

Eye on the World

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



A Reuters article by Humeyra Pamuk and Doina Chiacu titled "U.S. Removed Almost 2.7 Million Barrels Daily of Iranian Oil From Market: Pompeo" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 20, 2019. Following is the article.

The United States has removed nearly 2.7 million barrels of Iranian oil from global markets daily as a result of Washington's decision to reimpose sanctions on all purchases of Iran's crude, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Tuesday.

In an interview with MSNBC, Pompeo said the U.S. government was confident it could continue with its strategy.

The United States reimposed sanctions on Iran in November after pulling out of a 2015 nuclear accord between Tehran and six world powers. In May, Washington ended sanction waivers given to importers of Iranian oil, aiming to cut Tehran's exports to zero.

Iran exported about 100,000 bpd of crude in July, according to an industry source who tracks such flows and data from Refinitiv Eikon. If condensate, a light oil, is included, shipments were about 120,000 bpd a day.

"We have managed to take almost 2.7 million barrels of crude oil off of the mar-

ket, denying Iran the wealth to create their terror campaign around the world, and we have managed to keep the oil markets fully supplied,” Pompeo said.

“I am confident we can continue to do that,” he added.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Russia and other producers have been cutting 1.2 million bpd since Jan. 1 to reduce global supply. OPEC in July renewed the pact until March 2020 to avoid a build-up of inventories as worldwide demand is seen weakening.

Despite OPEC’s actions along with U.S. sanctions on Iran and Venezuela, Brent crude international oil prices LCOc1 have been relatively weak, falling on Tuesday to \$59 a barrel from a 2019 high of \$75, pressured by concerns about slowing demand.

The exact level of Iranian exports has become harder to assess since U.S. sanctions returned in November, meaning estimates fall into a range rather than a definitive figure.



“Eye on the World” comment: Following is a list of 8 recent headlines about articles that discussed Rashida Tlaib—including her international rift with the nation of Israel and her media rift with Bill Maher.

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- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled “Israel Approves Tlaib Request to Visit Relatives” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Cortney O’Brien titled “Tlaib Now Refusing to Go to Israel Because It’s Too ‘Humiliating’ ” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Dishonest PR Stunt: Tlaib Begged to Visit Elderly Grandmother, Only to Reject Israel’s Approval” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Michael Morris titled “Mike Huckabee: It Was Never About Visiting Israel to Tlaib; It ‘Was About Making a Scene’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Matt Viser and Rachael Bade titled “A Toxic Rift Opens Between Democrats and Israel After the Nation Refuses Entry to Two Members of Congress” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Aug. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Bradford Betz titled “Tlaib Hits Back at Bill Maher for Comments on BDS [Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Against Israel], Compares Israel to Apartheid South Africa” was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Rosemary Rossi titled “Boycott of Bill Maher’s Show Suggested by Rep. Rashida Tlaib After He Criticizes BDS [Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Against Israel]” was posted at thewrap.com on Aug. 18, 2019.

■ An article titled “Bill Maher Mocks Rashida Tlaib’s Call to Boycott His Show” was posted at nationalreview.com on Aug. 21, 2019.



An article titled “Some Birds Risk Their Lives for a Good Nap, Scientists Find” was posted at irisheaminer.com on Aug. 19, 2019. Following is the article.

Curling up for a good night’s sleep when you are feeling under the weather may be just the antidote. But some birds risk their lives by snuggling up to conserve energy.

Songbirds tuck themselves in differently depending on how worn out they are, scientists say.

Birds that are low on fat reserves will nestle their head under their feathers for a deep snooze.

But while this may ensure a good nap, it slows down their reaction to the sound of potential trouble.

According to the study published in the *Current Biology* journal, birds in better shape stop and sleep with their heads facing forward, untucked, and more alert.

Leonida Fusani of the University of Vienna and University of Veterinary Medicine, Austria, said: “We discovered that migratory birds trade off safety for lower energy expenditure. If they sleep with their head tucked in the scapular feathers, they enter a sort of deeper sleep that is associated with lower energy consumption but exposes them to a higher predation risk. Consequently, birds in good condition sacrifice some energy to sleep more safely with the head untucked, whereas birds in poor condition sacrifice vigilance to save energy while sleeping unsafely tucked in.”

The researchers analysed the sleeping patterns of Garden Warblers at a stopover site in the Mediterranean, to look at how small migratory songbirds cope with sleep deprivation.

They found that at night, the featured animals in a poor metabolic state slept more and exhibited less migratory restlessness than birds in good condition.

Scientists went on to show that sleeping with the head tucked is associated with lower respiratory and metabolic rates. By hiding the head, the birds lose less heat.

However, researchers found that this came at the cost of reduced vigilance. When the birds were presented with the sound of crunching leaves, they were slower to respond than the forward-facing birds.

Co-author Professor Andrea Ferretti, said: “Although there was good reason to think that birds reduce heat loss by tucking their heads in their feathers,

we were surprised to see that they actually reduce their alertness when sleeping in this position.”



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- An article by Javier Blas and Verity Ratcliffe titled “Saudi Oil Field Hit by Drone Attack But Production Unaffected” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 18, 2019.
 - A Reuters article titled “Russian Nuclear Plant [in the Ural Mountains] Turns Off Unit After Safety System Error” was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 18, 2019.
 - An article by Arsaian Shahla, Verity Ratcliffe and Brian Wingfield titled “Iran Warns U.S. Against Seizing Oil Tanker Headed to Greece” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
 - An article by Vivian Nereim titled “Saudi Women Get a New Right: Allowing Their Kids to Travel” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
 - An article by Zainab Fattah titled “Qatar Withdraws Support for China Over Its Treatment of Muslims” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Tom Westbrook titled “Hong Kongers Stage More Anti-Government Protests, Braving Storms on Saturday” was posted at market-watch.com on Aug. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Wendy Tang and Nicola Smith titled “How China’s Propagand Machine Is Whitewashing Hong Kong Protests and Rallying Mainlanders Against Pro-Democracy Movement” was posted at telegraph.co.us on Aug. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Kelvin Chan and Yanan Wang titled “China Lashes Out at Taiwan Over Hong Kong Asylum Offer” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
 - An article by Paul Connor titled “US Will ‘Bear All Consequences’ If It Closes \$8 Billion Fighter Jet Deal With Taiwan, China Says” was posted at foxbusiness.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
 - An article by Angus Whitley, Iain Marlowe and Jinshan Hong titled “China’s Warning to Global CEOs: Toe the Party Line on Hong Kong” was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Samuel Osborne titled “China Could ‘Render US Military Bases Useless’ Within Hours of Conflict in Asia, Report Says” was posted at independent.co.uk on Aug. 20, 2019.
 - An article titled “China Threatens Sanctions on US Firms Linked to Taiwan Warplanes Sale” was posted at afp.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

- An article by Andrew Beatty titled "US Power Waning in Pacific, Warns Top Australian Think Tank" was posted at afp.com on Aug. 18, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Colin Packham and Lisa Barrington titled "Australia Joins U.S.-Led Mission to Protect Gulf Shipping" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 20, 2019.
- An article by Vivian Salama, Rebecca Bailhaus, Andrew Restuccia and Michael C. Bender titled "President Trump Eyes a New Real-Estate Purchase: Greenland [An Autonomous Region of Denmark]" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
- An article by Nicholas Wu titled "Greenland's Government [In Denmark] Tells President Donald Trump the Island Is 'Not for Sale' " was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
- An article by Douglas A. McIntyre titled "How Much Would the U.S. Have to Pay for Greenland? One Estimate Says Half a Trillion Dollars" was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 20, 2019.
- An article by Darlene Superville titled "Trump Cancels Denmark Visit Because Greenland Isn't for Sale" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 20, 2019.
- An article by Nicole Acevedo titled "Trump Joked About Trading Puerto Rico for Greenland; Puerto Ricans Are Joking Back [Saying They Would Be Happy With the Trade]" was posted at nbcnews.com on Aug. 22, 2019.
- An article by David Rising titled "Wide Implications [for Many Nations] As Germany Teeters Toward Recession" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
- An article by Vipal Monga titled "Silicon Valley Looks North As Tech Giants Expand in Toronto" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 17, 2019.
- An article titled "Tourists Who Stole Sand [90 Pounds] From Beach in Sardinia Could Face Up to Six Years in Prison" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 19, 2019.
- An article by Lauren Latham titled "Developers Eye Portugal's Comporta Coast As New Ibiza [One of the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea]" was posted at wsj.com on Aug. 20, 2019.



An article by Walter Williams titled "What Will They Learn at College?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Aug. 21, 2019. Following is the article.

For many parents, August is a month of both pride and tears. Pride because their teenager is taking that big educational step and tears because for many it's the beginning of an empty nest. Yet, there's a going-away-to-college question that far too few parents ask or even contemplate: What will my youngster learn in college?

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni provides some answers that turn out to be quite disturbing. ACTA evaluated every four-year public university as well as hundreds of private colleges and universities. That's more than 1,100 institutions that enroll nearly 8 million students, more than two-thirds of all students enrolled in four-year liberal arts schools nationwide. ACTA's findings were published in their report "What Will They Learn? 2018-19." It doesn't look good.

The ACTA assigned grades tell some of the story. Just 23 (2%) of the over 1,100 colleges earn an A grade; 343 colleges (31%) earn a B grade; 347 (31%) get a C grade; 273 (24%) earn a D; and 134 (12%) colleges earn an F.

If you're thinking that your youngster will get a truly liberal arts education, you are sadly mistaken. It turns out that less than half of the schools studied require courses in traditional literature, foreign language, U.S. government or history and economics. At some colleges, students can fulfill their humanities requirement with a course titled "Global X: Zombies!"

A U.S. cultural pluralism requirement can be fulfilled with "The Economics of 'Star Trek.'" And an arts and Literature requirement can be fulfilled with either the "History of Comics" or "Game Design for Non-Majors."

Colleges often do not live up to their own promises. In college mission statements, as well as their course catalogs, they frequently exalt the virtues of a "well-rounded" liberal arts education. The reality is something different with only 68% of the schools ACTA surveyed requiring three or fewer of the seven core subjects. Their curricula poorly represent critical subjects such as U.S. history, economics and foreign languages.

The list of schools that received ACTA's "A" grades includes Pepperdine and Baylor, known for their commitment to the liberal arts and academic excellence. But there are some lesser-known colleges such as Christopher Newport University, Colorado Christian University, Kennesaw State University, Bluefield College and Regent University that deserve accolades.

- ACTA's "F" list includes prestigious names such as University of California, Berkeley, Bowdoin, Hamilton and Vassar colleges.

- Ivy League colleges received ACTA's two "Bs," four "Cs," one "D" and one "F."

These grades reflect significant overall curricular weaknesses. For example, Yale doesn't require college-level math courses; Harvard accepts an elementary-level foreign language study; and Brown has an "open curriculum," which means students may take whatever classes they want, without strict requirements.

Even though some of the best-known colleges earn poor marks for their general education curricula, it doesn't necessarily mean they do all things poorly. A student can get an excellent education at these schools if classes are chosen wisely.

There's another college-related issue not given much voice and that's how important is a college education in the first place. That's an issue raised by a Market Watch article, "Half of young Americans say their degree is irrelevant to their work."

Parents think a college education is necessary for success. Their youngsters think differently. According to the TD Ameritrade study, 49% of young millennials said their degree was “very or somewhat unimportant” to their current job.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in an October 2018 report, found that many students are underemployed, filling jobs that can be done with a high school education. More than one-third of currently working college graduates are in jobs that do not require a degree, such as flight attendants, janitors and salesmen.

The bottom line for parents and their youngsters is that spending four or more years in college and accumulating tens of thousands of dollars in debt is not the only road to a successful life.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “The Making of a Racist” was posted at patriotpost.us on August 17, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I don’t regard myself as a racist because I am still capable of making the distinction between Clarence Thomas and Elijah Cummings, Tim Scott and Cory Booker. But I will confess that it’s becoming harder and harder simply because the blacks I despise far out-number the blacks I respect.

When I think about black Americans, it’s not Frederick Douglas, George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, Joe Louis, Duke Ellington, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, Denzel Washington or Derek Jeter who leap to mind.

Instead, it’s the mob that calls itself Black Lives Matter, Bill Cosby, Mike Tyson, Elijah Cummings, Maxine Waters, Hank Johnson, Don Lemon, Kamala Harris, Barack Obama, Ilhan Omar, Cory Booker, Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, O.J. Simpson, Colin Kaepernick and the multi-generational urban blacks who make it a practice to bite the white hands that feed them.

It isn’t their color that’s offensive, it’s their values and their behavior.

■ Pretending the solution is money

So long as liberal politicians continue to pretend that money is the solution to black poverty and 95% of blacks continue to vote for Democratic presidents, senators, congressmen, mayors and city council members, the basic problem will continue to go unresolved.

■ Conflicted about abortion

As most of you know by now, abortion is the one major issue about which I am conflicted. That’s because while I find the procedure a vile abomination and despise both those who perform it and those who employ it as a belated form of birth control, I don’t believe that what America really needs is to have several hundred thousand unwanted babies being brought into the world every year.

As adorable as they may be at birth, those are the seedlings that will grow into tomorrow's rapists, child abusers, drug addicts and serial killers.

■ Some ideas sound good at first

A great many technological advances that seemed to be great at inception, such as the electronic gadgets devised by the geniuses of Silicon Valley, later proved to have huge downsides, whether it was causing depression and alienation leading to suicide among the young; or manipulating data in order to deny Conservatives their First Amendment rights in an attempt to rig elections on behalf of Socialists.

■ Other ideas sound bad from the start

But sometimes, an innovation sounds like a terrible idea the very first time you hear about it. I'm referring to driverless vehicles.

But I'm not alone in being terrified by this latest creation of Dr. Frankenstein's descendants. Bob Marcks, who spent most of his career in the automobile industry, shared a letter to the editor he had sent to Automotive News.

It reads: "No one wants to be identified as a reactionary, so it takes a brave soul to even question the validity of self-driving cars. But, simple question: who amongst you is really looking forward to the 'convenience' of being hurtled down a busy freeway at 80 mph, 'relaxing' in the back seat of an anonymous, driverless vehicle with no steering wheel? Maybe 'GM is getting close' but, dear reader, are you?"

Granted, driverless cars won't get drunk or get high on drugs before turning on the ignition. But will even those who love the thrill rides at theme parks and carnivals really want to get on the equivalent of a rollercoaster every time they go out to buy a loaf of bread?

Besides, a huge number of decent, hard-working, tax-paying people drive for a living. Are we supposed to make all those deliverymen, cross-country truckers and cabbies, redundant just so GM can sell novelties that serve no particular purpose?

■ Another show biz celebrity

The competition between show biz celebrities to come off as the stupidest is fierce. Out of nowhere comes Rosanna Arquette with her totally fraudulent mea culpa: "I'm sorry I was born white and privileged. It disgusts me. And I feel so much shame."

Disgust and shame would be so very appropriate, not for being white but for being an arrogant fool.

■ "Caring" for the public

Whenever you hear a liberal politician insist that his primary concern is the safety and the prosperity of the public, you can rest assured that he has only one specific member of the public in mind. It explains why he can go on arguing for

open borders, sanctuary cities, higher taxes and the nullification of the Second Amendment, and not experience even the slightest bit of embarrassment.

Poet Sara Teasdale once wrote:

"When I can look Life in the eyes

"Grown calm and very coldly wise

"Life will have given me the Truth

"And taken in exchange . . . my youth."

■ Beauty of retirement

Bob Hunt passed along a list of Q & A's explaining why he likes retirement:

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: Six Saturdays, one Sunday.

Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?

A: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Q: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Only one, but it might take all day.

Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

A: There's not enough time to get everything done.

Q: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

A: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Q: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

A: Shoes with laces.

Q: Why do retirees count pennies?

A: They're the only ones who have the time.

Q: Why are all retirees so reluctant to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

A: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Q: What is the best way to describe retirement?

A: The endless coffee break.

Q: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, nobody calls your parents.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Trump the Impaler?" was posted at patriotpост.us on August 19, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I think it's safe to say that even Vlad the Impaler, allegedly the model for Dracula, received better press than President Trump.

If the members of the lying media aren't calling him Hitler, a Nazi or a member of the Klan, they accuse him of causing every mass-murder in the country. The fact is, if the media weren't so biased, they would falsely accuse Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren of being responsible for the Dayton massacre and blame Sanders, alone, for the targeting of Republican congressmen on the baseball diamond last year. After all, in both cases, the shooters were left-wingers who supported these unapologetic Socialists.

To hear the numbskulls go on about it, you would think that Trump had been responsible for the sinking of the Titanic and the crash of the Hindenburg, whereas the only thing they really have against him is the sinking of Hillary Clinton's presidential hopes. Before that, they all loved the big guy and happily lined up to kiss his butt and accept a campaign contribution.

■ Accusing Trump, Overlooking Obama

I find it odd, but hardly surprising, that the same folks who accuse Trump of promoting white supremacists never accused Barack Obama of promoting black supremacists, even though he invariably took the side of black thugs against the police, going so far as to claim that one of the schmucks reminded him of the son he never had.

He also made it clear that he felt a kinship with Al Sharpton, Eric Holder and the mob that constituted the Black Lives Matter movement.

■ Gang outside McConnell home

Speaking of left-wing hypocrites, a gang of liberal demonstrators, insisting they opposed violence, showed up outside Sen. Mitch McConnell's house the other evening chanting that he should be killed.

They're not really against violence, not so long as it's directed against those they oppose. Whether it's the creeps in Antifa or Maxine Waters, who called for her followers to attack members of Trump's administration and his family members whenever they were spotted in public places, violence is mother's milk to those on the Left.

■ Tweeted out names of 40 people

Rep. Joaquin Castro, the twin brother of presidential contender Julián Castro, not only tweeted out the names of 40 people in San Antonio who donated money to

Donald Trump's campaign but identified their businesses and their employers in an attempt to turn them into pariahs in a city that is predominantly Latino.

At the very least, you would think his House colleagues would call for Castro to be censured, but if they haven't had a problem with the vile tweets of Rep. Ilhan Omar and Rep. Rashida Tlaib, I suppose that would be too much to expect.

■ Creating new voters

One thing you have to say about Democrats is that they keep coming up with ways to create new voters, whether it's by inviting them to invade the country, by registering those in cemeteries or, now, by advocating that 16-year-olds get to vote. But at least there's some division in the ranks. Andrew Yang and Beto O'Rourke favor giving the vote to high school juniors, while Joe Biden and Kirsten Gillibrand are against it. One can only imagine that the internal polls by Biden and Gillibrand have shown that they're not testing as well with teenage morons as they are with slightly older idiots.

■ Stop trading with China

What do you say we forget about raising tariffs on China and just stop trading with them until they come crawling back? I mean, they apparently really need our soybeans, but all we get from them is cheap, badly-made crapola and poisoned pet food. And then, for good measure, they swipe our technology, build islands in the South China Sea, turning them into military bases, and bully the people of Hong Kong.

Why should we keep tying our economy to theirs?

■ New York Times caved in

The New York Times traded its credibility in a long time ago. But a measure of how closely it has tied itself to the Democratic party was on full display last week when a front page headline read "Trump Urges Unity vs. Racism," which is exactly what the President had done in an address delivered after the shootings in Dayton and El Paso.

Later in the day, after getting tongue-lashed by Democratic candidates Sanders, O'Rourke and Gillibrand, the Times revised the headline to read: "Assailing Hate But Not Guns."

■ Gun-free zones

With all the recent chatter about guns, the one thing that rarely gets talked about is that the massacres always take place in gun-free zones. Apparently, a certain type of bozo thinks such places have the magical power to protect them, even though time and again that delusion has proven false. I'm reminded that years ago, I lived in a neighborhood rife with elderly Jewish women. It used to scare me to death when I'd see a pair of them step off the curb without even glancing in either direction, so certain were they that nobody would dare run them down so long as they were in the crosswalk.

They were usually right, but not always.

What liberals never seem to grasp is that if we'd had gun-free zones in 1776, today our national pastime would be cricket.

■ Embryonic pulsing

The one talent that liberals possess is the ability to put lipstick on pigs, whether it's labeling illegal aliens "undocumented immigrants," allowing actual fascists to claim to be Antifa(cists) or, like Alan Binder, writing in the New York Times, referring to fetal heartbeats as "embryonic pulsing."

With his gift for dehumanizing innocent victims, I'm sure that Mr. Binder would have proven himself invaluable to the Third Reich, possibly renaming concentration camps "workers retreats" and Dr. Mengele's tortured victims as "medical research assistants."



Looking back to July, an article by David Montgomery titled "AOC's Chief of Change was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 10, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

On a Wednesday morning in late May, emissaries of two of the strongest political voices on climate change convened at a coffee shop a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol.

Saikat Chakrabarti, chief of staff [until Aug. 2] to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) was there to meet Sam Ricketts, climate director for Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D), who is running for president almost exclusively on a platform of combating global warming.

Chakrabarti had an unexpected disclosure.

"The interesting thing about the Green New Deal," he said, "is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all."

Ricketts greeted this startling notion with an attentive poker face.

"Do you guys think of it as a climate thing?" Chakrabarti continued. "Because we really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing."



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Deficit

- An article by Joy Wiltermuth titled "The U.S. Treasury Is About to Flood the Market With Debt to Fund a \$1 Trillion Deficit" was posted at marketwatch.com on Aug. 15, 2019.
- An article by Kevin Freking titled "Report Shows US Deficit to Exceed \$1 Trillion Next Year" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

Finances

- An article by Robert Exley Jr. and Kate Sprague titled "Americans Are More in Debt Than Ever [With An Average of \$38,000 Per Person]—Experts Say 'Money Disorders' May Be to Blame" was posted at cnbc.com on Aug. 16, 2019.
- An article by Adriana Belmonte titled "Millions of Americans With Employer Health Care Are Still Spending a Fortune" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 18, 2019.
- An article by Todd Garrin titled "'Fox and Friends' Co-Host [Ainsley Earhardt] Says Democrats Are Stoking Recession Fears to Oust Trump: 'They Do Not Want Him to Win Again'" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 19, 2019.
- An article by Shawna Chen titled "Trump Reverses Himself on Tax Cut Ideas" was posted at politico.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

Trade war

- An article titled "Beijing Appeals to US to 'Meet China Halfway' on Trade" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to February, an article by Jason Lemon titled "Nearly Every Declared Democratic 2020 Candidate Supports Ocasio-Cortez's 'Green New Deal' While Trump Mocks the Proposal" was posted at newsweek.com on Feb. 10, 2019.
- Looking back to July, an article by Jack Crowe titled "AOC's Chief of Change Admits the Green New Deal Is Not About Climate Change" was posted at nationalreview.com on July 12, 2019.
- An article by Nicolas Loris and Kevin Dayaratna titled "The Green New Deal: Less About Climate, More About Control" was posted at dailysignal.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Timothy Meads titled "New Jersey Shells Out \$4 Million in College Financial Aid to Illegal Immigrant Students" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 20, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article by David Rutz titled "Gillibrand Open to Prosecution of 'Assault Weapon' Owners Who Don't Hand Them Over" was posted at freebeacon.com on Aug. 14, 2019.

- An article by Jake Bleiberg titled "Churches Arm, Train Congregants in Wake of Mass Shootings" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 16, 2019.

- An article by Michael McAuliff titled "Rep. Pete King Is the First Republican to Sign On to the Assault Weapons Ban" was posted at nydailynews.com on Aug. 19, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Masaki Kondo and Hiroko Komiya titled "Trump's Trade War Is Keeping the Dollar Strong, Not the Fed" was posted at bloomberg.com on Aug. 20, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article titled "*The New York Times* Reports Barack Obama Tried to Talk Joe Biden Out of a White House Run" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 17, 2019.

- An article by John Bowden titled "Fox News Poll Shows Trump Losing to Biden, Warren, Sanders and Harris" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 15, 2019.

- An article by Amie Parnes titled "Biden Allies Float Scaling Back Events to Limit Gaffes" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 15, 2019.

- An article by Jennifer Agiesta titled "CNN Poll: Joe Biden Regains Double-Digit Lead Over 2020 Democratic Field" was posted at cnn.com on Aug. 20, 2019.

- An article by Pat Rynard titled "Poll: Elizabeth Warren Jumps Out to Big Lead in the Iowa Caucus" was posted at iowastartingline.com on Aug. 15, 2019.

- An article by Hayley Miller titled "Elizabeth Warren's First Campaign Event in Minnesota Drew Massive Crowd" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 19, 2019.

- An article by Kevin Robillard titled "Bernie Sanders Wants to Give Federal Workers the Right to Strike" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

- An article titled "Harry Reid Understands It's All Hands on Deck to Save Democratic Party: Varney" was posted at foxbusiness.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

- An article by Jeanine Santucci titled "Scaramucci [Who Was WH Communications Director for 11 Days Back in 2017] on Trump: 'Very Clear That It's Impossible for Him to Win']" was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 16, 2019.

- An article by Rebecca Klar titled "Scaramucci [Who Was WH Communications Director for 11 Days Back in 2017] Assembling Team of Former Cabinet Members to Speak Out Against Trump" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 19, 2019.

Kamala Harris

- Looking back to June, an article by Morgan Baskin titled "Kamala Harris' Baggage Could Be Just As Big of a Problem As Biden's" was posted at vice.com on June 28, 2019.

■ An article by John McCormack titled “Why Kamala Harris Is Fading in the Democratic Primary [One Reason Was Going on the Offensive About Busing and Then Retreating Made Her Seem Inauthentic]” was posted at nationalreview.com on Aug. 21, 2019.

Robert Francis (Beto) O’Rourke

■ An article by Jeffrey Cook titled “2020 Hopeful Beto O’Rourke Visited An Arkansas Gun Show to Talk About Gun Control” was posted at abcnews.com on Aug. 17, 2019.

News about the media

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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.”