Eye on the World March 10, 2018

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

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A Reuters article by Dominic Evans titled "Saudi Prince Says Turkey Part of 'Triangle of Evil'" was posted at reuters.com on March 7, 2018. Following is the article.

Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has described Turkey as part of a "triangle of evil" along with Iran and hardline Islamist groups, Egypt's Al-Shorouk newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The Saudi prince also accused Turkey of trying to reinstate the Islamic Caliphate, abolished nearly a century ago when the Ottoman Empire collapsed.

His reported comments reflect Saudi Arabia's deep suspicion of President Tayyip Erdogan, whose ruling AK Party has its roots in Islamist politics and who has allied his country with Qatar in its dispute with Saudi Arabia and some other Gulf states.

Turkey has also worked with Iran, Saudi Arabia's arch-rival in the Middle East, to try to reduce fighting in northern Syria in recent months, and Iranian and Turkish military chiefs exchanged visits last year.

Al-Shorouk quoted Prince Mohammed as saying "the contemporary triangle of evil comprises Iran, Turkey and extremist religious groups."

The prince spoke to Egyptian newspaper editors during a visit to Cairo, on his first foreign trip since becoming heir to the oil exporting giant last year.

He said the dispute with Qatar could be long-lasting, comparing it to the U.S. embargo of Cuba imposed 60 years ago, but played down its impact, dismissing the Gulf emirate as "smaller than a Cairo street."

Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Egypt and Bahrain cut diplomatic and trade links with Qatar last June, suspending air and shipping routes with the world's biggest exporter of liquefied natural gas, which is home to the region's biggest U.S. military base.

However, Prince Salman said Qatar would not be barred from attending an Arab summit hosted by Saudi Arabia later this month.

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An article by Michael Morris titled "Mark Levin: Why Limit the Tariffs?" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 6, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

On his nationally syndicated radio talk show Monday, host Mark Levin discussed trade, asking his audience, "Why limit the tariffs?"

[Mr. Levin asked the question in his desire to criticize the president's recent decision about adding tariffs.]

Levin's comments came after President Trump announced on Thursday of last week [March 1] "that he would impose stiff tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum, making good on a key campaign promise."

Below is a transcript of Levin's remarks from his show on Monday:

■ "It's not as if we don't have tariffs and we have absolute free trade. The truth is, the goal is to have freer trade so you're freer. But the fact is, there is no free trade.

■ "`But we want fair trade.' So fair trade, you see, is raising taxes massively by the president and the federal government on everything you purchase that has steel, aluminum or lumber in it. That, they say, is fair trade because it will punish the Chinese.

■ "It doesn't punish the Chinese. It punishes you. And where do you think that money goes? Two places: it goes into the federal government, and these favored industries are able to jack up their prices just within the limit that's on the tariff.

■ "So, in other words, if you have a 25 percent steel tariff on, most of these companies will raise their prices 20, 22, 24 percent, so they're just under it. They make out like bandits. And then they wrap this up in patriotism and Americanism, when it's quite the opposite.

"And if that's so great for America and American jobs, well why would you just limit it to steel and aluminum and lumber? Let's massively increase tariffs on wheat. Let's massively increase tariffs on corn. Let's massively increase tariffs on every d—- thing we produce, whether it's a raw material or a finished good. That way we'll have explosive growth, explosive wage increases. ■ "We will destroy every competitor. Well, of course, that's nuts. You know what you'll have? The poorest country on the face of the earth.

■ "To the protectionists out there, the Republican Herbert Hoovers and the Republican Bernie Sanders, the question is: Why limit the tariffs? Why limit it to three industries?

■ "Well, you know, Mark, we need steel for national security.' Really? Well, since 70 percent of the steel in this country is produced by American companies, it has nothing to do with national security.

■ "In fact, any other industry in this country that controls 70 percent of the market, it would be called a monopoly. Are you aware of that? It would be under investigation by the anti-trust division, our anti-trust division in our Justice Department. If any other— If there was a car company that controlled 70 percent of the car market, it would be called a monopoly. If there was an oil company that controlled 70 percent of the oil in this country, it would be called a monopoly. The propaganda that's been used over the course of the last half-century to defend these industries has been very, very effective.

■ "And at the root of this is a lack of understanding about liberty and capitalism, and it's truly sad because liberty and capitalism go to the core of this nation.

■ "What's liberty? What does it mean? Why is it never discussed in the context of these economic decisions? What's capitalism? 'Unfettered capitalism.' We don't have unfettered capitalism. We're getting more and more socialist by the day. What do you mean 'unfettered capitalism'?

■ "We had a huge burst of capitalism back during the Reagan years. 'Oh, what happened Mark? What happened?' Created 25 million jobs right into the Clinton administration. Over seven percent economic growth in several quarters. We've never seen anything like this. Because capitalism works.

■ "You've been told this big lie, that China's dumping steel in the United States. Two percent. Two percent. China has nothing to do with this.

■ "And by the way, China is our enemy. It's our sworn enemy, and if you want to be a hawk on China, you should join me, not the Bernie Sanders, Herbert Hoover protectionists.

■ "You know who wants America to put tariffs on steel and aluminum, even while their propagandists in China are saying, 'Don't do it. We'll retaliate.'

■ "Now why? Why? When you raise the price of steel, with tariffs, coming into this country, and our steel companies massively increase their prices too, who do you think is going to sell cheap steel to Mexico? Who do you think's going to sell cheap steel to France? Who do you think's going to sell cheap steel all over the world? China.

■ "We're handing them our steel market. The irony of this is that it's selfdestructive. You massively increase the cost of the consumers—many of whom are union members, blue collar workers, pensioners on fixed incomes—you massively increase their costs. The federal government collects the taxes, so they can redistribute to other people. The steel companies hugely increase their prices to come right under the tariff level, and China makes out like a bandit."

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

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "\$35,952,800,000: US—China Trade Deficit Set January Record" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 7, 2018.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Bolton: Kiim Jong-Un Is Trying to 'Divert Our Atteention' As He Races to Nuclear Finish Line" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 8, 2018.

■ An Associated Press article by Christine Armario titled "Sick Venezuelans Flee to Colombia in Mounting Refugee Crisis" was posted at abc.com on March 8, 2018.

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An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Hidden Agenda or Ignorance?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on March 7, 2018. Following is the article.

Before we discuss violence with guns, I'd like to run a couple of questions by you. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day nearly 30 Americans die in motor vehicle crashes that involve drunk driving.

What kind of restrictions should be placed on automobile ownership?

Should there be federal background checks in order for people to obtain a driver's license or purchase a car?

The FBI's 2015 Uniform Crime Report shows that nearly three times more people were stabbed or hacked to death than were killed with shotguns and rifles combined. The number of shotgun and rifle deaths totaled 548. People who were stabbed or hacked to death totaled 1,573. Should there be federal background checks and waiting periods for knife purchases?

Any mature and reasonable person would argue that it is utter nonsense to deal with drunk driving deaths and knife deaths by having federal background checks and waiting periods to obtain a driver's license or to purchase a car or knife. One would recognize, just as courts and the general public do, that cars and knives are inanimate objects and cannot act on their own.

Therefore, if we want to do something about deaths resulting from drunk driving or being stabbed or hacked to death, we must focus on individuals.

■ It would be folly and gross negligence of victims for us to focus on inanimate objects like cars and knives.

Guns are also inanimate objects and like cars and knives cannot act on their own. It's also plain folly to focus on guns in the cases of shooting deaths.

What about the availability of guns?

It turns out that for most of our history, a person could walk into hardware and department stores or a gun store, virtually anywhere in the United States, and purchase a rifle or pistol.

■ The 1902 Sears mail-order catalog had 35 pages of firearm advertisements.

Other catalogs and magazines from the 1940s, '50s and '60s were full of gun advertisements directed to both youngsters and parents.

■ "What Every Parent Should Know When a Boy or Girl Wants a Gun" was published by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

■ Another magazine advertised "Get This Cowboy Carbine with Your Christmas Money."

Just a few states even had age restrictions for buying guns. Private transfers of guns to juveniles were unrestricted. Often a 12th or 14th birthday present, from a father to his son, was a shiny new .22 caliber rifle.

Today, there is far less availability of shotguns, rifles and pistols than any time in our history.

That historical fact should raise the question: Despite the greater accessibility to guns in previous decades, why wasn't there the kind of violence we see with today's far more restricted access to guns?

Have rifles and pistols changed their behavior from yesteryear and they are now out committing mayhem and evil?

To answer in the affirmative can be dismissed as pure lunacy. Thus, if guns haven't changed, then it must be that people have changed.

Half-witted psychobabble such as stopping children from playing schoolyard games like cops 'n' robbers and cowboys 'n' Indians won't do much. Calling for more gun restrictions, gun-free zones and other measures have been for naught.

We must own up to the fact that laws and regulations alone cannot produce a civilized society. Morality is society's first line of defense against uncivilized behavior.

Moral standards of conduct have been under siege in our country for over a half a century. Moral absolutes have been abandoned as guiding principles. We've been taught not to be judgmental, that one lifestyle or set of values is just as good as another.

We no longer hold people accountable for their behavior and we accept excuse-making. Problems of murder, mayhem and other forms of anti-social behavior will continue until we regain our moral footing.

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An article by Trevor Thomas titled "Stop Mistaking Evil for Mental Illness" was posted at americanthinker.com on Feb. 21, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

I know almost nothing of the mental condition of confessed mass murderer Nikolas Cruz, and almost certainly, neither do you. There are few, if any, who can give a reliable opinion of the young man's psychiatric state as he walked into Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and killed 17.

Nevertheless, after his killing spree on Ash Wednesday, many in the media, along with the public at large, were willing at least to indirectly portray, if not directly describe, Mr. Cruz as someone who was "mentally disturbed," "mentally ill," "crazy," a "nut-job," a "psycho," someone dealing with "mental health issues," and so on.

In his tweet about the shooting, even President Trump noted that there were "so many signs that the Florida shooter was mentally disturbed."

In his official statement the day after the horrific incident, the president declared that he wanted to work with state and local officials to "tackle the difficult issue of mental health."

As our culture grows more and more secularized, it has become a common practice to describe those who commit widespread acts of violence (especially if such violence involves the death of multiple human beings) as "crazy."

Some of this is tongue-in-cheek, but much of it is sincere. I believe that this is the direct result of the psychiatric community attempting to redefine what is moral.

For decades, we have witnessed the psychiatric community taking acts long considered evil, or at least immoral and illegal, and deeming them a "psy-chological disorder" that needs to be cured. It's good for business, I suppose.

However, it's a disaster for the culture. Instead of the criminal getting what he "deserves" (what used to be called "justice"), we must heal or cure him.

As C.S. Lewis wrote: "Punishment becomes therapeutic."

Lewis also said: "When we cease to consider what the criminal deserves and consider only what will cure him or deter others, we have tacitly removed him from the sphere of justice altogether; instead of a person, a subject of rights, we now have a mere object, a patient, a case."

When a wicked government has in its hands such a view of crime and punishment, it will possess an finer instrument of tyranny than wickedness ever had before.

For if crime and disease are to be regarded as the same thing, it follows that any state of mind which masters choose to call "disease" can be treated as crime; and compulsory cured." Lewis added: "We know that one school of psychology already regards religion as a neurosis. When this particular neurosis becomes inconvenient to government, what is to hinder government from proceeding to 'cure' it?"

Joy Behar (and a host of others I imagine) would not be disappointed with such a government.

What's more, when certain behaviors go from crimes to be punished to diseases to be cured, we remove the power of sentencing from jurists and place it in the hands of "doctors" (who often know little of truth and justice.)

For example, in spite of the long history of treating "transsexuality" as a disorder to be cured, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (the DSM 5 which was released in early 2013) removed "gender identity disorder" from its list of disorders.

It was removed because, as the Associated Press recently put it, "a growing faction of medical experts . . . no longer see this as something to be fixed."

In other words, the American Psychiatric Association (APA)—who owns and publishes the DSM—decided that "gender nonconformity is not in itself a mental disorder."

In other words, our so-called best psychological experts have now decided that there's nothing wrong with men who wish to pretend they are women and vice-versa.

As time moves on and such perversion prevails, the list of disastrous consequences grows.

Recent reports reveal that Juvenile Court judge Sylvia Hendonhas permanently removed an Ohio teenager from her parents' home because of the parents' refusal to support their daughter's decision to identify as a boy. In particular, they refused to permit their daughter to receive dangerous hormone therapy to aid in her gender "transition."

Tony Perkins noted: "What's especially alarming is that a lawyer representing the child (as well as Donald Clancy of the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office) cited the parents' religious beliefs as an argument for robbing them of their rights! The mom and dad are being criticized for seeking out a Christian therapist for their daughter and for daring to send her to Catholic school."

Thus, the wicked cycle is complete.

What was once considered evil or criminal, or at least bad behavior, is now considered sickness.

■ What once was considered sickness is now considered normal and healthy.

■ And what was once considered normal, wise, or moral behavior is now punished by our "enlightened" law.

In a culture that is increasingly more hesitant to use the word "evil," psychotherapist Gary Greenburg concludes that having the APA classify certain behaviors as "disorders" is a way to remove the moral aspect behind certain behaviors. After all, if someone is sick, then he is not responsible for his behavior. (What's more, he can then be treated with expensive drugs and therapy.) Such thinking has had a devastating effect on parenting.

Instead of dealing with their children's bad behavior as requiring good moral discipline, many parents (who have become increasingly ignorant of what is moral behavior) are simply looking to provide their misbehaving children with medication or therapy. Thus, millions of U.S. children are now on powerful psychotic drugs.

A culture that confuses evil with sickness and refuses to see evil for what it is and deal with it accordingly does no favors for those guilty of evil, their victims, the culture at large, or those who are truly mentally ill.

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An editorial by Ann Coulter titled "The School-To-Mass-Murder Pipeline" was posted at anncoulter.com on Feb. 28, 2018. Following is the article.

Nikolas Cruz's psychosis ended in a bloody massacre not only because of the stunning incompetence of the Broward County Sheriff's Department. It was also the result of liberal insanity working exactly as it was intended to.

School and law enforcement officials knew Cruz was a ticking time bomb. They did nothing because of a deliberate, willful, bragged-about policy to end the "school-to-prison pipeline." This is the feature part of the story, not the bug part.

If Cruz had taken out full-page ads in the local newspapers, he could not have demonstrated more clearly that he was a dangerous psychotic.

He assaulted students, cursed out teachers, kicked in classroom doors, started fist fights, threw chairs, threatened to kill other students, mutilated small animals, pulled a rifle on his mother, drank gasoline and cut himself, among other "red flags."

Over and over again, students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School reported Cruz's terrifying behavior to school administrators, including Kelvin Greenleaf, "security specialist," and Peter Mahmood, head of JROTC.

At least three students showed school administrators Cruz's near-constant messages threatening to kill them—e.g., "I am going to enjoy seeing you down on the grass," "Im going to watch ypu bleed," "iam going to shoot you dead"— including one that came with a photo of Cruz's guns. They warned school authorities that he was bringing weapons to school. They filed written reports.

Threatening to kill someone is a felony. In addition to locking Cruz away for a while, having a felony record would have prevented him from purchasing a gun.

All the school had to do was risk Cruz not going to college, and depriving Yale University of a Latino class member, by reporting a few of his felonies—and there would have been no mass shooting. But Cruz was never arrested. He wasn't referred to law enforcement. He wasn't even expelled.

Instead, Cruz was just moved around from school to school—six transfers in three years. But he was always sent back to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, in order to mainstream him, so that he could get a good job someday!

The moronic idea behind the "school-to-prison pipeline" is that the only reason so many "black and brown bodies" are in prison is because they were disciplined in high school, diminishing their opportunities. End the discipline and . . . problem solved!

It's like "The Wizard of Oz" in reverse. The Wizard told the Scarecrow: You don't need an education, you just need a diploma! The school-to-prison pipeline idiocy tells students: You don't need to behave in high school, you just need to leave with no criminal record!

Of course, killjoys will say that removing the consequences of bad behavior only encourages more bad behavior. But that's not the view of Learned Professionals, who took summer courses at Michigan State Ed School.

In a stroke of genius, they realized that the only problem criminals have is that people keep lists of their criminal activities. It's the list that prevents them from getting into M.I.T. and designing space stations on Mars. Where they will cure cancer.

This primitive, stone-age thinking was made official Broward County policy in a Nov. 5, 2013, agreement titled "Collaborative Agreement on School Discipline."

The first "whereas" clause of the agreement states that "the use of arrests and referrals to the criminal justice system may decrease a student's chance of graduation, entering higher education, joining the military and getting a job."

Get it? It's the arrest—not the behavior that led to the arrest—that reduces a student's chance at a successful life. (For example, just look at how much the district's refusal to arrest Nikolas Cruz helped him!)

The agreement's third "whereas" clause specifically cites "students of color" as victims of the old, racist policy of treating criminal behavior criminally.

Say, in the middle of a drive to cut back on the arrest or expulsion of "students of color," how do you suppose the school dealt with a kid named "Nikolas Cruz"? Might there be some connection between his Hispanic last name and the school's abject refusal to do anything about Cruz's repeated criminal behavior?

Just a few months ago, the superintendent of Broward County Public Schools, Robert W. Runcie, was actually bragging about how student arrests had plummeted under his bold leadership.

When he took over in 2011, the district had "the highest number of schoolrelated arrests in the state." But today, he boasted, Broward has "one of the lowest rates of arrest in the state." By the simple expedient of ignoring criminal behavior, student arrests had declined by a whopping 78 percent. FOOTBALL COACH: "When I took over this team a year ago, we were last in the league in pass defense. Today, we no longer keep that statistic!"

When it comes to spectacular crimes, it's usually hard to say how it could have been prevented. But in this case, we have a paper trail. In the pursuit of a demented ideology, specific people agreed not to report, arrest or prosecute dangerous students like Nikolas Cruz.

These were the parties to the Nov. 5, 2013, agreement that ensured Cruz would be out on the street with full access to firearms.

- Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools
- Peter M. Weinstein, Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit
- Michael J. Satz, State Attorney
- Howard Finkelstein, Public Defender
- Scott Israel, Broward County Sheriff
- Franklin Adderley, Chief of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department
- Wansley Walters, Secretary of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Marsha Ellison, President of the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the NAACP and Chair of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

Nikolas Cruz may be crazy, but the parties to that agreement are crazy, too. They decided to make high school students their guinea pigs for an experiment based on a noxious ideology. The blood of 17 people is on their hands.

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An editorial by Ann Coulter titled "Racial Quotas Kill Kids" was posted at anncoulter.com on March 7, 2018. Following is the article.

President Obama did a lot of bad things, but pound for pound, one of the worst was the January 2014 "Dear Colleague" letter sent jointly by his Education and Justice Departments to all public schools threatening lawsuits over racial discrimination in student discipline.

The letter came after years of his administration browbeating schools for their failure to discipline every race of student at the same rate.

As the Huffington Post put it: "American Schools Are STILL Racist, Government Report Finds." The evidence? "Five percent of white students were suspended annually, compared with 16 percent of black students, according to the report."

According to theory, there's NO WAY blacks and Hispanics are doing things that require more school discipline than whites or Asians. So if more black students are expelled than Asians, well, gentlemen, we have our proof of racism. To comply, schools would have to stop suspending black kids for breaking a teacher's jaw, but suspend Asians for dropping an eraser.

Using the same logic, I could close the achievement gap between blacks and Asians in a single day by going to every principal's office in the country and burning the transcripts. (Liberals are saying, "You know, that's not a bad idea.")

The "school-to-prison pipeline" argument for racial quotas in discipline was hatched in education schools and black studies departments. What I want to know is: How did they test the idea?

To validate the theory that recording students' criminal behavior produces students with criminal records, we divided students into two groups.

Group A we continued to suspend when they acted up; Group B we would not suspend no matter what—even when they engaged in their little mischief, like cracking heads with crowbars, dropping teachers off buildings, using a switchblade to cut other students' eyes out.

RESULT: At the end of the year, Group B had better records.

Were the researchers really in suspense about how the experiment was going to turn out?

I could have told them at the beginning that their odds of success were tremendous—unless they forgot halfway through and began accidentally suspending students in Group B.

But the Obama administration said: Wow! That's amazing. Do you think other schools could replicate those results?

One of the administration's models was Broward County, Florida. Which is kind of important, now that we know that it was Broward's official policy to make it impossible to arrest students like Nikolas Cruz, thus allowing him to amass a cache of firearms, walk into Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and murder 17 people.

The "school-to-prison pipeline" nonsense may not be the explanation for every school shooting, but it is absolutely the explanation for THIS school shooting.

No matter what Cruz did, no matter how many times his crimes were reported to the sheriff or school officials, there was no way a lad with a name like "Nikolas Cruz" was ever going to leave school with a record.

Broward County's innovative idea of eliminating school discipline captivated Obama's Department of Education. It was expressly cited by the department's Civil Rights Division with the notation: "New model for other jurisdictions?"

Last October—nearly a year into the Trump administration—Broward Schools Superintendent Robert W. Runcie humbly noted that the district was receiving "invitations from around the country, including from The White House and Federal Office of Civil Rights, to share details about the historic reforms" on school discipline. Either: Liberals truly believe that all races commit crimes at exactly the same level, frequency and intensity; OR they are willing to have people die for their political agenda.

Conservatives didn't pick this school shooting as the test case for gun control. It was liberals who were going to ride the Parkland shooting all the way to the midterms. They thought they had a beautiful story about the evil NRA.

- Not the mass shooting in Orlando—because of the obvious immigration angle.
- Not San Bernardino—for the same reason.

■ Not Las Vegas—probably for the same reason, but we'll never know because law enforcement has issued only lies and nonsense about that shooting.

The media did all the hard work of making sure Parkland was the only topic on anyone's mind, with everyone demanding that we "do something!"

And then we got the facts.

Cruz's criminal acts were intentionally ignored by law enforcement on account of Broward's much-celebrated "school-to-prison pipeline" reforms.

Thank God for the internet, or we'd never have known the truth.

Admittedly, most of the harm done by the policy that enabled Cruz is not usually a mass shooting. The main damage done by the "school-to-prison pipeline" idiocy is: broken bones, smashed teeth, traumatized students, making it impossible for other students to learn, having a bad influence on marginal students and teachers sinking into depression.

Check at your local school for the full results. Thanks to the Obama administration, this crackpot theory is sweeping school districts across the nation!

The next time Democrats control Congress and the presidency, we will have racial quotas for prisons, too. When that happens, you better hope the government hasn't taken your guns.

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Finances

■ An article by Ed Straker titled "Mark Levin: Trump's Tariffs are An Unpatriotic Tax on All" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 2, 2018.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Ryan: Unemployment Claims at Lowest Level in 49 Years Because of Tax Reform Law" was posted at townhall.com on March 6, 2018.

■ An article by Lauretta Brown titled "Planned Parenthood to Spend \$20 Million in It's Largest Ever Midterm Election Campaign" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2018.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Oakland Mayor Suggests It was Noble of Her to Warn Illegals About ICE Raids" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2018.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "DOJ 'Reviewing' Whether Oakland Mayor Who Warned of ICE Raid Broke Any Laws" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2018.

■ An article by Rick Moran titled "Despite Warning From Oakland Mayor, ICE Sweep Nets Illegal Alien Criminals" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 4, 2018.

■ An article by Josh Gerstein titled "Jerry Brown Suggests Trump 'Sanctuary' Suit Against California Driven By Fear of Mueller Probe" was posted at politico.com on March 7, 2018.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Jennifer Harper titled "Aggressive 'NRA Boycott' Expands and Organizes" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Feb. 25, 2018.

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Georgia Lawmakers Vote to Strip Delta of \$40 Million Tax Break After Company Slammed NRA Members" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2018.

■ An article by Ken Blackwell titled "Anti-Second Amendment Activists Attack Responsible Gun Owners" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 2, 2018.

■ An article by Chris Reeves titled "Joe Scarbough Gets Mauled by Ted Cruz in Gun Control Debate" was posted at townhall.com on March 7, 2018.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled "Exclusive: Firearms Instructor Turned Arkansas State Senate Candidate Offers Free Concealed Carry Training for Teachers" was posted at townhall.com on March 7, 2018.

Comments about Donald Trump

■ An article by Joel Gehrke titled "Eric Holder Predicts Robert Mueller Charges Trump With Obstruction of Justice" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on March 3, 2018.

■ An article by Josh Delk titled "Roger Stone: Mueller Likely to Snag Trump Over Flynn, Comey Firings" was posted at thehill.com on March 4, 2018.

■ An article by Clark Mindock titled "George Bush Likes to Joke: Donald Trump Makes Me Look Pretty Good" was posted at independent.co.uk on March 6, 2018.

Comments about "deep state"

■ An article by Deroy Murdock titled "The Russians Colluded Massively—With Democrats" was posted at national review.com on Feb. 24, 2018.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Nunes: FBI May Have Broken the Law in FISA Applications" was posted at townhall.com on March 2, 2018.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "AG Sessions Orders Release of 'Fast and Furious' Documents Withheld by Obama DOJ" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 8, 2018.

News about the media

■ An article by Luc Olinga titled "Television Titans Bulk Up to Battle Internet Rivals" was posted at yahoo.com on March 1, 2018.

■ An article by Tim Graham titled "CNN in Crisis? February Ratings Down 19 Percent, 16 Percent in Prime Time" was posted at newsbusters.org on March 2, 2018.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Top Advertizers on ABC's 'The View' Won't Denounce Anti-Christian Bigotry on Show" was posted at cnnews.com on March 7, 2018.

General interest

■ A video and an article titled "Study: Bacon Linked to Causing Cancer" were posted at cbsphilly.com on March 2, 2018.

■ An article by Elyssa Cherney titled "Homicides Down 25 Percent, Shootings Down 30 Percent From Violent 2016 and 2017" was posted at chicagotribune.com on March 5, 2018.

■ An article by Kathleen Elkins titled "The 20 Highest-Paid Actors in the World Include 2 Ryans, 2 Toms and Only 3 Women" was posted at cnbc.com on March 5, 2018.

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