# Eye on the World April 18, 2020

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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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An article by Pat Buchanan titled "Will COVID-19 Retire the World's Policeman?" was posted at buchanan.org on April 17, 2020. Following is the article.

For declaring in March that the U.S. economy might be reopened by Easter, President Donald Trump was roundly mocked.

Yet, it appears his political instincts were correct. He was more in tune with his country than were his critics.

By early Easter week, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the governors of six states in the New York-New Jersey region had formed a consortium to synchronize the opening of their economies. California's Gavin Newsom and the governors of Washington and Oregon had done the same.

The governors may disagree on the timing, May 1 or May 15, but most agree with Trump. America cannot remain shut down for months without lasting damage to the livelihood and lives of millions of citizens who are about to be shoved into a new Great Depression.

Twenty-two million Americans are now unemployed.

However, something just jolted the gathering consensus over the need to reopen soon. Tuesday and Wednesday, the U.S. set records for the numbers

of fatalities from the virus. Tuesday it was 2,364 dead, the following day 2,371. That put the national casualty total above 30,000.

The U.S. did not record its first coronavirus fatality until Feb. 29. It took 38 days after that to reach 10,000. However, it took only nine days to vault from 10,000 fatalities to more than 30,000.

The ominous implication: If this 2,300-dead-per-day figure is near the new normal, we would surpass the 61,000 fatalities projected for the duration of the pandemic—in two weeks!

Even if we reduce the Tuesday-Wednesday average daily death toll by over half, to 1,000 deaths a day, that would mean 44,000 more dead for a total of 75,000 by June 1.

What makes COVID-19 worse than the flu?

The coronavirus is more easily transmissible. It is more savage in how it maims immune systems. It is more lethal, killing far more of the infected than the regular flu, though we do not know exactly how much more lethal. For we have no hard number of those who carry or have carried the virus asymptomatically.

Nor we do know whether having survived COVID-19 renders one immune to a new infection. Since the medical experts are predicting a second wave of the virus in late summer or fall, this is no small matter.

And seeing what happened on the carrier Theodore Roosevelt, the coronavirus could have a major impact on U.S. global commitments.

Americans were already coming home from the Middle East, drawing down our 12,000 troops in Afghanistan after a deal with the Taliban, and moving our 5,000 troops in Iraq into fewer bases.

We have disengaged from the Saudi war against the Houthi rebels in Yemen and are drawing down our forces in Syria.

In Libya's civil war, it is Russians, Turks, Egyptians and Gulf Arabs, not Americans, who are the supporting actors.

American soft power is also in retreat from the world.

Some 10,000 Peace Corps volunteers have been brought home. Scores of thousands of U.S. citizens have been repatriated by the State Department. We have shut the door to Europe, China, the world.

What now becomes of the U.S. geostrategic "pivot," the shift of planes, troops, ships and bases from the Middle and Near East to the Indo-Pacific theater to contain a rising China?

And contain China with what?

The Roosevelt has been ravaged by the coronavirus. As of Tuesday, 589 cases of COVID-19 were reported from a crew of 4,800. Four thousand sailors in Guam are in various stages of a 14-day isolation period in hotels and spare rooms across the island.

But it is not just the Roosevelt. Every U.S. warship—carriers, cruisers, frigates, destroyers, subs—has cramped quarters conducive to the spread of the coronavirus.

How many of these vessels will soon be doubling as hospital ships?

The same question might also be asked of the U.S. Army and Marine barracks in South Korea, Japan, Australia and Okinawa.

There are allegations that the coronavirus did not originate in the Wuhan "wet market" where bats are sold for food but instead escaped through a horrible blunder in a Chinese bioweapons laboratory a few miles away.

Whatever the truth, the Wuhan virus appears to have become the most effective means of disabling U.S. hard and soft power that we have encountered in many a decade.

Of those 10,000 Peace Corp volunteers, and scores of thousands of other Americans who have been repatriated home, how many of these "soft power" soldiers will be going back after they have been out of their host country for 18 months?

Will this pandemic prove the decisive factor in America's retreat from global hegemony?

With the U.S. budget deficit for 2020 originally set at \$1 trillion, now triple that, there is going to be a hard reckoning for the allocation of our diminished resources after the nation reopens.

And policing the planet is likely to be seen as yesterday's priority, and a primary candidate for discard.

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An article by Thomas Colson titled "France Says Trump Has Agreed to a Global Ceasefire During the Coronavirus Pandemic and Putin Will Sign Up As Well" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 16, 2020. Following is the article.

Trump has agreed to a global ceasefire during the coronavirus pandemic and Putin will 'definitely' sign up as well, according to the French President Emmanuel Macron.

Speaking on French radio, Macron said US President Donald Trump, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and Chinese premier Xi Jinping had all confirmed they would sign up to a global ceasefire.

"President Xi Jinping confirmed his agreement to me," Macron told radio station RFI. "President Trump confirmed his agreement to me. Prime Minister Boris Johnson confirmed his agreement to me. I think President Putin will definitely agree too."

France, Russia, the UK, the US, and China comprise the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, meaning support from all five members would be required for a ceasefire to be operable. President Trump is due to chair a meeting of the G7 leaders, to discuss the coronavirus crisis on Thursday.

The move would represent a major act of international co-operation at a time when multilateral co-operation in other areas is weakening.

Trump on Tuesday said he was cutting funding to the World Health Organisation and accused China of "covering up the spread" of the coronavirus in its initial stages.

Putin's spokesman on Wednesday said it was "most likely" that the president would sign up to such an agreement. "Most likely, work is underway—at the expert level, our diplomats are working on this before we can join it. As soon as this work is completed and [passes] approval with other partners, relevant statements will be made," he said, according to CNN.

A White House readout of Trump's phone call on Tuesday said both leaders had "discussed efforts to defeat the coronavirus pandemic and reopen world economies" but did not specifically mention discussions around a potential ceasefire.

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres first called for a global truce back in March, saying that war-ravaged countries were particularly vulnerable to coronavirus pandemics because they have acutely poor healthcare provision.

"It is time to put armed conflict on lockdown and focus together on the true fight of our lives," Guterres said.

"This is crucial—to help create corridors for life-saving aid. To open precious windows for diplomacy. To bring hope to places among the most vulnerable to COVID-19."

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An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "UK, Ireland Respond to COVID-19 by Allowing Drug-Induced Abortions at Home—[Elizabeth] Warren Wants Same in USA" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 15, 2020. Following is the article.

The coronavirus pandemic has prompted the British and Irish governments to loosen regulations around the use of chemical abortion drugs, and now Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and two Democratic colleagues want the Food and Drug Administration to do the same in the United States.

In Britain and Ireland, women wanting to end their pregnancies can now forego visits to a doctor or abortion clinic but have a consultation over the phone before the mifepristone and misoprostol pills are mailed to them.

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) – the "leading provider of abortion services in the U.K." – and Marie Stopes U.K. are among those offering the "telemedicine" service.

"We're really proud to be able to offer this to our clients, to help them access abortion care at a time of great uncertainty," tweeted BPAS. Mifepristone, a synthetic steroid also known as RU-486, is taken orally, followed 24-48 hours later by misoprostol, taken orally or vaginally. Together, the drugs are reported to be more than 98 percent effective in destroying an unborn child up to two months after conception.

British authorities have given the go-ahead for home use up until 10 weeks' gestation.

"Abortion care is an essential part of health care for women: services must be maintained even where non-urgent or elective services are suspended," the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists said in recent guidance on "abortion care" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Abortion is time-sensitive, and attention should be paid to providing care as early as possible given gestational limits," it said.

Warren, joined by Sens. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), made a similar point in a letter Tuesday to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn.

"People who need an abortion cannot delay care and should not needlessly risk coronavirus exposure," they wrote. "Given the years of scientific evidence indicating that medication abortion is a safe and effective treatment, we ask that FDA take immediate steps to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion on in-person dispensing requirements, so that people can more easily access abortion care without putting themselves or their health care providers at risk of infection from COVID-19."

The trio, all members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, called on the FDA to exercise "flexibility" under the circumstances, "rather than letting any ideological objection to abortion care prevent health care providers from offering the safest care options to their patients."

Their letter comes after 21 attorneys general, all Democrats, wrote to Hahn and HHS Secretary Alex Azar, asking them "to allow certified prescribers to use telehealth for Mifepristone."

'It seems that nothing must get in the way of women accessing abortion'

In Britain and Ireland, prolifers are dismayed by the development.

"It seems that nothing must get in the way of women accessing abortion," said Antonia Tully, campaigns director for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). "Apart from the dangers involved, putting abortion drugs in the post, in the same way that so many other household items are delivered to people, sends a message to women that abortion is a trivial matter."

Tully voiced concern about phone consultations missing signs of medical complications, or of coercive situations in the home.

"We are seeing an increase in domestic abuse under the coronavirus lockdown," she said. "My fear is that many women will be pressured into phoning for an abortion by abusive partners. We know that domestic violence is a huge indicator for abortion." In Ireland, Pro Life Campaign spokesperson Eilís Mulroy called the government's new guidelines "reckless."

"Abortion is never safe for the baby as it directly ends his or her life, but now we have a situation where women's lives are also being put at risk," she said. "How can the doctor assess the gestational stage of the pregnancy over a video call or identify an ectopic pregnancy or some other underlying medical condition the woman may have?"

Mulroy also questioned the government's priorities during the pandemic.

"At a time when our country should be working as one to protect and defend every human life at every stage of development, we have government ministers wasting precious time in order to facilitate the ending of human life through abortion."

In 2005 the World Health Organization added mifepristone and misoprostol to its list of "essential medicines," after lobbying by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and others.

A recent WHO document on healthcare during the coronavirus pandemic states, "Women's choices and rights to sexual and reproductive health care should be respected irrespective of COVID-19 status, including access to contraception and safe abortion to the full extent of the law."

In the U.S., the FDA says mifepristone (Mifeprex) "may only be dispensed in clinics, medical offices, and hospitals by or under the supervision of a certified healthcare provider."

It also cautions Americans not to buy the drug online.

"You should not buy Mifeprex over the Internet because you will bypass important safeguards designed to protect your health. Mifeprex has special safety restrictions on how it is distributed to the public."

Last week the IPPF, Human Rights Watch, and dozens of other NGOs called on governments in Europe to "urgently guarantee safe and timely access to abortion care for women and girls in the region during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Most governments in the region have not implemented measures to ensure safe and timely access to essential sexual and reproductive health services, supplies or information during the pandemic, including for at-home management of medical abortion."

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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.

<sup>■</sup> An article by Tristan Justice titled "Venezuelan Asylum Seekers Issue Stark Warning to Americans Experiencing Symptoms of Socialism" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Matilda Long titled "Coronavirus: You Can Go to a Friend's House During Lockdown If You've Had An Argument at Home, [UK] Police Say" was posted at yahoo.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article titled "Putin, Xi Slam Attempts to Blame China for Late Virus Response" was posted at afp.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Ryan Pickrell titled "Wuhan Abruptly Increased Its Coronavirus Death Toll to 50% Higher Than Previously Reported" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 17, 2020.

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An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "The Coronavirus Is Exposing Little Tyrants All Over the Country" was posted at the federalist.com on April 13, 2020. Following is the article.

There's nothing like a crisis to bring clarity. The response of some mayors and governors to the coronavirus pandemic in recent days has made it clear they think they have unlimited and arbitrary power over their fellow citizens, that they can order them to do or not do just about anything under the guise of protecting public health.

We've now witnessed local and state governments issue decrees about what people can and cannot buy in stores, arrest parents playing with their children in public parks, yank people off public buses at random, remove basketball rims along with private property, ticket churchgoers, and in one case try-and fail-to chase down a lone runner on an empty beach. All of this, we're told, is for our own good.

Some authorities are targeting Christians

The most egregious example of this outpouring of authoritarianism was an attempt by Louisville, Kentucky, Mayor Greg Fischer to ban drive-in church services on Easter. On Holy Thursday, one day before Christians were to begin their most important religious celebrations of the year, Fischer declared that drive-in Easter services would be illegal.

To remove all doubt about his seriousness, he also threatened arrest and criminal penalties for anyone who dared violate his order, and in an Orwellian twist, invited people to snitch on their fellow citizens. Fischer justified this by saying it was "to save lives."

Thankfully, a federal judge made short work of the mayor's idiotic powergrab, issuing a temporary restraining order against the city of Louisville on Saturday, writing so as to remove all doubt, "The Mayor's decision is stunning. And it is, 'beyond all reason,' unconstitutional."

The mayor shouldn't have needed a federal judge to tell him that. Anyone with a passing familiarity with the U.S. Constitution should know the govern-

ment can't single out religious worship for special regulations and prohibitions, which is precisely what the clueless Fischer did here. His order would have barred Christians from driving to their church parking lots and sitting in their vehicles for Easter services–all while maintaining proper social distancing–while imposing no such restrictions on drive-up and drive-through restaurants, liquor stores, grocery stores, or parking lots generally.

Mayors or governors-or even presidents-can no more single out Christians on Easter than they can single out Muslims during Ramadan or Jews on Yom Kippur. If you're going to ban parking in parking lots, it has to apply to everyone everywhere.

But this didn't just happen in Louisville. Two churches in Greenville, Mississippi, that were holding drive-in services for Holy Week said police showed up and ordered churchgoers to leave or face a \$500 fine.

In a video posted on Twitter from Pastor Hamilton of King James Bible Baptist Church in Greenville, a police officer tells Hamilton that because of the governor's order, "your rights are suspended." To the good pastor's credit, he correctly notes that the governor cannot suspend his rights because his rights come from God, not the government.

Pandemic or not, this stuff has no place in American society. Petty tyranny of the kind these mayors and local officials are scheming is wholly alien to our customs and way of life, and destructive to the social contract on which our nation is built.

Thankfully, the Department of Justice has taken notice of this fledgling authoritarian streak among the country's mayors and governors. A DOJ spokesman said Saturday Attorney General William Barr is "monitoring" government regulation of religious services and may take action against local governments as early as this week.

Overreaching orders expose arbitrary rule

That's a good start, but the targeting of churches, while undoubtedly the most offensive overreach by state and local governments, is hardly the only instance of government gone wild. In Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has taken it upon herself to declare what items are and are not "essential," dictating to grocery stores what they can and cannot sell as part of a sweeping order issued Friday.

Among the nonessential, and therefore banned, items are fruit and vegetable plants and seeds. Never mind that growing fruits and vegetables at home right now would help maintain social distancing during the pandemic, the governor has spoken and her word is law. (Lottery tickets, on the other hand, are still permitted.)

Beyond the fruit and vegetable ban, the governor's order is an object lesson in the absurdity and inconsistency of arbitrary power and rule by fiat. Michiganders are banned from traveling "between residences" if they own a cottage or a summer home, but the ban only applies to Michigan residents, so an out-of-stater with a cottage in the Upper Peninsula could presumably still visit. The ban also still allows travel between states, so if a Michigander has a cottage in Wisconsin or Ohio, he can travel without fear of being arrested or fined by state police. Why did Whitmer tailor her order this way? Probably because she knows she has no authority to ban travel between states, or issue orders to Americans generally-no more than a mayor has the authority to shut down drive-in Easter services in his city.

That these officials need to be reminded of that, and in some cases restrained by federal judges, bodes very ill for America. Now more than ever, we need leaders who don't just care about protecting us from the pandemic, but also care about preserving liberty in a time of crisis.

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An article by Walter Williams titled "Fixing College Corruption" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on April 15, 2020. Following is the article.

America's colleges are rife with corruption. The financial squeeze resulting from COVID-19 offers opportunities for a bit of remediation. Let's first let's examine what might be the root of academic corruption, suggested by the title of a recent study, "Academic Grievance Studies and the Corruption of Scholarship." The study was done by Areo, an opinion and analysis digital magazine. By the way, Areo is short for Areopagitica, a speech delivered by John Milton in defense of free speech.

Authors Helen Pluckrose, James A. Lindsay and Peter Boghossian say that something has gone drastically wrong in academia, especially within certain fields within the humanities. They call these fields "grievance studies," where scholarship is not so much based upon finding truth but upon attending to social grievances. Grievance scholars bully students, administrators and other departments into adhering to their worldview.

The worldview they promote is neither scientific nor rigorous. Grievance studies consist of disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, gender studies, queer, sexuality and critical race studies.

In 2017 and 2018, authors Pluckrose, Lindsay and Boghossian started submitting bogus academic papers to academic journals in cultural, queer, race, gender, fat and sexuality studies to determine if they would pass peer review and be accepted for publication.

Acceptance of dubious research that journal editors found sympathetic to their intersectional or postmodern leftist vision of the world proves the problem of low academic standards.

Several of the fake research papers were accepted for publication. *The Fat Studies* journal published a hoax paper that argued the term bodybuilding was exclusionary and should be replaced with "fat bodybuilding, as a fat-inclusive politicized performance."

One reviewer said, "I thoroughly enjoyed reading this article and believe it has an important contribution to make to the field and this journal."

"Our Struggle Is My Struggle: Solidarity Feminism as an Intersectional Reply to Neoliberal and Choice Feminism," was accepted for publication by Affilia, a feminist journal for social workers. The paper consisted in part of a rewritten passage from Mein Kampf.

Two other hoax papers were published, including "Rape Culture and Queer Performativity at Urban Dog Parks." This paper's subject was dog-on-dog rape. But the dog rape paper eventually forced Boghossian, Pluckrose and Lindsay to prematurely out themselves. A Wall Street Journal writer had figured out what they were doing.

Some papers accepted for publication in academic journals advocated training men like dogs and punishing white male college students for historical slavery by asking them to sit in silence in the floor in chains during class and to be expected to learn from the discomfort. Other papers celebrated morbid obesity as a healthy life choice and advocated treating privately conducted masturbation as a form of sexual violence against women. Typically, academic journal editors send submitted papers out to referees for review. In recommending acceptance for publication, many reviewers gave these papers glowing praise.

Political scientist Zach Goldberg ran certain grievance studies concepts through the Lexis/Nexis database, to see how often they appeared in our press over the years. He found huge increases in the usages of "white privilege," "unconscious bias," "critical race theory" and "whiteness." All of this is being taught to college students, many of whom become primary and secondary school teachers who then indoctrinate our young people.

I doubt whether the coronavirus-caused financial crunch will give college and university administrators, who are a crossbreed between a parrot and jellyfish, the guts and backbone to restore academic respectability.

Far too often, they get much of their political support from campus grievance people who are members of the faculty and diversity and multicultural administrative offices. The best hope lies with boards of trustees, though many serve as yes men for the university president. I think that a good start would be to find 1950s or 1960s catalogs. Look at the course offerings at a time when college graduates knew how to read, write and compute, and make them today's curricula.

Another helpful tool would be to give careful consideration to eliminating all classes/majors/minors containing the word "studies," such as women, Asian, black or queer studies. I'd bet that by restoring the traditional academic mission to colleges, they would put a serious dent into the COVID-19 budget shortfall.

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An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Upside of Lockdown" was posted at patriotpost.us on April 11, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

As in war, the battle against the virus has united Americans in a way rarely seen in peacetime. One of the best things about the current state of affairs is that it has shined a spotlight on many people who often go, if not unnoticed, at least under-appreciated. Although I fear that if things go on this way much longer, it could destroy the U.S. economy, it is nice to see doctors, nurses and medical researchers, getting the plaudits generally reserved for actors, athletes and other basically unessential celebrities.

But there are others, too, who deserve our appreciation.

One of them sent me the following email, with the request that he not be identified: "Hi, Burt, I have a way to help our fellow citizens during the Coronavirus situation. My wife and I will each be receiving \$1,200 under the two trillion dollar bill that was passed by Congress. Both of us have enough other funds coming in so we do not need the \$2,400. We will be donating the money to the Salvation Army for them to use to help people who are out of work because of the virus. I am sure you have other readers who would be interested in doing the same."

I promised to pass it along.

Just pretending

It occurs to me that CNN and MSNBC are flying under false flags by pretending to be news outlets. Inasmuch as their obvious mission is to devote their entire time and energy to slandering President Trump, justice would demand they be called CON and MSDNC.

Persuaded to be called a right

Something else that I've been thinking about is how easily half the country has been persuaded that abortions are an inalienable right, every bit as much as speech, religion and the freedom to peacefully assemble. In many quarters, abortions are regarded as even more essential because abortions are real, whereas those others are often theoretical.

It does make me wonder if the day will ever arrive when women will be able to kill their husbands with the same impunity with which they presently murder their babies.

#### Horseradish

An American expatriate from New York let me know what's rolling them in the aisles of his adopted country, Israel. He reports that due to the Chinese virus, the shipment of horseradish from Tel Aviv has been held up at the Madrid airport. "That's right," he insists, "the chrain in Spain stays mainly on the plane."

Christopher Wray

Ralph Barnett and I were discussing the depths to which the FBI had fallen under James Comey's direction.

That led to my suggesting that anyone who thinks that Christopher Wray is an improvement is delusional.

Mr. Barnett agreed, adding: "I wonder where they found him. I'm surprised that Trump keeps him on. Maybe he believes that, between him and Attorney General Barr, they can keep him in check."

"Perhaps, but why should they shackle themselves that way? I'm sure there are a lot of people in this nation who could be trusted to run the FBI in an honest way. Maybe, if he ever completes his investigation, Trump could offer the job to John Durham. It certainly can't be someone plucked from the ranks of the FBI. Although it was people like Comey, McCabe, Strzok, Page and Ohm, who received the lion's share of the blame for the criminal activities committed by the Agency, I notice that not a single one of those other "36,000 dedicated agents" we kept hearing so much about, had the decency and integrity to blow a whistle."

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An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Welcome to Bernie's World" was posted at patriotpost.us on April 13, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

As I look at the empty streets, the deserted parks, the miles and miles of empty grocery shelves, I'm reminded of those dystopian movies that show what the world would look like after a war involving smart bombs that kill people but leave structures undamaged.

I wonder if it ever enters Bernie Sanders' head that this is the way that America would look, not for just another month or so, but permanently if his policies were ever adopted.

On second thought, I'm sure that anything that enters the man's head soon gets lost in a rat's maze filled with Lenin's quotes and Stalin's propaganda.

It was Sanders, then the newly married 46 year old mayor of Burlington, Vermont, who spent 10 blissful days in the Soviet Union in 1988 and thought it was great, everything he could have ever imagined. But, then, what more could a devout Communist ask for than a police state that threatened its European neighbors, shackled its citizens and hated Jews every bit as much as Sanders did.

# Fauci for WHO?

I am disappointed that President Trump feels he has to keep ushering out Anthony Fauci to take part in the daily Task Force press briefings. Even though he is 79 years old, it's obvious that Fauci is hoping his next assignment will be with the corrupt World Health Organization.

On the same day that Fauci admitted there was no way to guess how many Americans would be killed off by the coronavirus, he couldn't resist predicting the number could very well reach 200,000, even though fewer than 5,000 had died in the first six weeks.

# Mike Lindell

At the same time, I would like to join so many others in giving a shout-out to the doctors, nurses and medical researchers, who have, at risk to themselves, led the fight against this latest Chinese import.

It should also be noted and applauded that Mike Lindell, who almost singlehandedly is keeping Fox News going with his non-stop commercials, has temporarily turned over most of his pillow-making factory to turning out hospital masks.

Lab or market

Even if it's not tomorrow or the next day, I can't help wondering if the next Wuhan will be L.A. or San Francisco. Although we're not sure if the virus broke out in China's biological warfare lab or at one of those disgusting wet markets where bats, snakes, skunks, cats and dogs, are sold as food, we are pretty certain it was one or the other.

But would anyone be surprised if the bubonic plague were to break out among the sub-humans who defecate on the streets of our major cities? After all, they are living very much like their ancestors lived in the Middle Ages, long before the invention of indoor plumbing, when people ate whatever they could find or kill, which included flea-infested rodents.

So, before we even have a chance to climb off our high horses vis a vis China, we may have egg foo young all over our face as we find ourselves neck-deep in the black plague.

As sleazy as the UN

It was hard to convince people years ago that, unlike the U.S. Red Cross, the world Red Cross was a vile organization that was so anti-Semitic, it refused assistance to Israel during a time of crisis.

It is no easier these days to convince most people that the World Health Organization is every bit as sleazy as the U.N.

The WHO is so deep in China's pocket that one of its top officials, Canada's Bruce Aylward, who heads up the organization's coronavirus response team, pretended not to hear a reporter's question regarding WHO's refusal to send emergency relief to Taiwan, the nation whose sovereignty China refuses to recognize.

I bet nobody is too surprised that, as in the case of the U.N., the U.S. donates the lion's share of the money to keep the WHO in business. Will we never learn?

Felons and gun stores

We all have different ways of coping with the current situation.

For instance, Rep. Seth Moulton of Massachusetts has decided that China, which concealed the threat of the virus for over a month, isn't at fault. Instead, President Trump is to blame. In case you doubt him, Nancy Pelosi is here to back him up. She has gone so far as to accuse Trump of murder. In the meantime, governors in Washington, California, New Mexico, New York, Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts, all of whom are, by some strange coincidence, Democrats, are simultaneously releasing felons from prison and shutting down gun stores.

I don't know how those governors can be so sure the felons will only prey on Republicans, but they seem to be more than willing to take the chance.

Medical supplies to other nations

Lest anyone think that it's only the honchos at the WHO and those residing in state mansions who have taken leave of their senses, in the midst of these various shortages, our State Department has been shipping tons of medical supplies, including hospital gowns, gloves, masks and respirators, to Laos, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and, yes, even China.

Blaming China and evangelicals

Proving that even after hitting rock bottom, if one is willing to put in the effort and dig, there are even greater depths that can be reached.

Take the New York Times. Please.

On March 23rd, the paper carried the news that "it is foolish and malicious to hold the Chinese (or any people) responsible for the spread of the disease."

However, a week later, on March 30th, the Times saw the error of its ways. No, they didn't suddenly decide China was to blame, after all. Instead, they head-lined an editorial: "The road to coronavirus hell was paved by Evangelicals."

Delusional

Whenever I hear diplomats and other pinheads envision a world without war, I find myself wondering why people even bother imagining such an impossibility.

After all, if individuals can't be dissuaded from committing felonies, why would nations? If even the constant threat of arrest, imprisonment and even execution, doesn't prevent gangs from committing robbery, rape, extortion and murder, the notion that organizations like the League of Nations or the United Nations can prevent wars is delusional in the extreme.

Krugman misses the mark

When the Stock Market lost 10,000 points in about a week, the only happy American was the New York Times columnist Paul Krugman. One could easily imagine the Never Trumper clapping his hands and chortling: "See? I told you the Market would collapse after Trump was elected." "But, Paul, you said it would crash because he was elected, not because of a pandemic." "Don't bother me with inconsequential details. After all, who's the Nobel Prize-winning economist here—you or me?"



An article by Julia Thompson titled "If You're Traveling Between States, Here's Where You'll Have to Self-Quarantine" was posted at usatoday.com on April 16, 2020. Following is the article.

In the absence of federal domestic travel restrictions to stem the spread of the coronavirus, the governors of at least 40 states have stepped in issuing stay-at-home orders. And nearly 30 are discouraging interstate travel by announcing quarantine requirements or recommendations for travelers or people who live there traveling home from other states.

Alaska, Florida and Hawaii were the first states to institute state-to-state quarantine requirements for travelers, and many other states have followed suit.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a travel advisory on March 28 urging residents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to curtail nonessential travel in order to help limit the spread of the coronavirus from the area that has become the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak. The agency noted on its website that it "does not generally issue advisories or restrictions for travel within the United States."

Here's a breakdown of the states that have instituted quarantine orders or recommendations for travelers.

#### Alaska

In Alaska, travelers arriving at state airports will be required to fill out a mandatory State of Alaska Travel Declaration Form and identify their "designated quarantine location," which would be home for residents and a hotel room or rented lodging for visitors.

The state's order requires travelers to go straight to their quarantine location from the airport and remain there for 14 days, or for the duration of their stay if it's shorter.

On March 28, Gov. Mike Dunleavy expanded Alaska's stay-at-home order to travel within the state. Only workers who support critical infrastructure are exempted.

#### Arizona

Gov. Doug Ducey's executive order requires new arrivals from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to self-quarantine for 14 days or the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. They are not allowed to self-quarantine with any-one they did not travel with, including family and friends.

The order also requires every aviation and airport authority, the state police and public health personnel to help enforce it. The following essential workers are exempt: Airline employees, military personnel and medical, public health and infrastructure workers responding directly to the COVID-19 crisis.

# Arkansas

The Arkansas Department of Health has recommended 14 days of self-quarantine for travelers from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Orleans and all international locations.

# Connecticut

The state is urging any person coming into Connecticut by any mode of transportation to self-quarantine for 14 days.

#### Delaware

Delaware Gov. John Carney is ordering all out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days. It also applies to anyone who entered Delaware in the 14 days prior to March 30 but does not apply to travelers passing through the state.

The state of emergency modification authorizes Delaware law enforcement officers to stop vehicles with out-of-state plates.

Florida

Florida's executive order requires people arriving on flights from the New York tristate area—New York, New Jersey and Connecticut — to quarantine for 14 days or for the length of their visit if that time is shorter. The mandates make exceptions for airline employees, military, health and emergency personnel.

Gov. Ron DeSantis has issued a separate separate order directing people driving in from Louisiana to self-quarantine, too. Highway checkpoints have been set up.

Hawaii

Hawaii Gov. David Y. Ige's emergency proclamation mandates all visitors and residents arriving at airports in the state to self-quarantine for 14 days. A supplementary proclamation requires all residents and visitors traveling between any of the islands to do the same.

According to the state, travelers will be required to complete a Department of Agriculture Plants and Animals Declaration Form on their flight and present it to checkpoint staff after landing. The travelers must then go straight to the "designated quarantine location" that they identify on the form and remain there for 14 days or the length of their stay if it is shorter.

# Kansas

State health officials said residents who traveled to California, Florida, New York, Washington on or after March 15; Illinois or New Jersey on or after March 23; or Colorado and Louisiana on or after March 27 must self-quarantine for 14 days after returning to Kansas.

# Kentucky

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear's executive order directs residents not to travel to other states, with exceptions to go to work, shop for essential supplies, receive medical attention care for a minor, elderly or disabled person or when required by court order. Residents returning from another state must selfquarantine for 14 days.

#### Maine

Maine's executive order requires travelers to the state to self-quarantine for 14 days, regardless of their state of residency. The order also calls on visitors not to come to the state if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

## Maryland

Maryland's stay-at-home order notes that residents shouldn't travel out of state unless it's "absolutely necessary." People who have traveled outside of the state should self-quarantine for 14 days; those who don't could be jailed for up to one year or face up to a \$5,000 fine.

#### Massachusetts

All travelers to Massachusetts are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days, and visitors are urged not to travel to Massachusetts if they have coronavirus symptoms. Health care, public health, public safety, transportation and designated essential workers are exempt.

#### Montana

Gov. Steve Bullock directed residents returning to the state and non-work-related travelers arriving from another state or country to self-quarantine for 14 days. He also directed the Montana Department of Commerce to "advise vacation listing and rental sites that they must notify potential out-of-state renters about the quarantine requirement," according to a news release on his website.

The Montana National Guard has also been authorized to check travelers' temperatures at airports and rail stations.

#### Nebraska

The state's Department of Health and Human Services recommends returning international and domestic travelers from regions with widespread cases of coronavirus self-quarantine for 14 days.

#### Nevada

Gov. Steve Sisolak issued a travel advisory urging all Nevada residents and visitors to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving or returning. The advisory does not apply to health care, public health, public safety, transportation and food supply essential employees.

#### New Hampshire

Gov. Chris Sununu has asked visitors to New Hampshire to voluntarily selfquarantine if they are staying for an extended period of time.

#### New Mexico

The governor's order advises New Mexico residents to self-quarantine for at least 14 days after all out-of-state travel.

# North Dakota

The North Dakota Department of Health issued a quarantine order for people arriving to the state from abroad or other states to self-quarantine for 14 days, according to a questionnaire on the agency's website.

## Ohio

Ohio's stay-at-home order asks people entering the state to self-quarantine for 14 days, though it does not apply to people who live in Ohio but work or get essential services in another state.

## Oklahoma

Gov. Kevin Stitt's executive order requires people arriving on flights from the New York tri-state area (New York, New Jersey and Connecticut), Washington state, California or Louisiana to quarantine for 14 days. Airline personnel, military, health care and emergency workers are exempt.

#### Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recommends travelers returning to the state from New York, New Jersey or other states with a high concentration of COVID-19 cases to self-quarantine.

#### Rhode Island

An Army National Guard soldier waits to inform those arriving at an airport in Warwick, Rhode Island, on March 30, 2020, of an order for all travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Rhode Island's executive order requires a 14-day self-quarantine for any person traveling in from any other state. It does not apply to public health, public safety or health care workers. The previous order that singled out those coming from New York was repealed after Rhode Island authorities were criticized for stopping cars with New York license plates and going door-to-door searching for New York travelers.

#### South Carolina

South Carolina's executive order requires people who enter the state from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut or New Orleans to self-quarantine for 14 days. Airline and military personnel, health care workers and emergency responders are exempt.

#### Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott ordered travelers arriving from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut or New Orleans to self-quarantine for 14 days. He later added California, Louisiana, Washington state, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroitand Miami. Highway checkpoints are set up to collect a form from Louisiana drivers at the states' shared border. Military personnel are exempt along with health care, emergency or critical-infrastructure workers.

#### Vermont

Vermont's executive order requires anyone, resident or not, traveling into Vermont "for anything other than an essential purpose" to self-quarantine for 14 days. Essential purposes include personal safety: grocery shopping, giving or receiving medical care and for work. The governor advised anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms from coming to Vermont, along with people from the following states and cities: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Detroit and Chicago.

#### Virginia

The Virginia Department of Health is asking residents who have traveled internationally, on a cruise ship or river boat or to a U.S. area where coronavirus is widespread to self-quarantine for 14 days.

#### West Virginia

West Virginia's executive order requires anyone traveling from New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, Italy or China to isolate for 14 days. Exemptions are made for people who commute into or out of the state for work, military personnel and emergency and health care workers.

#### Wisconsin

The state's Department of Health Services recommends Wisconsin residents cancel or postpone all nonessential travel, and if it can't be avoided, to selfquarantine for 14 days upon returning to the state. Travel to seasonal homes or rental cabins in the states is "strongly discouraged."

#### Wyoming

The governor's directive advises people coming or returning to Wyoming from another state or country for any reason other than work to self-quarantine for 14 days.

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

#### Deficit

■ An article by Jon Hilsenrath titled "Coronavirus Crisis Legacy: Mountains of Debt" was posted at wsj.com on April 9, 2020.

■ An article by Maggie Severns and Victoria Guida titled "Recovery Law Allows Fed to Rope Off Public As It Spends Billions" was posted at politico.com on April 9, 2020.

■ An article by Sean Williams titled "Social Security May 'Lose' More Than \$100 Billion in 2020 to the Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at yahoo.com on April 17, 2020.

# Finances

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Dem Proposal Gives Americans \$2K a Month Until Pre-COVID-19 Employment Levels" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Graham Rapier titled "People Are Slamming Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin for Appearing to Suggest the \$1,200 Coronavirus Stimulus Payments Could Last People 10 Weeks" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Charles Davis titled "California Governor Newsom Is Making Large Grocery, Food-Delivery and Farming Companies Provide 2 Weeks of COVID-19 Sick Pay" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Etienne Hardre titled "The Federal Stimulus Is Helping Individuals, But It's Killing My Small Business" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Ben Winck titled "Mark Cuban Says Banks Are Leaving Small Businesses 'Out in the Cold' by Acting Too Slowly With Emergency Loans" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Tim Baysinger titled "ESPN Asks Top Sports Commentators to Take 15% Pay Cut" was posted at thewrap.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Andrew Keshner titled "State Farm and Other Car Insurance Companies Are Giving Refunds Because of Coronavirus" was posted at marketwatch.com on April 14, 2020.

■ An article by Kristin Salaky titled "Some Grocery Stores Are Closing to Customers and Converting Into 'Dark Stores' for Delivery Orders Only" was posted at delish.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Mary Hanbury titled "Jeff Bezos Boasts in Letter to Shareholders That 40 Million Americans Make Less Than Any Amazon Employee" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 16, 2020.

# Coronavirus and civil liberties

■ An article by Michael Birnbaum and Terrence McCoy titled "As Leaders Seize Powers to Fight Coronavirus, Fear Grows for Democracy" was posted at washingtonpost.com on April 12, 2020.

■ An article titled "Judge Andrew Napolitano on Coronavirus Restrictions: We Are Witnessing the Slow Death of Civil Liberties" was posted at foxnews.com on April 13, 2020.

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■ An article by David Harsanyl titled "Coronavirus Authoritarianism Is Getting Out of Hand" was posted at townhall.com on April 17, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Cuomo Says His Wear-a-Mask Mandate 'Balances Individual Liberties With a Social Conscience' " was posted at cnsnews. com on April 17, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "S.D. Governor [Republican Kristi Noem] Warns About Power-Grabbing Leaders: 'That's How We Lose Our Country' " was posted at cnsnews.com on April 17, 2020.

■ An article by Terry Paulson titled "Let Our People Go" was posted at townhall.com on April 17, 2020.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump: 29 States Will Be Able to Open 'Relatively Soon' " was posted at cnsnews.com on April 16, 2020.

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# Various reactions to coronavirus

■ An article by Charles Rabin and Aaron Leibowitz titled "Everyone on Exclusive Fisher Island, Even the Staff, Can Get Tested for Coronavirus" was posted at miamiherald.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Tanner Brown titled "U.S. Public Opinion Toward China Is at An All-Time Low, and It's Not Solely About the Coronavirus" was posted at marketwatch.com on April 14, 2020.

■ An article by Quentin Fottrell titled "30% of Americans Say Coronavirus Was Made in a Lab, Despite Evidence to the Contrary, Pew Survey Finds" was posted at marketwatch.com on April 15, 2020.

■ An article by Cassandra Stone titled "Universities Consider Cancelling In-Person Classes Until 2021" was posted at yahoo.com on April 15, 2020.

■ An article by Jason Guerrasio titled "Movie Theaters Are Desperately Trying to Reopen; When It Happens, You Won't Be Sitting Near Anyone for a While" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 16, 2020.

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■ An article by Joy Pullmann titled "Indiana Governor to Churches: Worship As I Say Or Be Shut Down" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 10, 2020.

■ An article by Matt Kittle titled "After Outcry, Wisconsin Governor Reverses Ban on Outdoor Church Services" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 11, 2020.

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■ An article by Connor Perrett titled "Police in Kentucky Recorded the License Plates of 50 People Who Broke Social Distancing to Attend on Easter Sunday Service" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 12, 2020.

■ An article by Kelly McLaughlin titled "Easter Sunday Churchgoers in Kentucky Are Refusing to Observe a Police-Mandated Self-Quarantine After Violating Social Distancing Guidelines" was posted at businessinsider.com on April 13, 2020.

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■ An article by Scott D. Cosenza titled "Virginia Gun Control; Northam Signs Sweeping Laws" was posted at libertynation.com on April 11, 2020.

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■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "GOP Lawmakers Demand Answers From WHO Leader [Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus] Over 'Role in China's Coronavirus Propaganda Campaign' " was posted at townhall.com on April 10, 2020.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "GOP Lawmakers Condition: WHO Funding [Depends] on Resignation of It's China-Praising Director" was posted at cnsnews.com on April 17, 2020.

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■ An article by Gregory Krieg, Ryan Nobles and Annie Grayer titled "Bernie Sanders Drops Out of the 2020 Race, Clearing Joe Biden's Path to the Democratic Nomination" was posted at cnn.com on April 8, 2020.

■ An article by Brendan Morrow titled "Biden Tells Sanders in Endorsement Live Stream, 'You Don't Get Enough Credit, Bernie' " was posted at theweek.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Rachel M. Cohen titled "Bernie Sanders Is Staying on the Ballot to Get More Delegates, But He and His Supporters Aren't Investing Much in That Effort" was posted at theintercept.com on April 17, 2020.

■ An article by Ellie Bufkin titled "Biden Follows Hillary 's Lead, Slams Trump Supporters As Racists" was posted at townhall.com on April 16, 2020.

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■ Looking back to March, an article by Leah Barkoukis titled "CBS Caught Using Footage of Italian ER During Coverage of Wuhan Coronavirus in NYC" was posted at townhall.com on March 30, 2020.

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "CBS News Re-Airs Misleading Italian Hospital Footage for Wuhan Coronavirus Story [Identified As New York City]" was posted at townhall.com on April 9, 2020.

■ An article by Liz Harrington titled "They Could Have Seen What Was Coming, But the Media's Bias Gets in Their Way" was posted at townhall.com on April 16, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Woke [PBS] Reporter [Yamiche Alcindor] Accuses Black Surgeon General of Racism" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 10, 2020.

■ An article by Julia Musto titled "Donald Trump Jr: The Media Will Never Give My Father the Benefit of the Doubt" was posted at foxnews.com on April 14, 2020.

■ An article by Justin Baragona titled "Fox News Contributor [Bill Bennett] Compares Coronavirus to the Flu, Claims It's 'Not a Pandemic' " was posted at thedailybeast.com on April 13, 2020.

■ An article by Josephine Harvey titled "Fox News Host [Martha MacCallum] Blasts 'Incorrect' Coronavirus Models, Claims Reopening Is 'Key' " was posted at huffpost.com on April 15, 2020.

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# General interest

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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."