black Lives Matter anarchists; one officer received multiple severe lacerations to his face. At least 33 were arrested at the close of the weekend for assaults and mayhem, but countless victims received zero help from cops who stood down and did nothing.

So what did national news outlets choose to focus on?

- NBC News: "Black Lives Matter signs burned at D.C. churches; police investigate as possible hate crimes."
- *The Washington Post*: "Historic D.C. black churches attacked during pro-Trump rallies Saturday."
- CNN: "Protesters ripped and set fire to BLM signs at two D.C. churches."
- Associated Press: "Vandals hit black churches during weekend pro-Trump rallies."

This much is true: As chaos broke out late Saturday night, some members of the Proud Boys stole and set fire to several Black Lives Matter signs that were on display at two D.C.-area churches.

This isolated mischief was nowhere near on the scale of the wanton looting, shooting, terrorizing, and burning down of entire downtowns and neighborhoods across the country by Black Lives Matter and Antifa in the name of "social justice."

But the media propagandists who have labeled violent left-wing riots as "peaceful protests" all year long seized the opportunity to stoke false narratives: Trump supporters are the real threat to civil order. The populist movement to "stop the steal" of election 2020 is rooted in hate. It's "Jim Crow" all over again, "reminiscent of cross burnings" and the "rise of white supremacy," according to one of the fragile black-church pastors making the rounds.

Except that it's not.

The idea that this was an "intentional targeting of houses of worship," as another black pastor claimed, is nonsense on stilts—and a viral video of the incident proves it. The Proud Boys, a largely Christian men's group led by Afro-Cuban activist Enrique Tarrio, chanted "F\*ck Antifa!" as they roasted a couple of the BLM signs. They were "targeting" symbols of those twin domes-

tic terrorist groups, whom the Proud Boys have stood against when no one else would, not black church congregations.

Make no mistake. There has been a concerted campaign of terror against people of faith and their houses of worship this year, but it doesn't fit the anti-Trump narratives of the propaganda media. Since the George Floyd incident in May ushered in the age of anarchotyranny, scores of Catholic churches have come under attack across the United States. You probably haven't forgotten about it because you probably didn't know about it in the first place.

Black Lives Matter leader and propagandist Shaun King instigated the anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-Catholic mob by tweeting during the first outbreak of post-Floyd riots.

"Yes, I think the statues of the white European they claim is Jesus should also come down. They are a form of white supremacy. Always have been," he fumed. King's call to violence was explicit: "In the Bible, when the family of Jesus wanted to hide, and blend in, guess where they went? EGYPT! Not Denmark. Tear them down."

King is still spreading his venom on Twitter.

Catholic officials have tallied at least 39 incidents of "arson, statues beheaded, limbs cut, smashed, and painted, gravestones defaced with swastikas and anti-Catholic language and American flags next to them burned, and other destruction and vandalism" at Catholic churches across 19 states since June. Complicit Clergy, a Catholic watchdog group, tracked nearly 70 such attacks through the summer.

- In May, Our Lady of Mount Lebanon–St. Peter in Los Angeles was spray-painted with "ACAB" (All Cops Are Bastards) "Kill All Cops," "FTP" ("F\*ck the police"), and "Make America Pay For Its Crimes Against Black People" slogans.

- A statue of Jesus was decapitated at St. Patrick Cathedral in El Paso, Texas, after the bishop of the local diocese knelt before a BLM sign.

- Rioters tore down a statue of St. Junipero Serra, an 18th-century Franciscan priest and missionary, at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. A Serra statue at Mission San Rafael Arcangel was defaced and toppled. The mission church in San Gabriel, Calif., which Serra founded, was destroyed in July by a massive arson fire.

- "Statues of Jesus and Mary at churches in Boston, Mass., Miami, Tenn., and Colorado Springs, Colo., were set alight, beheaded and defaced," Carina Benton reported for *The Federalist* in October.

- Catholics praying the rosary to guard the King Louis IX statue in St. Louis were threatened and beaten by BLM and Antifa sympathizers.

A BLM leader unleashes a year-long, race-based "Tear them down" ragefest against followers of Christ. The anti-Trump, anti-white journalists are as quiet as church mice. Silence is not just complicity. It's media malpractice.



An article by William Becker titled "Opinion: If You Think Wearing a Mask Is Stupid, It Is Time to Look in the Mirror" was posted at theseahawk.org on Dec. 17, 2020. Following is the article.

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Emerson Becker, 20, holds the door for two customers as they put on their masks before entering Classic Cinemas York Theater in Elmhurst after reopening on June 26, 2020.

It is the middle of summer and not far from a major publicly celebrated holiday, the Fourth of July. The mandatory lockdown for the covid-19 virus was lifted in a number of places after Memorial Day weekend, which means that people have started flocking to public places. Bars, malls, restaurants and even theme parks have all opened their doors and have begun to welcome millions of Americans. By early June, all but 11 states had lifted their lockdowns.

With the coming holiday, continued protests and the reopening of most public places have continued to take place. With that, public gatherings have become more appealing (at least more than they were in early April). States such as North Carolina have made wearing a mask mandatory in public, and of course, there are people who are refusing to wear a mask, as well as a pretty significant portion of the population who thinks the virus is a hoax.

It is safe to assume that the "virus is a hoax" population has the same sort of mind-set of typical conspiracy theorists like flat-earthers or "anti-vaxxers." This means that a significant amount of science is not going to change their minds because that science is funded by people they personally disagree with. While I cannot personally say I agree with them, they are entitled to their opinions.

In that same breath; however, not wearing a mask in public at this point because of "civil rights" is one of the most selfish things a person can do. Similarly, some young people believe that they are immune to the virus or that it will not hurt them, without considering the fact that people without symptoms can still spread the virus to people who have weaker immune systems without even knowing.

If the experts are right, by wearing a mask you are saving the lives of countless children, elderly people and those with compromised immune systems or diseases that make them more vulnerable to the virus. There is very little risk mixed with a high reward.

If the experts are wrong, you were inconvenienced by wearing a piece of fabric over your face that might be slightly uncomfortable.

If you still are not wearing a mask, you are risking the lives of innocent people because you are uncomfortable. No matter how it is spun, the issue of not wearing a mask because of civil rights is selfish. There is a severe lack of selflessness with this group of people.

Essential workers are often required to wear masks for eight-plus-hour shifts, while many of the people who are complaining are only wearing masks for a maximum of 30 minutes in a grocery store. Essential workers are not dying left and right, so why is there a rumor that wearing masks can somehow be deadly?

It has already been reported that you cannot get carbon-dioxide poisoning, you will not have reduced oxygen intake, and, if any of the rumored health impacts were actually even remotely happening, there would be reports of masks hurting millions of people worldwide.

There are no mass reports of people not being able to breathe or dying because of these things. Before the virus, mask-wearing was incredibly common in East Asia, and there were never any reports of mass deaths.

*The List* published an article on how to make your face mask more comfortable. Suck it up, wear a mask, save lives.



An article by James Delingpole titled “My Journey Through Mask Insanity” was posted at lockdownsceptics.org on Sept. 13, 2020. Following is the article.

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The point of face masks is not to protect humans, but to diminish humanity—to rob people of their ego, their identity and their autonomy. Masks are worn by disposable horror-movie villains and ignorable background dancers; they make people less than human.

If you haven’t read it already, I commend to you an excellent piece in *The Critic* by Patrick Fagan, from which the above quotation is taken. It’s titled “Face Masks Make You Stupid.”

This of course is true and is one of the many reasons why I consider it my duty both as a free spirit and a responsible human being to avoid wearing a face muzzle wherever reasonably possible. On the rare occasions I do wear one, I feel like one of the conquered, enslaved victims when Conan the Barbarian is asked what is best in life. He replies: “To crush your enemies, to see them driven before you, and to hear the lamentations of their women.”

Now imagine that grinning tosser Matt Hancock in the Conan role—or, worse, reenacting the sex-dungeon scene in *Pulp Fiction*—and you’ll better understand just how viscerally I loathe putting on one of those slave gags.

Sometimes, though, you have no choice. For example, I have just come back from a holiday in Greece (Gialova on the Peloponnese; lovely, thanks) and generally played along with the prevailing customs. I wore a mask in the supermarket and at the airport (you’re liable for €150 fine if the police catch you without one); and also at the hotel’s buffet breakfast where, rather than being allowed to pick your own food, you had to stand pointing at various items (olives, hard boiled eggs, yoghurt, etc.) while a masked waitress piled it all up on your tray. (But you sat outside maskless immediately afterwards so no biggie.)

This wasn’t, by the way, because I buy into the maskers’ disingenuous line that it’s only a bit of cloth that hardly inconveniences you so why resist? Rather it’s because I believe that when in Rome—or Greece or wherever—



your job is not to play the arsey maverick freedom fighter drawing attention to the inadequacies of their political system but to make the locals, such as the lovely staff in the family-run hotel, glad that you came.

Also, being with your family, especially when you've got a strop, disapproving, easily embarrassed, judgmental 19- and 21-year-old in tow, your opportunities for autonomous protest are severely constrained.

Ditto, on the aeroplane. We flew British Airways. On the journey out, with the plane only half full, it was fine. Once we were airborne, the stewardesses really weren't bothered whether we kept our masks on.

But on the return journey—when the plane was rammed, presumably because everyone was worrying that Greece was about to be put on the quarantine list—the staff were much more Nazi-ish. I boarded with the mask worn as I prefer, raffishly and contemptuously around my chin—which worked perfectly well when passing the police checkpoint at Kalamata airport—but the chief steward on BA was very insistent that I pull it up not just over my lips but to cover my nose.

The reason for this new strictness, I understand, is because in the interim there had been a media storm-in-teacup story about seven “infected” people returning to Cardiff from the Greek island of Zante on a Tui Airlines flight where, according to one outraged passenger, “no distance was enforced” and “people didn't seem to be very well educated in the use of wearing masks.” As a result, all 200 passengers on the flight had to self-quarantine for a fortnight.

I do feel half sorry for the airlines, caught between a rock and hard place. They have to give the appearance of strictness in order to stop covid bedwetters like the woman in the above story bleating to the press. At the same time, though, they cannot be too strict because flying would simply become unbearable: How could you eat or drink if you had to wear your mask for the entire journey?

So what you end up with is a ridiculous fudge. Or, if you prefer, a canny compromise. The bedwetters get to satisfy their Stasi [East German secret police] urges by seeing the head steward tell people like me off for wearing their mask incorrectly as they board the plane.

And people like me get their revenge by making one packet of crisps and one bottle of water last an entire three and a half hour flight, aware that if you're visibly drinking or eating—or on the verge of doing so—no steward or stewardess is going to tell you to pull your mask up.

Tell me, any epidemiologists or virologists reading this: is it true that coronavirus never infects people who are removing their masks for the purposes of eating or drinking, only those who have removed their masks just to be obstreperous, disobedient sods?

I'm no scientist, but my gut feeling is that viruses make no such distinction and that therefore the whole exercise in enforcing masks on aeroplanes is utterly fraudulent.

Even more absurd was the announcement after the plane landed ordering us to make sure that as we disembarked we should be sure to maintain two

meters social distancing in the aisles. R-i-g-h-t. So the cunning virus lies dormant when you're sitting for three and a half hours six inches away from the passengers either side of you—biding its time ready to strike as you leave, the moment you are foolish enough to close the two -meter gap between you and the person leaving ahead of you?

Truly we are living in Clownworld. But the really scary thing is that most people don't seem to know we're living in Clownworld. They've accepted the insanity as normal and think that people like you and me are the weird ones.



An article by Sundance titled "President Trump Pardons George Papadopoulos and 14 Others" was posted at [theconservativetreehouse.com](http://theconservativetreehouse.com) on Dec. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

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President Trump issued full pardons to 15 individuals and commuted part or all of the sentences of an additional five people, the White House announced Tuesday [Dec. 22].

Included in the list are Duncan Hunter, a former GOP congressman from California, Chris Collins, a former GOP representative from New York and former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos, who was targeted by Robert Mueller as part of building the Russian-conspiracy theory . . .

In May 2016 George Papadopoulos was contacted by two members of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Terrence Dudley and Greg Baker, working out of the U.S. embassy in London.

Two American spies working in London put Papadopoulos in contact with their ally/counterpart in the Australian embassy, Erika Thompson. [i.e., 'unofficial channels'] After meeting with Downer's aide Erika Thompson on May 6, she sets up a meeting between George Papadopoulos and her boss for May 10.

On May 10, 2016, Ms Erika Thompson and Mr. Alexander Downer then meet with George Papadopoulos. After the meeting, Ambassador Downer reports back to the Australian government on his conversation with Papadopoulos. It is from this May 10, 2016, meeting where communication from Downer, July 26, 2016, is referenced as the origin of Crossfire Hurricane July 31.

On Aug. 2, 2016, Special Agent Peter Strzok and another agent at the Federal Bureau of Investigation met with Alexander Downer in London to discuss his conversation with Papadopoulos further. Strzok then received reading materials, which he texted about to Lisa Page.

A month later, September 2016, the FBI used a longtime informant, Stefan Halper, to make contact with George Papadopoulos, pay him \$3k and fly him to London for consulting work and a policy paper on Mediterranean energy issues. As part of the spy operation, the FBI sent a female intelligence operative (a spy) under the alias Azra Turk to pose as Halper's assistant and engage Papadopoulos.

A month later, Oct. 21, 2016, the FBI used Papadopoulos as a supplemental basis for a FISA warrant against Carter Page.

A few weeks after the FBI received the FISA warrant against Carter Page, they ran another operation against George Papadopoulos using a friend as an asset, a wired asset.

The FBI labeled Papadopoulos as “crossfire typhoon” and ran a confidential human source (CHS No. 3) recently identified as Jeffrey Wiseman.

Former Chairman of the House Oversight Committee, Trey Gowdy, told Maria Bartiromo in May 2019 that he had seen the transcripts of the FBI’s Jeffrey Wiseman operation and those transcripts exonerate Papadopoulos.



An article by Mark Levin titled “I’m Sick of Fauci’s Lies” was posted at [www.canadafreepress.com](http://www.canadafreepress.com) on Dec. 14, 2020. Following is the article.

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NEW YORK, N.Y.—At the pandemic’s inception, Dr. [Anthony] Fauci was hailed as an apolitical steadying force who would help lead America through the chaos. But, as President Trump moved decisively to save American lives, Fauci’s advice changed with the wind:

- The virus isn’t serious.
- The virus is a killer.
- Masks don’t work.
- Wear a mask!

Ten months later it is time to ask: With 240,000 Americans dead from the Wuhan virus, where does the blame lie and what has Dr. Fauci really accomplished?



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “The Perversion of Science” was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Dec. 23, 2020. Following is the article.

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America’s scientists are essentially miracle workers. Within mere months, they have developed highly effective vaccines for covid-19. By year’s end, millions of Americans will have received their first doses.

We should begin to see death rates from covid drop precipitously in the coming weeks as more and more Americans gain immunity from the virus.

Yet never has there been a larger gap between America’s scientists and America’s public-health professionals. Science is supposed to guide the deci-

sion-making for both groups. Yet public-health professionals have consistently failed to utilize science as their lodestar, instead sacrificing their credibility on the altar of intersectional politics.

Throughout the summer, public-health professionals ignored perfectly obvious dangers surrounding mass protests over alleged racial injustice; many of those top health professionals suggested that the risks of racism in American society amounted to a health problem all their own.

Throughout the pandemic, public-health officials have caved to the political incentive toward overbroad lockdown policies, simultaneously exempting themselves from the rules.

Now we learn that public-health officials pushed for vaccine distribution not based on health risk but on racial factors. As the U.K.'s *Daily Mail* reported this week: "Every US state has been advised to consider ethnic minorities as a critical and vulnerable group in their vaccine-distribution plans, according to Centers for Disease Control guidance. As a result, half of the nation's states have outlined plans that now prioritize black, Hispanic and indigenous residents over white people in some way."

This insanity is rooted in eugenic [racist] concerns. "Older populations are whiter," public-health "expert" Dr. Harald Schmidt of the University of Pennsylvania told *The New York Times* in early December. "Society is structured in a way that enables them to live longer. Instead of giving additional health benefits to those who already had more of them, we can start to level the playing field a bit."

In other words, a disproportionate number of white people survive to old age; we should, therefore, give vaccines to younger, less vulnerable nonwhite citizens in "essential industries" and let Grandma die.

Not only is this obviously racist; it happens to engender policy that kills more black people in absolute terms.

Age is a far better predictor of covid vulnerability than race.

As Dr. Gbenga Ogedegbe of the New York University Grossman School of Medicine found, infected patients die at the same rate regardless of race. This means that if you give tranches of the vaccine to patients based on racial concerns rather than age concerns, the most vulnerable black and Latino populations—elderly blacks and Latinos—are more likely to die so that younger black and Latinos can receive a vaccine for a disease to which they are probably 10 times less vulnerable.

This is the price of social justice thinking: By treating people as members of racial groups rather than as individuals, and by prioritizing race above age, more black and brown people die in absolute terms, even if the overall proportionality of black and brown deaths drops versus white deaths. "Equitable" statistical outcome has become a higher goal than actually saving lives.

That's absurd and tragic [opined Ben Shapiro]. And it should undermine our trust in our public-health officials. So trust the scientists when they root their decisions in science. But doubt them at the top of your lungs when they start proclaiming that they are experts on morality.



An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Only a Critical Race Theorist Could Be So Racist" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 21, 2020. Following is the article.

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Critical race theory allows racists to say racist things so long as the racism is directed at the right people. According to the theory, white people deserve to be hated on because white people benefit from white supremacy and structural racism. Proponents of the theory believe only white people can be racist and openly call for discrimination against whites. It's truly sickening.

Case in point: *The Nation*, a leftist rag, recently published an article, titled "The Votes of Black Americans Should Count Twice." Such a title isn't racist, you see, because the victims of the proposed racism are white and therefore deserve it. In the article, the race-obsessed author, Brandon Hasbrouck, an assistant professor at Washington and Lee University, asserts that black votes are worth less than white votes.

What does he mean by that? Does Dominion Voting Systems have some algorithm that counts fewer black votes? Of course not.

The author believes the core problem lies in the Electoral College, which Hasbrouck calls a "structurally racist" system set up "to protect the interests of slave states." Armed with ignorance about history and our system of government, Hasbrouck claims black votes are "devalued" because blacks lack the population numbers to overcome white people.

"Wyoming, which has just 580,000 residents and is 93 percent white, gets three electors because of its two senators and one representative in the House. By comparison, Georgia's Fifth Congressional District—which includes Atlanta, has 710,000 residents, and is 58 percent Black—has no dedicated electors or senators and can only occasionally overcome the mostly white and conservative votes from elsewhere in the state. This devaluation of black votes allows our political system to ignore black lives, and the consequences are devastating."

Hasbrouck is touching on the idea of minority rights, which, ironically, was the reason the Electoral College was created in the first place. Hasbrouck also views the interests of whites and blacks as antithetical—if one group wins, the other loses. But what's truly laughable is Hasbrouck's assertion that our political system is somehow ignoring black lives.

The most senior black lawmaker in Congress, Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.), essentially handpicked Joe Biden to become president.

We had months of Black Lives Matter riots and both presidential nominees campaigning heavily for the black vote. BLM murals were painted in cities all across America, and President Trump unveiled a "platinum plan" to spend half a trillion dollars shoveling capital, jobs and opportunities into black communities.

The CDC was just about to skip over the elderly for lifesaving vaccination because blacks and other ethnic minorities are underrepresented among adults age 65 and over.

While Hasbrouck believes that abolishing the Electoral College and the U.S. Senate would be ideal, he sees double-counting black votes as both a cheap and easy way to make reparations for slavery.

"One of the largest objections to monetary reparations is the impracticality of implementing them on a scale that would meaningfully address the injustices. Vote reparations, in contrast, would be a simple, low-cost way to begin to make amends."

Other large objections to reparations: The Africans, Arabs and Europeans who captured and sold slaves; the people in the United States who owned and used slaves as well as the slaves themselves are no longer with us. Descendants of these people are several generations removed and compensation from them, as Walter Williams put it, is now beyond our reach and "a matter that will have to be settled in hell or heaven."



An article by opinion columnist Glenn Harlan Reynolds titled "In 2020, Anything's Possible. New Government Intelligence Might Prove Alien Life Is, Too. And Let's Face It, If They're Coming, 2020 Is the Perfect Year For Them to Arrive, Since It Has Piled One Unlikely Event On Top Of Another" was posted at [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com) on Dec. 17, 2020. Following is the article.

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"I'm not saying that it's aliens. But it's aliens."

That's the tagline of a famous Internet meme based on Giorgio Tsoukalos' History Channel show, *Ancient Aliens*. But now it seems to be the official United States government line, too.

Just this past week came the latest slow-roll disclosure about UFOs and aliens in *The New York Times*, which, in the words of tech blog Gizmodo, "casually drops another story about how aliens are probably real."

There are even reports that the Pentagon has obtained vehicles or parts of vehicles "not made on this earth," though former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was either misquoted confirming the story or walked back his comments to that effect later.

I'm old enough to remember when speculation about UFOs was limited to the fringe and when respectable figures and publications wouldn't touch it. But a few months ago the Navy released UFO videos, and since then more stories keep appearing, suggesting at the very least that the U.S. government is taking the possibility of aliens visiting earth a lot more seriously than has been the case in the past.

### **Life on other planets? A great possibility**

Well, maybe there's something here and maybe there's not. It wouldn't shock me to find that our vast universe harbors other intelligent life, nor would it

surprise me to find that, just because we don't know how to travel between the stars yet, others have figured it out.

But what would aliens look like if we met them? Well, there might be some sorts of intelligent life that we'd never contact: Electromagnetic creatures that live on neutron stars, for example, would be extraordinarily difficult to discover or communicate with.

But, basically, the more alien species have in common with us, the more likely they are to visit earth if they're able to. Carbon-based life forms would be more likely to be interested in planets suitable for carbon-based life; oxygen breathers would be more likely to visit a planet with an oxygen atmosphere, etc.

We're conspicuous enough to anyone who's looking: Commercial broadcasting has been going on for a hundred years now, meaning that anyone within a volume 200 light years across could find us if they looked.

(We haven't found radio signals from anyone else, but, while that might mean there's no one out there, it might also mean that they've advanced beyond the use of radio waves.)

### **Not even aliens would surprise us**

If aliens do come to see us, what are they likely to be like? Well, to get here they have to be at least as intelligent as us. And as Gregg Easterbrook noted in *The Atlantic* a while back in 1988, that's troubling: "The most disquieting aspect of natural selection as observed on earth is that it channels intellect to predators. Most bright animals are carnivores: Stalking requires tactics, pattern recognition and, for social animals, coordinated action, all incubators of brainpower."

And violence. We can hope, of course, that a sufficiently advanced alien civilization might have evolved past violence, though the evidence that our civilization is doing so is not entirely compelling.

Probably the best we can hope for, if aliens are visiting earth, is that they're studying us. And a lot of the encounters may be explained by what some of my science-fiction writer friends call the "graduate student hypothesis": We're being studied, but, as on earth, the big-shot scientists leave most of the grubby fieldwork to grad students, who occasionally get bored, or drunk, and decide to have a little fun spooking the natives.

One thing that may have been true when Easterbrook wrote, but that I think is much less so now, is the notion that encountering aliens would be a huge culture shock.

There was a time when we took it for granted that humans were alone in the universe at the top of the evolutionary heap—above us were only the angels. But decades of science fiction have surely undermined that. Given the number of alien-contact movies in the past few decades, it is more likely that angels visiting earth would be greeted as aliens than that aliens visiting earth would be greeted as angels.

Certainly, the surprisingly low-key response to what in the past would have been earthshaking UFO revelations suggests that we're psychologically ready to handle alien contact without the kind of trauma that might have marked an earlier time. And, let's face it, if they're coming, 2020 is the perfect year for them to arrive, since it has piled one unlikely event on top of another. From murder hornets to a global pandemic to alien invasion . . . It just feels right, somehow.

Welcome to earth, alien visitors. Watch out for the murder hornets.



An article attributed to Joe Biden (even though it reads like he refers to himself in the the third person) titled "Battle for the Soul of the Nation" was posted at [joebiden.com](http://joebiden.com) on Dec. 23, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Joe Biden knows there is no greater challenge [than climate change] facing our country and our world. That's why he is outlining a bold plan—a Clean Energy Revolution—to address this grave threat and lead the world in addressing the climate emergency.

Biden believes the Green New Deal is a crucial framework for meeting the climate challenges we face. It powerfully captures two basic truths, which are at the core of his plan: (1) the United States urgently needs to embrace greater ambition on an epic scale to meet the scope of this challenge, and (2) our environment and our economy are completely and totally connected.

The Biden Plan will:

1. Ensure the U.S. achieves a 100% clean energy economy and reaches net-zero emissions no later than 2050.
2. Build a stronger, more resilient nation.
3. Rally the rest of the world to meet the threat of climate change.
4. Stand up to the abuse of power by polluters who disproportionately harm communities of color and low-income communities.
5. Fulfill our obligation to workers and communities who powered our industrial revolution and subsequent decades of economic growth.

The Biden plan will make a historic investment in our clean-energy future and environmental justice, paid for by rolling back the Trump tax incentives that enrich corporations at the expense of American jobs and the environment.

The Biden plan will be paid for by reversing the excesses of the Trump tax cuts, ensuring corporations pay their fair share, closing other loopholes in our tax code that reward wealth not work, and ending subsidies for fossil fuels.



## Impacts of climate change according to NASA:

- “Warming Oceans.
- “Shrinking Ice Sheets.
- “Glacier Retreat: Glaciers are retreating almost everywhere around the world—including in the Alps, Himalayas, Andes, Rockies, Alaska, and Africa.
- Global sea level rose about 8 inches in the last century.
- Extreme events.
- Rally the rest of the world to address the grave climate threat

President Trump recklessly threw away that hard-won progress.

Biden will rejoin the Paris Agreement [and] use every tool of American foreign policy to push the rest of the world to raise their ambitions alongside the United States.

A Biden administration will reenter the Paris Agreement on day one of the Biden administration.

We can no longer separate trade policy from our climate objectives.

- Make climate change a core national security priority.
- Embolden and empower.



An article by Dennis Prager titled “The Sovietization of California” was posted at creators.com on Dec. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

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I am writing this column upon returning home to California after five days in Florida. For the first time since my first trip to Los Angeles in 1974 and moving there two years later, I dreaded going to California.

That first trip, as a 25-year-old New Yorker, I experienced the palpable excitement looking at the American Airlines flight board at JFK airport and seeing “Los Angeles.” For most Americans, the very name “California” elicited excitement, wonder, even envy of Californians, and most of all . . . freedom. While America always represented freedom, within America, California exemplified freedom most of all.

Yet, here I am, sitting in a state where corruption reigns (one of the leading Democrats of the last half-century told me years ago that politicians in California are window dressing; the real power in California is wielded by unions) and where, for nine months, normal life has been shut down, schools have been closed and small businesses have been destroyed in unprecedented numbers.

During these last five days in Florida, a state governed by the pro-freedom party, I went anywhere I wanted. First and foremost, I could eat both inside and outside restaurants. At one of them, when I stood up to take photos of

people dining, a patron who recognized me walked over and said, "I assume you're just taking pictures of people eating in a restaurant."

That's exactly what I was doing. I even took my two grandchildren to a bowling alley, which was filled with people enjoying themselves playing myriad arcade games as well as bowling.

None of that is allowed almost anywhere in California. It is becoming a police state, rooted in deception and irrationality.

Restaurants have been shut down (except for takeout orders), even for outdoor dining, for no scientific reason. After ordering Los Angeles county restaurants closed, the health authorities of Los Angeles County acknowledged in court that they had no evidence that outdoor dining was dangerous; they ordered restaurants closed, even to outdoor dining, solely in order to keep people home.

The left's claim to "follow the science" is a lie. The left does not follow science; it follows scientists it agrees with and dismisses all other scientists as "anti-science."

Science does not say that eating inside a restaurant at least six feet from other diners, let alone outside a restaurant, is potentially fatal, but eating inside an airplane inches from strangers is safe.

Science does not say mass protests during a pandemic (when people are constantly told to social-distance) are a health benefit, but left-wing scientists say they are—when directed against racism. In June, Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins epidemiologist, tweeted:

"In this moment the public-health risks of not protesting to demand an end to systemic racism greatly exceed the harms of the virus."

She cited the former head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tom Frieden: "The threat to covid control from protesting outside is tiny compared to the threat to covid control created when governments act in ways that lose community trust. People can protest peacefully AND work together to stop covid. Violence harms public health."

Even *The New York Times*, in July, acknowledged the double standard: "Public-health experts decried the anti-lockdown protests as dangerous gatherings in a pandemic. Health experts seem less comfortable doing so now that the marches are against racism."

Science does not say, "Men give birth" or "Men menstruate." But the left routinely argues that "science says" such things and that "science says" there are more than two sexes, many more.

The last time I felt I was leaving a free society and entering an unfree one was when I visited the communist countries of Eastern Europe. As a graduate student majoring in communism during the Cold War, I would travel through the countries known as Soviet satellites: Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. In the middle of my trips, I would stop in Austria to breathe free air.

Never did I imagine I would ever experience anything analogous in America, the Land of the Free, the land of the Statue of Liberty and of the Liberty Bell. But I did yesterday, when leaving Florida and returning to California.

There is no question that America is becoming, if it hasn't already become, two countries: one that values liberty, from small businesses being allowed to operate to people being allowed to say what they believe, and one that has contempt for liberty, from eating in restaurants to free speech.

I am asked almost daily by friends around the country and by callers to my national radio show whether I intend to stay in California.

Were it not for all the close friends who live here and the synagogue I and a few friends founded, the answer would be no. But at a given point I am sure that I will leave this Soviet satellite for a free state.

The bigger and far more important question is: How long will the Soviet states of America and the free states of America remain the United States of America?



An article by Nancy Flanders titled "Singer José Feliciano On Becoming Pro-Life: 'Even If All There Is Is a Heartbeat, That's Life'" was posted at [liveaction.org](http://liveaction.org) on Dec. 20, 2020. Following is the article.

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José Feliciano, a blind musician and singer known for his hit song "Feliz Navidad" as well as his renditions of "Light My Fire" and "California Dreamin'," was born blind in Puerto Rico in 1945. As a child, he immigrated to the [mainland] United States. As a practicing Catholic, he has performed at the Vatican and met with Pope Francis, but he held onto what he calls his "pro-abortion" view until he first heard his daughter's heartbeat.

"I used to be pro-abortion, many, many years ago," he told the *National Catholic Register*. "I would have called myself pro-choice. But then when I had my daughter Melissa, I went the other way . . . When I heard Melissa's little heartbeat on the monitor, I said, 'Well, wait a minute. Even if all there is is a heartbeat, that's life, that's life . . .'"

Feliciano said that people have told him he was born blind because it was God's will. He thinks that's "baloney," saying, "God doesn't want his children to be sick in any way. If you have a deformity, it's not God-made. It's just one of those things that happens," he said. "It's like the blueprint for your genetic copy had a flaw in it. It happens in fruits, it happens in animals, and it happened in me."

Feliciano said he believes that everyone has "handicaps," whether they are physical, mental, emotional, or leftover from a trauma that was out of the person's control. He explained that in a Latin family "being blind is like having the plague." His parents didn't think there was a future for him. His father struggled to accept that his son was blind, feeling that it was his fault.

However, other people told his father not to worry about it because there was no way to know what God had in store.

"I think a kid really starts thinking for himself at the age of 4, and somehow at that age when I would hear my uncles playing music, it seemed that God was sending me a message, that he was steering me in that direction," explained Feliciano. "In one sense being blind helped because if I would have been sighted, I probably would have been playing stick ball in the streets and not listening to the message that God was giving me, which was music all the time."

It was at age 4 that Feliciano's father gave him a harmonica and he immediately began to play songs on it. "My mother would go in the kitchen and sob uncontrollably because it really looked like a miracle," he said. "When she was crying, someone said, 'Listen, this has to be a sign from God.' "

Feliciano believes people with disabilities need to ignore the naysayers who tell them what they can't accomplish in life. "If you're stupid enough to let that really sink in, then it's true," he said. "You won't be able to do anything. But I was always a rebel."

He also told about living in poverty, calling it "a terrible thing." However, he also said that being poor had "positive effects" on him which helped him to become a strong and compassionate person.

"Life is a gift and is worth living, whether a baby is born blind or poor or faces any of the millions of other challenges that life can throw our way. Life begins at fertilization and a child's heart begins to beat by the time he or she is 21 days old. Each child is created with a purpose and deserves the chance to live his or her life."



An article by Joshua Becker titled "If You Are Looking for Reasons to Be Happy, You'll Probably Find Them" was posted at [becomingminimalist.com](http://becomingminimalist.com) on Dec. 16, 2020. Following is the article.

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There are plenty of small, inconsequential realizations in life. Like the fact that the FedEx logo contains a subtle arrow in between the orange "E" and "x." It's small and unimportant. But, the first time someone mentions it, you wonder why you never noticed it before.

In contrast with the inconsequential, there are some realizations that come along and change our life forever.

They are not minor; they are significant. They don't just change how we view a particular logo; they change how we view ourselves; they alter our worldview and even how we choose to act within it.

For me, one of the most-profound realizations I have made over recent years is the understanding that, if I'm looking for a reason to be x, I'll probably be able to find it.

I have found this realization to be true in almost every circumstance. As a result, it contains almost limitless opportunity to change my attitude toward the world around me.

To understand the significance of this realization, I'll explain a bit more what I mean. Let me offer a specific example:

I have found that if someone is looking for a reason to be upset, they will almost certainly find it. Life isn't always fair and, if a person wants to be upset about a circumstance, a relationship or a current event, they will almost always find a reason to support their desire. If you want to be upset with your spouse, there are probably a plethora of things you can find that would rationalize that emotion.

However, on the opposite side of the spectrum, if that same person started looking for reasons to be happy, they would almost certainly find those as well. There is always something to be grateful for in life. And, if they began looking for reasons to be thankful over a current circumstance, relationship or current affair, they are almost always able to find it. The same spouse that could provide opportunity to be upset is probably simultaneously offering opportunity to be happy.

This reality extends to almost every possible response toward life:

- If you're looking for reasons to be scared, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be mad, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be encouraged, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be grateful, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be confident, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be pessimistic about the future, you'll find them.
- If you're looking for reasons to be optimistic about the future, you'll find them.
- If you are looking for a reason to be x, you will probably find it.

There is a scientific term for this reality. It's called Selective Attention or Attentional Control. Selective attention is the act of focusing on something in particular while simultaneously ignoring irrelevant information that is also occurring. At any given moment, our brains are bombarded with sensory information: the car horn, the bird chirping, the newspaper rustling, the whirl of the espresso machine, and the words coming out of our friend's mouth who is sitting across the table from us at the local coffee shop.

At almost every moment of the day, because our minds can't possibly process all the information being fed to us by our senses, we subconsciously focus our attention on certain important elements of our environment while other things blend into the background or pass us by completely unnoticed. In the coffee shop example above, we choose to focus our attention on our conversation with a friend and allow the other noises to blend into the background—selective attention. We do it every day.

But this truth about selective attention extends beyond noise and sight. It also helps to explain the life-changing realization that we can almost always find reasons to support the attitude we want to keep.

The world around us is infinitely complex. Because of that, if you're looking for a reason to be *x*, you can almost certainly find one—and even two or three or four if you keep looking hard enough.

The most significant opportunity this truth provides is the understanding that our response to life is almost always a decision we make and is less a reaction than we often think.

If you wake up tomorrow and decide you are going to be bitter and hate life, you will almost certainly find reasons to hate your life.

But on the other hand, if you wake up tomorrow and decide you are going to be joyful and grateful for the life you live and the day you have been given, you will almost certainly find countless reasons to reinforce your decision.

This is the magic of selective attention.

It is important to note that just because you made a decision to be happy doesn't mean the bad parts and the unfairness go away. They still exist. It simply means you have decided to selectively place your attention on the things needed to reinforce your decision.

It is almost impossible to overestimate how significant this realization is. It has the power to transform our lives and how we view them at any given time. Our attitude is not a response to our present circumstances. It is a decision that we make—every single day.

This truth is life-changing. Where do you most need it?

Do you want to change how you view your spouse, your job, your family, your financial situation, or the outlook on your life? Choose today to look for reasons to be happy. Because if you're looking for reasons to be happy, you will be sure to find them. There's not a doubt in my mind.



"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 at churchofgodbig sandy.com, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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### **Deficit**

- Looking back to October, an article by Brad Polumbo titled "National Debt Will Explode Under Biden or Trump, New Report Shows" was posted at fee.org on Oct. 9, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Olson, "Members of Congress Bristle Over Being Given 6 Hours to Read 5,593-Page Spending Bill [Which Is Exaggerated As a Covid-Relief Bill]," was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 21, 2020.

- An article by Andrea Widburg titled "Republicans and Democrats Come Together to Rob American Taxpayers" was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on Dec. 22, 2020. The bill spends \$2.3 trillion that does not exist. The bill spends \$1.4 trillion or 61% on funding the government through September 2021. The bill spends \$900 billion or 39% on covid relief.
- An article by Kyle Olson titled "Billions Going to Foreign Aid in Spending Bill: 'Gender Programs' in Pakistan, Sri Lankan Ship Refurbishments" was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on Dec. 21, 2020.
- An article by Ebony Bowden titled "Rand Paul Blasts Congress for Adding to US Debt With Covid Relief [and Government-Funding] Bill" was posted at [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Menton titled "Covid-19 Relief Package: \$600 Stimulus Checks, \$300 Bonus for Federal Unemployment Benefits in New Deal" was posted at [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com) on Dec. 22, 2020.
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- Looking back to November, an article by Brad Polumbo titled "Nancy Pelosi Snuck \$350 Million for 50 Richest Zip Codes Into Covid Relief Bill, Analysis Reveals" was posted at [fee.org](http://fee.org) on Nov. 17, 2020.
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- An article by Brad Polumbo titled "Shouldn't We Fix Current Fraud Problems Before Throwing More Money at Covid Relief?" was posted at [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com) on Dec. 14, 2020.
- An article by Courtney O'Brien titled "CNN's Manu Raju: [Nancy] Pelosi Straight Up Ignored My Covid-Relief Question" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Dec. 21, 2020.
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■ An article by Ebony Bowden titled “Rand Paul Blasts Congress for Adding to US Debt With Covid Relief [and Government-Funding] Bill” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

### **Federal Reserve**

■ An article by Mike Robert Lee titled “Federal Reserve Revises Predictions After Underestimating Trump Coronavirus Economic Recovery” was posted at bongino.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

### **News about the media**

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled “FBI Spied on Fox News, Recorded Phone Call Between Fox Executive and George Papadopoulos, New Texts Show” was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Celine Castronuovo titled “Washington Post to Add More Than 150 Jobs Next Year, Bringing Newsroom to Record Size” was posted at the-hill.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Julio Rosas titled “Fox News Channel Closing Out 2020 With Highest-Rated Year in Cable News History” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

■ A video and an article by Ari Hoffman titled “Watch: Tucker Carlson Reveals Jill Biden’s Doctoral Dissertation Is Error-Ridden, Incoherent” were posted at thepostmillennial.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

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■ An article by John Daniel Davidson titled “Corporate Media Are Ignoring Trump’s Role in Developing a Covid Vaccine” was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Benjamin Mullin titled “From BuzzFeed to Axios, Digital Media Players Prepare for Deal Frenzy” was posted at wsj.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

■ An article by Alex Christy titled “MSNBC [Tiffany Cross] Welcomes ‘Trained Marxist’ [Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Alicia Garza] to Condemn Black Republicans” was posted at newsbusters.org on Dec. 20, 2020.

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■ An article by Jeremy Barr titled “Newsmax Issues Sweeping ‘Clarification’ Debunking Its Own Coverage of Election Misinformation” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Dec. 21, 2020.



■ An article by Brad Slager titled "US Media Indicted After New Proof of Chinese Propaganda Efforts to Stem Pandemic Publicity" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

### **Tragedies of lockdown**

■ 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.

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■ An article by Jon Miltimore titled "New York Lawmaker Begs Goldman Sachs Not to Go to Florida: 'Please Don't Leave Us' " was posted at fee.org on Dec. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Record Jump in U.S. Poverty Amid Never-Ending Lockdowns" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

■ An article by Liz Hoffman and Jennifer Maloney titled "For Many Big Businesses, 2020 Was a Surprisingly Good Year" was posted at wsj.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

■ An article by John Romano titled "Small Businesses Like Mine Didn't Cause Covid, But Governments Are Making Us Pay for It" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

■ An article by John Quinn titled "This Beloved Gym Chain [In-Shape] Just Filed for Bankruptcy" was posted at bestlife.com on Dec. 19, 2020.

■ An article by Paul Bois titled "Hollywood Boulevard Struggling Amid Pandemic With 75% of Businesses Boarded Up" was posted at dailywire.com on Dec. 21, 2020.

■ An article by Joann Muller titled "Airlines [American and United] to Recall 32,000 Employees With Fresh Aid From Congress" was posted at axios.com on Dec. 21, 2020.

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■ An article by Lurie Konish titled "Would You Be Willing to Get a Covid Vaccine in Exchange for a \$1,500 Stimulus Check?" was posted at cnbc.com on Dec. 4, 2020.

■ An article titled "71 Percent in U.S. Report That They Would Get Covid-19 Vaccine" was posted at medicalexpress.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

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- An article by Paul Bois titled "Dr. Fauci: American Independent Spirit Made Pandemic Worse" was posted at [dailywire.com](http://dailywire.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
- An article by Brad Slager titled "The Arrival of the Covid-19 Vaccine Curiously Does Not End the Call for Continued Suppression" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
- An article by Nick Arama titled "[Michigan Governor Gretchen] Whitmer Uses Santa Claus to Push Her Covid Rules to Little Kids" was posted at [redstate.com](http://redstate.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
- An article by Stephanie Pagonis titled "Calif. Judge Rules San Diego County Restaurants Can Reopen; Says Strip Club Ruling Also Protects Eateries" was posted at [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "First Amendment Fiasco; Cuomo Bans the Sale of Confederate Flags in New York" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.
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- An article by Bob Smietana titled "Dave Ramsey, Christian Personal Finance Guru, Defies Covid-19 to Keep Staff at Desks" was posted at ministrywatch.com on Dec. 14, 2020.
- An article by *The Federalist* staff titled "Podcast: Attending Church Gives People the Hope They Need During a Pandemic" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

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- An article by Sanjana Karanth titled "Chicago's Top Prosecutor Blasts Mayor Over Suit to Block Bodycam Video of Botched Raid" was posted at huffpost.com on Dec. 16, 2020.
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■ An article by Joel Gehrke titled "US and Allies to Fall Back on Sanctions and Prosecutions to Punish Russia for Cyberattack" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

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■ An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Raphael Warnock's Pastoral and Political Legacy Is Marked by Zealous Abortion Advocacy" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 18, 2020.

■ An article by John Carney titled "Biden's Massive Tax Hikes Inevitable If Democrats Win Georgia Senate Races" was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 17, 2020.

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- An article titled "Herschel Walker's Son Christian on Georgia Runoffs: Our 'Basic Rights' Are on the Line" was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Dec. 20, 2020.
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- An article by CNSNews.com Staff titled "Chuck Schumer: 'We Need Bold Climate Action Now'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 17, 2020.
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- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "In Colorado, They're Counting Gun Shot Fatalities As Covid Deaths" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 17, 2020.
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### **Comments about Hunter Biden**

- Looking back to October, an article by Lauren Fruen titled " 'Hunter Is the Smartest Guy I Know': Biden Praises His Son to Oprah As She Refuses to Ask Him One Single Question About Laptop Scandal and His Involvement in China Business During Campaign Trail Love-In" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Oct. 29, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Joe Biden on Hunter Biden: 'He's the Smartest Man I Know' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.
- An article by Andrew Kerr titled "Hunter Biden Was Due to Receive 'Significant' Payments From Chinese Private Equity Firm Starting in 2019, Emails Show" was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 16, 2020.
- An article by Dan Mangan titled "Attorney General Barr Says Special Counsel Not Needed for Hunter Biden Investigation, Undercutting Trump" was posted at [cnbc.com](https://www.cnbc.com) on Dec. 21, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "[Lindsey] Graham: With All Due Respect, We Need a Special Counsel for Hunter Biden" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Dec. 22, 2020.

### **General interest**

- An article by Erin Coates titled "15-Year-Old Boy Charged With Murder After Stunning Attack on Retired Firefighter Is Caught on Camera" was posted at [westernjournal.com](https://www.westernjournal.com) on Dec. 17, 2020.
- An article by Andrew Wolfson titled "Kentucky Man to Spend Life in Prison for Shooting Two Black Shoppers at Kroger Store" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on Dec. 18, 2020.

- An article by Brian Freeman titled “Rose Bowl Moved [From California] to Texas Due to Coronavirus” was posted at [newsmax.com](http://newsmax.com) on Dec. 20, 2020.
- An article by Eric Mack titled “In Mea Culpa, [Sarah] Palin Now Supports Pardon for Assange” was posted at [newsmax.com](http://newsmax.com) on Dec. 20, 2020.



***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.”