# Eye on the World July 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 (with a letter from Missouri Senator Josh Hawley) titled "Senator Hawley Blasts NBA for Kowtowing to Beijing & Refusing to Support U.S. Military and Law Enforcement" was posted at hawley.senate.gov on July 10, 2020. Following is the article with the letter.

Today Senator Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) is sending a letter to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver blasting the league's apparent decision to strictly limit messages players can wear on their jerseys to a few pre-approved, social justice slogans while censoring support for law enforcement officers or the military and any criticism of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

Senator Hawley writes that, as the NBA is now sanctioning political messages, they must stand up for American values and make clear where they stand on China's human rights abuses.

Senator Hawley writes, "The truth is that your decisions about which messages to allow and which to censor—much like the censorship decisions of the CCP—are themselves statements about your association's values. If I am right—if the NBA is more committed to promoting the CCP's interests than to celebrating its home nation—your fans deserve to know that is your view. If not, prove me wrong. Let your players stand up for the Uighurs and the people of Hong Kong. Let them stand up for American law enforcement if they so choose. Give them

the choice to write 'Back the Blue' on their jerseys. Or 'Support our Troops.' Maybe 'God Bless America.' What could be more American than that?"

In October 2019, Senator Hawley sent a letter to Commissioner Silver criticizing the league's decision to side with the CCP over pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong. Commissioner Silver recently described the incident as "a bump in the road" in the NBA's relationship with the Chinese government and said he hopes to "find mutual respect" with the CCP.

Senator Hawley requests that Commissioner Silver clarify whether the NBA will censor players who choose a message in support of victims of the CCP, how they plan to respond to potential CCP retaliation, and whether they will allow players to display messages in support of the U.S. military and law enforcement.

Read the full letter below.

July 10, 2020 Adam Silver Commissioner National Basketball Association 645 5th Avenue New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Silver,

On July 3, the National Basketball Association (NBA) came to an agreement with the NBA players union allowing players to wear certain social and political messages on their jerseys, almost all aligned with the message of recent anti-police protests.

Conspicuously missing from the list of approved phrases are any in support of the victims of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), including the people of Hong Kong, whose remaining freedoms are being extinguished by the CCP's newly-enacted national security law.

Given the NBA's troubled history of excusing and apologizing for the brutal repression of the Chinese Communist regime, these omissions are striking. Last October, you no doubt recall, you chose to apologize to the CCP after Daryl Morey, General Manager of the Houston Rockets, spoke up on behalf of the Hong Kong protesters.

Following that shameful display, I encouraged you to reverse course.

Instead, you have spent the intervening months deepening the NBA's ties to the CCP. Just last week, you described the October incident as "a bump in the road" in the NBA's relationship with the Chinese government. You went on to say that you understand that the CCP has "a different view of . . . how things should be done," and that you hope the NBA and the CCP will be able to "find mutual respect for each other."

What offensive nonsense. No amount of profit can justify collaborating with a regime for which violent suppression and enslavement are routine tools of governance.

The league's new policy suggests a newfound commitment to enhanced employee expression. But that free expression appears to stop at the edge of

your corporate sponsors' sensibilities. And for woke capital today, profits from the Chinese market are more popular than patriotism.

The truth is that your decisions about which messages to allow and which to censor—much like the censorship decisions of the CCP—are themselves statements about your association's values.

If I am right—if the NBA is more committed to promoting the CCP's interests than to celebrating its home nation—your fans deserve to know that is your view.

If not, prove me wrong.

Let your players stand up for the Uighurs and the people of Hong Kong.

Let them stand up for American law enforcement if they so choose.

Give them the choice to write "Back the Blue" on their jerseys. Or "Support our Troops." Maybe "God Bless America." What could be more American than that?

With your new policy, you have crossed the line of sanctioning specific political messages. There is no avoiding the work of clarifying the association's values now. This is a time for you to make clear what your league believes about human rights and about the nation that is your home. Your silence on these questions speaks volumes.

With that in mind, I request your response to the following questions by July 29, 2020.

- Is the NBA prepared to allow its players to wear phrases in support of the United States, the American military, and U.S. law enforcement personnel, such as "God Bless America," "Support Our Troops," or "Back the Blue"? Will it censor players wearing such messages on their jerseys?
- Are public reports correct that the list of phrases approved for display on NBA players' jerseys does not include messages in support of victims of the Chinese Communist Party?
- If a player chooses to display a message of support for victims of the Chinese Community Party on their jersey, will the NBA allow the player to wear their jersey or will it censor that player in order to avoid drawing Beijing's ire?
- How does the NBA plan to defend NBA players and employees against retaliation by the Chinese Communist Party if they choose to speak out against the Party's actions in Hong Kong, Xinjiang, or elsewhere?
- Is the NBA prepared to publicly condemn any attempt by the Chinese Communist Party to silence or punish these individuals?

I look forward to your answers. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely, Josh Hawley United States Senator



"Eye on the World" comment: Following are some headlines about the letter from Senator Josh Hawley to the NBA on July 10. (For the record—We used Google in an attempt to find an article from CNN and MSNBC, but we were unsuccessful. Either those media outlets didn't write about it, or Google blocked our attempt to see what they wrote.)

- An article by Scott Gleeson titled "Sen. Josh Hawley Calls on NBA to Put 'Support Troops' and 'Back the Blue' on Jerseys" was posted at usatoday.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Alex Reimer titled "Sen. Josh Hawley's Letter Criticizing NBA Seems Like Nothing More Than a PR Stunt" was posted at forbes.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Jack Brewster titled "Sen. Josh Hawley Attacks NBA for Protests Policies, Igniting Profane Response From ESPN Reporter [Adrian Wojnarowski]" was posted at forbes.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "ESPN Makes 'Woj Bomb' [Adrian Wojnarowski] Apologize for F-Bomb to Josh Hawley" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Broderick Turner titled "Doc Rivers Challenges Sen. Josh Hawley Over Criticism [of NBA] As Clippers Stand Together" was posted at latimes.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Jack Baer titled "Report: ESPN Suspends Adrian Wojnarowski for Emailing 'F\*\*\* You' to Senator Josh Hawley" was posted at yahoosports. com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Ariel Zilber and Lauren Edmonds titled "'Free Woj!' LeBron James and Other Hoop Stars Declare Their Support for Adrian Wojnarowski After ESPN Suspended Its NBA Reporter Without Pay for a Profane Email Response to GOP Senator Josh Hawley" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Jonah Gottschalk titled "NBA Bans Custom Jerseys With 'Free Hong Kong,' But Allows 'Burn Jews' and 'KillCops' " was posted at thefederalist.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Jack Beyrer titled "NBA Retracts Store Jersey Policy, Will Allow 'Free Hong Kong' " was posted at freebeacon.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Nelson titled "Josh Hawley's Message to ESPN: Don't Apologize, Ask NBA Tough Questions About China" was posted at foxnews.com on July 14, 2020.

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An article by Tim Jones titled "The Individual Versus the Collective" was posted at americanthinker.com on July 15, 2020. Following is the article.

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Once you give the government the power to elevate one group over another, regardless of the reason, you are one step closer to dictatorship.

This is why the left focuses only on the rights of the collective that's always based on and enforced by the power of the state, whereas the right focuses only on the rights of the individual that's always based on "the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness" of each individual citizen.

Once the precedent is used to lift one group over another, that power can then be used in the future to marginalize, criminalize, and persecute whatever group government deems a threat to its prevailing ideology and why it's so dangerous.

#### **Hitler and Stalin**

Two of the easiest examples that can be cited are that of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin.

- Hitler was quite open about his determination to make the Aryan race preeminent not just in German society but throughout the world as well. And it was the Jews who became the primary outcasts at the start of his quest for world domination, or the "Thousand-Year Reich," as he called it. The extermination of an entire group of people was just the beginning of his long-term plan.
- Then there was Stalin. Although operating from a different political ideology, Russian communism really was no different than Nazi fascism. The USSR was founded by Lenin on the premises of Marxism, also an ideology that believed its historical destiny was to dominate the world, with the revolutionary vanguard leading the proletariat.

And like Hitler's concentration camps, Stalin implemented his vast prison system knows as the Gulag Archipelago, where millions were interred and perished. Along with the gulags, Stalin also implemented a systematic state-sponsored extermination plan in which tens of millions of Russian peasants, also known as kulaks, were exterminated through starvation in the name of Soviet-style economic rationalism.

■ In both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, individualism was extinguished in the name of securing the utopian future of the collective.

#### All three rooted in reason

What many don't realize is that both fascism and communism, along with democratic principles, are all rooted in reason. All three are essentially branches of the same tree that grew out of the Enlightenment.

It gave the world both reason and rationalism that was the basis for modern society because it was the new pathway to truth that tells us everything we need to know about the world and how it all works.

Nazi Germany ("NaZi" was an abbreviation for Nationalsozialismus) and the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) both had modern industrial econ-

omies as did the United States where all three of them developed and grew out of scientific rationalism.

## **Morality from a Creator God**

The problem developed between the three ideologies when reason became the only tool for obtaining truth while dispensing with a built-in standard of universal morality.

Therefore, reason was easily manipulated as a tool for validating and promoting an existing ideology rather than a transcendent truth that most people believe came from God our Creator.

Without an attendant morality and virtue attached to reason, it becomes just an amoral and corruptible tool in social experimentation.

## Rights of the individual

There must be first principles where all morality and virtue originate and are universally accepted by everyone in order to construct a civil and just society.

- The Founding Fathers did exactly that in creating a country based on the writings and ideas from some of the Enlightenment thinkers, primarily Locke and Montesquieu, whose philosophies emphasized individual freedom.
- But the Founding Fathers also included the all-important biblical morality without which the Constitution as they wrote it would probably not have been the same. In the Constitution, the rights of the individual were elevated so they would never by subject to arbitrary or capricious power of the state, which is exactly what identity politics does and that the new social justice movement is advocating.

Since the emergence of the modern state, there has been a long and winding road leading to the consolidation of governmental power at the expense of the individual and this is why the American experiment in freedom is in peril as the collective gets artificially elevated at the expense of individualism that was organically built into the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

#### Difference of checks and balances

The United States is really not that different from Hitler's Germany or Stalin's Russia.

The big difference is that the United States has a large number of built-in checks and balances against the consolidation of power by the state that in turn protects individual freedom.

They have been steadily eroded in the last one hundred years by progressive forces manipulating and distorting the meaning of the Constitution in the name of the "greater good" rather than the individual.

And this is leading to the same destination as those two totalitarian regimes.



A Reuters article by Suleiman Al-Khalidi titled "Jordan King [Abdullah] Warns That Israel's Annexation Plans Jeopardize Regional Peace" was posted at reuters. com on July 13, 2020. Following is the article.

Jordan's King Abdullah warned on Monday that any unilateral Israeli moves to annex territory in the occupied West Bank would fuel instability and dim hopes of a final settlement of the decades-old Arab-Israeli conflict.

The monarch told British lawmakers the only path to a comprehensive and lasting Middle East peace was the establishment of an independent Palestinian state based on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war, and with East Jerusalem as its capital.

"Any unilateral Israeli measure to annex lands in the West Bank is unacceptable, as it would undermine the prospects of achieving peace and stability in the Middle East," the monarch was quoted in a palace statement as telling British foreign and defense parliamentary committee members in a virtual meeting.

Jordan has led a diplomatic campaign along with most other European countries that opposes Israeli plans that envisage annexing parts of the occupied West Bank as part of a deal being promoted by U.S. President Donald Trump's administration.

King Abdullah, a staunch U.S. ally, has also in recent months warned that Israeli policies along with Trump's peace plan would lead to conflict and deal a blow to Israeli-Jordanian relations.

Amman lost the West Bank including East Jerusalem to Israel during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Jordan is the second Arab country after Egypt to sign a peace treaty with Israel and many of its more than 7 million citizens are of Palestinian origin.



"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 Mitch Prothero titled "Israel Keeps Blowing Up Military Targets in Iran, Hoping to Force a Confrontation Before Trump Could Be Voted Out in November, Sources Say" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 16, 2020.
- An article by Jimmy Quinn titled "In Hong Kong Security Law, China Asserts Legal Jurisdiction Over the Entire World" was posted at national review.com on July 10, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Jessie Pang and James Pomfret titled "Over 600,000 Hong Kongers Cast 'Protest' Vote Against New Security Laws" was posted at reuters.com on July 12, 2020.

- A Reuters article by Jessie Pang and James Pomfret titled "Hong Kong Leader Says Pro-Democracy 'Protest' Vote Might Have Violated New Security Laws" was posted at reuters.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Anna Mikhailova titled "Around 200,000 Hong Kong Citizens Set to Move to UK After Citizenship Offer, Foreign Office Says" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Foreign Staff titled "Hong Kong Pro-Democracy Activist Nathan Law Relocates to UK" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 14, 2020.
- An article titled "China to Sanction U.S. Senators [Marco] Rubio, [Ted] Cruz [As a Symbolic Gesture] Over [US Criticism About Treatment of Ethnic Minorities in] Xinjiang" was posted at bloomberg.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Jovana Gee and Dusan Stojanovic titled "Serbia Police Detain 71 After 4th Night of Virus Protests" was posted at apnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Alice Cachia titled "Victim Is Burned to Death in Savage Church Hostage Massacre: 30 Gunmen Storm South African Place of Worship and Leave 5 Dead After 'Feud Between Warring Christian Religious Factions' "was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Laurence Benhamou and Joseph Schmid titled "France Will Require Face Masks Indoors As Virus Picks Up" was posted at afp.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Jim Waterson titled "Guardian Announces Plans to Cut 180 Jobs" was posted at the quardian.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Paul Rincon titled "Nuclear Blast Sends Star Hurtling Across Galaxy" was posted at bbc.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article titled "Bayer to Pay Up to \$10.9 Billion US to Settle Roundup Lawsuits" was posted at myroundupinjury.com.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "Mask Mandates Are a Public Health Menace" was posted at creators.com on July 15, 2020. Following is the article.

Jared Polis, the Democratic governor of Colorado, thinks those of us who oppose scientifically dubious, constitutionally suspect and dangerously overbroad face mask mandates are "selfish bastards."

I think Polis is a pandering pandemic control freak endangering public health, safety, and sanity.

There. Now that the name-calling is out of the way, let's talk facts.

Contracting COVID can be fatal or debilitating for the elderly, immune-compromised and physically challenged. But there is no catastrophic public health emer-

gency justifying sweeping government orders and ordinances that would force healthy citizens to wear masks in an increasingly oppressive climate of manufactured fear—completely untethered from pragmatic realities and risk assessments.

According to the federal government's own COVID-19 data, 120,675 deaths in America have been tied to the virus.

Tracked weekly by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, fatalities peaked on April 18, 2020, with 16,897 succumbing to the disease.

(Keep in mind that many medical whistleblowers have reported that these statistics are inflated by including "COVID"-related deaths uncorroborated by lab results and also by including patients who died with COVID infections, but not necessarily from the virus itself.)

In the 12 weeks since April 18, as states have reopened and protests (or riots) of all kinds have brought tens of thousands of people in close contact, deaths have fallen precipitously.

For the week of July 11, 2020, guess how many deaths were attributed to the virus? 181.

The total number of deaths for school-age children between February-July 2020 are 9 (under 1 year of age); 7 (ages 1-4); 14 (age 5-14); and 149 (ages 15-24).

All deaths are tragic, of course.

But we haven't banned cars, bikes, swimming pools, aspirin, plastic bags or matches to prevent the tens of thousands of school-age deaths that occur each year due to unintentional accidents involving these items.

We don't mandate that all kids wear life vests at bath time because nearly 100 children die in a tub yearly.

We don't mandate that all pet owners muzzle their dogs at all times because someone, somewhere, might be attacked upon exposure to Fido.

In a CNN interview this week, infection disease bureaucrat Dr. Anthony Fauci asserted that "I think you can trust me" and other "experts" as nationwide mask mania escalates.

Does he think we all have amnesia? This is the same joker who just four months ago told CBS News, "There's no reason to be walking around with a mask."

His fellow experts in the federal public health-industrial complex dismissed surgical masks as inadequate protection from small airborne particles and warned that they did not form adequate seals around the face. And remember this?

"Seriously people—STOP BUYING MASKS! They are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching #Coronavirus..."

That was our surgeon general, Dr. Jerome Adams, in February.

Or how about this: "There's not much we can do, so we're all walking around feeling rather victimized by this virus. By using a mask, even if it doesn't do a lot, it moves the locus of control to you, away from the virus."

That was Dr. William Schaffner, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University, quoted in Time magazine in March.

Or how about this from the same article: "Even if experts are saying it's really not going to make a difference, a little (part of) people's brains is thinking, well, it's not going to hurt. Maybe it'll cut my risk just a little bit, so it's worth it to wear a mask,' she says. In that sense, wearing a mask is a 'superstitious behavior'. . ."

That was Lynn Bufka, a clinical psychologist and senior director for practice, research and policy at the American Psychological Association.

Reviewing the scientific literature in her upcoming book, "The Case Against Masks" with Kent Heckenlively, former federal research scientist Dr. Judy Mikovits summarizes: "The more effective a mask is at blocking normal air flow, the greater the problem with decreased oxygen and increased carbon dioxide a person is likely to have. The less effective a mask is at blocking normal airflow, the less of a case can be made for using it. And we haven't really dealt with what seems to be the main way that the virus spreads, through coughing and sneezing which spreads respiratory droplets."

Watching young, healthy people jogging or hiking on isolated trails in mid-July around Colorado Springs in cloth and surgical masks drives me nuts. They're not protecting anyone else and are likely making themselves sick.

In what sane world is breathing through moist bacteria traps and cutting yourself off from vitally needed oxygen a public health virtue?

Vulnerable kids especially are being lied to by panic-mongers and exploited as human shields. Meanwhile, a recent journal article in the New England Journal of Medicine acknowledges: "The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is . . . minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic."

The evidence does not support broad mask mandates. Yet, now we free-thinkers and free-breathers face jail time and witch hunts for dissenting.

It's all about politics, power, and control. "Selfish bastards" who promote superstitious costumery as science threaten us all.



An article titled "Social Justice Nonprofits Pay \$1.4 Million in Bonds for [Four] Protesters" was posted at usnews.com on July 10, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Oklahoma City's local Black Lives Matter chapter posted a total of \$1.4 million in cash bonds to release four protesters from jail who were arrested and charged with various crimes during demonstrations against police brutality and racism.

With help from the National Bail Fund Network, Black Lives Matter paid a \$750,000 bond to release Eric Christopher Ruffin on Thursday.

Ruffin, 26, is charged with violating Oklahoma's Anti-Terrorism Act for encouraging people to burn an Oklahoma County sheriff's van and an Oklahoma City bail bonds business on May 30. He denies wrongdoing.

Adam Warner Hayhurst, Desha Lee Dixon and James Lovell Holt, who are charged with rioting, were also released Thursday. The trio is accused of violent acts during racial justice protests on May 31.

The individual bail for Hayhurst and Dixon separately was \$300,000, while Holt's was \$50,000, reduced from \$300,000.

The nonprofit National Bail Fund Network contributed significantly to the bonds Black Lives Matter in Oklahoma City paid to bail out the protesters.

"This is what we do. The National Bail Fund Network makes sure there's support for community bail funds across the country," Director Pilar Weiss told The Oklahoman.

The nonprofit has had a flood of donations since the May 25 killing of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man who died pleading for air after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes. Floyd's death catalyzed national and global protests against systematic racism and police brutality against Black people.

Judge Ray C. Elliott required Holt to follow a daily curfew and to wear an ankle monitor. Holt, 31, is accused of throwing rocks at a museum door at the Oklahoma City National Memorial on May 31.

Another protester, 21-year-old Isael Antonio Ortiz, remains in jail on terrorism charges with bail set at \$1 million.

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An article by Beth Baumann titled "NYC's Black Lives Matter Mural Was Defaced; How De Blasio Handled It Is Ironic" was posted at townhall.com on July 13, 2020. Following is the article.

On Monday, a man decided to dump red paint on the Black Lives Matter mural outside of Trump Tower in New York City. He dumped a can of paint and ran away once he realized people were recording him.

By early afternoon, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio (D) sent the NYC Department of Transportation department to repaint the mural.

"When we say 'Black Lives Matter,' there is no more American statement, there is no more patriotic statement because there is no America without Black America," de Blasio said in a statement. "We are acknowledging the truth of ourselves as Americans by saying 'Black Lives Matter.' We are righting a wrong."

According to WABC-TV, authorities have reviewed security footage and are currently on the lookout for the perpetrator. Anyone with information is asked to call the NYPD.

What's ironic about this entire scenario?

Black Lives Matter has advocated for "defunding the police," which they say means reallocating resources from the police to social workers. It essentially means getting rid of law enforcement.

But who is investigating and looking for the perp? That's right. The police.

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An article by Elizabeth Nolan Brown titled "Telemedicine Abortion Gets Green Light From Federal Court" was posted at reason.com on July 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

A federal court ruled Monday that women seeking abortion pills during the COVID-19 pandemic should not have to visit a doctor in order to obtain them.

Under current rules set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), non-surgical abortion—i.e., the kind that's induced by pharmaceuticals, not physicians—still requires patients to visit a hospital, doctor's office, or medical clinic to be prescribed the abortion drugs, even though a patient will go through the process at home.

"A medical or medication abortion uses two drugs to terminate a pregnancy," explains a new report, "Prescription Denied: Accessing the Abortion Pill," from Newsy. The first of these pills, mifepristone, "blocks a hormone to induce the abortion. The second drug, misoprostol, completes it by expelling the pregnancy. But mifepristone, which for medication abortion goes by the brand name Mifeprex, is among the most restricted drugs in the U.S. which makes it challenging to get . . . The Food and Drug Administration imposes tighter restrictions on Mifeprex than on opioids such as fentanyl."

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the National Women's Health Network (NWHN), and other groups have been pushing the FDA to revise its rules so that abortion patients can see doctors via telemedical appointments and then receive their pills in the mail.

"If the laws and regulations that determine the terms of abortion access in the United States were based on science-not politics-medication abortion would be widely available in the United States without medically unnecessary restrictions on distribution," states an open letter signed by a range of physicians and health and advocacy groups.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang seemed to be in agreement with these advocates and doctors, writing in his decision that "in-person requirements" for abortion pills present a "substantial obstacle" to patients and are likely unconstitutional.

The judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of the FDA's rules on mifepristone for abortions until at least 30 days after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to our current public health emergency.

"We look forward to a day when federal reproductive health care policy is grounded in science, not animus, and this medically baseless requirement is lifted once and for all," said Julia Kaye, a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) Reproductive Freedom Project, in a statement.

The lawsuit challenging the FDA's rules on abortion drugs was filed by the ACLU on behalf of the AGOC and other groups.

The Monday ruling "represents a victory for patients, who should not have to face the additional burden of increased COVID-19 exposure as a condition of receiving their prescribed mifepristone," said ACOG President Eva Chalas in a statement. "It also represents a victory for the dedicated clinicians who are working to provide needed care without unnecessary exposure of patients, their families and the members of the healthcare team, to the novel coronavirus."



A resignation letter from the New York Times by [op-ed and book-review editor] Bari Weiss was posted at bariweiss.com on July 14, 2020. Following is the letter.

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Dear A.G. [Sulzberger],

It is with sadness that I write to tell you that I am resigning from *The New York Times*.

I joined the paper with gratitude and optimism three years ago. I was hired with the goal of bringing in voices that would not otherwise appear in your pages: first-time writers, centrists, conservatives and others who would not naturally think of *The Times* as their home.

The reason for this effort was clear: The paper's failure to anticipate the outcome of the 2016 election meant that it didn't have a firm grasp of the country it covers. Dean Baquet and others have admitted as much on various occasions. The priority in Opinion was to help redress that critical shortcoming.

I was honored to be part of that effort, led by James Bennet. I am proud of my work as a writer and as an editor. Among those I helped bring to our pages: the Venezuelan dissident Wuilly Arteaga; the Iranian chess champion Dorsa Derakhshani; and the Hong Kong Christian democrat Derek Lam. Also: Ayaan Hirsi Ali, Masih Alinejad, Zaina Arafat, Elna Baker, Rachael Denhollander, Matti Friedman, Nick Gillespie, Heather Heying, Randall Kennedy, Julius Krein, Monica Lewinsky, Glenn Loury, Jesse Singal, Ali Soufan, Chloe Valdary, Thomas Chatterton Williams, Wesley Yang, and many others.

But the lessons that ought to have followed the election—lessons about the importance of understanding other Americans, the necessity of resisting trib-

alism, and the centrality of the free exchange of ideas to a democratic society—have not been learned.

Instead, a new consensus has emerged in the press, but perhaps especially at this paper: that truth isn't a process of collective discovery, but an orthodoxy already known to an enlightened few whose job is to inform everyone else.

Twitter is not on the masthead of *The New York Times*. But Twitter has become its ultimate editor.

As the ethics and mores of that platform have become those of the paper, the paper itself has increasingly become a kind of performance space. Stories are chosen and told in a way to satisfy the narrowest of audiences, rather than to allow a curious public to read about the world and then draw their own conclusions.

I was always taught that journalists were charged with writing the first rough draft of history. Now, history itself is one more ephemeral thing molded to fit the needs of a predetermined narrative.

My own forays into Wrongthink have made me the subject of constant bullying by colleagues who disagree with my views. They have called me a Nazi and a racist; I have learned to brush off comments about how I'm "writing about the Jews again."

Several colleagues perceived to be friendly with me were badgered by coworkers. My work and my character are openly demeaned on company-wide Slack channels where masthead editors regularly weigh in. There, some coworkers insist I need to be rooted out if this company is to be a truly "inclusive" one, while others post ax emojis next to my name. Still other *New York Times* employees publicly smear me as a liar and a bigot on Twitter with no fear that harassing me will be met with appropriate action. They never are.

There are terms for all of this: unlawful discrimination, hostile work environment, and constructive discharge. I'm no legal expert. But I know that this is wrong.

I do not understand how you have allowed this kind of behavior to go on inside your company in full view of the paper's entire staff and the public. And I certainly can't square how you and other *Times* leaders have stood by while simultaneously praising me in private for my courage. Showing up for work as a centrist at an American newspaper should not require bravery.

Part of me wishes I could say that my experience was unique. But the truth is that intellectual curiosity—let alone risk-taking—is now a liability at *The Times*. Why edit something challenging to our readers, or write something bold only to go through the numbing process of making it ideologically kosher, when we can assure ourselves of job security (and clicks) by publishing our 4000th op-ed arguing that Donald Trump is a unique danger to the country and the world? And so self-censorship has become the norm.

What rules that remain at *The Times* are applied with extreme selectivity. If a person's ideology is in keeping with the new orthodoxy, they and their work remain unscrutinized. Everyone else lives in fear of the digital thunderdome. Online venom is excused so long as it is directed at the proper targets.

Op-eds that would have easily been published just two years ago would now get an editor or a writer in serious trouble, if not fired. If a piece is perceived as likely to inspire backlash internally or on social media, the editor or writer avoids pitching it. If she feels strongly enough to suggest it, she is quickly steered to safer ground. And if, every now and then, she succeeds in getting a piece published that does not explicitly promote progressive causes, it happens only after every line is carefully massaged, negotiated and caveated.

It took the paper two days and two jobs to say that the Tom Cotton op-ed "fell short of our standards." We attached an editor's note on a travel story about Jaffa shortly after it was published because it "failed to touch on important aspects of Jaffa's makeup and its history." But there is still none appended to Cheryl Strayed's fawning interview with the writer Alice Walker, a proud anti-Semite who believes in lizard Illuminati.

The paper of record is, more and more, the record of those living in a distant galaxy, one whose concerns are profoundly removed from the lives of most people. This is a galaxy in which, to choose just a few recent examples, the Soviet space program is lauded for its "diversity"; the doxxing of teenagers in the name of justice is condoned; and the worst caste systems in human history includes the United States alongside Nazi Germany.

Even now, I am confident that most people at *The Times* do not hold these views. Yet they are cowed by those who do. Why? Perhaps because they believe the ultimate goal is righteous. Perhaps because they believe that they will be granted protection if they nod along as the coin of our realm—language—is degraded in service to an ever-shifting laundry list of right causes. Perhaps because there are millions of unemployed people in this country and they feel lucky to have a job in a contracting industry.

Or perhaps it is because they know that, nowadays, standing up for principle at the paper does not win plaudits. It puts a target on your back. Too wise to post on Slack, they write to me privately about the "new McCarthyism" that has taken root at the paper of record.

All this bodes ill, especially for independent-minded young writers and editors paying close attention to what they'll have to do to advance in their careers.

Rule One: Speak your mind at your own peril.

Rule Two: Never risk commissioning a story that goes against the narrative.

Rule Three: Never believe an editor or publisher who urges you to go against the grain. Eventually, the publisher will cave to the mob, the editor will get fired or reassigned, and you'll be hung out to dry.

For these young writers and editors, there is one consolation. As places like *The Times* and other once-great journalistic institutions betray their standards and lose sight of their principles, Americans still hunger for news that is accurate, opinions that are vital, and debate that is sincere. I hear from these people every day.

"An independent press is not a liberal ideal or a progressive ideal or a democratic ideal. It's an American ideal," you said a few years ago. I couldn't agree more. America is a great country that deserves a great newspaper.

None of this means that some of the most talented journalists in the world don't still labor for this newspaper. They do, which is what makes the illiberal environment especially heartbreaking.

I will be, as ever, a dedicated reader of their work. But I can no longer do the work that you brought me here to do—the work that Adolph Ochs described in that famous 1896 statement: "to make of the columns of The New York Times a forum for the consideration of all questions of public importance, and to that end to invite intelligent discussion from all shades of opinion."

Ochs's idea is one of the best I've encountered. And I've always comforted myself with the notion that the best ideas win out. But ideas cannot win on their own. They need a voice. They need a hearing. Above all, they must be backed by people willing to live by them.

Sincerely, Bari

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Looking back to June, an article by Jeffrey Lord titled "This Big Media Outlet Hides the KKK's Past Ties to Democratic Party" was posted at newsbusters. org on June 20, 2020. Following is the article.

Call it "omission journalism."

On June 14th, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ran this headline: "More than 1 million sign petition to designate KKK as terrorist group."

The AJC story said, in part: "More than 1 million people have signed an online petition calling for the government to designate the Ku Klux Klan as a terrorist organization.

The 'Change KKK status into Terrorist Organization' campaign is one of at least three petitions that have gone viral on the change.org website since George Floyd's death, according to Newsweek."

The heading of the next section of the story reads: "A history of terror"

Then the piece, bylined by ArLuther Lee, goes into a curious description of the Klan. It accurately discusses the Klan's history of terrorizing black Americans.

Then it said the following.

■ "During the eras of Reconstruction and Jim Crow, the band of white vigilantes carried out lynchings, bombings and assassinations on black people with impunity, and with few—if any—legal consequences. During the civil rights movement,

the Klan joined forces with Southern police departments and governments to oppose desegregation. Several members of the Klan have been convicted of murder in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in 1963 and for the deaths of civil rights workers in Mississippi in 1964."

- "Then on Monday, two men wearing the KKK's trademark white hoods showed up at a Black Lives Matter protest in Fallon, Nevada, carrying Donald Trump campaign flags."
- "In some places, the KKK's heritage is still woven into the fabric of American politics. Republican lawmakers in Tennessee resisted a Democratic push just this week to eliminate a holiday for Confederate general and KKK Founder Nathan Bedford Forrest and remove a bust of him from the State Capitol, according to Forbes. Singer Taylor Swift spoke out on the controversy Friday, calling for the bust to be taken down."
- "Coincidentally, the upcoming Republican National Convention, which was moved this week from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Jacksonville, Florida, has been scheduled on the 60th anniversary of the city's KKK race riot—known as 'Ax Handle Saturday', which happened on Aug. 27, 1960."

And on it goes.

But there is something very curious about this article. Nowhere—literally nowhere—is the history of the relationship between the Klan and the Democratic Party mentioned. So let's do a quick historical refresh.

Notice the mention of the Klan's beginning above? There is no reference to the quite central historic fact that, according to Columbia University historian Eric Foner, the Klan was used from the get-go as "a military force serving the interests of the Democratic Party."

Or, in the words of University of North Carolina historian Allen Trelease, the Klan was used as the "terrorist arm of the Democratic Party."

Historian Trelease in his book *White Terror: The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy and Southern Reconstruction* also says that: "Klansmen repeatedly attacked Negroes for no other other stated offense than voting, or intending to vote, the Republican ticket. Their repeated admonition was to either vote the Democratic ticket or stay at home."

Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd

It is occasionally recalled that the late Senator Robert Byrd, who served as Senate Democratic Leader, had been in the Klan. What is not mentioned and certainly isn't in this AJC article is that Byrd was but one Klansman elected to office as Democrats. There were many others.

■ Democrat Senator John Gordon Brown

One of those many others was one John Gordon Brown, who served as a general in the Confederate army. After the war he founded his state's chapter of the

Klan and was elected to the United States Senate as a Democrat. He also would serve as governor. His state? That would be the AJC's very own state of Georgia.

#### ■ Democrat Senator Edmund Pettus

One of the memorable moments of the 1960s civil rights era was "Bloody Sunday." That would be the day that civil rights protesters on the march to Montgomery, Alabama, the state's capital, were attacked and beaten by armed police on a bridge in Selma. The attack famously took place as the protesters marched on the Edmund Pettus Bridge. And who was Edmund Pettus? He was a Democratic Senator from Alabama—and the head of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan.

Which is to say, one Klan member after another served in public office at the federal, state and local level as Democrats—and made the Klan a seriously potent force inside the Democratic Party.

So powerful was the Klan that the 1924 Democratic Convention, held in New York's Madison Square Garden, is known to history as the "Klanbake."

#### ■ William Jennings Bryan

A move was afoot to denounce the Klan. But led by two-time Democratic nominee and former Woodrow Wilson Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan the resolution denouncing the Klan was defeated.

And oh yes, when Democrat Wilson, a rabid segregationist, was President he made a point a point of showcasing the film Birth of a Nation at the White House. The film infamously celebrated the Klan.

## ■ Roosevelt and Hugo Black

And not to be forgotten was Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt nominating Alabama Senator Hugo Black to the US Supreme Court. Black was, yes indeed, a "gold passport" member—a life member—of the Klan.

FDR assured Black he, FDR, had no problem with Black's Klan membership because, as Black would later recount: "He said that some of his best friends and supporters in the state of Georgia were strong members of that organization."

## ■ Not a whisper, not a peep

One could go on—and on and on with the long and shameful ties of the Democrats to the Klan.

Yet if one is reading the AJC's article there is not even a whisper of this history. Not a peep.

#### ■ Misrepresenting Donald Trump

Nor is there this mention of a private citizen doing a TV interview in 2000 with NBC's Matt Lauer. The private citizen had been mentioned as a possible Reform Party candidate for president, and he was talking about his decision not to run and what a disaster the party had become.

Said Donald Trump of Klan leader David Duke and Duke's involvement with the party: He's "a bigot, a racist, a problem." And also said: "This is not company I wish to keep."

# **Omission journalism**

Yet there is the AJC trying to leave the impression Trump is a supporter of the Klan—which, charitably put, is flatly untrue.

So what do we have here? What we have is The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the newspaper of a city that is in the midst of its own racial turmoil, writing up the Ku Klux Klan—and deliberately omitting its long, deep and powerful relationship with the Democratic Party that went on for years and years, including in the paper's very own state of Georgia.

It is a classic example of omission journalism, an attempt to re-write history as if it never existed. And it won't work.



An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Smithsonian African American History Museum Defines 'Whiteness' [With Traits That the Museum Characterizes as Systemic Racism to Be Combated Without Acknowledging These Positive Traits Apply to Other Races]" was posted at breitbart.com on July 15, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The National Museum of African American History and Culture, part of the U.S. government-run Smithsonian Institution, includes a web page about "whiteness" in America that defines it to include individualism, science, and hard work.

The web page on whiteness appears to have been live on the museum's website for just over a month, according to a search of the Internet Archive. It offers definitions and educational materials for explaining "systemic racism."

One guide, drawn from "data" on a chart created in 1990, advises that features of "whiteness" include "rugged individualism," the nuclear family, an "emphasis on the scientific method," and a belief that "hard work is the key to success."

According to the chart, other "Aspects and Assumptions of White Culture in the United States" include:

# Competition

- Be #1
- Win at all costs
- Winner-loser dichotomy
- Action Orientation
- Master and control nature
- Must always "do something" about a situation
- Aggressiveness and Extroversion

- Decision-Making
- Majority rules (when Whites have power)

#### **Protestant Work Ethic**

- Hard work is the key to success
- Work before play
- "If you didn't meet your goals, you didn't work hard enough"

# **Family Structure**

- Nuclear family (father, mother, 2.3 children is the ideal social unit
- Husband is breadwinner and head of household
- Wife is homemaker and subordinate to husband
- Children should have own rooms, be independent

"Whiteness," the Smithsonian website declares, "and white racialized identity refer to the way that white people, their customs, culture, and beliefs operate as the standard by which all other groups of are compared. Whiteness is also at the core of understanding race in America. Whiteness and the normalization of white racial identity throughout America's history have created a culture where nonwhite persons are seen as inferior or abnormal."

It adds: "Being white does not mean you haven't experienced hardships or oppression. Being white does mean you have not faced hardships or oppression based on the color of your skin. We need to be honest about the ways white people have benefited from racism so we can work toward an equitable, fair and just society."

The website goes on to explain "what white privilege looks like in day to day living," including: "If I want to, I can be pretty sure of finding a publisher for this piece on white privilege."

It includes a video in which Dr. Robert DiAngelo, author of the bestselling White Fragility, advises viewers about white racism, including the use of the word "sketchy" to describe dangerous neighborhoods, which she says is a racist concept within "the white mind."

The website goes on to advise: "If you identify as white, acknowledging your white racial identity and its privileges is a crucial step to help end racism. Facing your whiteness is hard and can result in feelings of guilt, sadness, confusion, defensiveness, or fear."

It advises "concerned citizens": "Whiteness operates in covert and overt ways that affect all of us. It can appear as practices within an institution or accepted social norms."

As a remedy, it advises the public to "combat" aspects of whiteness.

The museum's annual budget includes roughly \$33 million from U.S. taxpayers, with the remainder provided by donors.

This is not the first time the museum has commented on "whiteness."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Is Stupidity Contagious" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 11, 2020. Following is the article.

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I haven't been afraid of Covid-19, not because I don't think it exists, but because it kills so few of the people it infects. It's the same reason I don't fear catching a cold. In a nation of 325 million and a world of seven billion, the Wuhan virus has only killed off a tiny percentage. So I like my odds, vaccine or no vaccine.

## Collateral damage

It's become abundantly clear that the collateral damage to businesses, schools, religion, freedom and the American economy will be far more devastating than the over-hyped disease.

## Unemployment and other problems

The media is telling us how many people in Florida, California and Texas, are testing positive for C-19, but not how many unemployed people will remain jobless once the panic subsides, or how many people will commit suicide, get hooked on drugs or beat up their wives and children along the way.

## Governors and mayors pandering

Once you factor in the way that governors and mayors all over the country are pandering to the BLM vandals, it gets harder and harder not to at least wonder if the nation has reached the point of no return.

# Maybe progressives will win

And while I try to pooh-pooh the polls showing the demented Joe Biden leading President Trump in most of the battleground states, when I look at what's happening in America, I am starting to think that Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may just have the hand puppet they need to take control of the White House.

It wasn't that long ago that reasonable people would have insisted that Sanders and A O-C represented the loony fringe of the Democratic Party, but in 2020 that is no longer true. Today, the loony fringe is the Democratic Party.

All of that being said, we can still get a few laughs at their expense. And we better get those laughs while we still can, before the lunkheads try to add that to the list of freedoms, such as free speech, religion and gun ownership, they would deny us.

#### ■ Not concerned about racist label

People sometimes ask if I'm worried about being dismissed as a racist because of the negative things I often write about blacks. I let them know I'm not even slightly concerned because I know what's in my heart. If I write what I regard as the truth about the 90% who regularly trot out to vote for the plantation

owners; the 70% who have babies out of wedlock; and the 50% who don't even bother getting a high school diploma; while at the same time acknowledging the intelligence and decency of Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams, Jason Riley, Candace Owens and Shelby Steele, how can I possibly be a racist?

When judging people, skin color is as irrelevant to me as hair color. What does concern me is character, values and behavior.

#### More time ripping whites

After all, I spend more time ripping into the likes of people like Pelosi, Schumer, Biden, Nadler, Schiff, Comey, McCabe, Strzok, Clapper, Durbin, de Blasio, Newsom and Cuomo, and nobody would ever think to accuse me of bias against white people.

#### Quote about democracy

Robert Moore shared a quote by H.L. Mencken, while stating that he knew the "sage of Baltimore" was not one of my favorite people. The quote was: "Democracy is the naïve belief in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance. No one ever lost money betting on the stupidity of the average citizen."

I admitted that I didn't care for Mencken, who had destroyed his over-inflated reputation by being an admirer of Hitler. In my response to Mr. Moore, I wrote: "Mencken's problem is that he never recognized that he was as ignorant as those he so delighted in ridiculing. He just happened to know more big words than they did."

## Brown shirts caused disruptions

In case anyone is wondering what may lie in store for us now that pandering politicians have given a green light to vandals and bullies, Dennis Stockton sent along a reminder that "During the nascent years of the Nazi Party, a gang of roughnecks was created to keep order at Party meetings and protect Party leaders. Before long, this brown-shirted auxiliary, the Sturmabteilung, had gone on the offensive against other political parties, breaking into their meeting halls, beating up their leaders, and chasing their members through the streets. Hitler urged them on, vowing openly to disrupt 'all meetings or lectures that are likely to distract the minds of our fellow countrymen.' "

# ■ Young people prefer socialism

This isn't a fantasy, not when 53% of young people claim to prefer Socialism to Capitalism, primarily because they've swallowed the bilge fed them by left-wing professors who pretend that Socialism means free stuff you don't have to work for, and 63% of Americans allegedly support the aims of Black Lives Matter.

#### Punishing those who do

Someone reminded me that it is in the business world that you find the true innovators; in government is where you find the reactionaries. It is they, the bureaucrats, who force the innovators to jump through hoops, tie them up in red tape, and force them to get licenses and pay taxes.

In short, to paraphrase, George Bernard Shaw, those who can, do; those who can't, punish those who can.

## Once upon a time

Finally, Joseph Neuner shared a story that is allegedly true. If it isn't, it should be.

It seems a lawyer bought a box of 24 expensive cigars and then had them insured against, among other things, fire!

After he smoked the two dozen stogies, he filed a claim with the insurance company. When they balked, the lawyer took them to court, where the judge ruled in the plaintiff's favor, pointing out that the company hadn't thought to consider the inevitable fate of cigars.

Rather than go to the trouble and expense of appealing the decision, the insurance company wrote the lawyer a check for \$15,000. But that's not the unhappy end of the story.

As soon as the guy cashed the check, the company had the lawyer arrested on 24 counts of arson.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Advising President Trump" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 13, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Victor Davis Hanson is a very bright and wise man. What makes that all the more amazing is that he is an intellectual. He is affiliated with the Hoover Institute at Stanford University.

Recently, he gave voice to something that I've been thinking about for a while.

## Quit whining

It boils down to the fact that with just about four months to go until what is probably the most important election in at least my lifetime, it's high time that President Trump stops whining about the media or Nancy Pelosi or John Bolton, picking on him. His annoyance is certainly justifiable, but he is not a sure winner in November, and it's time he began focusing on the folks whose votes he's going to need. He already has us, but we're not enough to get him over the top.

#### Undecideds will determine the outcome

It's time he focused his righteous fury on the people who are out to destroy America, not just those out to destroy him, even if they are often one and the same. If he continues to make it personal, he's going to lose to Biden. But if he levels his big guns on the street mobs, the congressional Democrats and those left-wing governors and mayors who are allowing BLM and Antifa destroy hundreds of American communities and the Marxist medical "ex-

perts" who are using the virus to deep-six Trump's economy, he can win over the so-called undecideds who will determine the outcome in November.

## Racist history of Democratic Party

It would also help immeasurably if he were to go on TV, possibly joined by the likes of Shelby Steele and Candace Owens, and talk directly to black voters and spell out the racist history of the Democratic Party, pointing out that it was a Republican who set forth the Emancipation Proclamation and that it more Republicans than Democrats who voted for the Civil Rights Act.

He could highlight the fact that it was members of one Party that owned slaves, that promoted and enforced Jim Crow laws and who stood in doorways to keep black students from entering schools.

It was also Democrats who turned firehoses and dogs on people peacefully demonstrating for their right to vote, to sit where they liked in movie theaters and lunch counters and on buses.

Even that might not be enough to break lifelong voting habits, but at least it would be that honest conversation about race that demagogues like Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Eric Holder, are always daring white people to have.

#### ■ Probable second impeachment effort

I have no doubt that if Donald Trump manages to squeeze out a victory in November, in spite of a corrupt media and a record amount of voter fraud, if the Democrats hang on to the House, Trump will face a second impeachment.

And why not? If Nancy Pelosi is still the Speaker of the House, it will mean that the voters weren't particularly bothered by the attempts to destroy Trump, first by a corrupt Mueller investigation and then through an impeachment involving a perfectly innocent phone call between our president and the president of Ukraine.

It will mean that the people weren't particularly disturbed by secret congressional hearings held in the basement of the House and overseen by the loathsome Adam Schiff, who kept insisting that he had seen evidence of Russian collusion, even though Mueller and his 17 Never-Trumpers, even after two years and \$40 million, couldn't even discover whether Trump ever had borscht with his meals.

Speaking of Schiff, how is it that the Republicans never got around to releasing the name of the whistleblower who provided the trigger for the impeachment hearings and that the appropriate Senate committee never subpoenaed him and got him to disclose his ties to Schiff?

## Songs at Trump rallies

Apparently, the Rolling Stones are suing Donald Trump for using their songs, including "You Can't Always Get What You Want," at his rallies. I, for one, hope they win their suit. As I recall, Bruce Springsteen also objected to having his songs played at such events.

I have a feeling that Trump doesn't play any role in selecting his musical accompaniments, but why the heck is someone going out of his way to promote English geeks and a phony man of the people, when we have plenty of songs composed by geeks of our own. Geeks who at the very least support the President.

#### ■ Bubba Wallace

Even if we forget for a minute that [Bubba Wallace] suddenly decided that a loop that's been connected to a garage door opener for nearly a year was actually a noose meant to send a warning, he has shown himself to be a devout supporter of black mobs by wearing an "I Can't Breathe" t-shirt and having the words Black Lives Matter painted on the chassis of his car.

That is certainly his right, although I don't believe that if he and his car showed the same fealty to, let's say, Nazism, by flaunting a swastika, NASCAR officials would be quite so broadminded.

But by expressing his support to a mob of black anarchists that's creating violence all across America, Bubba is sending a message to NASCAR fans, who are mainly white Christian Republicans, that he holds them and their patriotic values in contempt.

This is one schmuck who is definitely putting "race" into the world of race cars.

#### ■ Barr, but not Holder or Lynch

You would think that if the mass media was still capable of feeling shame, they would at least be a little bit ashamed about going after Attorney General William Barr for being an ally of Donald Trump's, especially after saying nothing about his predecessors Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch doing everything for Barack Obama but running his bath and serving him breakfast in bed.

# ■ White privilege?

When I hear blacks and their enablers in Congress and on cable news shows ranting about something they call white privilege, I sometimes feel like a volcano must feel just before it blows its lid and spews hot, molten lava over the countryside.

White privilege? Go tell millions of factory workers who had their jobs shipped off to China and Mexico that they enjoy white privilege.

Go tell small town store owners who have been put out of business by humongous outfits like Target and Walmart, with their made-in-China crap, moving into their neighborhood, that they enjoy white privilege.

Go tell entrepreneur owners of gyms, restaurants and hair salons, and their staffs, who may never re-open or get their jobs back because of a bunch of cynical Never-Trumpers like Anthony Fauci, that they enjoy white privilege.

And don't forget to tell those aspiring cops and firemen who had higher test scores than black applicants but didn't get hired because of Affirmative Action, that they enjoy white privilege.

## ■ Yellow privilege

[Heck], go tell Oriental students who didn't get into Harvard or Yale because of racial quotas favoring black underachievers, that they enjoy yellow privilege!

# ■ Charged with terrorism

Because when I possibly can, I like to share good news, this is to report that Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater is charging rioters with terrorism.

The rioters, it should be noted, didn't simply represent the usual dregs of Antifa and BLM, but carried flags affiliated with the Soviet Union, the American Indian Movement and the solid red banner of the Anarcho-Communist Party.

Predictably, the ACLU took D.A. Prater to task, claiming he was out of line by charging them with the "harshest possible charges."

In response, Prater said: "When you act like a terrorist, you will be treated like a terrorist."

In what should be the rallying cry for prosecutors around the country, he added: "This is not Seattle!"

#### ■ Pithy remarks

My friend Art Hershey passed along a list of wise and pithy remarks:

"Science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom." (Isaac Asimov)

"Beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes clear to the bone." (Dorothy Parker)

"Age does not protect you from love, but love, to some extent, protects you from age." (Jeanne Moreau)

"Too many people spend money they haven't got to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like." (Will Rogers)

"I would imagine that if you understood Morse code, a tap dancer would drive you crazy." (Mitch Hedberg)

"True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country." (Kurt Vonnegut)

"Those who can make you believe in absurdities, can make you commit atrocities." (Voltaire)

He also said something even more relevant to the present situation in America: "To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize."



<sup>&</sup>quot;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.

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#### **Deficit**

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Federal Spending and Deficit Set Records Through June" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 13, 2020.

#### Federal reserve

■ A Reuters article by Kate Duguid titled "Federal Reserve's \$3 Trillion Virus Rescue Inflates Market Bubbles" was posted at reuters.com on July 13, 2020.

#### **Finances**

- An article by Mark Brown titled "Ex-Alderman Ameya Pawar [With the Help of George Soros' Open Society Foundation] Writing the Book on Why We Need Government-Owned Banks in the Public Interest" was posted at suntimes.com (Chicago) on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Adam Geller titled "Small Businesses Worldwide Fight for Survival Amid Pandemic" was posted at apnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "Report: 1 in 4 NYC Renters Unable to Pay Rent" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Dawn Gilbertson titled "American Airlines Warns Employees of Up to 25,000 Job Cuts" was posted at usatoday.com on July 15, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Mike Spector and Jessira DiNapoli titled "On Eve of Bankruptcy, U.S. Firms Shower Execs With Bonuses" was posted at reuters.com on July 17, 2020.

#### Stimulus checks

- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Chinese Real Estate Company [Owned by Chinese Billionaire Wei Huang] at Center of FBI Investigation Raked in Millions [Between \$4-10 Million] From PPP Loans" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Rich Gardella and Dan De Luce titled "U.S. Units of Chinese Companies Got Coronavirus Bailout Money" was posted at nbcnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Mary Papenfuss titled "Turns Out Shake Shack Founder Took at Least \$11 Million in Coronavirus Aid After All" was posted at huffpost.com on July 12, 2020.
- An article by Bryce Covert titled "Banks Stand to Make \$18 Billion in PPP Processing Fees From Cares Act" was posted at theintercept.com on July 14, 2020.

#### **Green New Deal**

■ Looking back to July 2019, an article by Adam Shaw titled "AOC's Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate" was posted at foxnews. com on July 12, 2019.

- An article by Ebony Bowden titled "Joe Biden Unveils His \$2 Trillion AOC-Fueled Green New Deal Energy Agenda" was posted at nypost.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Carla Simmons titled "Burger King Going Green: Fighting Climate Change and Methane Emissions by Feeding Their Cows With Lemongrass" was posted at sciencetimes.com on July 14, 2020.

#### Coronavirus and civil liberties

- Looking back to June, an article titled "Fauci Says More Widespread Lockdowns Probably Won't Be Needed in Virus Fight" was posted at cbsnews.com on June 19, 2020.
- Looking back to June, an article by Weizhen Tan titled "Countries Are 'Highly Unlikely' to Impose Full Lockdowns Again If There's a Second Wave, Analysts Say" was posted at cnbc.com on June 25, 2020.
- An article titled "Tech Expert Says Michigan Senate Bill to Protect Workers From Microchips at Jobs Does Not Go Far Enough" was posted at fox2detroit. com on July 6, 2020.
- An article by Dr. Joseph Mercola titled "The COVID-19 Curve Has Been Flattened" was posted at mercola.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Tom Tapp titled "California Governor Gavin Newsom Orders Indoor Service at All Restaurants, Bars, Movie Theaters in State to Close Again; No End Date Given" was posted at deadline.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Rory Sullivan titled "Hotline to Report People Not Wearing Face Masks Set Up in US [Ohio] County Amid Surge in Covid-19 Cases" was posted at independent.co.uk on July 12, 2020.
- An article by Daniel Ortner titled "Quarantines for Out-of-State Visitors Exceeds Governors' Emergency Authority" was posted at thehill.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article titled "Coronavirus Travel Advisory: Passengers Arriving at NYC Airports Must Fill Out Health Form or Face Up to \$2,000 Fine" was posted at cbsnewyork.com on July 14, 2020.

# **Coronavirus and religion**

- An article by Bill Donahue titled "NYC and Chicago Mayors Threaten Religious Liberty and Public Health" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Arlene Martinez titled "In California: Can Anyone or Anything (Even the Coronavirus) Take Away Your Right to Sing?" was posted at usato-day.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "Worshipers Stage Golden Gate Bridge Protest of California Governor's Singing Ban" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Bill Donohue titled "States Hold Churches, Not Protests, to COVID-19 Restrictions" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 15, 2020.

## **Coronavirus and sports**

- An article by Sam Cooper titled "Big Ten to Play Conference-Only Football Schedule in 2020" was posted at yahoosports.com on July 9, 2020.
- An article titled "NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson Angered, Frustrated by Coronavirus False Alarm [Which Snapped a Streak of 663 Consecutive Starts]" was posted at apnews.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Madeline Osburn titled "Tone-Deaf NBA Players Complain About Meals and Motel Rooms Most Americans Can't Afford" was posted at thefederalist. com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Howie Kussoy titled "Lakers' Rajon Rondo [Who Has Made More Than \$100 Million in His 14-Year Career] Rips Adequate NBA Bubble Hotel [Gran Destino Tower at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort]" was posted at nypost.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Charles Curtis titled "Add JR Smith and Joel Embiid to the NBA Players Complaining About Quarantine Food" was posted at usatoday.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Young titled "Giannis Antetokounmpo 'Extremely Blessed,' Won't Complain About Conditions in NBA's Bubble" was posted at yahoosports. com on July 13, 2020.

## **Comments about racism (real or imagined)**

- A video and an article by Beth Baumann titled "Watch: Thugs Killed an Innocent One-Year-Old; Now the Family Has Questions for Black Lives Matter" were posted at townhall.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Edmonds titled "Young Mother, 24, Is Shot Dead in Front of Her Fiancee After Saying "All Lives Matter' During An Argument With Black Lives Matter Supporters" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 12, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Black Lives Matter Is Not a Peaceful Protest Group" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article titled "[Black Conservative] Larry Elder Says Black Lives Matter Movement Is 'Bogus,' Urges Voters to Look at Trump's Results" was posted at foxnews.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Andrew Davenport titled "Jason Whitlock [Black Journalist]: If NFL Plans to Play Black National Anthem, It's 'Cowardice at Highest Level' "was posted at cnsnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Krystina Skurk titled "Oprah Joins Plot to Convince Americans Their Country Is Racist" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Candace Owens: 'I've Never Met a Single Black American Who Was a Slave or a Single White American Who Was a Slaveowner' "was posted at cnsnews.com on July 15, 2020.

- An article by Humberto Fontova titled "Walmart Yanks Confederate Flag As 'Offensive'—But Sells Slew of Items Honoring Che Guevara" was posted at townhall. com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Jade Lawson and Briana Stewart titled "Georgia Activists Seek to Remove 'Stone Mountain'—the 'Granddaddy of Confederate Monuments' " was posted at abcnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Pauline Enck titled "Disparate Treatment of Drew Brees and DeSean Jackson Reveals Insanity Over Acceptable Speech" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Allison Schuster titled "In the NFL, Standing for the Flag Is Problematic But Anti-Semitism [by DeSean Jackson] Is Okay" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Cassie Da Costa titled "The Disturbing Rise of Anti-Semitism Among Black Celebs" was posted at thedailybeast.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: Indifference to Anti-Semitism in Sports, Hollywood Is a Sign of 'The Coming Apatholypse' "was posted at cnsnews.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "WNBA Players Call for Sen. Kelly Loeffler to Step Down As Team Owner [of Atlanta Dream] Over 'Black Lives Matter' Remarks" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Scrabble Bans 236 Prejudiced Words and Slurs From Game's Official List" was posted at whoknewnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Bethany Biron titled "Five Guys [Hamburger] Employees Were Fired for Refusing to Serve Police Officers in [Daphne] Alabama" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Selena Simmons-Duffin and Pien Huang titled "CDC Employees Call Out Agency's 'Toxic Culture of Racial Aggressions' " was posted at npr.org on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Margeaux Sippell titled "Viola Davis on Why She Regrets [Acting in the 2011 Movie] 'The Help': 'I Betrayed Myself, and My People' " was posted at thewrap.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Sharese King and Katherine D. Kinzler titled "Bias Against African American English Speakers Is a Pillar of Systemic Racism" was posted at latimes.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Robby Soave titled "Museum Curator [Gary Carrels at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art] Resigns After He Is Accused of Racism for Saying He Would Still Collect Art From White Men" was posted at reason.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Andrew Davenport titled "Washington Post Editor: 'Texas Rangers' Were Like 'Texas Klansmen'; Baseball Team Must Change Name" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 14, 2020.

■ Do you want to see how school systems will be teaching children about racism? A website titled "Racial Equity Resources for WCPSS [Wake County Public School System in North Carolina]" Is Posted at tfcloudshare.com dated June 2020.

#### Comments about rioters and looters

- Looking back to June, an article by Brian Stelter titled "Conservative Media Is Living in the Past As Unrest Subsides Across the US" was posted at cnn.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article by Sarah Ruiz-Grossman titled "The Anti-Racism Protests Haven't Stopped" was posted at huffpost.com on July 16, 2020.
- An article by Dom Calicchio titled "Portland Police Declare 'Riot' Again—As City Sees 38th Straight Day of Unrest" was posted at foxnews.com on July 5, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Portland Police Release Video Showing Them Battling Antifa During the City's Month-Long Riots" was posted at townhall. com on July 9, 2020.
- An article titled "Portland Protesters Set Fire to Base of Elk Statue During 46th Consecutive Night of Demonstrations" was posted at storyful.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article titled "Protesters Confront Pittsburgh Police in Riot Gear During Demonstration [Concerning a Shooting in 2018]" was posted at storyful.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Marty Johnson titled "Utah Governor Declares State of Emergency Due to 'Civil Unrest' " was posted at thehill.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Nick Givas titled "2 Texas Police Officers Killed in Ambush Attack; Suspect Dead, Authorities Say" was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2020.
- An article by Zachary Evans titled "Spike in Shootings Continues Over the Weekend in Chicago, NYC" was posted at national review.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Another Historically Violent Weekend Strikes Major U.S. Cities" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by George Martin titled "Thug Convicted of Pushing Female Police Officer Down Stairs During Statue Protest" was posted at yahoo.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Anugrah Kumar titled "'It's a Slap in the Face,' Pastor [LeRoy Marshall] Says After Seeing Desecration of Escaped Slave Statue [in New Albany, Indiana]" was posted at christianpost.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Catholic Churches and Statues Burned, Vandalized in String of Targeted Attacks" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Chauncey Alcorn titled "Workers Demanding Union Rights Plan to Walk Off the Job [on July 20] in Nationwide Strike for Black Lives" was posted at cnn.com on July 12, 2020.

- An article by Amy Forliti titled "Lawyer: Over 150 Minneapolis Officers Seeking Disability" was posted at apnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Andrew Mark Miller titled "Trump Denies Minnesota Governor's Request for \$500 Million to Repair Damage From Riots [That Democrats Leadership Mismanaged]" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on July 11, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by Justin Wise titled "Trump Says National Guard Should Have Been Used in Minneapolis Two Days Ago: 'No Games' "was posted at thehill.com on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Jay Ambrose titled "Want to Know Why We Need the Police? The Battle in Seattle Is the Reason" was posted at miamiherald.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "Seattle City Council Plans to Slash Police Budget in Half" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Martha Bellisle titled "Seattle Mayor, City Council at Odds Over 50% Police Cut" was posted at apnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by John R. Lott Jr. titled "Biden's Policing Policies Will Endanger Police, Raise Crime Rates and Hurt Blacks" was posted at townhall.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Young Conservative Women Stand Up to Liberal Mob" was posted at foxnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Christina Marfice titled "NYC Shuts Down Part of 5th Ave. to Paint BLM Mural in Front of Trump Tower" was posted at yahoo.com on July 10, 2020.

# Comments about police "misconduct"

- An article by Bill Hutchinson titled "George Floyd's Family Files Civil Suit Against Authorities As New Video Emerges of His Arrest" was posted at abcnews.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Viviann Anguiano titled "4 Actions Colleges Can Take to Address Police Brutality" was posted at american progress.org on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Khaleda Rahman titled "Attorney Blasts DA for Saying Use of Force in Akbar Rogers' Arrest [in Freeport, New York on 12/3/19] Was Justified" was posted at newsweek.com on July 9, 2020.
- A video and an article by Awr Hawkins titled "Watch: Detroit Police Release Video Showing Suspect Fire at Officers First" were posted at breitbart.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Culver titled "Police Investigate After 'Disturbing' Video Shows Officer Kneeling on Man's Neck in Allentown, Pa." was posted at usatoday. com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by James Crump titled "Police Officer Allegedly Pointed Gun at Handcuffed Black Man's Head After He Refused to Give His Identity" was posted at independent.co.uk on July 13, 2020.

■ An article titled "Police Release Bodycam Footage of Police Officer Using Knee in Arrest of Teenager in Baton Rouge" was posted at storyful.com on July 14, 2020.

# Illegal immigration

- An article by Stephen Dinan titled "Illegal Immigration on Southern Border Surged 40% in June" was posted at washingtontimes.com on July 9, 2020.
- An article by Regina Garcia Cano and Julie Watson titled "Immigration Courts Reopen Despite Rising Coronavirus Cases" was posted at apnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Mark Hosenball titled "U.S. Steps Up Crackdown on MS-13 Gang, to Seek Death Penalty of Accused Leader" was posted at reuters. com on July 15, 2020.

## **Comments about weapons**

- An article by Kylee Zempel titled "Police Seize Gun From St. Louis Couple Threatened by Mob" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Inyoung Choi titled "The St. Louis Couple Who Aimed Guns at Black Lives Matter Protesters Received Dozens of Offers to Replace a Firearm That the Police Seized, Their Attorney Says" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Julie Wernau and Zusha Elinson titled "Record Numbers of Americans Try to Buy Guns" was posted at wsj.com on July 14, 2020.

#### **Comments about Mail-In Ballots**

- Looking back to March, an article by Ella Nilsen titled "Voting by Mail Could Get a Boost During the US Coronavirus Outbreak" was posted at vox.com on March 17, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Just a First Step in Preparing for November Elections" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to March, an article by Rachel Orey titled "CARES Act Breakdown: \$400 Million in Election Funding" was posted at bipartisanpolicy.org on March 26, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by Justin Wise titled "Trump: Mail-In Voting Supporters Trying to Use Coronavirus Outbreak for 'Scam' " was posted at thehill.com on May 24, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by Mark Berman titled "Like Mail-In Voting? Study Paterson, the New Jersey City Just Lived Through a Hellish Democratic Experiment" was posted at nydailynews.com on May 30, 2020.
- Looking back to June, an article by Erica Werner titled "Treasury Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, Congressional

Watchdog [Government Accountability Office] Finds" was posted at washing-tonpost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

- An article by Ellie Bufkin titled "No Voter Fraud, Eh Democrats? A Dead Cat Just Got a Voter Registration Form" was posted at townhall.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Congressman Ted Budd titled "All-Mail Elections Would Undermine the Integrity of the Ballot Box" was posted at townhall.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article titled "Postal Service Braces for Mail-In Ballot Issues" was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 15, 2020.

# **Comments about Trump support**

- An article by Igor Bobic titled "GOP Senator [Thorn Tillis of North Carolina] Says Voters Should Back Trump Because Life Was Good Before COVID-19" was posted at huffpost.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "President Trump Threatens Federal Action in Violent, Democrat-Run Cities" was posted at townhall.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo Rivera: 'Love My Goya Rice and Beans, Detest the Thought Police' " was posted at cnsnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by David Marcus titled "NBC News Launches Racist Smear of Goya CEO [Bob Unanue]" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Jacibe Areces titled "An Attack on Goya Is An Attack on U.S. Hispanics" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "Virginia Man Raises Over \$200,000 in Support of Goya" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Larry O'Connor titled "Trump: The Incumbent Outsider" was posted at townhall.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Trump Gets Endorsement From Union [National Association of Police Organization] That Backed Obama/Biden Twice" was posted at townhall.com on July 16, 2020.

# **Comments about Trump opposition**

- An article by Krystina Skurk titled "How Michael Flynn Got Caught in the Crossfire Between Two Obama Agencies Looking to Get Trump" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 16, 2020.
- An article by Catherine Lucey and Byron Tau titled "President Trump Commutes Sentence of Roger Stone" was posted at wsj.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Have Democrats [Who Are] Outraged Over Stone Commutation Forgotten Who Clinton [Granted Clemency to the Puerto Rican Terrorist Group, FALN] and Obama [Oscar Lopez Rivera, the leader of Puerto Rican Terrorist Group, FALN] Pardoned?" was posted at July 14, 2020.

- Looking back to 2017, an article titled "President Obama's Pardon for Oscar Lopez Rivera Trades a Terrorist for Votes" was posted at heritage.org on Jan. 22, 2017.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Chicago Mayor Blames Lack of a 'Federal Strategy' for the Rise of Gun Violence in the City" was posted at townhall.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Brittany Bernstein titled "De Blasio: Black Lives Matter Protests Exempt From Large-Event Ban" was posted at nationalreview.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump: 'Far Left Mayors Are Escalating the Anti-Cop Crusade" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "These Are the Ridiculous Non-Coronavirus Demands the LA Teachers Union Wants Met Before Returning to School" was posted at townhall.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Harris Alic titled "Obama Pulls in More Than \$3 Million for Biden's Campaign at Illinois Fund-Raiser" was posted at breitbart.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "[California Governor Gavin] Newsom Approves Plan to Release 8,000 Prisoners by August" was posted at townhall. com on July 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Bernie Sanders Hails Biden As Possibly the 'Most Progressive President Since FDR' " was posted at foxnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "Communist, Anti-Semite Angela Davis Says Biden Can Be 'Effectively Pressured' by the Left" was posted at thefederalist. com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Aila Slisco titled "Ann Coulter Backs Democrat [Amy McGrath] to Defeat Mitch McConnell" was posted at newsweek.com on July 10, 2020.
- Looking back to 2018, a video and an article by Allum Bokhari titled "Leaked Video: Google Leadership's Dismayed Reaction to Trump Election" were posted at breitbart.com on Sept. 12, 2018.
- An article by Lucas Nolan titled "Dr. Robert Epstein [Senior Research Psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research & Technology]: Google Will Shift 10% of Voters to Make Trump a 'Blip in History'" was posted at breitbart.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Sonnemaker titled "Google's Former CEO [Eric Schmidt] Reportedly Hosts a Secretive Summit in Yellowstone Whose Attendees Have Included Lady Gaga and Cory Booker" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Ron Dicker titled "Stephen Colbert Compares Trump Attack on Fauci to Lassie Licking Her Butt" was posted at huffpost.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Alan Cullison and Georgi Kantchev titled "Christopher Steele's Firm Ordered in UK to Pay Damages to Russian Bankers" was posted at wsj. com on July 8, 2020.

■ Looking back to April, an article by Ron Johnson titled "Russian Disinformation [From Steele Dossier] Fed the FBI's Trump Investigation" was posted at April 10, 2020.

#### **Kamala Harris**

- Looking back to June 2019, an article by Julia Marsh and Nikki Schwab titled "Kamala Harris, Joe Biden Have Heated Exchange Over Race During Democratic Debate" was posted at nypost.com on June 27, 2019.
- Looking back to June 2019, an article by Elena Schneider titled "The Long 5 Minutes When Harris Owned Biden" was posted politico.com on June 28, 2019.
- Looking back to July 2019, an article by Zohreen Shah titled "Sen. Kamala Harris Doubles Down on Criticism of Biden's Busing Comments on 'The View' " was posted at abcnews.com on July 12, 2019.
- Looking back to July 2019, an article titled "When Kamala Harris and Joe Biden Clashed on Busing and Segregation" was posted at nytimes.com on July 31, 2019.
- Looking back to August 2019, an article by Eric Ting titled "Hot Mike Catches Awkward Exchange Between Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Before Debate" was posted at sfgate.com on Aug. 1, 2019.

#### News about the media

- Looking back to June, an article by Brian Stelter titled "Conservative Media Is Living in the Past As Unrest Subsides Across the US" was posted at cnn.com on June 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Portland Protesters Set Fire to Base of Elk Statue During 46th Consecutive Night of Demonstrations" was posted at storyful.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Lindsey Elefson titled "CNN Launches 'New and Expanded' Team to Cover Race, Systemic Racism" was posted at thewrap.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Justin Baragona titled "Fox News Pundit [Marc Thiessen]: Trump Doesn't 'Love' the Confederacy, He Just Defends It From 'Cancel Culture' "was posted at foxnews.com on July 10, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "White House to Reporters: Don't 'Cherry-Pick' COVID-19 Science to Fit Your Political Agenda" was posted at cnsnews. com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Jon San titled "Meghan McCain Says She's 'A Proponent of Tucker Carlson' As 'The View' Co-Hosts Debate Whether He Should Be Taken Off-Air" was posted at yahoo.com on July 14, 2020.
- An article by Jack Hellner titled "Maybe the Media Should Do Their Job and Fact-Check People Like Fauci Instead of Just Repeating What They Are Told" was posted at americanthinker.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Alex Corey titled "MSNBC Host [Joy Reid] Will Face Libel Suit After Smearing a Trump Supporter on Twitter" was posted at townhall.com on July 15, 2020.

- An article by Paul Bedard titled "Jerry Falwell's Liberty University Slaps New York Times With \$10 Million Suit for 'Made Up' COVID-19 Story" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Holly Scheer titled "NYT: Blame Churches, Not Riots, for Rise in Positive Covid-19 Tests" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 13, 2020.
- An article by Elle Reynolds titled "Intercept Columnist [Mehdi Hassan] Complains Trump Doesn't Execute White Supremacists, A Day After the Government Executed a White Supremacist" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article titled "Apple Launches Its Own News Podcasts" was posted at afp.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by David Folkenflik titled "NPR Radio Ratings Collapse As Pandemic Ends Listeners' Commutes" was posted at npr.org on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Alex Sherman titled "Vox Media Preparing Round of Layoffs As Business Fails to Improve Amid Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at cnbc.com on July 14, 2020.

#### **General interest**

- An article by Donna Garner titled "West Texas Doctor Tells of a Successful Cure for COVID" was posted at educationviews.org on July 6, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Sammin titled "The Supreme Court Just Confirmed the Electoral College Is Here to Stay" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 9, 2020.
- An article by Miranda Bryant titled "'Everyone Wants to Get Outside': Boom in Camping As Americans Escape After Months at Home" was posted at theguardian.com on July 11, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Durden titled "Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Induced Adverse Reactions in 'More Than Half' of Trial Participants" was posted at zero-hedge.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by Holly Ellyatt titled "Scientists Call for Volunteers to Be Infected With the Coronavirus to Test Vaccines" was posted at cnbc.com on July 16, 2020.



**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."