Eye on the World April 8, 2023

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Luke 21:34-36–"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with selfindulgence, 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 you stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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

Is the Avian flu the new pandemic?

- An article by Michelle Toh titled "Japan Is Running Out of Space to Bury Chickens Culled Over Bird Flu" was posted at cnn.com on April 6, 2023.
- An article by Kai Kupperschmidt titled "From Bad to Worse; How the Avian Flu Must Change Before It Can Trigger a Human Pandemic" was posted at science.org on April 6, 2023.

Is marburg virus the next pandemic?

• An article by Adam Schrader titled "Human Cases of 'Highly Fatal' Marburg Virus Recorded in Africa; CDC Warns" was posted at upi.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Alexander Tin titled "Marburg Virus Outbreak: CDC Issues Alert as Two Countries in Africa [Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania] Battle Spread of Deadly Disease" was posted at cbsnews.com on April 6, 2023.

Origin of covid

• An article by Emily Craig titled "Now Even Chinese Scientists Claim Covid Did Not Jump to Humans Inside Infamous Wuhan Market in Blow to Natural Animal Origin Theory" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 5,2023.

International comments about masks

• An article by Melissa Healy titled "Without Other Pandemic Precautions, Hospital Mask Rules Didn't Stop Covid Spread; [Copenhagen] Study Finds" was posted at latimes.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Joseph Ruttle titled "British Columbia [Province in Canada] Lifts Health-Care Mask Rules as Province Emerges From Pandemic; Dr. Bonnie Henry Says" was posted at vancouversun.com on April 6, 2023.

More international covid

• An article by Daniel Mitchell titled "What Sweden Taught the World About Pandemic Management" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 5, 2023.

Praising China on climate change – ridiculous and maddening

• Looking back to March 2023, an article by Harold Hutchison titled "Biden's Energy Secretary [Jennifer Granholm] Says 'We Can Learn From China' on Climate Policy" was posted at dailycaller.com on March 10, 2023.

• Looking back to March 2023, an article by Kristina Wong titled "Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm Praises China Again – for Being the Largest 'Clean Energy' Investor" was posted at breitbart.com on March 24, 2023.

Climate change – China and coal

• Looking back to October 2021, an article by Philip Wany titled "China Tells Mines to Produce 'As Much Coal as Possible'" was posted at ctvnews.ca on Oct. 20, 2021.

• Looking back to April 2022, an article by John Hayward titled "World's Worst Polluter China Increases Coal Production by 300 Million Tons" was posted at breitbart.com on April 21, 2022.

• Looking back to December 2022, an article by John Hayward titled "Report: World Coal Consumption Rising, China's Influence 'Unparalleled by Any Country'" was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 19, 2022.

• Looking back to February 2023, an article by Ben Zeisloft titled "China Is Full Steam Ahead With New Coal Plants as the West Goes Green" was posted at dailywire.com on Feb. 27, 2023.

More fossil fuel reality

• An article by Andrew Moran titled "Oil Prices Soar as OPEC Slashes Output, Japan Buys Russian Crude" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 4, 2023.

More international climate change

• An article by Joss Fong titled "The Tricky Plan for 'Negative Emissions' [Will Carbon Dioxide Removal Work? It Has To]" was posted at vox.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Jonathan Amos titled "Climate Change: Norwegian Sea Floor Holds Clue to Antarctic Melting" was posted at bbc.com on April 5, 2023.

China pushes Ukraine "peace proposal"

• A Reuters article by Dinara Khalilova titled "China Ready to Work With France on Ukraine Peace" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

• A Reuters article by Michel Rose and Laurie Chen titled "Macron Seek China's Help on Ukraine, Xi 'Willing' to Call Zelenskyy" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

• A Reuters article by Michel Rose and Laurie Chen titled "'A New Starting Point': EU and Chinese Leaders Begin Talks" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

Russia-Ukraine war

• An Reuters article by Kevin Liffey titled "Kremlin: Nuclear Deployment to Belarus Is Response to NATO Expansion" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about China

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "China's Position on Display With Iran, Saudi, France Meetings" was posted at jpost.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about China and Taiwan

• An article by Milica Cosic titled "China Sends Warships Past Taiwan in Latest Episode of Saber-Rattling [in Response to Kevin McCarthy Hosting President Tsai Ing-Wen in Los Angeles]" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 7, 2023.

Comments about Israel and Temple Mount

• An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Middle East, Iranian Media Raise Anger Israeli 'Crimes' on Temple Mount' was posted at jpost.com on April 5, 2023. • An article by Christian Oliver titled "Israeli Police Clash a Second Time With Palestinians Inside Islam's Third Holiest Site: Officers 'Use Stun Grenades and Rubber Bullets Against Worshippers Throwing Rocks and Firecrackers Inside Mosque' as Regional Tensions Spiral" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 5, 2023.

• An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "UN Official Criticizes Fireworks Inside Islam's Third-Holiest Mosque, Upsetting Palestinian Envoy" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Tzvi Joffre titled "Palestinians Throw Stones on Temple Mount on Third Friday of Ramadan" was posted at jpost.com on April 7, 2023.

Comments about rockets fired into Israel

• An article by Tzvi Joffe titled "IAF Strikes Gaza in Response to Rockets Fired After Al-Aqsa Clashes" was posted at jpost.com on April 5, 2023.

• An article by Rachael Bunyan and James Reynolds titled "'We Will Strike Our Enemies and They Will Pay': Israel Pounds Gaza and Lebanon After Netanyahu Vowed 'Aggressive Response' to Rocket Attacks by Palestinian Militants – as Fresh Violence Breaks Out at Islam Holy Site" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Staff titled "Rockets Launched at Israel From Gaza During Passover Feast" was posted at jpost.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Staff titled "IDF Strikes Hamas Targets in Gaza, Lebanon as Over 44 Rockets Fired Into Israel" was posted at jpost.com on April 7, 2023.

More comments about Israel

• An article by Eliav Breuer titled "Netanyahu Suspends Judicial Reforms: I Will Not Lead Israel to Civil War" was posted at jpost.com on March 28, 2023.

• An article by Staff titled "Protests Continue After Netanyahu Suspends Judicial Reform" was posted at jpost.com on March 28, 2023.

• An article by Mark Regev titled "Israel's Judicial Reform Saga: A Guide for the Perplexed" was posted at jpost.com on March 31, 2023.

• An article by Tal Spungin titled "Netanyahu Fires [Defense Minister Yoav] Gallant, Says He 'Lost Trust' in Defense Minister' was posted at jpost.com on March 27, 2023.

• An article by Tovah Lazaroff titled "Israel's Netanyahu Delays Firing [Defense Minister Yoav] Gallant for 'Security Reasons' " was posted at jpost.com on April 3, 2023.

• An article by Gil Troy titled "Was the Massive Israeli Protest [600,000] Historic?" was posted at jpost.com on April 5, 2023.

Comments about Iran

• An article by Staff titled "Israel Isn't the Only One Threatened by Iran; Western Countries

Are, Too" was posted at jpost.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about Iran and Saudi Arabia

• A Reuters article titled "Foreign Ministers of Iran, Saudi Arabia Meet in China" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

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

Corporate media – ignores Biden's influence-peddling probe

• An article by Susan Jones titled "[James] Comer Hopes Media 'Is As Serious' About Biden Business Records as They Are About 'Political Stunt' Involving Trump'' was posted at cnsnews.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about January 6 riots

• An article by Trevor Schakohl titled " 'At Lease 40' Undercover Informants Were Doing Surveillance on January 6; Defense Lawyer" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about Trump indictment

• An article by Staff titled "Pelosi Writes That Trials Are About 'Proving Innocence' (Rather Than Proving Guilt)" was posted at ensnews.com on March 31, 2023.

• An article by James Gordon titled "Bill Barr Says Trump Indictment Is 'Held Together by Chicken Wire' – Claims It Legal Theory as 'Pathetically Weak' and Clearly Political Move That Will 'Not End Well' for the Country" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 1, 2023.

• An article by Kristina Wong titled "Former Attorney General Bill Barr: Trump Indictment Is 'An Abomination' – 'Makes Us Look Like a Banana Republic'" was posted at

breitbart.com on April 1, 2023.

• An article by Kyle Cheney titled "Bragg's Case Against Trump Hits a Wall of Skepticism–Even From Trump's Critics" was posted at politico.com on April 5, 2023.

• An article by Susan Jones titled "Trump Impeachment Attorney [David Schoen]: 'I Cannot Believe That This District Attorney Did This to the Country'" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 5, 2023.

• An article by Madeline Leesman titled "Bragg Handed Career Criminal a 'Sweetheart Deal' Days Before Trump Arraignment" was posted at townhall.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments by Tucker Carlson about Trump indictment

• An article by Tucker Carlson titled "Leaders Turned the American Legal System Against heir Political Opponents" was posted at foxnews.com on March 31, 2023.

• A video by Tucker Carlson titled "Soros-Inspired Justice System Is Putting Trump on Trial for a Crime That Isn't a Crime" was posted at foxnews.com on April 3, 2023.

• An article by Tucker Carlson titled "This Is the Boldest Election Interference Ever Attempted" was posted at foxnews.com on April 4, 2023.

Is the Trump indictment a diversion? - keep an eye on the dollar

• Looking back to March 2023, an article by Matt Berg titled "Biden Promises 'Your Deposits Will Be There' Amid Banks' Collapse" was posted at politico.com on March 13, 2023.

• An article by Jacob Bliss titled "[John] Carney on 'Fox and Friends': China's Yuan Is an 'Inevitable' [and] 'Serious Threat' to the Dollar Being World's Currency" was posted at breitbart.com on April 2, 2023.

• An article by Harvey Jones titled "Is the U.S. Dollar Losing Its Status as the King of Currencies?" was posted at thenationalnews.com on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Peter Earle titled "The World Is Abandoning the U.S. Dollar" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Umang Sharma titled "Dollar Decoupled: Donald Trump Warns U.S. Currency 'Crashing, Will No Longer Be the World Standard'" was posted at firstpost.com on April 5, 2023.

Inflation Reduction Act

• An article by Ian Hanchett titled "GOP Rep. [Byron] Donalds: We Knew Democrats

Were Lying About 'Inflation Reduction Act' and Now It's Confirmed It Will Cost Three Times [the] Estimate" was posted at breitbart.com on April 5, 2023.

Jill Biden is accused of racism

• An article by Cierra Jones titled "Jill Biden Wants to Invite LSU [Winning Black Team] and Iowa [Losing White Team] to the White House, and Twitter Isn't Going for It" was posted at revolt.tv on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Grayson Weir titled "LSU Star Angel Reese Rips Jill Biden for Wanting to Invite Iowa to White House Even Though Hawkeyes Lost" was posted at outkick.com on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Alastair Talbot titled "'Now the People That Won Look Like Me, She Want to Invite the Runner-Ups': Shannon Sharpe Slams First Lady Jill Biden's Idea to Invite Iowa and LSU to the White House" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Houston Keene titled "Jill Biden's Office Attempts to Walk Back Iowa White House Invite as Racism Accusations Fly" was posted at foxnews.com on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Austin Nivison titled "[Iowa Star] Caitlin Clark Says LSU's Angel Reese 'Should Never Be Criticized' for Taunting Gestures on Court [Toward Clark]" was posted at cbssports.com on April 4, 2023.

Comments about free speech

• An article by Rikki Schlott titled "Kudos to Cornell and Stanford for Finally Standing Up for Free Speech" was posted at nypost.com on April 6, 2023.

Comments about Stanford rude treatment of guest speaker

• An article by James Gordon titled "Federal Judges Announce They Will Refuse to Hire Clerks From Stanford Law School After Woke Students and Diversity Dean Ambushed Conservative Member of the Bench: 'They Terrorize People Into Submission and Self-Censorship'" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on April 2, 2023.

Comments about abortion and climate change

• Looking back to February 2017, an article by Claire Chretien titled "We Need Abortion to Reach a 'Sustainable Population': Top Environmental Activist [Michael Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club]" was posted at lifesitenews.com on Feb. 6, 2017.

• An article by Tom Harris titled "How Abortion Became a Tool to Push the 'Climate Change' Agenda [Because Less People Is Better for the Environment]" was posted at lifesitenews.com on March 27, 2023.

More comments about climate change

• An article by Carolyn Barber titled "Climate Change Is Making the Skies Less Friendly; Prepare for a Future Where You Always Have Your Seatbelt On" was posted at fortune.com on April 4, 2023.

• An article by Drew Sheneman titled "Editorial Cartoon: The Climate Change Hoax" was posted at startribune.com on April 6, 2023.

Green energy vs. coal

• Looking back to September 2022, an article by Chuck DeVore titled "As America Self-Destructs With Green Energy, China Preps for War With Coal" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 2, 2022.

• Looking back to November 2022, an article by Ian Hanchett titled "Van Jones on Biden's 'Dumb' Vow to Kill Coal Plants; You Need Coal for Green Energy" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 7, 2022.

• Looking back to November 2022, an article by Stephen Moore titled "America Was Built on Coal, Now Biden Wants to Abolish It" was posted at cnsnews.com on Nov. 14, 2022.

• Looking back to March 2023, an article by John Hugh Demastri titled "Biden EPA Proposes New 'Wastewater' Regulations to Kill Off Coal Plants" was posted at dailycaller.com on March 8, 2023.

Fossil fuel – Biden's plan from day 1

• Looking back to March 2022, an article by Staff titled "[Journalist Dan] Bongino: Destruction of U.S. Fossil Fuel Has Been Biden Administration's 'Energy Suicide Plan' Since Day 1" was posted at foxnews.com on March 12, 2022.

Comments about electric vehicles

• An article by Joann Muller titled "Tesla's Dominance Fades as EV Adoption Grows" was posted at axios.com on April 5, 2023.

• A Reuters article by Hyunjoo Jin and Paul Lienert titled "Tesla to Use Iron-Based Batteries in Semi Electric Trucks and Affordable Electric Car" was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2023.

• A Reuters article by Akriti Sharma titled "Tesla Cuts Prices in U.S. to Spur Demand" was posted at reuters.com on April 7, 2023.

Illegal immigration – constitutional duty

• Looking back to October 2021, an article by Rob Natelson titled "Immigration: How Biden Is Violating the Constitution" was posted at i2i.org on Oct. 21, 2021.

Migrants at northern border

• An article by Craig Bannister titled "Illegal Immigration From Canada Topped Last 3 Fiscal Years Combined in Just 5 Months; Sector's Chief Patrol Agent Reports" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 6, 2023.

Illegal immigration

• An article by Patrick Reilly titled "Border Forces Find Over 140 Illegal Migrants in Texas

Stash House Raids: Authorities" was posted at nypost.comon April 4, 2023.

Comments about masks

• An article by Joshua Ram titled "Santa Clara County Health Care Workers Must Stay Masked" was posted at sanjosespotlight.com on April 6, 2023.

• An article by Abby Patkin titled "Masks Forever? One Group [Massachusetts Coalition for Health Equity] Is Pushing to Keep Them Required in Health Care Settings" was posted at boston.com on April 6, 2023.

Biden's mental capacity

• Looking back to December 2022, an article by Tim Meads titled "Freudian Slip? Obama Talks About 'Crazy' 'Uncle Joe' Not Having Any 'Serious Responsibilities' During Warnock Campaign Rally" was posted at dailywire.com on Dec. 1, 2022.

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An article by Dennis Prager titled "Communism: Could It Happen Here? It Is Happening Here" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 6, 2023. Following is the article.

My field of study in graduate school was communism. As a fellow at the Russian Institute of Columbia's School of International Affairs, I was, if I remember correctly, one of seven students in the entire university to major in what was known at the time as "Communist Affairs."

I cite this in order to make this point: In my wildest dreams, I never imagined what I was

studying would ever apply to the United States of America, the freest country in world history.

I assumed that communism was, for various reasons, something that happened elsewhere – most obviously, Russia, China, Vietnam, Cuba, Cambodia and North Korea.

What were those various reasons?

• One was the absence of freedom in the history of those countries.

• Another was that all those countries were, with the exception of Cuba, outside of Western civilization.

All these years later, I see that I was wrong. Communism – or if you will, left-wing fascism and totalitarianism – is coming to America and Canada, and (a bit more gradually) to Australia and New Zealand.

Incredibly – or maybe not so incredibly – more than 200 years of unprecedented and unrivaled liberty and commitment to Judeo-Christian values and reason, and all the unparalleled achievements of Western civilization, have come to mean nothing to half of the American people and to virtually every one of its major institutions.

Our universities have become moral and intellectual wastelands – almost as ideologically pure as Moscow State University was in the Soviet era. As of December 2022, there were seven times more administrators (15,750) at Stanford University than faculty (2,288).

Our medical schools are embracing Soviet-like science. In more and more of them, incoming doctors are instructed not to use the terms "male" and "female." Harvard Medical School officials use the terms "pregnant and birthing people" rather than "pregnant women." And children's hospitals are using hormone blockers (which, among other dangers, can impair future reproductive functioning) and mutilating perfectly healthy teenagers.

Students at elite law schools such as Stanford and Yale behave as if they were members of Komsomol, the Soviet Communist Youth League. On the rare occasions that conservative speakers come to their campuses to give a lecture, students heckle, shout and curse at them, disrupting their ability to speak in ways reminiscent of the Hitler Youth in 1930s Germany.

The greatest of all freedoms, that of speech, is disappearing. Since Lenin, no left-wing institution or country has ever allowed dissent, and the Left in America – which is elected and defended by liberals – is no exception. Already almost half of all college students say they do not believe in free speech for "hate speech," which, of course, means they are for suppressing all speech with which the Left differs.

Perhaps even more than in the Soviet Union, lunacy has replaced reason.

• In Ontario, Canada's most populous province, the provincial agency in charge of

education has announced that the notion that there is only one correct answer in mathematics is an expression of white supremacy.

• The Oregon Education Department has announced the same thing.

• The American Medical Association has declared that no American birth certificates should list the sex/gender of a child – the child will decide later.

• Teachers across the country are robbing children as young as 5 of their innocence. They are routinely taken to drag queen shows where men in women's clothing dance for them (sometimes lewdly). Why? Because it is the aim of most American schools from first grade to postgraduate to have all American young people believe that sex/gender is "nonbinary" – that alone in the animal kingdom, human beings are not sexually divided into male and female.

• In the covid-19 era, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health and virtually every other national medical and health agency largely abandoned science and even elementary decency (recall all the Americans who were forcibly deprived of any visitors and left to die alone in hospitals) and became tools of the Left.

• They and America's Sovietized teachers' unions ruined millions of American children by closing schools for nearly two years.

• In addition to the doomsday hysteria over climate change, the imposed gender confusion and the absence of religion; this has led to the highest rates of adolescent depression and suicide ever recorded in America.

• Our justice department, about half of our judges and our security agencies are well on their way to becoming what the Soviet ministry of justice, Soviet security agencies and Soviet judges were: tools of the ruling party.

• Our mainstream media, with few exceptions, are as uncommitted to truth as were the organs of the Soviet Communist Party, Pravda and Izvestia. The New York Times, The Washington Post, CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, NPR and PBS play the same role for the Left and therefore the Democratic Party.

It was only a matter of time until the Left would arrest a former president of the opposition party.

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An article by Allen West titled "Destroying the Rule of Law" was posted at townhall.com on April 3, 2023. Following is the article.

If you dislike Donald Trump, that is your right. However, if you dislike the rule of law that is

supposed to govern these United States, we have a problem.

The indictment of a former U.S. President and declared candidate for president, is highly disconcerting, especially when one considers the nature of the so-called "charges."

I could not care less if Donald Trump gave "hush" money to a porn star back in 2016.

• What concerns me is why a misdemeanor is being upgraded to a felony offense by a New York City District Attorney.

• The same DA who downgraded felony offenses to misdemeanors and released violent criminals back onto the streets to continues assaulting innocent citizens.

• Why does this same DA prosecute something that has gone past the statute of limitations? Something his predecessor refused to pursue, along with the Federal Election Commission and the Department of Justice.

Okay, I get it-there are those who just cannot wait to see mug shots and handcuffs on a former President Donald Trump.

Bill Clinton

However, what if there had been mug shots and handcuffs on Bill Clinton?

After all, here is someone who was a sitting president who sexually assaulted a young female intern in the Oval Office – and then lied about it.

Ahh, I get it – we were told that it wasn't about character, it was about the economy.

Barack Obama

We have seen a president who lied about an incident that resulted in the deaths of Americans, who were abandoned to face Islamic jihadists. No big deal.

The same president started a program to undermine the Second Amendment rights of Americans by flooding weapons into Mexico, Operation Fast and Furious. (Hint – not the movie.) The endeavor resulted in the death of a U.S. Border Patrol agent, Bryan Terry. Hey, no big deal.

Hillary Clinton

As a matter of fact, a then soon-to-be Democrat presidential nominee asserted, "what difference does it make?" That seems to be the theme when it comes to the bifurcated system of justice in America.

It was that same former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, who became a Democrat presidential

nominee, that concocted a Russian collusion hoax using campaign financing. The FBI agents (such as Peter Strzok and his mistress Lisa Paige) were implicated in this fiasco, along with Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe, but they faced no punishments. Zip, nada, nothing.

Joe Biden

Today we have a president, who is a former vice-president, who has a son who is as corrupt as the days are long. A son who is guilty of a felony gun charge. A son who is linked to influence peddling with our number one geo-political foe, and it appears we have a president who has financially benefitted from said illicit dealings.

However, when a computer surfaced with damning evidence, it was dismissed as "Russian disinformation" by members of the U.S. intelligence community.

Now, that same son is seeking legal action against the computer store owner who was in possession of the laptop that he originally said wasn't his.

Against pro-life

We are living in a time when being pro-life means you can be arrested, tried, and potentially imprisoned. Pro-life advocacy centers are being firebombed and defaced, along with churches by a leftist group (Jane's Revenge). And, as of yet, not one member has been arrested.

Against parents

Parents are being labeled as "domestic terrorists" while the real domestic terrorists, Antifa, roam about free, and they even have prominent leftists raising money for their bail bonds.

Imprisoned because of January 6

At the same time, the government withholds exculpatory evidence in the case of January 6 defendants where the only person killed was an unarmed female veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Against freedom of speech

We have a presidential administration that colludes with private sector information platforms to suppress American's freedom of speech and expression. How did we get to the point where a journalist has to have IRS agents come to his door while he is testifying before Congress on the suppression of speech?

Gender dysphoria

Or how about a gender dysphoric person who deliberately attacks a Christian school, yet we are not supposed to say gender dysphoric? Yet, if the same crime had been committed by a white male, then you are allowed to say that. Unless you are the white male who shoots up the Republican congressional baseball team practice. Did either of these intentional attacks on a Christian school or Republican members of Congress get designated as a hate crime?

Open borders

Our southern and northern borders are wide open, porous, and millions are pouring into our country illegally – in violation of our Constitution's guarantee clause (Article IV, Section 4). Yet even with the loss of operational control of our border to a narco-criminal terrorist organization, there is no call for impeachment. But, you can be impeached over a hoax or a phone call.

No regard for rule of law

We have entered a new era in America.

- The progressive socialist left has no regard for the rule of law.
- They only care about the right to rule.

• The Constitution does not bind them – they only adhere to Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals."

- They do not want unity they demand abject conformity, subjugation and subservience.
- Leftist do not want political opposition they want no obstacles to their rule.
- Those ends justify their means.

Imprison your enemies

The leftists in America are following the leftist playbook – imprison your enemies.

Just look at the case of Doug Mackey whom the Biden Department of Justice is prosecuting because of anti-Hillary Clinton memes. Mackey is facing 10 years in prison.

Just the same as with radical Islamic jihadists who will issue fatwas against anyone they perceive as mocking Muhammad, so go the leftists.

Disarming citizens

Why do they want legal law-abiding citizens disarmed (while they demand defunding of law enforcement)? It is simple.

- It goes along with their releasing violent criminals back onto the streets.
- It goes with supporting their version of the Brown Shirts (Antifa) as a means of

intimidation.

I will say it, and it is no hyperbole: If the American left could just line their political opposition up against a wall, they would.

"Trans Day of Vengeance?"

How do you explain the radical leftist gender dysphoria community calling for a "Trans Day of Vengeance?" This call to violence resulted from legislation passed and signed into law in Tennessee protecting children from gender mutilation surgeries, hormonal therapies, and puberty blockers – as well as ending the perverse drag queen shows being performed before children.

Talk about contributing to the delinquency of a minor!

But [vengeance] is how the left responds to opposition.

Not about Trump

Let's stop talking about Donald J. Trump – this is not about him.

This is about the left destroying our rule of law.

This is their mantra and modus operandi. This is not just about defeating them in a political contest, it is about defeating the progressive socialist, Marxist, leftist ideology in America and rendering it ineffective in its goal of fundamentally transforming our America.

That is the ultimate threat to our Republic and its system of representative democracy – and individual rights, freedoms and liberties.

Steadfast and Loyal.

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An article by Nick Beams titled "Question Marks Emerge Over Dollar Supremacy" was posted at wsws.org (World Socialist Web Site) on April 5, 2023. Following is the article.

The latest round of financial turmoil – the collapse of the Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), the second largest bank failure in monetary terms in U.S. history and the forced takeover of Credit Suisse – has again raised long-standing issues about the stability of the global financial system and role of the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

Questions were raised a year ago when U.S. and European sanctions, imposed after the launching of military operations in Ukraine by the Putin government, resulted in the freezing of

around \$300 billion in financial assets held by the Russian central bank.

While there was little public comment on the U.S.-directed action, able to be imposed because of the global role of the dollar, it sent a shiver of fear throughout the central banking world. If it could happen to Russia, then it could happen to any country that crossed the U.S. path in the future.

And there was already the experience of Iran where the U.S. under the Trump administration was able to enforce unilateral sanctions, despite the objections of European powers, because of dollar supremacy.

Writing in the *Washington Post* last month, columnist Fareed Zakaria, noted that while it got limited media coverage, the most interesting outcome of the talks between Russia President Vladimir Putin and China President Xi Jinping were the comments of Putin after the summit.

"We are in favor of using the Chinese yuan for settlements between Russia and the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America," he said.

Zakaria commented that the implication of the statement was that "the world's second-largest economy and its largest energy exporter are actively trying to dent the dollar's dominance of the international finance system."

He dismissed the prospect that another currency would replace the dollar as the global currency, but there was a "more likely scenario" that it could "suffer weakness by a thousand cuts."

There are indications that such a process is underway. China and Russia are now conducting two thirds of their trade, which has increased significantly, in their own currencies.

China has made a deal with Saudi Arabia that it can pay for oil purchases in yuan, the first time in almost 50 years that the Saudis have been prepared to accept anything other than dollars as payment for oil.

The French company TotalEnergies has just done a deal with China for the purchase of a cargo of LNG denominated in yuan.

Brazil, the largest Latin American economy, for which China is its largest trading partner coming in at around \$150 billion a year, is embracing the yuan.

Last week China and Brazil announced they would use their own currencies to settle their trade accounts, effectively ditching the dollar for bilateral relations. It was also decided that Brazil would sign on to an international payments system which Beijing is trying to set up as an alternative to the US-dominated SWIFT international payments and messaging system.

None of these developments mean that King Dollar is about to be dethroned, but they do signify an acceleration in a long-term process. The proportion of dollars in central banks currency reserves has fallen from 72 percent in 1999 to 59 percent today.

While its position in trade transactions is weakening, the dollar continues to dominate financial markets. It comprises 90 percent of all foreign exchange transactions and about two-thirds of the issuance of securities is conducted in dollars.

But the series of financial storms in the U.S., the latest of which is the collapse of SVB and concerns of over the stability of middle-sized banks whose holdings of U.S. Treasury bonds have lost significant market value because of the Fed's interest rate hikes, is causing nervousness.

In his comment piece, Zakaria cited an observation by investor and financial analyst Ruchir Sharma on the latest turmoil.

"Right now, for the first time in my memory, we have an international financial crisis in which the dollar has been weakened rather than strengthening. I wonder if this a sign of things to come," Sharma said.

If that were the case, then it was a cause for worry, Zakaria noted.

In an earlier article, he pointed to what he called the "inflexibility' of U.S. foreign policy which increasingly consisted of making demands and issuing threats and condemnations all which "evoke the inertia of an aging empire."

The inflexibility in foreign policy, deriving from the conception of the unipolar status of the U.S., was even more evident economically.

"America's politicians have gotten used to spending seemingly without any concerns about deficits–public debt has risen almost fivefold from roughly \$6.5 trillion 20 years ago to \$31.5 trillion today. The Fed has solved a series of financial crashes by massively expanding its balance sheet twelvefold, from around \$730 billion 20 years ago to about \$8.7 trillion today. All of this only works because of the dollar's unique status. If that wanes, America will face a reckoning like none before."

There is only one case in economic history where the currency of one imperialist power has replaced that of another – the displacement of the British pound sterling by the U.S. dollar.

Throughout the 19th century during the global rise of capitalism, sterling was the basis of the international financial system. That role ended when the British financial dominance was severely eroded by World War I.

The dollar did not become the dominant global currency as a result of agreements and negotiations, but attained this position after two world wars through which the U.S. became the preeminent imperialist power.

The two world wars were punctuated by vicious currency and trade conflicts in the 1930s during

which the world was divided into rival economic and financial blocs.

Like Britain before it, the U.S. is now an "aging empire" amid indications (only at the early stage to this point) that something akin to the blocs of the1930s is returning to the global economy. The consequences will be no less violent as the U.S. seeks to thwart any undermining of dollar supremacy by both financial and military means.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by 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."