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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 Steve Stecklow and Andrew MacAskill titled "Special Report: The Ex-Pfizer Scientist Who Became an Anti-Vax Hero" was posted at reuters.com on March 18, 2021. Following is the article.

Late last year, a semi-retired British scientist co-authored a petition to Europe's medicines regulator. The petitioners made a bold demand: Halt covid-19 vaccine clinical trials.

Even bolder was their argument for doing so: They speculated, without providing evidence, that the vaccines could cause infertility in women.

The document appeared on a German website on Dec.1. Scientists denounced the theory. Regulators weren't swayed, either: Weeks later, the European Medicines Agency approved the European Union's first covid-19 shot, codeveloped by Pfizer Inc. But damage was already done.

Social media quickly spread exaggerated claims that covid-19 jabs cause female infertility. Within weeks, doctors and nurses in Britain began reporting that concerned women were asking them whether it was true, according to the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists. In January, a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), a non-profit organization, found that

13% of unvaccinated people in the United States had heard that "covid-19 vaccines have been shown to cause infertility."

What gave the debunked claim credibility was that one of the petition's coauthors, Michael Yeadon, wasn't just any scientist. The 60-year-old is a former vice president of Pfizer, where he spent 16 years as an allergy and respiratory researcher. He later co-founded a biotech firm that the Swiss drugmaker Novartis purchased for at least \$325 million.

In recent months, Yeadon (pronounced Yee-don) has emerged as an unlikely hero of the so-called anti-vaxxers, whose adherents question the safety of many vaccines, including for the coronavirus. The anti-vaxxer movement has amplified Yeadon's skeptical views about covid-19 vaccines and tests, government-mandated lockdowns and the arc of the pandemic. Yeadon has said he personally doesn't oppose the use of all vaccines. But many health experts and government officials worry that opinions like his fuel vaccine hesitancy—a reluctance or refusal to be vaccinated—that could prolong the pandemic. covid-19 has already killed more than 2.6 million people worldwide.

"These claims are false, dangerous and deeply irresponsible," said a spokesman for Britain's Department of Health & Social Care, when asked about Yeadon's views. "covid-19 vaccines are the best way to protect people from coronavirus and will save thousands of lives."

Recent reports of blood clots and abnormal bleeding in a small number of recipients of AstraZeneca's covid-19 vaccine have cast doubt on that shot's safety, leading several European countries to suspend its use. The developments are likely to fuel vaccine hesitancy further, although there is no evidence of a causative link between the AstraZeneca product and the affected patients' conditions.

Yeadon didn't respond to requests for comment for this article. In reporting this story, Reuters reviewed thousands of his tweets over the past two years, along with other writings and statements. It also interviewed five people who know him, including four of his former colleagues at Pfizer.

A Pfizer spokesman declined to comment on Yeadon and his stint with the company, beyond emphasizing that there is no evidence that its vaccine, which it developed with its German partner BioNTech, causes infertility in women.

References to Yeadon's petition appear on the website of a group founded by influential vaccine skeptic Robert F. Kennedy Jr., scion of the American political dynasty, who recently was banned on Instagram because of his covid-19 vaccine posts. Syndicated writer and vaccine skeptic Michelle Malkin reported Yeadon's concern about fertility in a column last month under the headline, "Pregnant Women: Beware of Covid Shots." And a blog with an alarmist headline—"Head of Pfizer Research: Covid Vaccine Is Female Sterilization"—was shared thousands of times on Facebook.

The visage and views of Yeadon, widely identified as an "Ex-VP of Pfizer," can be seen on social media in languages including German, Portuguese, Danish and Czech. A Facebook post carries a video from November in which Yeadon claimed that the pandemic "fundamentally . . . is over." The post has been viewed more than a million times.

In October, Yeadon wrote a column for the United Kingdom's Daily Mail newspaper that also appeared on MailOnline, one of the world's most-visited news websites. It declared that deaths caused by covid-19, which then totaled about 45,000 in Britain, will soon "fizzle out" and Britons "should immediately be allowed to resume normal life." Since then, the disease has killed about another 80,000 people in the UK.

Yeadon isn't the only respected scientist to have challenged the scientific consensus on covid-19 and expressed controversial views.

Michael Levitt, a winner of the Nobel Prize for chemistry, told the Stanford Daily last summer that he expected the pandemic would end in the United States in 2020 and kill no more than 175,000 Americans—a third of the current total—and "when we come to look back, we're going to say that wasn't such a terrible disease." And Luc Montagnier, another Nobel Prize winner, said last year that he believed the coronavirus was created in a Chinese lab. Many experts doubt that, but so far there is no way to prove or disprove it.

Levitt told Reuters that his projections about the pandemic in the United States were wrong, but he still believes covid-19 eventually won't be seen as "a terrible disease" and that lockdowns "caused a great deal of collateral damage and may not have been needed." Montagnier didn't respond to a request for comment.

What gives Yeadon particular credibility is the fact that he worked at Pfizer, says Imran Ahmed, chief executive of the Center for Countering Digital Hate, an organization that combats online misinformation. "Yeadon's background gives his dangerous and harmful messages false credibility."

In a debate last fall in Britain's House of Commons about the government's response to the pandemic, parliamentarian Richard Drax called Yeadon an "eminent" scientist, and cited his view "that the virus is both manageable and nearing its end." Drax didn't respond to a request for comment.

More recently, David Kurten, a member of the London Assembly—an elected body—tweeted there is a "real danger" that covid-19 vaccines could leave women infertile. "The 'cure' must not be worse than the 'disease'," Kurten wrote. He, too, didn't respond to a request for comment.

Why Yeadon transformed from mainstream scientist to covid-19 vaccine skeptic remains a mystery. Thousands of his tweets stretching back to the start of the pandemic document a dramatic shift in his views—early on, he supported a vaccine strategy. But they offer few clues to explain his radical turnabout.

Some former colleagues at Pfizer say they no longer recognize the Mike Yeadon they once knew. They described him as a knowledgeable and intelligent man who always insisted on seeing evidence and generally avoided publicity.

One of those ex-colleagues is Sterghios A. Moschos, who holds degrees in molecular biology and pharmaceutics. In December, Yeadon posted on Twitter a spoof sign that said, "DITCH THE MASK." Moschos tweeted back: "Mike what hell?! Are you out to actively kill people? You do realize that if you are wrong, your suggestions will result in deaths??"

### "It'll all fade away"

Yeadon joined Twitter in October 2018 and soon became a prolific user of the platform. The thousands of his tweets reviewed by Reuters were provided by archive.org, which stores web pages, and FollowersAnalysis, a social media analytics company.

When the coronavirus pandemic reached the UK in March 2020, Yeadon initially expressed support for developing a vaccine. He tweeted: "Covid 19 is not going away. Until we have a vaccine or herd immunity"—natural resistance resulting from prior exposure to the virus—"all that can be done is to slow its spread." A week later he tweeted: "A vaccine might be along towards the end of 2021, if we're really lucky."

When a fellow Twitter user said vaccines "harm many, many people," Yeadon replied: "Ok, please refuse it, but do not impede its flow to neutrals or those keen to get it, thanks."

After Mathai Mammen, the global head of research & development for Janssen, the pharmaceutical division of Johnson & Johnson, posted on LinkedIn last summer that his company had started clinical trials of a vaccine, Yeadon responded: "Lovely to see this milestone, Mathai!" Mammen didn't respond to a request for comment.

But as early as April, Yeadon had begun voicing unorthodox views.

While Britain was still in its first lockdown last spring, he declared: "there is nothing especially virulent or frightening about covid 19 . . . it'll all fade away . . . Just a common & garden virus, to which the world overreacted." And he predicted in a subsequent tweet that it was "unlikely" the death toll in the UK would reach 40,000.

By September 2020, Yeadon's statements were attracting attention beyond Twitter. At the time, a movement had emerged in Britain against lockdowns and other restrictions meant to curb the disease. He co-authored a lengthy article on a website called Lockdown Sceptics. It declared that the "pandemic as an event in the UK is essentially complete." And, "There is no biological principle that leads us to expect a second wave." Britain soon entered a much more deadly second wave.

On Oct. 16, he wrote another lengthy article for the same website: "There is absolutely no need for vaccines to extinguish the pandemic. I've never heard such nonsense talked about vaccines. You do not vaccinate people who aren't at risk from a disease."

In November, Yeadon appeared in a 32-minute video for the anti-lockdown group, Unlocked, sitting in a shed with a motorbike behind him. A shorter version appeared on Facebook titled, "The pandemic is over."

Yeadon called for an end to mass testing and claimed that 30% of the population was already immune to covid-19 even before the pandemic started. By the time of the recording, he said, there was little scope for the virus to spread further in the UK because most people had already been infected or were immune.

Those views ran counter to the findings of the World Health Organization. In December—nine months after declaring the covid-19 outbreak a pandemic—the agency said testing suggested that less than 10% of the world's population had shown evidence of infection.

Yeadon's petition to the European Medicines Agency to halt vaccine trials followed on Dec. 1. The agency didn't respond to requests for comment for this article.

It's impossible to measure the impact of Yeadon's claim that covid-19 vaccines could cause female infertility. Anecdotally, though, many women have bought into it.

Bonnie Jacobson, a waitress in Brooklyn, New York, can't recall where she first heard about the fertility issue. But she told Reuters that it has made her hesitant to take a vaccine, as she'd like to have children "sooner than later."

"That's my main concern," she said. "Let more research come out." After recently declining to get vaccinated, she said, the tavern where she worked fired her. Jacobson's employer didn't respond to a request for comment.

#### A good scientist

According to Yeadon's LinkedIn profile, he joined Pfizer in 1995; the company had a large operation then in Sandwich in southern England. He rose to become a vice president and head of allergy and respiratory research.

Many former colleagues say they are baffled by his transformation.

Mark Treherne, chairman of Talisman Therapeutics in Cambridge, England, said he overlapped with Yeadon at Pfizer for about two years and sometimes had coffee with him. "He always seemed knowledgeable, intelligible, a good scientist. We were both trained as pharmacologists . . . so we had something in common."

"I obviously disagree with Mike and his recent views," he said. Treherne's company is researching brain inflammation, which he said could be triggered by coronaviruses. "This does not sound like the quy I knew 20 years ago."

Moschos, the ex-colleague who took issue with one of Yeadon's tweets, said he considered him a mentor when they worked together at the drugmaker from 2008 to 2011. More recently, Moschos has been researching whether it's possible to test for covid-19 with breath samples. He said Yeadon's views are "a huge disappointment." He recounted hearing Yeadon in a radio interview last year.

"There was a tone in his voice that was nothing like I ever remembered of Mike," Moschos said. "It was very angry, very bitter."

John LaMattina, a former president of Pfizer Global Research and Development, also knew Yeadon. "His group was very successful and discovered a number of compounds that entered early clinical development," LaMattina told Reuters in an email. He said Yeadon and his team were let go by Pfizer, however, when the company made the strategic decision to exit the therapeutic area they were researching.

LaMattina said he had lost touch with Yeadon in recent years. Shown links to Yeadon's video declaring the pandemic over and a copy of his petition to halt

covid-19 clinical trials, LaMattina replied: "This is all news to me and a bit of a shock. This seems out of character for the person I knew."

### "Chutzpah"

After losing his job at Pfizer in 2011, Yeadon set up a biotech company called Ziarco with three Pfizer colleagues. They wanted to continue researching promising therapies that targeted allergies and inflammatory diseases, ideas Pfizer had been developing but were at risk of being abandoned. Yeadon served as Ziarco's chief executive.

"I simply showed chutzpah and asked the senior-most people up the research line" at Pfizer to support the venture, Yeadon later recalled in an interview with Forbes. "And they said, 'OK, assuming you raise private capital.'"

In 2012, Ziarco announced it had initially secured funding from several investors, including Pfizer's venture capital arm. Other investors later joined, including an Amgen Inc corporate venture capital fund. Amgen didn't respond to a request for comment.

"The intensity of effort took me away almost completely from my family and other interests for almost five years and you get only one life," Yeadon told Forbes.

On Twitter, Yeadon said he is married and has two adult daughters, and described a tough childhood—he said his mother committed suicide when he was 18 months old and his father, a doctor, abandoned him when he was 16. He said he was saved by a local social worker and adopted by a Jewish family whose "open handed love turned my life around."

While at Ziarco, Yeadon also worked as a consultant for several years at two Boston-area biotech companies, Apellis Pharmaceuticals and Pulmatrix Inc. Both firms said he no longer advises them. A spokeswoman for Apellis said, "His views do not reflect those of Apellis." She didn't elaborate.

The hard work at Ziarco paid off. In January 2017, Novartis acquired the company for an upfront payment of \$325 million, with the promise of \$95 million more if certain milestones were met, according to Novartis' 2017 annual report. Novartis was betting on the promise of a Ziarco drug, known as ZPL389, that had the potential to be a "first-in-class oral treatment for moderate-to-severe eczema," a common and sometimes debilitating rash.

Reuters wasn't able to determine how much money Yeadon made from Novartis' purchase of Ziarco. But in January 2020 he tweeted: "Oddly enough, I made millions from founding & growing a biotech company, creating many highly paid jobs, using my PhD & persuasion around the world."

Last July, Novartis disclosed it had discontinued the ZPL389 clinical development program and had taken a \$485 million write down. A Novartis spokesman said the company decided to terminate the program after disappointing efficacy data in an early-stage clinical trial.

### "I'll soon be gone"

Earlier this year, a group of Yeadon's former Pfizer colleagues expressed their concern in a private letter, according to a draft reviewed by Reuters.

"We have become acutely aware of your views on covid-19 over the last few months . . . the single mindedness, lack of scientific rigour and one sided interpretation of often poor quality data is far removed from the Mike Yeadon we so respected and enjoyed working with."

Noting his "vast following on social media" and that his claim about infertility "has spread globally," the group wrote, "We are very worried that you are putting people's health at risk."

Reuters couldn't determine whether Yeadon received the letter.

On Feb. 3, Yeadon's Twitter account had a message for his 91,000 followers: "A tweet recently appeared under my ID, which was horribly offensive. As a result my account was locked. I of course deleted it. I want you to know of course that I didn't write it." A Twitter spokesman declined to comment.

Yeadon didn't make clear what tweet he was referring to. But shortly after, several Twitter users and a blog called Zelo Street posted screenshots of numerous offensive anti-Muslim tweets from Yeadon's account from about a year ago. Many were captured at the time by archive.org.

The next day, on Feb. 4, Yeadon cryptically mentioned in a tweet, "I'll soon be gone."

Two days later, he was off Twitter. His followers were greeted with this message: "This account doesn't exist." His LinkedIn profile also soon changed, now stating that he is "Fully retired."

Clare Craig, a British pathologist, compared Yeadon's treatment on Twitter—where some users derided his views as nonsense and dangerous—to medieval societies burning heretics at the stake.

"There is no other way to see it than the burning of the witches," said Craig, who has criticized lockdowns and covid-19 tests. "Science is always a series of questions and the testing of those questions and when we are not allowed to ask those questions, then science is lost."

She said she spoke to Yeadon after he closed his Twitter account. "He will have a think about how he will contribute in the future," she said.



An article by Korin Miller titled "When Are You 'Fully' Vaccinated Against Covid-19? Doctors Explain Why It Takes Weeks" was posted at prevention.com on March 16, 2021. Following is the article.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released new guidance for fully vaccinated people, noting that they can gather indoors in small groups without masks or physical distancing with other fully vaccinated people and with unvaccinated people who are at a low risk of severe covid-19.

While the new guidelines are exciting, it's important to remember that covid-19 is still spreading, so some precautions still need to be taken, says Richard Watkins, M.D., an infectious disease physician and professor of internal medicine at the Northeast Ohio Medical University.

One of those precautions is making sure you're *fully* vaccinated before visiting with family or friends indoors without a face mask. Not sure what it means to be "fully" vaccinated? Read on to learn everything you need to know.

# When are you considered "fully" vaccinated against covid-19?

It depends on which vaccine you get. The CDC currently says that you're considered fully vaccinated when you meet the following criteria:

- It's been at least two weeks since you had the second shot in a two-shot series (i.e. with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines).
- It's been at least two weeks since you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

But, if you want to be *really* safe after getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you'll wait four weeks to consider yourself fully vaccinated, says Thomas Russo, M.D., professor and chief of infectious disease at the University at Buffalo in New York.

The reason: During clinical trials of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, an immune response was detected in 76-83% of people aged 18 to 55 and in 60-67% of people over 65 after 15 days; by day 29, though, 90% of participants had antibodies in their blood, regardless of age.

In other words, you reach peak immunity 29 days after the vaccine, which is why Dr. Russo says: "I tell patients [who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine] that they should wait at least four weeks [to see people without a mask] at this point."

# How long does it take for antibodies to develop after the covid-19 vaccine?

Once you receive the vaccine, your body starts developing antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 (the novel coronavirus) pretty quickly, Dr. Watkins says. But those antibodies build over time. "It's a linear process," he says. "It starts shortly after the vaccine enters the body, and then takes off."

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, for example, found that 90% of clinical trial participants had neutralizing antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 on day 29 after being vaccinated while 100% of study participants had neutralizing antibodies by day 57.

In the two-dose vaccines—Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna—you essentially get a booster vaccine after the first dose, which "significantly increases the amount of antibodies," Dr. Russo explains. "The second shot is absolutely critical."

# Why is full vaccination important before you start doing "normal" things again?

Currently, the CDC says you can do the following when you're fully vaccinated:

■ Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.

- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe covid-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Avoid quarantine and testing following a known exposure if you don't have covid-19 symptoms.

But the "fully vaccinated" part is crucial here. "You want the optimal immune response that will afford the maximum amount of protection," Dr. Russo says.

It can be hard to have patience, but experts say that waiting at least two weeks after your last covid-19 vaccine shot to see loved ones without a mask again will make a big difference in keeping you—and them—protected.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines involve articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

#### **Biden and Harris transition**

- A video and an article by James Anthony titled "Watch: Biden Ushered Away From Reporters, Refuses to Take Questions Again" were posted at the postmillennial.com on March 12, 2021.
- An article by Larry O'Connor titled "Pick Your Poison: Impaired Biden or President Kamala" was posted at townhall.com on March 12, 2021.
- An article by Michael Goodwin titled "Bubble Biden Clearly Not Up for Tough Questions—Or the Job" was posted at nypost.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Morgan Phillips titled "Biden to Hold First Press Conference March 25" was posted at foxnews.com on March 16, 2021.
- Looking back to December 2020, an article titled "Joe Biden Mistakenly Calls Kamala Harris 'President-Elect' in Yet Another TV Gaffe" was posted at ap7am.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Biden Calls Kamala Harris the President Again" was posted at townhall.com on March 18, 2021.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Putin Challenges Biden to Live Public Discussion; Medvedev Questions His Age and State of Health" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 19, 2021.

#### **Comments about Vatican**

- A Reuters article by Philip Pullella titled "In Setback for Gay Catholics, Vatican Says Church Cannot Bless Same-Sex Unions" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Vatican: The Church Cannot Bless Gay Unions Because God 'Cannot Bless Sin' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 15, 2021.

- A Reuters article by Michael Shields titled "Rebel Priests Defy Vatican, Vow to Bless Same-Sex Couples" was posted at reuters.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Bill Donohue titled "Vatican's Critics Should Remember: Scripture, Not Public Sentiment, Governs Church Doctrine" was posted at cnsnews. com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Rev. Graham: Vatican Is Right; God Cannot Bless Gay Unions Because They Are Sinful" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 16, 2021.

#### **Comments about Israel**

- An article by Ilan Ben Zion titled "Israeli Experts Announce Discovery of More Dead Sea Scrolls" was posted at apnews.com on March 16, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Sinan Abu Mayzer and Rami Ayyub titled "Israel's Arabs Stage Flash Mob to Highlight Fatal Shootings in Their Community" was posted at reuters.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Michael Starr and Gil Hoffman titled "Israeli Elections: Drones to Monitor Voting Lines From the Air" was posted at jpost.com on March 18, 2021.
- An article by Staff titled "UAE Suspends April Middle East Diplomatic Conference With Israel" was posted at jpost.com on March 18, 2021.

#### **Comments about Iran**

- An article by Verity Bowman titled "Iranian Government Orders Teachers to Identify Children of Persecuted Baha'i Minority" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on March 13, 2021.
- An article by Bloomberg News titled "Iranian Oil Surge to China Hurts OPEC Efforts to Tighten Supply" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Yonat Frilling and Trey Yingst titled "Iran Has Built New Ballistic Missile Launch Positions, Satellite Images Show" was posted at foxnews.com on March 17, 2021.

#### Comments about Saudi Arabia

- A Reuters article by Nidhi Verma titled "U.S. Becomes India's Second Biggest Oil Supplier, Saudi Plunges to No. 4" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Aziz El Yaakoubi titled "Yemen's Houthis Say Attacked Southern Saudi Airports With Drones" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Dave Lawler titled "U.S. Dominates Global Arms Sales, With Saudi Arabia the Top Customer" was posted at axios.com on March 16, 2021.

#### Other international nations

■ An article by Andrew Jones titled "China Successfully Launches New Long March-7A [Rocket] on Second Attempt" was posted at spacenews.com on March 11, 2021.

- An article by Cheryl Teh titled "Asian Nations Are Cracking Down on Dual Citizenship, With China Encouraging People to Report Citizens Who Secretly Hold 2 Passports" was posted at businessinsider.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by Frederico Bartels titled "China Hikes Defense Budget Again as U.S. Weighs Flatlining Pentagon Spending" was posted at realcleardefense.com on March 17, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Elaine Lies and Rikako Maruyama titled "In Landmark Ruling, Japan Court Says It Is 'Unconstitutional' to Bar Same-Sex Marriage" was posted at reuters.com on March 16, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Alexander Marrow titled "Russian Police Detain Around 200 People, Including Leading Opposition Figures, at Moscow Meeting" was posted at reuters.com on March 13, 2021.
- An article by Alexey D. Muraviev titled "Russia Wants to Be a Power to Be Reckoned With in the Indian Ocean" was posted at realcleardefense.com on March 15, 2021.
- A Reuters article titled "Russians Set Fire to Wooden Tower at Festival [Millions Celebrate Maslenitsa or Pancake Week to Mark the End of Winter; It was a Pagan Ritual That Was Absorbed Into the Russian Orthodox Church]" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Anastasia Teterevieva, Anton Zverev and Gabrielle Tetrault-Farber titled "Kremlin Critic Alexei Navalny Says He Is at Strict Prison Camp Outside Moscow" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Peter Suciu titled "NATO's Nightmare: Russian Stealth Fighters Headed [As a Sale Item] for Turkey?" was posted at 19fortyfive.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Jack Montgomery titled "Sadiq Khan Admits Streets of London 'Not Safe' for Women or Girls" was posted at breitbart.com on March 12, 2021.
- An article by Jack Mongomery titled "Brexit Wars Recommence as EU Launches Legal Action Against UK Over Northern Ireland" was posted at breitbart.com on March 15, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Waruna Karaunatilake titled "Sri Lanka to Ban Burqa, Shut Many Islamic Schools, Minister [for Public Security Sarath Weerasekera] Says" was posted at reuters.com on March 13, 2021.
- An article by Qadijah Irshad titled "Concerns for Sri Lanka's Muslim Community Over 'Racist' Plans to Ban Veil" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on March 14, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Angus MacSwan titled "Military Tightens Grip, Death Toll Among Anti-Coup Protesters Rises as Myanmar Seethes" was posted at reuters.com on March 14, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Devjyot Ghoshal titled "Policemen, Firemen Among Over 400 Myanmar Nationals Seeking Shelter in India" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.

- A Reuters article by Philip Pullella titled "Pope: 'I Kneel on the Streets of Myanmar and Say Stop the Violence' " was posted at reuters.com on March 17, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Erikas Mwisi Kambale titled "Suspected Islamists Kill at Least a Dozen Villagers in Eastern Congo" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Frances Martel titled "Bolivia: Socialists Arrest Conservative Ex-President on 'Terrorism' Charges" was posted at breitbart.com on March 15, 2021.
- Photos and an article by Fadel Allassan titled "In Photos: Thousands Rally in Australia as Sexual Misconduct Claims Cloud Government" were posted at axios.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Juliet S. Sorensen, Alexandra Tarzikhan and Meredith Helm titled "El Salvador's Abortion Ban Jails Women for Miscarriages and Still-births—Now One Woman's Family Seeks International Justice" was posted at the conversation.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article titled "Mozambique Insurgency: Children Beheaded, Aid Agency Reports" was posted at bbc.com on March 16, 2021.
- An article by John Hayward titled "Mozambique: Reports Indicate Islamic State Beheading Children as Young as 11" was posted at breitbart.com on March 17, 2021.
- An article by Andres Oppenheimer titled "Mexico Is About to Legalize marijuana, Which Will Put Pressure on Biden to Do the Same" was posted at miamiherald.com on March 17, 2021.

# **International covid-related topics**

- An article by Jennifer Griffen titled "Former Top State Dept. Investigator [David Asher] Says Covid-19 Outbreak May Have Resulted From Bioweapons Research Accident" was posted at foxnews.com on March 12, 2021.
- An article by Jon Brown titled "Canadian Pastor [James Coates in Alberta, Canada] Imprisoned After Defying Covid-19 Order" was posted at dailywire.com on March 12, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Giuseppe Fonte and Francesca Landini titled "Italy Aims to Vaccinate at Least 80% of Population by End of September" was posted at reuters.com on March 13, 2021.
- An article by Jon Hamilton and Laurel Wamsley titled "France and Germany Pause Use of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 Vaccine" was posted at npr.org on March 14, 2021.
- An article by Robin McKie titled "Third Covid Wave Sweeps Across EU and Forces New Restrictions" was posted at theguardian.com on March 14, 2021.
- An article by Victoria Friedman titled "Third UK Coronavirus Wave Could Hit in Autumn, Says Stats Chief" was posted at breitbart.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Breitbart London titled "Germany, France, Italy, Latest Nations to Suspend Oxford-Astrazeneca Vaccine" was posted at breitbart.com on March 15, 2021.

- A Reuters article by Ali Kucukgocmen and Tuvan Gumrukcu titled "Turkey's Erdogan Says New Pandemic Measures Not Being Considered as Cases Rise" was posted at reuters.com on March 15, 2021.
- An article by Oliver J.J. Lane titled "Having Incorrectly Accused Britain of Banning Vaccine Exports, EU Now Moves to Ban Vaccine Exports Itself" was posted at breitbart.com on March 17, 2021.
- An article by Rossella Tercatin and Celia Jean titled "Coronavirus: Knesset Okays Electronic Bracelet for Returnees From Abroad" was posted at jpost.com on March 17, 2021.
- An article by Ben Popken, Sarah Harman and Carlo Angerer titled "The Next Frontier in Air Travel: Digital Passports as Proof of Vaccination or Testing" was posted at nbcnews.com on March 18, 2021.
- An article by Tara John titled "Covid-19 Reinfections Are Rare, Unless You Are Over 65 [According to the Lancet Medical Journal]" was posted at cnn.com on March 18, 2021.

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An article by Thomas Chatterton Williams titled "Encountering Thomas Sowell" was posted at law liberty.org on March 15, 2021. Following is the article.

The first time I heard the name Thomas Sowell was during that bitterly partisan—though in retrospect, comparatively tame—transition period from George W. Bush to Barack Obama. My mother's younger sister, a gun-owning, bornagain evangelical Christian and staunchly Republican voter from Southern California had by then become an active and vocal Facebook user. In those days, I was half a decade out of undergrad, living in New York City, making my first forays into the world of professional opinion-having. I felt my first (and, it would turn out, my last) stirrings of political romanticism in my exuberance over the candidacy and election of the first black president. Suffice it to say we locked digital horns on a regular basis. "It's not about color for me," my aunt said while railing against Obama. "For example, I love Thomas Sowell."

To that side of my extended family, I became the stereotype of a coastal liberal, writing for the *New York Times* and wholly out of touch with the real America. In fact, I've always prided and defined myself as an anti-tribal thinker, and sometime contrarian, working firmly within a left-of-center black tradition—a tradition populated by brave and brilliant minds from Ralph Ellison and Albert Murray to Harold Cruse, Stanley Crouch, Orlando Patterson, at times even Zadie Smith and James Baldwin. I'd never been a stranger to my own group's ire, but I'd also intuited this tradition's ideological limits. I really didn't even know exactly what else was on offer. Which is to say, it wasn't that I actively avoided the work of black conservatives, it was that the work existed entirely out of my frame of reference. Conservative ideas in general, and black conservatism in particular, were not things anyone I knew would even think to bother refuting.

To hear my aunt speak approvingly of Sowell put me immediately in mind of the other famous black conservative named Thomas. My brother's name is Clarence. To pair our names together formed the most ferocious epithet at the playgrounds of my youth. It was exceedingly difficult even for me to arrive at a mental space and degree of curiosity at which I could allow myself to engage with Sowell's thinking. It took the happenstance of personally meeting and admiring the writer Coleman Hughes, a brilliant young Sowell acolyte, along with the release of a new documentary from the Free to Choose Network, *Common Sense in a Senseless World*, narrated by Jason Riley, for me to finally give him a hearing.

Riley, a longtime columnist at the *Wall Street Journal* and fellow at the Manhattan Institute, has made it something of a personal mission to alter the dynamic of prejudgment and casual dismissal I have outlined, or at least to bring the ideas of Sowell to as wide an audience as possible. In May he will publish *Maverick*, a biography of the thinker, now 91 years old and in semi-retirement since 2016. The documentary relies on archival footage as well as hours of interviews that Riley has recorded with Sowell who, since attaining his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago at the seasoned age of 38, has conducted one of the most prolific and long-running careers in public thinking in recent memory, publishing over 30 books on a variety of subjects from Marxist political economy to late-speaking children, and thousands of syndicated columns, despite his near total absence from the mainstream American imagination.

Sowell's rise was not predestined. His father died shortly before he was born to a single mother in North Carolina in 1930. By the time that he was eight, his mother had also passed away, and he was raised in Harlem by his aunt and uncle—a devastating twist of fate that Sowell insists on describing as a stroke of fortune. "We were much poorer than most people in Harlem or most anywhere else today; it was my last year or two at home that we finally had a telephone; we had a radio, but we never had a television," we hear him explain in voiceover. "But in another sense, I was enormously more fortunate than most black kids today." He describes his family as being "interested" in him, and it is that interest and their dedication to developing his obvious talents that was crucial to his future. A family friend exposed him to the public library and lit a fire in his imagination. He won admission to the ultracompetitive Stuyvesant High School, but dropped out to serve in the Marines before eventually graduating magna cum laude from Harvard in the late 1950s.

It was his first job at the Department of Labor that, in today's parlance, red-pilled Sowell out of the Marxism he'd held onto until that moment. "The vision of the left—and I think many conservatives underestimate this—is really a more attractive vision," he declares with a wry smile and his thick New York accent early in the movie. "The only reason for not believing in it, is that it doesn't work." This idea of contrasting visions—and their comparative efficacy—would become a central facet of his thinking. But it was the period in his life spent teaching at UCLA and Cornell, where a group of black student radicals took over a student center, that seems to have permanently disillusioned him. Like so many aspects of his life and work, the situation feels wildly contemporary. It was not simply the behavior of the student activists but the total capitulation of the administration in the face of a mob that so dismayed him. By 1980, he left teaching entirely and

pursued his quiet scholarship at the Hoover Institute at Stanford, shielded from campus politics but also fully ensconced outside the Overton window.

In this season of racial reckoning and pseudo-religious panic over identity, it is genuinely shocking to realize that Sowell not only anticipated these same debates several decades ago—he refuted many of the positions now in ascendance.

The documentary is an inviting introduction to a fascinating figure many of us have been mistakenly led, one way or another, to fear or ignore, but the film is unable to do for Thomas Sowell what Raoul Peck's *I Am Not Your Negro* achieved for James Baldwin. It does not crackle with that kind of televisual electricity. That may have as much to do with the ambitions and constraints of the filmmakers as it does with the oratorical talents and demeanors of the respective subjects. Whatever the case, *Common Sense* will appeal to the legions of Sowell's conservative fans who are already familiar with his ideas and also serve as an effective means of leading the more curious members of the uninitiated to his books, which I imagine is the film's real purpose. And it is there, in those bold and exhaustive texts, that one encounters the full, unadulterated impact of Sowell's ranging brilliance.

In this season of racial reckoning and pseudo-religious panic over identity, it is genuinely shocking to realize that Sowell not only anticipated these same debates several decades ago—he refuted many of the positions now in ascendance. Many people wondered last summer why, for example, on the Black Lives Matter website the organization declared (and has since deleted) a "disruptive" stance on the nuclear family.

What did that have to do with mobilizing against police violence? Why did BLM describe themselves as Marxists?

In his 1995 book, *The Vision of the Anointed*, Sowell argues persuasively that, "The family is inherently an obstacle to schemes for central control of social processes. Therefore the anointed [essentially his proto-term for "woke"] necessarily find themselves repeatedly on a collision course with the family." This is because, he continues, "the preservation of the family" is fundamentally a source of freedom. "Friedrich Engels's first draft of the Communist Manifesto included a deliberate undermining of family bonds as part of the Marxian political agenda."

After the death of George Floyd last May, the Minneapolis city council experimented with ill-conceived calls to defund and even "abolish" their local police forces. This was presented—often by white progressives—as being in the black community's best interest despite that very community's often vocal opposition based not on conjecture but painful experience. Sowell had already demonstrated the flaws in this form of reasoning with regard to the LA riots of 1992 (which recall Minneapolis as well as Kenosha, Wisconsin). "Many of the anointed justified the violence and destruction by shifting to the presumed viewpoint of 'the black community'—when in fact 58 percent of blacks polled characterized the riots as 'totally unjustified.' "You wouldn't know it from social and much mainstream media, but those numbers have remained startlingly consistent.

One of the most influential and widely cited books on race in the current era, Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist*, has popularized the notion that any

significant discrepancies between so-called racial groups are necessarily indicative of racist policies.

Again, Sowell not only anticipates but refutes this newly fashionable line of thinking—some 26 years before it was published: "Many differences between races are often automatically attributed to race or to racism. In the past, those who believed in the genetic inferiority of some races were prone to see differential outcomes as evidences of differential natural endowments of ability. Today, the more common non sequitur is that such differences reflect biased perceptions and discriminatory treatment by others. A third possibility—that there are different proportions of people with certain attitudes and attributes in different groups—has received far less attention, though this is consistent with a substantial amount of data from countries around the world."

And that is the revelation in a nutshell: reading Thomas Sowell has this déjavu quality. The most important realization you are left with is not that he possesses the final word on every subject but that he wields profound insight and reams of data and comparative research into many of the very debates that still consume us. As a conscientious liberal it leaves you with a nagging question: Why haven't you or anyone you know ever so much as acknowledged the existence of his output? If we are lucky, this documentary and Riley's biography will be part of the necessary and overdue work of rectifying the oversight. I suppose I owe my aunt an apology.

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An article by Stephanie Guerilus titled "Ben Carson Compares Criticism of Black Conservatives to 'Runaway' Slaves" was posted at thegrio.com on March 15, 2021. Following is the article.

Dr. Ben Carson likened himself and Black conservatives to runaway slaves who were abused and made examples of in order to instill fear into others because of their beliefs.

The former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development who served from 2017 to 2021 is the latest guest on the podcast *Outloud with Gianno Caldwell*. The episode, uploaded on Monday, features the two conservative Black men discussing the perception of Black Republicans.

Carson likened his treatment to that of slaves that were abused and then ultimately killed as a warning.

"Just remember that this is not anything that's any different than many, many years ago during slavery. If you ran away and you got caught, they didn't just kill you. They brought you back and tormented you in front of everyone else so that you would get the lesson: Do not run away," the retired neurosurgeon said.

"And it's the same lesson now. Do not depart from what we told you. Do not think for yourself and if you do, we're gonna try and make an example of you

so other people won't do it. But the way I see it, you have to just ask yourself, 'What is the right thing to do?' You have to pray and ask God to give you wisdom and move forward."

Carson insisted that Democrats were intimidated by the Trump administration and their outreach to the African American community. However, activists claim that voter suppression has been prominent since Donald Trump lost his re-election bid in November.

According to the Brennan Center, more than 250 bills have been introduced in 43 states that would limit early voting and enforce strict voter ID laws. There would also be limits on absentee voting the use of dropbox ballots.

In Georgia, the onslaught of bills undermining access to the ballot box by the GOP led former President Jimmy Carter to speak out.

"American democracy means every eligible person has the right to vote in an election that is fair, open, and secure," Carter said. "It should be flexible enough to meet the electorate's changing needs," Carter said last week.

Nonetheless, Carson reserved his criticism for Democrats. He blasted the Democratic party as making the Black community dependent on the government for assistance.

He claimed Black people were realizing "they are being used and manipulated, and I think that's one of the reasons why they were so much fear of the last administration because they were doing things that were very helpful of the African American community, and a lot of people were starting to notice and they didn't want that."

Caldwell also spoke about Black people accepting "victimhood." Carson claimed institutional racism existed for policing the thought of Black conservatives.

"I think the place where it is exists is among the people who see someone like me or someone like you and decide how they must think based on their race," Carson said.

"That's the institutional racism but in terms of our society, I grew up in Detroit and in Boston, late 50's and the 60's and believe me, I can tell you real racism when I see it. We had to deal with it everyday. It's nothing like that today."

Carson also insisted that the death of George Floyd while in the custody of Minneapolis police was an isolated incident rather than an example of pervasive racism.

"You take something like the George Floyd case which was horrible. Absolutely horrible. No excuse there, but that is an incredibly unusual situation and to try and take that and make it seem like an everyday experience, I think is a real distortion of what's going on."

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An article by (black civil-rights attorney) Leo Terrell Blasts Dems Who Passed Covid Relief Bill: 'You Are Racist' " was posted at townhall.com on March 16, 2021. Following is the article.

Civil rights attorney Leo Terrell blasted funding in the American Rescue Plan that gives aid to black and minority farmers, arguing Democrats have "turned racism upside down."

"As a civil rights attorney, for my entire life, I fought for equality and what the Democrats have done with this bill, they have turned the farming industry—I want everyone of your viewers to understand what happened. If you're white and you need financial help and you're a farmer, you don't get it. Not because you don't need the help, but because of skin color," Terrell told Fox News' Sean Hannity. "That is racist, it's unfair, it's what we fought against for hundreds of years."

He said Democrats are the ones "who talk a good game about equality," but they're the "racists."

Terrell argued the \$1.9 trillion legislation is unconstitutional and should be challenged.

"It violates the equal protection and my heart goes out to farmers regardless of color because they are discriminated against. When did the farm industry become a source of racial discrimination?" he wondered.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham has characterized this funding as "reparations."

"In this bill, if you're a farmer, your loan will be forgiven up to 120 percent . . . if you're African American, some other minority," Graham recently told Fox News. "But if you're a white person . . . no forgiveness.

"That's reparations," he added. "What does that have to do with covid?"

When Hannity asked Terrell if the funding is tantamount to reparations, he agreed.

"I want to be clear," Terrell said. " I want the Democrats to hear this: You are racist by passing that bill."

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An article by Brad Lena titled "The 'Great Reset'—the Animal Farm Version" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 17, 2021. Following is the article.

Currently, transnational globalists are pushing for a "Great Reset." It helps to understand what's coming at us if you remember that the globalist's mindset is akin to a zookeeper's. Currently, the zookeepers have their animals safely confined, but there remains a modicum of hope that the animals can liberate themselves.

First some context. History is replete with ideologies that seek to save people either from themselves or a foreign contagion. Until recently, this impulse, as the 20th century shows, has taken the form of political ideologies.

For those espousing Marxism, the ideology sought to cleanse a people from the errors and machinations of the past. When the new ideas prevailed, even if only briefly, the alleged salvation from historical, social, and economic maladies required a reset of just about everything. More often than not, the reset was accompanied by a sea of blood and violence. The objects of salvation (the people) often died or ended up in the same circumstances or were worse off.

I'm referring to communism, fascism, and National Socialism.

Some will say, what about capitalism? Whatever the ills of capitalism, it behooves one to consider the alternatives offered during the 20th century. Some have said history is just one damn thing after another. Others say history is the same damn thing after another.

In any case, the intellectuals of modernity (see Thomas Sowell's Intellectuals and Society) decided that people left to their own devices will get in the way of humanity's salvation. Their solution is global governance that will closely manage all human activity. Saving humanity is yesterday's solution. Saving Planet Earth from humanity is the ticket. Enter the zookeeper.

In a zoo, the animals are confined. Their diet, reproduction, interaction with other species, consumption of resources, etc. are carefully managed, depending on the zookeeper's management goals. When the kept animals' illness, infirmity, or age becomes a liability, they are eliminated.

In the 21st century, covid has given the intellectuals and their political and media lackeys the ability to turn modern life into a giant zoo. Whatever the coronavirus's root cause, the ruling elite have passionately embraced its usefulness as a tool to reorder societies and economies across the globe.

I may be wrong, but I do not recall a time when the world's governments acted in such remarkable uniformity. The virus-instigated collapse of the extant infrastructure (i.e., jobs, income, mobility, access, distribution, manufacturing, agriculture, etc.) has been blindingly swift. The obvious question—"When will things return to normal?"—is regularly answered by the authorities: they won't. The ruling class intends to give the "new normal," AKA "the reset," its best shot.

The future the ruling class contemplates is one in which "rights" and privileges will be granted only to those people who comply. Global mobility has plummeted, enforced confinement is mandated, jobs have vanished, goods are becoming scarcer, surveillance is omnipresent, and noncompliance is punished. We will be told that this is all for the greater good. The elite have turned the world into a zoo, with themselves as keepers and the rest of us as the animals that must be trained or destroyed.

The power to command and control human activity is off the charts. The impulse toward totalitarian rule is as old as dirt. Those with the power to attempt it have always done whatever it takes. The good news is that the animals in this new zoo are the most innovative, creative, adaptive, and resilient creatures on the planet. There's still a chance they can bust out of the joint.



An article by Stephen Moore titled "Don't Force Workers to Join a Union" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 16, 2021. Following is the article.

In 1978, when I was 17 years old, I worked as an usher at concerts and sporting events earning \$2.25 an hour, the minimum wage. I had to surrender about 15 cents of this meager hourly wage to a union I was forced to join. I could never understand what a union was doing to help me since the company had the legal requirement to pay me \$2.25. I was infuriated over the principle of this confiscation by labor bosses I had never met.

I wanted out of the union, but they told me I must pay dues to keep the job. Shouldn't there be a law against this type of coercion?

There is, actually. It is called the First Amendment. The right of association is not explicitly listed in the Bill of Rights. Still, the courts established this "fundamental right," ironically enough, in 1958 in the landmark Supreme Court case NAACP v. Alabama. Crucially, the courts declared that "the First Amendment protects a right to associate and a right not to associate together."

I was thinking about this when I watched the viral video of Rep. Tim Ryan, the Ohio Democrat, on the House floor slamming Republicans for opposing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act that would force tens of millions to join a union.

"Heaven forbid that we pass something that's going to help the damn workers in the United States of America," he fumed. "We talk about giving the right to organize; you [Republicans] complain."

The left lionized him as a champion for the little guy. But hold on there, Congressman. No one is saying that unions should not exist or that they should not be able to organize. I would be first in line to defend their First Amendment right to do so.

But let's be clear: This bill doesn't allow people to associate with a union. It forces them to join the union. In other words, it violates millions of workers' First Amendment right not to associate with a union.

In 27 states, voters have adopted right-to-work laws that prohibit forced union participation. Those laws are popular with voters and workers. Mark Mix, the president of the National Right to Work Committee, which defends nonunion workers' rights, said that "almost every attempt to repeal RTW laws and create 'closed shops' by Big Labor has been soundly beaten on the ballot or in state legislatures." That's why the union bosses are running to Congress.

There are good reasons why blue-collar workers may not want to join a union. The corruption with Big Labor has been so rampant with union bosses taking high six-figure salaries, parties, and spending union dues on junkets to Hawaii and the Caribbean that workers have said they want out. Unions also donate tens of millions of dollars of worker dues to Democratic politicians. In many

unions, as many as half of the rank-and-file workers on the line aren't even in favor of the Democrats. They are Trump-voting Republicans.

High-performing workers also don't want to be under the umbrella of "collective" bargaining agreements because they want to get pay raises above what low-performers and shirkers earn. Union laws often prevent productive workers from getting more, just as teachers unions all but prevent poor-performing teachers from getting fired.

For whatever reason, millions have freely decided they don't want to be in the union. How is Ryan helping them by taking away that freedom to choose, which is another core principle I thought Democrats believed?

Don't forget the convenient reason why workers of right-to-work states don't want to be told by Washington they must rush into the union bosses' arms. Right-to-work states are where the jobs are. Right-to-work states create about twice as many new jobs as forced-union states. Right-to-work states have created triple the number of manufacturing jobs as forced-union states. America hasn't lost auto jobs. The jobs have left states such as Michigan, Ohio, and New York in favor of free states such as Texas, Tennessee, Florida, and Alabama.

That raises one last question for Ryan and his Democratic House colleagues, nearly all of whom voted for the Protecting the Right to Organize Act. Rather than force states such as Florida, South Carolina, and Utah to adopt the policies that have economically crippled New York, Illinois, and New Jersey, why not encourage the worker freedom policies that are standard fare in the economically high-flying states?

Workers should think about this: If all 50 states become forced union states, where will the jobs go next? Probably China and Mexico.

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An article by Michelle Malkin titled "The 'Anti-Semitism' Smear" was posted at creators.com on March 16, 2021. Following is the article.

Everything you need to know about the fair-weather "friends" of the First Amendment can be found by examining the phonies on the left and right who hurl reckless charges of "anti-Semitism" to stigmatize and silence their political foes.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, viciously employed this odious tactic last week against the free speech platform, Gab.com, and its 4 million users. Flanked by two GOP state legislators sponsoring a bill to support a state-supported Holocaust and genocide commission, he declared, "Anti-Semitic platforms like Gab have no place in Texas and certainly do not represent Texas values."

This is the same presidential aspirant who just two weeks ago had launched a Lone Star state war on Big Tech censorship. In a widely covered press event, Abbott called Silicon Valley's deplatforming of conservatives "un-American, un-Texan, and unacceptable."

Abbott's whiplash-inducing pivot "makes no sense," Jewish online activist and Gab user Amy Mek of the RAIR Foundation told me. Mek and her family were doxxed by left-wing operatives for her outspoken criticism of Islamic sharia law and terrorism. Hounded by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Huffington Post, and suspended by Twitter for her peaceful political speech, she found a welcoming community at Gab. "I support this Christian-run business," said Mek. And I "thank them for creating a free-speech platform."

Jewish journalist and "most banned woman in the world" Laura Loomer voiced similar support: "As a free speech platform, the fact that Gab allows for even the most offensive speech to exist on its platform is a testament to its commitment to being a true free speech platform."

So, why did Abbott demonize this "digital Noah's Ark" (as devout Christian founder Andrew Torba describes it) for censored conservatives and dissidents—especially when every liberal Big Tech platform has banned the former president of the United States?

First, follow the money. Torba notes that while Abbott trashes Silicon Valley for clicks and cable TV hits, he's aggressively luring high-tech companies (and future campaign donors) like Tesla, Oracle and Hewlett Packard to move to Texas.

Then, there's the pander factor: Independent journalist and lawyer Glenn Greenwald reported that Abbott was "the prime cheerleader for a bill in Texas—ultimately ruled unconstitutional—to ban the state from hiring anyone who refuses to pledge support for Israel (by promising not to privately boycott them). He's an enemy of free speech." The Israeli government has lobbied governors and state legislatures across America to adopt these anti-boycott, anti-free speech laws. That's not "America First."

Finally, there's the power play. The Texas Republican Party itself has a verified Gab account and backs the platform. The state party is led by Abbott's chief political rival and enormously populist party chairman, Allen West. What better way to neutralize a potential primary challenge than to level the nuclear "anti-Semitism" bomb?

As Nick Fuentes, AFPAC organizer and "America First" host, put it: "Gab vs. Abbott is the ultimate 'America First' litmus test." He's now banned from almost 30 platforms, including YouTube, DLive and Clubhouse, over the very same trumped-up charges of "anti-Semitism" wielded against Gab and Torba. Last week, the mere mention of his name as a hashtag was banned on TikTok and Instagram: "I am being systematically erased from the digital world and with me goes the possibility of meaningful dissent against the political establishment in America."

We're all in this together. When I accurately called liberal billionaire George Soros a "globalist," the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League Jonathan Greenblatt railed that I was using "a term that right-wing extremists and white supremacists use as a codeword for 'Jew.' "

When I named several Soros-subsidized, tax-exempt nonprofit "charities" flooding our country with illegal immigrant criminals and cheap labor while on my

"Open Borders, Inc." book tour, Media Matters of America (itself a Soros-backed hate machine) accused me of deploying a "common anti-Semitic trope."

When I documented the vast reach and power the United Nations has to dump hundreds of thousands of refugees across America's heartland, Media Matters blared in a headline that I pushed an "anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that motivated Tree of Life synagogue shooter."

When I stood up for intelligent and polite young men on college campuses who challenged Turning Point USA speakers about their defense of open borders, green card giveaways, unconditional foreign aid to Israel and the bombing of the USS Liberty, I was denounced by establishment conservatives as insane, fame-seeking, money-grubbing, white supremacist-flirting, "Holocaust Denial"—promoting, and, of course, "anti-Semitic."

My Jewish husband got a huge chuckle out of all of that. And it goes on. When I spoke at the first American First Political Action Conference last year and pointed out how "anti-Semitism" had become a "useless, meaningless term and everybody knows it," the Jewish News Syndicate gathered all the shrill shills' demands to "shun" and "disavow" me under the headline:

"Conservatives rebuke Malkin for questioning what is 'anti-Semitic.' "

Questioning, naming and debating are not acts of "anti-Semitism." They are acts of honest journalism and patriotism. The smear machine can and will be defeated by a united front of dissidents who preach and practice Gab's motto—"Speak Freely"—without fear or apology.

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An article by Ben Shapiro titled "Wokeifying America's Military" was posted at creators.com on March 17, 2021. Following is the article.

This week, President Biden's military declared its first war . . . on Fox News host Tucker Carlson. Carlson had committed the great sin of pointing out the oddity of the fact that the Biden White House had been promoting brand-new uniforms for pregnant soldiers, rather than America's military efficiency in the face of a rising Chinese military threat. This prompted spasms of apoplexy from top brass in the military itself: Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby said that the Pentagon was filled with "revulsion" at Carlson's comments, adding, "We absolutely won't just take personnel advice from a talk show"; Army Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston tweeted that women "will dominate ANY future battlefield we're called to fight on," calling Carlson's words "divisive"; Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. Scott H. Stalker, the senior enlisted leader of the U.S. Space Command, said that Carlson's opinion was "based off of actually zero days of service in the armed forces."

Now, the military itself recognizes that pregnant women can't exactly staff front-line positions. At 20 weeks of pregnancy, pregnant soldiers in the Army are exempt from field duty, deployment, wearing individual body armor,

standing at parade rest or attention for longer than 15 minutes, or participating in weapons training; upon diagnosis of pregnancy, all pregnant soldiers are exempt from regular physical fitness training.

And the military has reported in the past that mixed units underperform all-male combat units. In 2015, a yearlong Marine Corps report found that, according to NPR, "all-male units were faster, more lethal and able to evacuate casualties in less time."

But the content of Carlson's words was less important than the reaction to them, for it was unprecedented for top members of the military to unite in excoriating a civilian opinion journalist. Had it happened on former President Trump's watch, the media undoubtedly would have used it as an example of politics infusing traditionally apolitical institutions. Dark buzzwords like "authoritarian" and "fascist" would have been tossed around casually. Yet when the military was mobilized to attack Carlson, the media cheered instead.

We are watching in real time America's institutions being gutted on behalf of left-wing politics. Formerly apolitical institutions are being remolded top down to reflect the values of our New Ruling Class: those who speak the wokeabulary, who believe in the tyrannical and polarizing theories of Ibram X. Kendi and Kimberle Crenshaw, who see their roles as the social engineers of their fellow Americans. This is true in our universities; it's true in our colleges; it's true at our corporations; and now it's true in the American military. No wonder we're told that our military will somehow be stronger for tossing out gender-neutral physical fitness tests, or paying for transgender surgeries, or forcing soldiers to read the asinine musings of critical race theorists.

Our military is designed to deter and to defend, to kill people and break things. If diversity facilitates that mission, that's wonderful. But to supplant the military's chief mission with the woke protocols of the political left is to undermine that chief mission. The world is a dangerous, ugly, competitive place. If our masturbatory woke solipsism blinds us to that reality, the cost will be quite real—far more real than any supposed threat emanating from the musings of Tucker Carlson.



An article by Alex Nester titled "This Week in Campus Insanity, Volume 35" was posted at freebeacon.com on March 13, 2021. Following is the article.

Welcome back to Campus Insanity, a weekly roundup of the craziest developments at our nation's 4,000-plus institutions of higher education.

# 6. UC Berkeley Unveils Plan for Racial Quotas (at Campus Reform)

The University of California, Berkeley, created a racial quota in order to achieve a 25 percent "Latinx" student body by 2027. School officials said they would consider targeting other minority groups with specified quotas as well.

# 5. Student Government Senator Impeached for Defending Thin Blue Line Masks (at The College Fix)

Rochester Institute of Technology student senator Jacob Custer was impeached for defending students and others who wear "thin blue line" masks in support of police officers.

# 4. Ivy League Colleges Partner with Chinese Health Institutions Tied to Military (at Washington Free Beacon)

Harvard University, Yale School of Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania are partnering with groups backed by the Chinese military and the Chinese Communist Party for collaborative research efforts and educational programming.

# 3. UPenn Nursing Final Exam Mandates That Students Ask Imaginary Patients for 'Preferred Pronouns'—or Be Docked Points (at The Daily Wire)

Nursing students at the University of Pennsylvania will be docked a letter grade on their final exam if they fail to ask imaginary patients for their preferred pronouns.

# 2. Law School Deans Chastise Student Body as Too White (at Washington Free Beacon)

Case Western Reserve University law school deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf told students that they should "not be satisfied" with the diversity of the student body, despite the school's low ranking on a list of "Whitest Law Schools in America" released this week.

# 1. Columbia to Host Six Graduation Ceremonies Segregated by Race, Sex, and Income Level (at The College Fix)

Columbia University will offer a series of racially segregated "Multiracial Graduation Ceremonies" during the last week of April for black, Latino, Native American, and Asian students. LGBTQ students and low-income or first-generation students will also have their own separate ceremonies.



An article by Craig Bannister titled "Ben Shapiro: 6 Things That Make You a Bigot (According to the Left)" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 17, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

- 1. "Reliance on data"
- 2. "Demands for objective proof"
- 3. "Belief in time-tested values"
- 4. "Belief in non-malleable human nature"
- 5. "Belief in individual rights rather than social justice"
- 6. "Opposition to racial essentialism"



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

#### **Deficit**

■ An article by Andrea Miller titled "U.S. Companies Face Record \$10.5 Trillion in Debt—Here's What to Know About the Corporate Bond 'Bubble' " was posted at cnbc.com on March 12, 2021.

■ An article by Brendan Morrow titled "Democrats Dangle Billions of Dollars in Infrastructure Earmarks in Front of Conflicted Republicans" was posted at theweek.com on March 16, 2021.

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**Isaiah 55:6-11**—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not you 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."