

Eye on the World

December 30, 2023

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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 you stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



“Eye on the World” comment: Due to a busy schedule, this week’s edition has 95 headlines (instead of the normal 200-330 headlines) and includes five articles that journalist John Stossel wrote in 2023.



“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.

Comments – about Gaza’s attack upon Israel

- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “Democrat Rep. [Seth] Moulton: Israel Stopped Listening to Biden After [Their] Delaying Invasion Based on His Advice” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 21, 2023.
- A video and an article by Joel B. Pollak titled “Watch: Antony Blinken Asks Why World Isn’t Demanding Hamas Surrender” were posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- A video and an article by Joel B. Pollak titled “Watch: Hamas Leader in Gaza (Yahya Sinwar) Thanks Iran, Praises Al Jazeera” were posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “The Israeli Drones Keeping the IDF Safe in Gaza”

was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 22, 2023.

- An article by Sam Halpern titled “IDF Destroys Massive, Multi-Level Tunnel Network Beneath Gaza City” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 23, 2023.
- An article by Matthew Sedacca titled “Israeli Military Assassinates Top Hamas Weapons Smuggler With Air Strike: IDF” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 23, 2023.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled “ Hamas, Islamic Jihad Reject [Egyptian] Proposal to End War – [Refusing to Give Up Power in Gaza]” was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Joseph A. Wulfson titled “Priest on CNN Says Christmas Is the Story of a ‘Palestinian Jew’ Living in an ‘Occupied’ Country” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled “[In a Christmas Eve Message] Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Portrays Jesus Christ as Palestinian Victim of Israeli Occupation” was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Ariel Zilber titled “TV News Anchor [in Turkey] Fired for Appearing on Camera With ‘Pro-Israel’ Starbucks Coffee Cup” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Ryan King titled “Gaza Must Be De-Radicalized’ Like Post WW-II Germany as Part of ‘Pre-Requisites for Peace’” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Laura Paranaby titled “Austria’s Lauder Business School Severs Ties With Harvard Over the Rise of Anti-Semitism on Campus and President Claudine Gay’s Failure to Condemn It During Damning Congressional Hearing” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 27, 2023.

Skirmishes – involving U.S. troops

- An article by Micaela Burrow titled “U.S. Navy Downs Three Ballistic Missiles, Two Cruise Missiles and a Dozen Drones Fired by the Houthis” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

Comments about Iran

- An article by Keith Griffith titled “White House Says Tehran Is ‘Deeply Involved’ in Houthi Attacks on [Merchant] Vessels in the Red Sea: Iranian Spy Ship Is Accused of Providing Targeting Data” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled “Pentagon Says Drone That Hit Tanker Near India Was Launched From Iran” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 23, 2023.

- An article by Perkin Amalaraj titled “Chemical Tanker ‘Is Hit by Drone From Iran Off the Coast of India’ – as Tehran Threatens to Close Strait of Gibraltar and Mediterranean Sea Unless Israel Stops Bombing Gaza” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 24, 2023.
- An article by Jake Smith titled “Iran Ramps Up Uranium Enrichment Following \$6 Billion Payment Green-Lit by Biden Administration” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by James Reynolds Escalates Production of Near-Weapons Grade Uranium in Shocking Reversal; Nuclear Watchdog Warns” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Editorial Board titled “Joe Biden Poured the Gasoline, Now Our Enemies Are Burning the Middle East” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

Comments about Russia and Ukraine

- An article by Wills Robinson titled “Japan Will Send Patriot Missiles to the U.S.: Tokyo Relaxes Post-Second World War Export Ban on Deadly Weapons in Defense Systems Deal That Could Help Ukraine in Its War With Russia” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by James Reynolds titled “Ukraine Celebrates Christmas on December 25 for the First Time as Zelensky Vows: ‘Resonate Together With Europe and the World’ . . . Months After Signing Law to Bring Forward Festivities in Snub to Russia” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by James Reynolds titled “Putin Critic Alexei Navalny Breaks Silence After ‘Pretty Exhausting’ 20-Day Transfer to Russian Arctic Penal Colony Dubbed ‘Polar Wolf’ – ‘I am Your New Santa Claus’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 26, 2023.

Climate agenda

- An article by Peter Hess titled “Eco-Activists Backed by California Climate Fund Have Destroyed Holiday Trees in Seven German Cities” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 22, 2023.

Covid news

- An article by Sarah Arnold titled “Canadian Journalist (Who Pushed Vaccine Mandates and Concentration Camps) Dead at 33” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 23, 2023.

Comments about A.I.

- An article by Jonathan Lopez titled “GM Dealer Chat Box [in Watsonville, California] Agrees to Sell 2024 Chevy Tahoe for \$1.00” was posted at gmauthority.com on Dec. 18, 2023.

- An article by Matthew Phelan titled “The A.I. Will Take Your Order Now: World’s First Restaurant Exclusively Staffed by Robotic Cooks That Flip Burgers and Make Fries Says It’s Ready to Launch in California” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Lucas Nolan titled “[Digi – New A.I.-Powered Chatbox and Avatar System] Claims Its Virtual Girlfriends Are the ‘Future of A.I. Romantic Companionship’ ” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Jim Norton titled “Telling an A.I. Chatbox Your Deepest Secrets or Revealing Your Political Views Is ‘Extremely Unwise’ – Oxford” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Thomas Barrabi titled “Microsoft’s Cozy A.I. Ties With China Raise Eyebrows on Capitol Hill: ‘Makes the World Less Safe’ ” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

International weather events

- An article by Ronny Reyes titled “Frightening Moment Argentina Town’s Only Bridge [in Rincon] Is Destroyed by Mud Wave Captured on Video” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Adry Torres titled “Peru Gold Mine Collapses Killing at Least 7 Workers With Victims’ Bodies Being Discovered Nearly a Mile Beneath the Shaft’s Entrance” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by John Oyewale titled “ ‘ All of Our Classmates Cried’: Afghan Girls Mourn Taliban-Mandated End to Their Education as They Graduate Sixth-Grade” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Christian K. Caruzo titled “Nicaraguans Face a Dark Christmas of Communist Repression as War on Christians Continues” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Staff titled “Christmas Massacre: Nigerian Gunmen Kill at Least 140 in ‘Christian-Dominated’ Regions” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “[London Mayor Sadiq] Khan’s London: 43 Knife Crime Incidents Recorded Per Day Amid Gang Violence Surge in British Capital” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by John Hayward titled “Pakistan’s Massive Deportation Drive Included Afghans Awaiting Resettlement in U.S.” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

- An article by John Hayward titled “Justin Trudeau Installs Taxpayer-Funded Tampon Dispensers in Canadian Men’s Bathrooms” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Oliver JJ Lane titled “73 Three and Four-Year Olds, Hundreds of Children Under Six Sent to Disgraced NHS [Britain’s Socialized Medicine’s ‘Gender Identity Development Service’] Transgender Clinic” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 27, 2023.



“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.

The Washington swamp

- An article by Matthew Boyle titled “Report: Washington Swamp Protects the Rich and Elite, Shuns the Poor” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 21, 2023.

Anti-Semitism

- An article by Deirdre Bardolf and Susan Edelman titled “Anti-Israel Teachers Getting Away With Blatant Anti-Semitism as Parents, Critics Decry ‘Double Standard’ ” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on Dec. 23, 2023.
- An article by Olivia Rondeau titled “University of Minnesota Professor [Dr. Melanie Yazzie] Calls to ‘Dismantle’ the U.S. to Fight ‘Colonization’ for Palestinians” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 23, 2023.
- An article by Laura Paranaby titled “Two NYC Synagogues Are Searched After Bomb Threats Are Reported on Christmas Eve” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Dec. 24, 2023.

Notice which protesters – are more violent (even during Christmas)

- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “Pro-Palestinian Protesters Disrupt Live Broadcast of Benefit for Blind Children” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 24, 2023.
- A video and an article by Simon Kent titled “Video: Pro-Palestinian Protesters Yell Abuse, Storm Live TV Christmas Celebrations” were posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 24, 2023.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled “Pro-Palestinian Protest Disrupts Christmas in San Francisco: ‘No Xmas as Usual’ ” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 24, 2023.
- An article by Larry Celona, Reuven Fenton, Jorge Fitz-Gibbon and Patrick Reilly titled

“Pro-Palestinian Protesters Chant ‘Christmas is Canceled’ While Carrying Blood-Red Mock Nativity Scene Through NYC – Scuffles Break Out, Arrests Made” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2023.

- An article by Josh Christenson titled “Anti-Israel Vandals Leave Bloody Doll Drubbed ‘Palestinian Child Messiah’ Outside Rep. Torres’ Office” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

- An article by Nolan Hicks and Steve Janoski titled “Mayor Adams Sounds Alarm on NYPD BLM Settlement as Anti-Israel Protests Rage: ‘Very Troubling’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

- An article by James Lynch titled “Pro-Palestinian Activists Cancel Plan to Storm Holocaust Museum After Outcry” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

Media and Hamas

- An article by Ariel Zilber titled “New York Times Sparks Outrage Over Running Op-Ed by Hamas Mayor: ‘You Have No Shame or Dignity’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2023.

- An article by Victor Nava titled “House Speaker Mike Johnson Slams New York Times for Platforming Hamas Mayor: ‘Does the NYT Have No Shame?’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “ ‘Working Perfectly’: Newt Gingrich Explains Why Democrats’ Border Policy Is ‘Deliberate’ ” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 21, 2023.

- An article by Spencer Brown titled “ ‘Utter Disaster’: It’s No Wonder the Biden Admin Tried to Bury November Border Stats” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 22, 2023.

- An article by Jennie Taer titled “Number of Illegal Migrants Caught on Terror Watch List on Pace to Hit New Record” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2023.

- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “Neighborhoods Swamped by Onslaught of Migrants Begging Locals for Cash, Food and Clothes” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 23, 2023.

- An article by Sarah Arnold titled “James O’Keefe Refutes Biden Claim That Illegal Migrants Are Vetted Before Boarding Flights” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 24, 2023.

- An article by Nolan Hicks and Steve Janoski titled “[New York Mayor Eric] Adams Says He Can’t Get Meeting With Biden as Thousands of Migrants Stream Into NYC: ‘It Baffles Me’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.

- An article by Jennie Taer titled “The Number of Chinese Nationals Illegally Entering the U.S. Just Hit a New Record High” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

Climate agenda

- An article by Sarah McBride titled “Hyperloop One [the Futuristic Transportation Company Building Tube-Encased Lines to Zip Passengers and Freight From City to City] to Shut Down After Failing to Reinvent Transit” was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Dec. 21, 2023.
- An article by Chris Woodward titled “States Sue Biden Administration Over Highway Emissions Rule” was posted at [justthenews.com](https://www.justthenews.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Nick Pope titled “Biden Administration’s Latest Subsidy Proposal [Eligibility Rules for Hydrogen Industry] May Undercut Its Own Green Energy Agenda” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Henry Rodgers titled “Senator Joni Ernest Is Pulling the Plug on Biden’s Electric Vehicle Charging Initiative” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “[Transportation Secretary Pete] Buttigieg: Americans Won’t Be Driving ‘Old’ Gas-Powered Cars in 2050” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled “‘We Never Had a Vote’: Climate Expert [Marc Morano] Blasts Biden Administration for Bypassing Voters to Impose Green Agenda” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Nick Pope titled “Big Wind Closes Out the Year With One of Its Biggest Defeats Ever [as U.S. Court of International Trade Judge Ordered Enel Green Energy Company to Tear Down an Enormous Wind Farm in Osage County, Oklahoma]” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

ESG and DEI

- An article by Editorial Board titled “Harvard Drops Its Standards and Chases Woke Cred by Covering for Claudine Gay” was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Micaela Burrow titled “Here’s What They’re Teaching In the Naval Academy’s Gender and Sexuality Class” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “[Liberal Harvard Law Professor Alan] Dershowitz: Harvard Isn’t a Place of Learning Anymore, It Won’t Be a ‘Great’ School With DEI” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2023.

- An article by Brandon Pouter titled “Texas Universities Rebrand ‘Diversity’ Programs as Statewide Ban Goes Into Effect” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 27, 2023.

More about the Harvard president

- An article by Isabel Vincent titled “Revealed: Harvard Cleared Claudine Gay of Plagiarism Before Investigating Her – and Its Lawyers Falsely Claimed Her Work Was ‘Properly Cited’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Harriet Alexander titled “Harvard President Claudine Gay Is Now Accused of Botching Study That Landed Her Major Tenure at Stanford and Refusing to Share Research With Professors Who Questioned Her Thesis Over ‘Logical Inconsistencies’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 26, 2023.

Did you see that Barack Obama supported Harvard president?

- An article by Josh Christenson titled “Obama Secretly Pushed Harvard to Keep President Claudine Gay Despite Campus Anti-Semitism, Plagiarism Controversies: Report” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “[Black Conservative Who Was Former Bush Administration Official and Author] Horace Cooper Blasts Obama for Defending Harvard President, Details Dangers of DEI” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2023.

Did you see what the Obamas Produced on Netflix?

- An article by Alana Mastrangelo titled “Obama-Produced Netflix Cartoon ‘Ada Twist, Scientist’ Shows Children Planning and Attending Gay Wedding” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 24, 2023.

Comments – about defunding the police

- Looking back to June 2020, an article by Paige Fernandez titled “Defunding the Police Will Actually Make Us Safer” was posted at aclu.org on June 11, 2020.

Comments – soft on crime

- An article by Nicholas McEntyre titled “Outgoing Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards Pardons 40 Murderers – Including Man Who Stabbed Store Worker 39 Times” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 23, 2023.
- An article by Joe Marion and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon titled “NYC Man Killed by Cops While Holding Own Mom Hostage Was Known as ‘The Hulk,’ Had 3 Criminal Cases Against Him”

was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 24, 2023.

- An article by Max Rivera, Tina Moore, Joe Marino and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon titled “[Two] Teen Tourists Stabbed by Deranged Stranger at Grand Central [Terminal] Who Shouted ‘I Want All the White People Dead’ on Christmas: Police” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 26, 2023.
- An article by Stephen M. Lepore titled “Grand Central Stabber (Who Attacked Teenage Girls, 14 and 16, as They Ate) Was Freed From Jail Two Weeks Ago – After Wild Rampage and Had History of Making Anti-White Threats” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 27, 2023.

Increasing homicides

- A video and an article by Yaron Steinbuch titled “Pulse-Pounding Video Shows Arizona Cops in Deadly Shootout With Alleged Kidnapper” were posted at nypost.com on Dec. 19, 2023.
- An article by Snejanja Farberov titled “[Florida] Man Shot Dead by Cops After Burning Girlfriend’s 9-Year-Old Son He Thought Was ‘Possessed by a Demon’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 21, 2023.
- An article by James Gordon titled “Teens Accused of Laughing While Viciously Stomping, Kicking and Punching Father of Three Outside [Columbus, Ohio] Kroger Store (Until Armed Witness Intervened) Are Charged With Murder After Victim Died in Hospital” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 24, 2023.

Soaring theft

- An article by Lucas Nolan titled “Retailers Are Rethinking Self-Checkouts Due to Rampant Theft” was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Kamal Sultan titled “These Cities Saw the Biggest Jumps in Retail Theft From Pre-Pandemic Until Today [New York; Los Angeles; Virginia Beach; Dallas; Raleigh; Boston; and Pittsburgh]” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 24, 2023,

Homeless problem across America

- An article by Dominic Yeatman titled “San Francisco Hotelier (Who Poured Millions Into Renovations Before Homeless People Left Neighborhood Smelling ‘Like a Toilet’ and Drove Tourists Away) Begg City to Buy Him Out and Turn Property Into a Shelter” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 26, 2023.

Using weapons to protect citizens

- An article by Mariane Angela titled “ ‘I Had to Think About My Babies’: Texas Mother Shoots Trespassing Teen to Protect Four Daughters at Home” was posted at dailycaller.com on

Dec. 23, 2023.

Swatting – the act of maliciously faking an emergency to draw police and first responders

- An article by Kaitlin Lewis titled “Republicans ‘Swatted’ on Christmas Sparks Fury” was posted at newsweek.com on Dec. 25, 2023.
- An article by Ilan Hulkower titled “Marjorie Taylor Greene Swatted on Christmas” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 25, 2023.

Kicking people off ballots

- An article by Jake Smith titled “Here’s How the Biden Administration Treated Countries Who Kicked Candidates Off the Ballot [Marco Rubio Said: ‘The U.S. Has Put Sanctions on Other Countries for Doing Exactly What the Colorado Supreme Court Has Done Today’]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 25, 2023.

General interest

- An article by Brianna Lyman titled “A Bedrock Christian Institution in America [Chick-Fil-A] Is Under Assault From the Left [in New York]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Alana Mastrangelo titled “Catholic Women’s School Saint Mary’s College [in Notre Dame, Indiana] Rescinds Decision to Admit Transgender Applicants” was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Xantha Leatham titled “Scientists Develop New Noise-Cancelling App Which Can Block Out ‘Selected’ Sounds While Allowing Others Through” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Aislinn Murphy titled “Wealthy Californians Are Fleeing the State, Putting Tax Revenue at Risk” was posted at foxbusiness.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Will Kessler titled “Biden’s Signature Law Was Supposed to Lower Drug Prices, but It’s Doing Just the Opposite” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2023.
- An article by Sarah Arnold titled “John Kirby Struggles to Name a Single Biden Foreign Policy Achievement” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 23, 2023.



An article by John Stossel titled “The Media and Politicians Keep Trying to Censor Things That

Turn Out to Be True” was posted at reason.com on April 12, 2023. Following is the article.

Over the past three years, we reporters learned there were certain things that we weren’t allowed to say. Not long ago, in fact, my new video may have been censored.

Covid origin

One dangerous idea, we were told, was that covid-19 might have been created in a lab at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. That seems very possible, since the institute studied corona viruses in bats, and America’s National Institutes of Health gave the lab money to perform “gain-of-function” research, experiments where scientists try to make a virus more virulent or transmissible.

A Washington Post writer worried the lab leak theory “could increase racist attacks against Chinese people and further fuel anti-Asian hate.”

The establishment media fell in line, insisting that covid most likely came from a local market that sold animals.

Left-wing TV mocked the lab theory as a “fringe idea” that came from “a certain corner of the right.”

“This coronavirus was not manmade,” said MSNBC’s Chris Hayes, confidently. “That is not a possibility.”

Not even a possibility?

Debate about it, we were told, posed a new threat: misinformation.

Facebook banned the lab leak theory, calling it a “false claim.”

But now the U.S. Department of Energy says the pandemic most likely came from a lab leak. FBI director Christopher Wray now says the origin of the pandemic is “most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan.”

For two years, the most likely explanation was censored.

Do the media gatekeepers apologize for their censorship? No.

The closest to an admission of guilt I found was from Chris Hayes, who eventually said, “There’s a kernel of truth to the idea that some folks were too quick to shut down the lab leak theory.”

There was more than “a kernel of truth.” Again and again, politically correct media silenced people who spoke the truth.

Masks not effective

Facebook throttled the reach of science journalist John Tierney's articles simply because he reported, accurately, that requiring masks can hurt kids.

YouTube suspended Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) for saying, "Most of the masks you get over the counter don't work."

But what they said is true. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance to say cloth masks are not very effective. And now a big study failed to find evidence that wearing even good masks stops the spread of viruses.

Hunter Biden laptop

Probably the most blatant censorship was Twitter's shutting down the New York Post's reporting about Hunter Biden's laptop.

Twitter wouldn't let users decide for themselves. The company just called the Post's report "potentially harmful" and blocked users from sharing it.

Facebook, as usual, was sneakier, suppressing the story instead of banning it outright. That's what they do to my climate change reporting.

Today, the media admit the Post story is true. But they don't admit they were wrong. Now they just say things like, "Nobody cares about Hunter Biden's laptop."

Government worse than media

Bad as the media are, what's worse is that government wanted to censor.

Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) complained, "We've done nothing in terms of content regulation!"

Fortunately, his colleagues were not as irresponsible as he; no censorship legislation passed. But government did apply lots of pressure.

The White House asked Facebook to kill what they called "disinformation," even urging them to censor private WhatsApp messages.

Now that Elon Musk owns Twitter and opened up the company's internal files, we know that censorship requests came from "every corner" of government, as journalist Matt Taibbi put it.

Even individual politicians tried to censor.

Sen. Angus King's (I-Maine) staff complained about Twitter accounts that they considered "anti-

King.” Rep. Adam Schiff’s (D-Calif.) office asked Twitter to suppress search results.

Fortunately, Twitter refused.

But the sad truth is that lots of government agencies and media tyrants want to limit what you read and hear.

At least now, we can speak the truth.

- Covid probably was created in a Chinese lab.
- Masks are unlikely to provide much protection and requiring them can harm children.
- Hunter Biden did lots of sleazy things.

Self-appointed censors tried to shut us up, but eventually, the truth almost always comes out.



An article by John Stossel titled “Lockdowns Had Little Impact on Covid-19” was posted at reason.com on Jan. 11, 2023. Following are excerpts of the article.

It’s now been three years since covid hit.

At the start of the pandemic, “experts” shouted: “Stay home!” “Close schools!” “Wash your hands!” “Disinfect countertops!”

Clearly, disinfecting countertops and washing hands made no difference. What about closing schools and lockdowns?

The media trashed Governor Ron DeSantis when he lifted Florida’s lockdown. “Acting irresponsibly!” roared MSNBC’s Dr. Vin Gupta. Reporters praised New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s lockdowns.

On CNN, Andrew’s brother Chris gushed, “I am wowed by what you did!” By contrast, he said, Florida was “in such dire straits.”

But actually, adjusted for population, Florida and New York had about the same number of deaths. Given that Florida has more old people, Florida did better than New York. Much of the media just reports what it wants to believe.

My new video this week covers which states and countries handled covid well and which didn’t.

For the most part, there are few dramatic differences between states that opened up and those that didn’t. The two states in the continental U.S. with the fewest deaths: Vermont and Utah—a red

state and a blue state.

- Lockdowns also hurt us financially. New York lost 400,000 jobs since the start of the pandemic. Florida gained 400,000.
- In New York, where schools were kept closed, child obesity increased by five percent. In Florida, obesity fell.
- Kids' education suffered. Last year brought America's lowest math and reading scores in decades. In Sweden, which never closed its primary schools, kids suffered no learning loss.

I understand that three years ago, frightened politicians wanted to do something. A highly contagious virus does require some public health restrictions.

But I wish they'd be a little humble. All of us have different values about safety versus freedom.

Life is better when we get to make our own decisions.



An article by John Stossel titled “ ‘America Funded It’: Rand Paul Blasts Fauci and the Media for Suppressing the Lab Leak Theory” was posted at reason.com on Oct. 25, 2023. Following are excerpts of the article.

Remember when Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) accused then-White House covid-19 adviser Anthony Fauci of funding China's Wuhan virus lab?

Fauci replied, “Senator Paul, you do not know what you're talking about.”

The media loved it. *Vanity Fair* smirked, “Fauci Once Again Forced to Basically Call Rand Paul a Sniveling Moron.”

But now the magazine has changed its tune, admitting, “In Major Shift, NIH Admits Funding Risky Virus Research in Wuhan” and “Paul might have been onto something.”

Then what about question two: Did covid-19 occur because of a leak from that lab?

When Paul confronted Fauci, saying, “The evidence is pointing that it came from the lab,” Fauci replied, “I totally resent the lie that you are now propagating.”

Was Paul lying? What's the truth?

The media told us covid came from an animal, possibly a bat.

But in my new video, Paul points out there were “reports of 80,000 animals being tested. No animals with it.”

Now he’s released a book, *Deception: The Great Covid Cover-Up*, that charges Fauci and others with funding dangerous research and then covering it up.

“Three people in the Wuhan lab got sick with a virus of unknown origin in November of 2019,” says Paul. The Wuhan lab is 1,000 kilometers away from where bats live.

Today the FBI, the Energy Department, and others agree with Paul. They believe covid most likely came from a lab.



An article by John Stossel titled “Congress Is Still Using ‘Emergency Spending’ on Non-Emergencies” was posted at reason.com on Sept. 20, 2023. Following are excerpts of the article.

Did you survive the budget cuts from the last debt ceiling fight?

President Joe Biden called them “draconian,” while Republicans praised the deal’s “historic reductions in spending.”

But both parties conned us.

What they call “cuts” were just a reduction in their planned spending increase. Instead of raising spending by 7.8 percent, they increased it by “only” 3.9 percent. Only politicians get to call an increase a cut.

Biden praised the deal, saying, “We’re cutting spending and bringing the deficits down at the same time!”

But they didn’t. And now they are using tricks to spend even more.

“Call it an emergency—done,” says Cato Institute budget specialist Romina Boccia. “Spend the money on whatever you want.”

Boccia reports how the Senate is moving to increase spending beyond the agreed-upon caps simply by calling it “emergency” spending.

“They gave \$296 million to NASA for ‘emergency infrastructure.’ What’s ‘emergency infrastructure?’” I asked.

“That’s not really a thing,” she replied. “It’s just a way to plus up the NASA budget . . . a huge slush fund.”

“How do they justify this?”

“They don’t even try,” Boccia complained. “Unfortunately, Congress has complete discretion over what it calls ‘emergency.’”

This trick isn’t new. Under President Barack Obama, \$150 million for fisheries got added by calling it “emergency funding.”

In the current budget, even useless agencies that should be eliminated (like the Education Department) get more money. It will now spend 300 percent more than it spent 10 years ago.

“By then end of this decade, spending will be about \$10 trillion,” says Boccia. “Who will be willing to lend that money to the U.S. government?”

Good question.

Boccia and the Cato Institute propose a solution: Congress should create an independent commission to do the cutting. That way politicians can say, “Don’t blame me, the commission made the cuts!”

That worked once with military bases.

The military actually wanted to close some bases. But selfish members of Congress fought any closure in their states.

By ignoring the self-serving politicians, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission got 350 bases closed.

It was quite successful until Congress turned it off,” said Boccia.

Since Congress won’t cut, and Biden definitely won’t, an independent commission may be our only hope.

We need to do something before our debt explodes, mauling our future.



An article by John Stossel titled “Here’s Why Charity Is Better at Solving Problems Than

Government” was posted at reason.com on Dec. 27, 2023. Following are excerpts of the article.

In this season of giving, I’ll donate to the Doe Fund, a charity that helps drug abusers and ex-cons find purpose in life through work. Doe’s approach doesn’t include many handouts. It’s mostly about encouraging people to work. Most Doe Fund workers don’t go back to jail.

Yet some on the left say giving time and money to charity is a mistake. Their trust in government leads them to think that government programs are much better at lifting people out of poverty.

“Charity can distract from permanent solutions,” claims an article in the *Harvard Political Review*. “Time, effort and funding that are funneled into charitable acts could be redirected to actual solutions spearheaded by the government, which has the resources to implement concrete change.”

Yikes!

Yes, government has “resources,” all of which are taken from taxpayers by force. “Concrete is fitting because government’s “solutions” are rigid and immovable.

But as far as promoting change that’s actually useful, government has a terrible track record.

Before President Lyndon Johnson launched his “war on poverty,” Americans were lifting themselves out of poverty. Every year, the poverty rate dropped.

When welfare checks began, progress continued for about seven years. But then progress stopped! Progress stopped even as America spent \$27 trillion on its “war.”

What happened?

Government handouts changed people’s thinking. They taught millions of Americans: You are entitled to a check.

No longer was it individuals’ responsibility to help families, neighbors, and ourselves; now it was clearly the government’s job.

The result is that people became dependent on handouts. Government rarely teaches people to be self-sufficient; handouts encourage you to be helpless.

Welfare created something never seen before in America: a near-permanent “underclass.”

Welfare told parents.

- Don't get married, you'll lose benefits.
- Don't work, your check will be reduced.
- Above all, make sure the father isn't home when a welfare worker comes.

(If he is, your check may be reduced or eliminated.)

This changed incentives that motivated parents for generations. The result has been ruinous for millions of children.

Charities aren't perfect, but they are much more efficient than clumsy government.

Charities have the freedom to be selective. They can help people who truly need aid, but also refuse charity to people who need "a kick in the butt." Government's one-size-fits-all rules prohibit that.

Charity is not guaranteed forever. People don't know how long they can expect to receive assistance. They have an incentive to become self-sufficient.

In addition, while charities actually give most of their money to the needy, government doesn't. America's constantly growing welfare workforce today is so bloated that 70 percent of welfare money now goes to the bureaucrats!

As usual, big government is the problem rather than a solution.

Americans are generous. Most of us donate to charities, many of which will provide more permanent help to the needy than government ever will.

Ideally, America would shrink government and lower taxes so more of us would have money to spend how we want. For most, that means giving to those in need.

To help people, we need more rich people.

If only there was a system that made people richer.

Oh, right! There is – capitalism!

Over the past 30 years, more than a billion people climbed out of extreme poverty – thanks to free markets.

As capitalism makes us richer, we each have more opportunity to help others in need.



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."