

Eye on the World

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



An article by Beatrice Di Caro titled “COVID-19: [New Book Called] The Great Reset” was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on July 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The COVID-19 coronavirus crisis has wrought economic disruption on a monumental scale, contributing to a dangerous and volatile global upheaval—politically, socially and geopolitically—while raising deep concerns about the environment and the extending reach of technology into our lives.

World Economic Forum Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab and Thierry Malleret, Co-Founder of Monthly Barometer, explore these themes in their new book, *COVID-19: The Great Reset*.

The book’s main objective is to help us understand what’s coming: it has three main chapters, offering a panoramic overview of the future landscape.

Last month, the World Economic Forum launched the Great Reset initiative: a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a fairer, sustainable and more resilient post-COVID future.



Looking back to May, an article by Martina Larkin titled “The European Green Deal Must Be at the Heart of the COVID-19 Recovery” was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on May 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

- The coronavirus crisis recovery is a chance to redesign a sustainable, inclusive economy, revitalizing industry, preserving vital biodiversity systems and tackling climate change.

- The European stimulus packages will shape Europe's economies and societies for decades to come—we should make sure these lead to a greener, more resilient and inclusive future.

- The European Green Deal must become the cornerstone of Europe's pandemic recovery. Rather than rebuilding the 20th-century economy, we must focus on spending stimulus money wisely and on preparing Europe for a competitive and inclusive 21st century, climate-neutral future—Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, European Commission.

Achieving this transformative agenda and making Europe a leader in the global climate transition requires a massive mobilization of public and private investments.

It is why the World Economic Forum has created the CEO Action Group for the European Green Deal as a vehicle for policy-makers and institutions to collaborate with representatives from governments, industry and the business sector.



An article by Christopher Alessi titled " 'A Golden Opportunity'—HRH the Prince of Wales and Other Leaders on the Forum's Great Reset" was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

"There is a golden opportunity to seize something good from this crisis . . . global crises know no borders, and highlight how interdependent we are as one people sharing one planet."

Speaking at the launch of the Forum's Great Reset on Wednesday, those were the words of HRH the Prince of Wales on humanity's chance to craft a more sustainable and equitable world in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

He added: "Unless we take the action necessary, and build in a greener and more inclusive and sustainable way, then we will have more and more pandemics."

The Great Reset will be the theme of a unique twin summit to be convened by the World Economic Forum in January 2021.

The 51st World Economic Forum Annual Meeting will bring together global leaders from government, business and civil society, as well as stakeholders from around the world to convene both in-person and virtual dialogues.

But, more broadly, the Great Reset is a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient post-COVID future.

The initiative grew out of the Forum's COVID Action Platform. And, as we enter a window of opportunity to shape the COVID-19 recovery, the Great Reset will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economies, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons.

Here's a roundup of a some of the key quotes and clips from today's launch.

- "The best memorial we can build for those who lost their lives in the pandemic is that greener, smarter, fairer world."—Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.
- "We can never again allow our health, education and care systems to be underfunded."—Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation.
- "The pandemic has accelerated the adoption of digital technologies . . . broadband has become the electricity of the 21st century."—Bradford L. Smith, President, Microsoft.
- "We need our imagination here: we're seeing every day the arc of the possible, it's being defined every day now."—Bernard Looney, Chief Executive Officer, BP.
- "The time for cynicism is a little behind us . . . Being an armchair critic is really not acceptable. It's time to come to the table and make a difference."—Ajay S. Banga, Chief Executive Officer, Mastercard.



Looking back to June, an article by Kate Whiting titled "How the World Can Reset Itself After COVID-19; According to These Experts" was posted at [weforum.org](https://www.weforum.org) (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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- The Great Reset is a new initiative from the World Economic Forum and HRH the Prince of Wales to guide decision-makers on the path to a more resilient, sustainable world beyond coronavirus.
 - The economic fallout from COVID-19 dominates risk perceptions, but there is a unique opportunity to reshape the global economy.
 - Greenpeace International's Jennifer Morgan, IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath and ITUC head Sharan Burrow discuss how they perceive a reset.

There won't be many among the 7.7 billion people on Earth who haven't been affected in some way by COVID-19.

From sickness and the death of loved ones to work shortages and school closures, the pandemic's ramifications have touched every part of society—and thrown inequalities into sharp relief.

As lockdowns are starting to ease, governments and organizations across the globe are turning their attention to the recovery process—and the opportunity it provides to rebuild in a different way. One that makes the world better for everyone and addresses the other great crisis of our time: climate change.

With the economic fallout from COVID-19 dominating risk perceptions, this is a rare window of opportunity to shape a more sustainable, resilient world. And starting today [3 June], the World Economic Forum is working with HRH The Prince of Wales on an initiative coined Great Reset, to guide decision-makers on the rocky path ahead.



Looking back to June, an announcement by Adrian Monck titled “The Great Reset: A Unique Twin Summit to Begin 2021” was posted at [weforum.org](https://www.weforum.org) (World Economic Forum) on June 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the announcement.

Geneva, Switzerland, 3 June 2020—“The Great Reset” will be the theme of a unique twin summit to be convened by the World Economic Forum in January 2021.

The 51st World Economic Forum Annual Meeting will bring together global leaders from government, business and civil society, and stakeholders from around the world in a unique configuration that includes both in-person and virtual dialogues.

■ “We only have one planet and we know that climate change could be the next global disaster with even more dramatic consequences for humankind. We have to decarbonize the economy in the short window still remaining and bring our thinking and behavior once more into harmony with nature,” said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

■ “In order to secure our future and to prosper, we need to evolve our economic model and put people and planet at the heart of global value creation. If there is one critical lesson to learn from this crisis, it is that we need to put nature at the heart of how we operate. We simply can’t waste more time,” said HRH The Prince of Wales.

■ “The Great Reset is a welcome recognition that this human tragedy must be a wake-up call. We must build more equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of pandemics, climate change and the many other global changes we face,” said António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations, New York.

■ “A Great Reset is necessary to build a new social contract that honors the dignity of every human being,” added Schwab “The global health crisis has laid bare the unsustainability of our old system in terms of social cohesion, the lack of equal opportunities and inclusiveness. Nor can we turn our backs on the evils of racism and discrimination. We need to build into this new social contract our intergenerational responsibility to ensure that we live up to the expectations of young people.”

■ “COVID-19 has accelerated our transition into the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We have to make sure that the new technologies in the digital, biological and physical world remain human-centered and serve society as a whole, providing everyone with fair access,” he said.

■ “This global pandemic has also demonstrated again how interconnected we are. We have to restore a functioning system of smart global cooperation structured to address the challenges of the next 50 years. The Great Reset will require us to integrate all stakeholders of global society into a community of common interest, purpose and action,” said Schwab. “We need a change of mindset, moving from short-term to long-term thinking, moving from shareholder capitalism to stakeholder responsibility. Environmental, social and good governance have to be a measured part of corporate and governmental accountability,” he added.

Including social justice

“The Great Reset” is a commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of our economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient future.

It requires a new social contract centered on human dignity, social justice and where societal progress does not fall behind economic development.

Virtual hubs

To do so, the World Economic Forum will draw on thousands of young people in more than 400 cities around the world (the Global Shapers Community) who will be interconnected with a powerful virtual hub network to interact with the leaders in Davos.

Each of those hubs will have an open house policy to integrate all interested citizens into this dialogue, making the Annual Meeting open to everyone.

In addition, global media and social media networks will mobilize millions of people, enabling them to share their input while also providing them with access to the Annual Meeting discussions in Davos.

In the run-up to the Annual Meeting, the Forum will host a virtual series, The Great Reset Dialogues.

These dialogues are a joint initiative of the World Economic Forum and HRH The Prince of Wales. Contributions to the Great Reset will also be invited through UpLink, the World Economic Forum’s digital platform to crowdsource innovations for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The map shows the location of Hubs of the World Economic Global Shapers Community— more than 420 Hubs and 11,000 Global Shapers and alumni.



Looking back to June, an article by Simon Brandon titled “Europe Must Overcome These Three Challenges to Seal the European Green Deal” was posted at weforum.org (World Economic Forum) on June 11, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

■ The global fall in both CO₂ emissions and levels of air pollution has been one of COVID-19’s few silver linings. It has been estimated that the world could now be on course for the biggest ever annual fall in greenhouse gas emissions.

■ This presents what many see as an opportunity to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable future.

Here are a few of the challenges that must be understood and managed.

1. A new downturn

As the world enters a severe recession, some fear that countries hit hardest by the coming downturn might begin to see climate-friendly policies as less of a priority.

2. Different visions, priorities

Within the Eurozone, the crisis has exacerbated divisions between richer countries and their less affluent neighbors over what form a recovery package should take. In broad terms, Eurozone's southern members recommend a transfer of funds to the hardest-hit countries, while many northern countries have expressed support for a loan scheme.

3. Few strings attached

Efforts by countries to focus on their own economic and physical health during the pandemic was essential—but focusing too squarely on national interests in the long term could put a dent in the bloc's environmental goals.

It has also been true in the past that when faced with an apparently existential crisis, the EU has found a way. Climate change represents an existential threat to much more than just the EU—so it will be no surprise that the EU could find a way through that crisis, too.



An article by Tobias Siegal titled "Groundbreaking Blood Test Can Detect Cancer Years Before Symptoms Appear" was posted at jpost.com on July 27, 2020. Following is the article.

A new blood test can detect various types of cancer years before previously possible with traditional detection methods, according to a new research published in the scientific journal *Nature Communications*.

Early detection of cancer has the potential to significantly decrease death rates caused by the disease. Scientists have tried for years to develop a cancer screening-test that would reliably detect malignancy potential before tumor cells have the chance to spread, making treatment more effective. But until today, most attempts were unsuccessful or had partial results at best.

Developed by a Sino-US startup, the groundbreaking new blood test is referred to as PanSeer. It was developed by an international team of scientists at the University of California, who were successfully able to diagnose five different types of cancer long before symptoms appeared in the patients it tested.

The five types of cancer that PanSeer can currently detect are the following fairly common ones.

- Stomach cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Bowel cancer
- Lung cancer
- Liver cancer

The test is based on a technique that was developed over a decade and allows detection of malignant tumors in their early stages, which haven't led to any symptoms yet and were thus undetectable with previous methods.

Previous detection methods typically involved researchers collecting blood samples from people already diagnosed with the disease.

The new study on the other hand, included a 10-year health survey conducted between 2007-2017 that took blood samples from more than 120,000 healthy people in China, collecting samples from people before they had presented any signs of having cancer.

The detection technique is based on a biological process called DNA methylation analysis, which screens for DNA signatures specific to different cancers and identifies locations that have the greatest chance of signaling the presence of cancer. A special algorithm then compiles the findings and presents an indication of a person's likelihood of developing the disease.

"What we showed is: up to four years before these people walk into the hospital, there are already signatures in their blood that show they have cancer," says Kun Zhang, a bioengineer at the University of California, San Diego, and a co-author of the study. "That's never been done before."

The test managed to detect early signs of cancer in 95% of the 605 patients who didn't show any symptoms when being tested but developed cancer up to four years later.

The researchers hope that PanSeer or a similar blood test will become a standard annual test but noted that further and more comprehensive studies need to be done before that can happen.



An article by Susie Neilson titled "A Stunning New Photo of Saturn Reveals the Planet's Summer and Winter in Remarkable Clarity" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 24, 2020. Following is the article.

Astronomers released a vivid, beautiful photo of Saturn this week: It shows the planet's northern hemisphere in the height of summer, with a sun-induced reddish haze on top. A sliver of blue-hued winter is visible in the south, peeking out from beneath the planet's massive rings.

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope took the portrait on July 4, when Saturn was 839 million miles from Earth.

It's part of a series of yearly pictures of Saturn and the solar system's other gas giants—Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune—that began in 2018.

The Outer Planets Atmospheres Legacy project, as it's known, studies weather patterns on the planets to help astronomers learn more about how these planets evolved.

In addition to revealing the stark differences between Saturn's winter and summer, the photo captured seasonal variations like atmospheric storms, which show up as tiny, knot-like disturbances.



"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 Josie Ensor titled "[British Socialite] Ghislaine Maxwell Fights to Keep 'Nude Photos and Sexualized Videos' Secret Ahead of Trial" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 27, 2020.

■ An article by Victoria Bekiempis titled "[British Socialite] Ghislaine Maxwell: Court Unseals Documents Related to Dealings With Epstein" was posted at theguardian.com on July 30, 2020.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Islamic Prayer Returns to Hagia Sophia; Erdogan Says Some Still Haven't Accepted Muslim Conquest" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 26, 2020.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Orthodox Christians Mourn, Protest Over Ancient Cathedral's Reconversion Into a Mosque" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 27, 2020.

■ Looking back to June, an article by Maitreyee Joshi titled "'All He Cares About Is Money, Not Human Rights': Hong Kong Activist [Joshua Wong] Targets LeBron James for Hypocrisy" was posted at essentiallysports.com on June 11, 2020.

■ An article by Haley Ott titled "Hong Kong Lawmaker [Tanya Chan] Says, 'I Don't Know How I Can Protect Myself'" was posted at cbsnews.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article by Phil Thomas titled "China Makes \$1 Billion Loan to Latin American and Caribbean Countries for Access to Coronavirus Vaccine" was posted at independent.co.uk on July 25, 2020.

■ An article by Gareth Browne titled "How Turkey Is Sending Muslim Uighurs Back to China Without Breaking Its Promise" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 25, 2020.

■ An article by Sophia Yan and Jasmine Leung titled "Hong Kong Teachers Fired Under Beijing 'Patriotism' Push" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 25, 2020.

- An article titled "First Arab Country [Algeria] Acquires New Chinese Missile System" was posted at almasdarnnews.com on July 25, 2020.
- An article by Vipal Mongo titled "China's Move to Buy Arctic Gold Mine Draws Fire in Canada" was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Dan Collyns titled "[Ecuador Sounds] Alarm Over Discovery of Hundreds of Chinese Fishing Vessels Near Galapagos Islands [200 Miles]" was posted at [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com) on July 27, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Hong Kong to Suspend UK, Canada, Australia Crime Treaties" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on July 28, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Andrew Osborn titled "Putin Says Russian Navy to Get Hypersonic Nuclear Strike Weapons" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Yulia Khorovenkova and Vladimir Isachenkov titled "Massive Protest Against Governor's Arrest Challenges Kremlin" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on July 25, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Yury Zolotarev and Andrew Osburn titled "Tens of Thousands Protest Against Putin in Russian Far East" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on July 25, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Germany Rejects Trump's Proposal to Let Russia Back Into G7: [German] Foreign Minister" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Morgan Hines titled "German Cruise Ship (Mein Schiff 2) Sails With 1,200 People on Board in First Return Voyage" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on July 25, 2020.
- An article by David Scullion titled "Fired Charity Boss [Nick Buckley Who Criticized Black Lives Matter] Restored [After 5 Weeks]" was posted at [the-critic.co.uk](https://www.the-critic.co.uk) on July 23, 2020.
- An article by Jimmy Nsubuga titled "Police Turn Away 60 Cars Headed to Snowdon [Highest Mountain in Wales] Before 8:00 a.m. to Prevent Huge Traffic Jam" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on July 25, 2020.
- An article by David Slotnick titled "Emirates [Dubai-Based Airline] Is Trying to Limit Layoffs by Offering Workers Unpaid Leave" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 24, 2020.
- An article by David Slotnick titled "Emirates [Dubai-Based Airline] Will Pay for Your Medical Treatment, Hotel Quarantine and Even Your Funeral If You Catch COVID-19 While Traveling" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 27, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Guillaume Frouin titled "[Rwandan] Refugee Who Volunteered at French Cathedral [of Saint Peter and Saint Paul] Confesses to Setting [July 18] Blaze, Lawyer Says" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on July 25, 2020.
- An article by Adry Torres titled "Masked Members of a Gang Loyal to Maduro Beat Residents With Baseball Bats for Refusing to Wear Coronavirus Masks in Venezuela" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on July 24, 2020.

- An article by Taylor Ardrey titled “Police in Australia Won Their Supreme Court Bid to Stop a Black Lives Matter Protest [to Comply With Public Health Orders]” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Ibtissem Guenfoud titled “Lebanon Becomes 1st Country in Middle East and North Africa to Enter Hyperinflation [Exceeding 50% for 30 Consecutive Days]” was posted at [abcnews.com](https://www.abcnews.com) on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Georgia Slater titled “[UK] Roller Coaster Traps Riders 150 Feet in the Air for Over An Hour: ‘We Could Hear People Crying’ ” was posted at [people.com](https://www.people.com) on July 30, 2020.



An article by Emily Jashinsky titled “The AP’s Spin on Its Own Poll Shows Media Bias in Action” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on July 24, 2020. Following is an excerpt of the article.

Media bias often comes down to framing, and the Associated Press just supplied us with a glistening example of how it’s done.

- “AP-NORC poll: Very few Americans back full school reopening,” blared a Thursday headline in the outlet.

- Based on the survey’s results, however, that headline could easily have been rewritten to say “Very few Americans back full school closures” or “Most Americans back full or partial school reopening,” both of which would have been fairer descriptions of the results.

The poll actually found 68 percent of adults believe K-12 schools should open with major adjustments (46 percent), minor adjustments (14 percent), or “as usual” (eight percent). That means 68 percent of adults “back” schools reopening, including 56 percent of Democrats.

You can see what the AP did here, stretching to cast the results in the least favorable light for Republicans.

That’s not because a bunch of reporters got together in a back room and conspired to undercut the GOP, it’s because their monolithic ideological perspective informs their interpretation of the news.

The news value in this case would seem to be that a majority of adults want schools reopened, not that a tiny minority of them want “full” reopening, a position the poll itself found virtually nobody holds.

Given that almost nobody is arguing we should reopen schools with zero precautions, the AP’s decision to insert “full” into the headline is revealing. They’re arguing against a conservative strawman.

This is hardly the worst example of media bias, but it’s a very clear one.

All this is to say, whether you’re progressive or conservative, watch out for framing as a news consumer. It’ll leave you better informed.



An article by Chris Anderson titled "Pharmacy Board Reverses Ban on Hydroxychloroquine, Will Allow for Use in COVID-19 Treatments After Gov. DeWine's Request" was posted at cleveland19.com on July 30, 2020. Following is the article.

Just hours after the policy was amended, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy reversed a ban on the use of hydroxychloroquine for treatment to coronavirus infections.

The change from Wednesday comes following a request from Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Thursday, asking the pharmacy board to reverse the ban.

As a result of the feedback received by the medical and patient community and at the request of Governor DeWine, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has withdrawn proposed rule 4729:5-5-21 of the Administrative Code.

Therefore, prohibitions on the prescribing of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine in Ohio for the treatment of COVID-19 will not take effect at this time.

This will allow the Board to reexamine the issue with the assistance of the State Medical Board of Ohio, clinical experts, and other stakeholders to determine appropriate next steps.

The governor said his perspective was based on recommendations from Dr. Steven Hahn, the commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Hahn said prescribing hydroxychloroquine should be a decision made between a doctor and a patient.

■ Governor Mike DeWine July 30, 2020: "Therefore, I am asking the @OhioRxBoard to halt their new rule prohibiting the selling or dispensing of hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19."

The drug was touted by President Donald Trump, who said he took the medication without experiencing side effects, but other studies have shown that hydroxychloroquine is ineffective in treating COVID-19.

■ Governor Mike DeWine on July 30, 2020: "The Ohio Board of Pharmacy and @ohiomedboard should revisit the issue, listen to the best medical science, and open the process up for comment and testimony from experts."



Media and hydroxychloroquine

■ Looking back to April, an article by Gregg Re titled "After Mocking Trump for Promoting Hydroxychloroquine, Journalists Acknowledge It Might Treat Coronavirus" was posted at foxnews.com on April 2, 2020.

■ Looking back to June, an article by Tristan Justice titled "Lancet [Medical Journal] Formally Retracts Fake Hydroxychloroquine Study Used by Media to Attack Trump" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 4, 2020.

- Looking back to June, a Reuters article by Deena Beasley and Manas Mishra titled “Trump Critical of FDA Decision to Revoke Emergency Use of Drug He Has Promoted for COVID-19” was posted at reuters.com on June 15, 2020.
- An article titled “Treatment With Hydroxychloroquine Cut Death Rate Significantly in COVID-19 Patients, Henry Ford Health System Study Shows” was posted at henryford.com on July 2, 2020.
- An article by Monica Showalter titled “Social Media Giants Shut Down Doctors Testifying From Experience That Hydroxychloroquine Works” was posted at americanthinker.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Sam Shead titled “Facebook, Twitter and YouTube Pull [Alleged] ‘False’ Coronavirus Video After It Goes Viral” was posted at cnbc.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Rachel Leman, Katie Shepherd and Taylor Telford titled “Twitter Penalizes Trump Jr. for Posting [Alleged] Hydroxychloroquine Misinformation” was posted at seattletimes.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Staff titled “COVID-19: Trump Backs Hydroxychloroquine Again, Claims Drug Was Rejected Only Because He Endorsed It” was posted at scroll.in on July 29, 2020.
- An article by Ron Dicker titled “Madonna Shares Coronavirus [Alleged] Conspiracy Video and Says Cure [Hydroxychloroquine] Is Being Hidden” was posted at huffpost.com on July 29, 2020.
- An article by Emily Jacobs titled “Rep. Louis Gohmert ‘All In’ on Using Hydroxychloroquine to Treat COVID-19” was posted at nypost.com on July 30, 2020.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following three articles by three black conservative writers (Allen West, Michael Brown and Walter Williams) discuss their concern about how white leftists are using black people as cover for their anti-American agenda.



An article by Allen West titled “The Shared History of NAACP and Black Lives Matter” was posted at cnsnews.com on July 6, 2020. Following is the article.

“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”—Quote attributed to George Santayana

If American Blacks are to truly overcome, the time has come for them to stop being driven into irrational emotionalism.

Somehow, in the Black community, reason and rational thought have taken a backseat to the acceptance of thoughts, perspectives, and ideologies that are not consistent with the “proclaimed” principles and values over which many in the black community shout “hallelujah” on one particular day of the week—Sunday.

Why are we watching a community self-implode but go right along “whistling past the graveyard” in addressing its real, true issues.

I believe the fountain from which this irrational emotionalism flows has to do with organizations that have been established in the Black communities, along with the charlatans who lead these organizations.

I want to present a short comparative analysis between two of them—the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Black Lives Matter (BLM). There are some very interesting lessons to be learned from understanding these two organizations.

First, let’s take a look at the NAACP. Full disclosure: My Mom, Elizabeth Thomas West, was a life member of the NAACP.

The NAACP was founded in New York on February 12, 1909 by four white progressives. Their names were Mary White Ovington, William English Walling, Henry Moskowitz, and Oswald Garrison Villard. Of course, they sought out a black man named W.E.B. DuBois to be the face of the organization they envisioned.

DuBois, who had been an ally of my ideological mentor, Booker T. Washington, took the NAACP towards a more protest-oriented approach to civil rights for Blacks. Washington took a more reasoned approach of education, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance. The schism that permeates to this day was then created.

The early leftists in America had established a more intelligentsia-based movement that looked upon the method of Booker T. Washington as demeaning. From there, we get the moniker “sellout,” which is still prevalent in these days.

Washington wrote “Up From Slavery” and was a renowned educator and orator who hosted one US president and dined with another.

DuBois wrote “The Soul of Black Folks” and was a sociologist.

But what is quite amazing is the life of W.E.B. DuBois, a man who was an avowed socialist, then communist, and ultimately renounced his American citizenship. So, what about the organization that chose DuBois as its figurehead?

Just as with those who founded it, the NAACP has become nothing but a political arm of the Democrat Party, the modern progressive socialists.

When was the last time you heard about the NAACP taking a position for educational freedom (school choice)?

When have you heard the NAACP speak out against Planned Parenthood or the genocide of 20 million unborn black babies since Roe v Wade?

I have yet to hear the NAACP voice any concerns about the rampant shootings, black on black, in our American urban population centers.

Nor has the NAACP spoken out about the decimation of the traditional nuclear black family, and the failure of President Johnson’s Great Society welfare, nanny-state policies?

I guess the NAACP represents the “establishment” aspect of an organization created by leftists.

That brings us to the new, radical organization created by leftists that proclaims to care about Black lives, but has proven only to care about ideological-driven lives.

Once again, we have an organization, BLM, whose fundamental principles are aligned more with Marxism. As a matter of fact, their leaders have admitted to being “trained Marxists.”

There is nothing about the Black community and its real principles that are aligned with Marxism.

Yet this organization, BLM, has somehow convinced people that they care about Black lives—the question is, which ones?

BLM also is seeking to advance itself by radical protest, not by addressing the real issues facing the Black community.

When has BLM gone to Chicago and taken on the issue of black on black crime, or to Baltimore, Detroit, pick your city?

The BLM principles condemn the traditional nuclear family as a representation of white supremacy—so, they embrace the decimation of the black family?

The bottom line is that the left has once again coopted a title for an organization that dupes Blacks into believing that white liberal progressive socialists care. The only thing they care about is power. The only thing they care about is maintaining a victim class for political patronage.

When I see these useful idiot, young, white progressives carrying signs that say, “Stop Killing Black People,” I just shake my head. Why are they not in Chicago?

What about the little one-year old black child, who did survive not being aborted, killed in the womb, to be killed just a year later by gunfire from other Blacks?

I will congratulate the left on a brilliant marketing campaign of yelling “squirrel” and having the entire black community chase after their narrative of choosing.

The NAACP and BLM are connected by their being created by white leftists who place black faces in charge for their manipulative purposes. They keep the Black community distracted and deceived.

The Black community needs to stop aligning itself with these progressive, socialist, statist, Marxist, and communist organizations that need victims.

Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, and Saul Alinsky are not the kinda fellas the Black community should follow.

My ideological mentor is Booker T. Washington. He is without a doubt the Father of Black Conservatism. And he never embraced any ideologies that were antithetical to our fundamental principles and values as a constitutional Republic. And he never renounced his American citizenship.

It was Washington who once said, “There is another class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs—partly because they want sympathy and partly

because it pays. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs.”

And we all know that race hustling has become a very profitable business in America.



An article by Michael Brown titled “Saul Alinsky and the BLM Movement” was posted at townhall.com on July 25, 2020. Following is the article.

While Saul Alinsky can be connected directly to both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, I’m not aware that such a clear connection exists between the founders of the BLM movement and Alinsky, who died in 1972. But there is no doubt that they share his philosophy of cultural revolution.

In his insightful, 2009 mini-book, Barack Obama’s Rules for Revolution: The Alinsky Model, David Horowitz quoted an SDS radical who wrote, “The issue is never the issue. The issue is always the revolution.”

As Horowitz explained, “In other words the cause—whether inner city blacks or women—is never the real cause, but only an occasion to advance the real cause which is the accumulation of power to make the revolution. That was the all consuming focus of Alinsky and his radicals.”

When it comes to BLM, the purported issue, namely, that Black Lives Matter, is not the ultimate issue. Instead, a larger cultural revolution is the ultimate issue. (As many have noted, the founders of BLM are both Marxists and radical feminists, with two of the three women identifying as queer activists.)

And so, the mantra that “Black Lives Matter” specifically means blacks who are victims of white police brutality.

- Black lives in the womb do not matter.
- Blacks getting gunned down in gang violence do not matter.
- Black toddlers killed in random shootings do not matter.
- Not even blacks killed by black police officers matter—at least not nearly as much as blacks killed by white officers.

Those white officers, in turn, represent the larger system, which, we are told, is fundamentally racist. And it is that system that needs to be overthrown.

Thus, “The issue is never the issue. The issue is always the revolution.”

If the issue was the issue, then BLM should have been applauding President Trump’s efforts to introduce police reform.

Instead, Trump is vilified as a white supremacist and racist, and BLM wants him removed. In fact, that is one of their stated goals.

As for the police, their very existence is part of the oppressive system. They must be defunded and abolished, and attacks on them are justified.

Of course, it doesn't take a sociology professor to understand that the BLM movement is not primarily focused on the well-being of the black American community.

After all, what is the connection between police brutality and statues of Christopher Columbus?

There is no connection, other than the revolutionary logic which says: white police brutality is part of America's racist heritage, which started with slavery. And Christopher Columbus, who discovered America, enslaved native inhabitants of the West Indies. Therefore, in the name of BLM, his statue must be destroyed (along with many other statues).

And what is the connection between police brutality and the vandalizing of synagogues and burning of church buildings?

There is no connection, other than the revolutionary logic which sees church buildings as symbols of an oppressive, discriminatory religious system that also must be overthrown.

And let's not forget the statues of a white Jesus and a white Mary. They too must be toppled.

As for the synagogues, that's easy. The Jews are always part of the oppressive system. The Jews are always evil. Everyone hates the Jews.

Terry Crewes was right to say to Don Lemon that, "There are some very militant type forces in Black Lives Matter and what I was issuing was a warning" that "extremes can really go far and go wild."

Absolutely. We see the wild extremes on the streets of our cities every day. And plenty of the extremists are young whites, some of whom are more into revolution than into justice.

Diamond and Silk were right to tweet, "If What Don Lemon says is true about BLM being only about police brutality, then why are they still protesting? We don't see police killing black lives. It's black lives killing black lives."

Ah, but black lives are not the primary issue. Instead, the issue is revolution.

Thus, over time, the concern about blacks being killed by the police will be drowned out by the larger call to overthrow America as we know it.

After all, America is depicted as the world's hotbed of racism and oppression, the evil empire that must be brought down, especially when compared to . . . Well, especially when compared to a utopian Marxism.

BLM is playing by the book. Alinsky's book.

For good reason Gregory A. wrote on Medium.com, "It's time to stop supporting this anti-American organization that is working to sow division, spread lies, and destroying the country. Their playbook comes straight from Rules for Radicals by Saul Alinsky who dedicated his book to Lucifer. They

aren't looking for unity, but to destroy anyone who doesn't agree with their radical Marxist philosophy. Black Lives Matter leaders know how to cause chaos and to turn us against each other. Individuals and corporations must stop pandering to this organization that is working to tear the country apart."

Precisely so.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Is Racism Responsible for Today's Black Problems?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on July 27, 2020. Following is the article.

I doubt whether any American would defend the police treatment of George Floyd that led to his death. But many Americans are supporting some of the responses to Floyd's death—rioting, looting, wanton property destruction, assaults on police and other kinds of mayhem by both whites and blacks.

The pretense is that police conduct stands as the root of black problems. According to the NAACP, from 1882-1968, there were 3,446 black people lynched at the hands of whites. Today, being murdered by whites or policemen should be the least of black worries.

In recent times, there is an average of 9,252 black-on-black murders every year. Over the past 35 years, that translates into nearly 324,000 blacks murdered at the hands of other blacks. Only a tiny percentage of blacks are killed by police.

For example, in Chicago this year, there were 414 homicides, with a total of 2,078 people shot. So far in 2020, three people have been killed by police and four were shot. Manhattan Institute scholar Heather Mac Donald reports that "a police officer is 18½ times more likely to be killed by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be killed by a police officer."

Crime is a major problem for many black communities, but how much of it can be attributed to causes such as institutional racism, systemic racism and white privilege?

The most devastating problem is the very weak black family structure. Less than a third of black children live in two-parent households and illegitimacy stands at 75%.

The "legacy of slavery" is often blamed. Such an explanation turns out to be sheer nonsense when one examines black history. Even during slavery, where marriage was forbidden, most black children lived in biological two-parent families.

Professor Herbert G. Gutman's research in "The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom 1750-1925" found that in three-fourths of 19th-century slave families, all the children had the same mother and father.

In New York City, in 1925, 85% of black households were two-parent. In fact, "Five in six children under the age of six lived with both parents." During slavery and as late as 1920, a black teenage girl raising a child without a man present was a rarity.

An 1880 study of family structure in Philadelphia shows that three-quarters of all black families were nuclear families. There were only slight differences in family structure between racial groups.

The percentages of nuclear families were: black (75.2%), Irish (82.2%), German (84.5%) and native white Americans (73.1%). Only one-quarter of black families were female-headed. Female-headed families among Irish, German and native white Americans averaged 11%. According to the 1938 Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, only 11% of black children and 3% of white children were born to unwed mothers.

As Thomas Sowell reported: "Going back a hundred years, when blacks were just one generation out of slavery, we find that census data of that era showed that a slightly higher percentage of black adults had married than white adults. This fact remained true in every census from 1890 to 1940."

The absence of a father in the home predisposes children, especially boys, to academic failure, criminal behavior and economic hardship, not to mention an intergenerational repeating of handicaps. If today's weak family structure is a legacy of slavery, then the people who make such a claim must tell us how it has managed to skip nearly five generations to have an effect.

There are problems such as grossly poor education, economic stagnation and poverty that impact the black community heavily. I would like someone to explain how tearing down statues of Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson and Confederate generals help the black cause.

Destruction of symbols of American history might help relieve the frustrations of all those white college students and their professors frustrated by the 2016 election of President Donald Trump.

Problems that black people face give white leftists cover for their anti-American agenda.



An article by Tristan Justice titled "Rep. Jerry Nadler Brushes Off Antifa Violence As a 'Myth' " was posted at thefederalist.com on July 27, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

New York Democratic Congressman Jerry Nadler chalked up the recent epidemic of Antifa violence in Portland as nothing more than right-wing myth on Sunday when asked about his thoughts over a militant mob terrorizing one of the nation's largest cities.

"Do you disavow the violence from Antifa?" asked writer-producer Austen Fletcher.

"That's a myth that's been spread only in Washington D.C." Nadler asserted.

"About Antifa in Portland?" Fletcher clarified.

"Yes."

Rioters in Portland are nearing their 60th straight day of violent protesting Monday night as a city gripped with anarchy becomes paralyzed from the militant destruction of mob anarchists terrorizing neighborhoods.

Local and federal agents attempting to restore peace and public safety to the fractured community in recent weeks have suffered from demonstrators launching assaults using mortar-style fireworks and lasers that can cause permanent blindness.

Yet, as the city continues to descend into chaos, its Democratic leaders have condemned the White House for sending in federal law enforcement to ensure the protection of private property and resurrect public safety.

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler called Trump's actions "an attack on our democracy," while state Gov. Kate Brown characterized the move as "a blatant abuse of power."

Democratic Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden went as far as to introduce legislation to bring a halt to the "paramilitary occupation," in U.S. cities as the administration steps up its law enforcement presence in major cities nationwide suffering from a second wave of violent unrest.

Communities in Los Angeles, Austin, Richmond, and Colorado, each reported violent protests over the weekend from demonstrators rioting in solidarity with Portland.

The worst carnage however, appeared to come from Seattle where 45 protestors were arrested and 21 police officers were injured, according to KIRO 7 News in Washington.



"Eye on the World" comment: Although the corporate media is ignoring riots, many American citizens see the issue clearly. Following are some headlines about the role of the media in this deception and then an article about the subject.



- An article by Michael Tracey titled "Corporate Media Is Ignoring Broadest Riots in U.S. History, But Americans Hurt by These Riots Aren't" was posted at medium.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Adam Burnett titled "Supporting the Mob: MSNBC Dismisses Violent 'Activities' in Portland" was posted at newsbusters.org on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Randy Hall titled "ABC Calls Chaotic, Violent Protest 'Peaceful,' 'Intense' " was posted at newsbusters.org on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Jeff Mordock titled "[At Congressional Panel] Nadler Blasts Barr: Attorney General Has 'Aided and Abetted' Trump's 'Worst Failings' [Blaming Trump for Riots]" was posted at washingtontimes.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Jim Jordan [of Ohio] Airs Disturbing, Yet Powerful Video During [Contrasting Politician Lies With Footage of Riots] Bill Barr Hearing" was posted at townhall.com on July 28, 2020.

- An article by Joseph A. Wulfson titled “CNN’s Jake Tapper Scolds Rep. Jim Jordan for ‘Misrepresenting’ Reporters [Who Were Accurately Shown on Camera] in ‘Peaceful Protests’ Video” was posted at foxnews.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Jonah Gottschalk titled “[Attorney General] Barr Scorches Media Lies: ‘Peaceful Protesters Do Not Throw Explosives Into Federal Court-houses’ ” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Ben Shapiro titled “The Left’s Willingness to Tolerate Violence Should Frighten All Americans” was posted at cnsnews.com on July 29, 2020.
- An article by Joseph A. Wulfsohn titled “Washington Post, PBS Reporters Accused of ‘Cheerleading’ for Dems During Barr Hearing” was posted at foxnews.com on July 29, 2020.
- An article by Tim Graham titled “Brit Hume Rips WSJ News Team for Skipping Dem Rudeness to Barr” was posted at newsbusters.org on July 29, 2020.



A transcript titled “William Barr Congressional Hearing Opening Statement Transcript July 28” was posted at rev.com on July 28, 2020. Following is the transcript.

William Barr: (00:00) Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Jordan. I’m pleased to be here this morning.

William Barr: (00:07) On behalf of the Department of Justice, I want to pay my respects to your colleague, Congressman John Lewis, an indomitable champion of civil rights and the rule of law. I think it is especially important to remember today that he pursued his cause passionately and successfully with unwavering commitment to non-violence.

William Barr: (00:29) As I said in my confirmation hearing, the Attorney General has a unique obligation. He holds in trust the fair and impartial administration of justice. He must ensure that there is one standard of justice that applies to everyone equally and that criminal cases are handled evenhandedly based on the law and the facts and without regard to political or personal considerations.

William Barr: (00:55) I can tell you that I’ve handled criminal matters that have come to me for a decision in this way. The President has not attempted to interfere in these decisions. On the contrary, he has told me from the start that he expects me to exercise my independent judgment to make whatever call I think is right. That is precisely what I’ve done.

William Barr: (01:16) Indeed, it’s precisely because I feel complete freedom to do what I think is right that induced me to serve once again as Attorney General. As you just said, Mr. Chairman, I served as Attorney General under President George H. W. Bush; and after that, I spent many years in the corporate world. I’m almost 70 years old. I was almost 70 years old and slipping happily into retirement. I had nothing to prove, and I had no desire to return to government. I had no prior relationship with President Trump.

William Barr: (01:48) Let me turn briefly to the several pressing issues of the day. The horrible killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis understandably jarred the whole country and forced us to reflect on longstanding issues in the nation. Those issues obviously relate to the relationship between law enforcement and the African-American community. Given our history, it's understandable that among black Americans, there's [inaudible 00:02:14] some ambivalence and often distrust toward the police. Until just last 50 years ago or so, our laws and our institutions were explicitly racist, explicitly discriminatory. It was not until the '60s that the civil rights movement finally succeeded in tearing down the Jim Crow edifice. Our laws finally came to formally embody the guarantee of equal protection. Since then, the work of securing civil rights has rightly focused on reforming institutions to ensure they better conform to our laws and to our aspirations. That work, it's important to acknowledge, has been increasingly successful. Police forces today are far more diverse than they've ever been, and there are both more black police chiefs and more black officers in the ranks.

William Barr: (03:09) Although the death of George Floyd at the hands of the police was a shocking event, the fact is that these events are fortunately quite rare. According to statistics compiled by the Washington Post, the number of unarmed black men killed by police so far this year is eight. The number of unarmed white men killed by police over the same period of time is 11, and the overall numbers of police shootings have been decreasing. Nevertheless, every instance of excessive force is unacceptable and must be addressed appropriately through legal process, as is happening now in Minneapolis.

William Barr: (03:45) But apart from the numbers, I think these events strike a deep chord in the black community because they are perceived as manifestations of a deeper, lingering concern that in encounters with police, blacks will not be treated evenhandedly. They will not be given the benefit of the doubt. They will be treated with greater suspicion. Senator Tim Scott has recounted the numerous times he's been unjustifiably pulled over on Capitol Hill; and as one prominent black professional in Washington said to me, "African-Americans often feel treated as suspects first and citizens second." I think these concerns are legitimate.

William Barr: (04:22) At the same time, I think it would be an oversimplification to treat the problem as rooted in some deep-seated racism generally infecting our police departments. It seems far more likely that the problem stems from a complex mix of factors, which can be addressed with focused attention over time. We in law enforcement must be conscious of the concerns and ensure that we do not have two systems of justice.

William Barr: (04:50) Unfortunately, some have chosen to respond to George Floyd's death in a far less productive way by demonizing the police, promoting slogans like, "All cops are bastard," and making grossly irresponsible proposals to defund the police. The demonization of the police is not only unfair and inconsistent with principles of all people should be treated as individuals, but gravely injurious to the inner city communities. When communities turn on and pillory the police, officers naturally become more risk-averse and crime rates soar. Unfortunately, we are seeing that now in many of our cities. The threat to black lives posed by crime on the streets is massively greater than any threat posed by police misconduct.

William Barr: (05:38) The leading cause of death for young black males is homicide. Every year, approximately 7,500 black Americans are victims of homicide. The vast majority of them, around 90%, are killed by other blacks, mainly by gunfire. Each of those lives matter. It is for this reason then, in selected cities where there has been an upsurge in violent crime, we are stepping up and bolstering the activities of our joint anti-crime task forces.

William Barr: (06:09) Finally, I want to address a different breakdown in the rule of law that we've witnessed over the past two months. In the wake of George Floyd's death, violent rioters and anarchists have hijacked legitimate protests to wreak senseless havoc and destruction on innocent victims. The current situation in Portland is a telling example. Every night for the past two months, a mob of hundreds of rioters have laid siege to the Federal Courthouse and other nearby federal property. The rioters have come equipped for fight, armed with powerful slingshots, tasers, sledgehammers, saws, knives, rifles, and explosive devices. Inside the courthouse are a relatively small number of federal law enforcement personnel charged with the defensive mission to protect the courthouse. What unfolds nightly around the courthouse cannot reasonably be called protest. It is, by any objective measure, an assault on the government of the United States.

William Barr: (07:17) As elected officials of the federal government, every member of this committee, regardless of your political views or your feelings about the Trump administration, should condemn violence against federal officers and the destruction of federal property.

William Barr: (07:32) Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate your listing for me the areas of concern in your opening statement, and I'm looking forward to addressing them all.



An article titled "Vote-by-Mail Experiment Reveals Potential Problems Within Postal Voting System Ahead of November Election" was posted at [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/vote-by-mail-experiment-reveals-potential-problems-within-postal-voting-system-ahead-of-november-election/) on July 24, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Mail-in voting, for many, is as simple as sending a letter, but rules vary across the country for when a voter can get their ballot and when it should be returned. In 2016, more than 73,000 out of 33 million mail-in ballots arrived too late to be counted.

Many Americans are expected to vote by mail for the first time in November 2020 because of coronavirus concerns, so "CBS This Morning" sent out 100 mock ballots, simulating 100 voters in locations across Philadelphia, in an experiment to see how long one should give themselves to make sure their vote counts.

"We're gonna see somewhere between probably 80 and 100 million voters receiving their ballot that way," former Arizona election official Tammy Patrick

told “CBS This Morning” co-host Tony Dokoupil. Patrick is now a senior adviser for the elections program at Democracy Fund.

For the experiment, a P.O. box was set up to represent a local election office. A few days after the initial ballots were mailed, 100 more were sent.

The mock ballots used the same size envelope and same class of mail as real ballots, and even had mock votes folded in to approximate the weight. The biggest difference: real mail-in ballots have a logo that is meant to expedite them. “CBS This Morning” was unable to include those the trial.

A week after initial ballots were sent, most ballots appeared to be missing from the P.O. box.

“I don’t see anything back there for you,” a postal worker told Dokoupil when he received the mail. “That’s all I have back there right now.”

After asking for a manager and explaining the situation to them, the votes were found.

“They had them somewhere else,” the postal worker said.

Then, another problem—missorted mail.

“We got a birthday card from Mike to Ronnie,” Dokoupil said, as he read a postcard mistakenly placed in “CBS This Morning’s” P.O. box. “Have a sweet b-day. Get it? There’s a bee on top.”

The postcard, along with another piece of missorted mail, was then sent to the correct recipient.

Out of the initial batch mailed a week earlier, 97 out of 100 votes had arrived. Three simulated persons, or 3% of voters, were effectively disenfranchised by mail by giving their ballots a week to arrive. In a close election, 3% could be pivotal.

Four days after mailing the second batch of mock ballots, 21% of the votes hadn’t arrived.

According to Postal Service recommendations, “voters should mail their return ballots at least one week prior to the due date.”

However, nearly half of all states still allow voters to request ballots less than a week before the election.

Tammy Patrick said many states’ mail-in voting policies simply do not take the postal system into account.

“So states like Ohio, you can request your ballot on Saturday up until noon for Tuesday’s election,” Patrick explained. “And that is the worst possible thing you are setting up the voters with false expectations, and you’re setting them up to fail.”

Some Americans say they are hesitant to trust the U.S. Postal Service, despite pandemic concerns.

"I'm scared that it might get lost in the mail," potential voter Kim Tucker said. "I just want to make sure that my vote is submitted, like, I see that it's submitted, that it actually counts."

Another person, Shannon Zebley, said she "never" trusted the postal service and has "absolutely" had things lost in the mail in the past.

"I just don't trust the mail," yet another person, Laura Okechukwu said simply.

When Dokoupil shared the results of the experiment with Philadelphia Commissioner Lisa Deeley, she said the results were better than she expected.

After nearly 15,000 votes arrived late in Philadelphia's June primary, Deeley, who helps oversee elections, said voters are right to be wary.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "You've Been Warned" was posted at patriotpst.us on July 25, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Even though Joe Biden has been hunkered down in his bunker for months and not taken a single hard question from any of the trained monkeys who are allowed access to him, we pretty much know what a Biden agenda would look like.

Team Biden has released a you-should-excuse-the-expression white paper. It's white, but it has the fingerprints of Bernie Sanders, A O-C and Eric Holder, all over it.

It promises to end cash bail, not just in New York, but across the land. That means criminals will be released on their own recognizance with the promise of returning for their day in court. We have seen how well that system works with the illegal aliens who promised to return to be interviewed by a federal judge who would determine their status.

■ Ending appeal of suburbs

Biden would end the appeal of suburbs by abolishing single family dwellings and replacing them with federally-subsidized housing for those on welfare, introducing to the burbs the crime-infested developments that are the blight of big cities like Chicago and New York.

The Democrats have caught on that it's mainly white people who have escaped to the suburbs in order to get away from crime and violence, and they'll have none of that. Except, of course, when it comes to their politicians, who are well-protected wherever they are.

It used to be said that people couldn't run away from their past, their sins, themselves or Dodge City. But going forward, under the Biden regime, they will no longer be able to run away from slums, crime and poverty.

■ Kangaroo courts at college

The Democrats will also be bringing kangaroo courts back to college campuses so that any male student accused of sexual misconduct of any kind will

be automatically presumed guilty and open to suspension or banishment on the word alone of a female.

■ No school vouchers

The plan would also do away with school vouchers or tax breaks so parents, particularly poor and black parents, would lack any say in what schools their children attend.

Frankly, when it comes to school, I'm not sure if it's a plus or a minus if kids even attend since starting as early as first grade the kids are being indoctrinated every bit as much as if they were attending school in Moscow or Beijing.

I was lucky enough to attend grammar school in the late 40s and early 50s. As a result, I was able to learn to read, write, do math problems and discover that, for all its missteps along the way, America was a miraculous and decent nation, which explained why so many people who weren't lucky enough to be born here, give up so much to come here.

■ Difference in pay

Moving on, the Federal Reserve would be entrusted to determine if blacks are paid less than whites and, if so, to make up the difference.

■ 25 million illegals would vote

In this bright new Bidenesque world, deportations would end and voting rights would be given to the 25 million illegal aliens currently living within our borders. Sorry, I mean their borders.

■ Roger Stone

Although I never cared for Roger Stone, just another smooth Washington operator in my book, I was glad to hear that the President commuted his sentence a few days before he was set to enter prison for the next 42 months. I was glad because Stone was an early ally of candidate Trump, and friends don't let friends go to jail, when their only crime was backing the wrong horse, so far as the Deep Staters were concerned.

If Mrs. Clinton had won, Stone would never have even been prosecuted. He would have been as free as a bird, just like James Comey, John Brennan, Andrew McCabe, Bruce Ohr, James Clapper, Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Susan Rice, Barack Obama, Joe Biden and Mrs. Clinton, who actually did commit high crimes.

The Left is naturally outraged that Stone won't die in prison. They will accuse Trump of essentially busting a criminal out of jail. It was far more to their liking when Bill Clinton, on his final day in office, commuted or pardoned a number of truly evil characters, including fugitive financier/swindler Marc Rich, who had been a major contributor—with other people's money—to the Clinton Foundation; and Susan Rosenberg, who was just 16 years into a 58 year sentence for terrorist activities, which included bombings of federal buildings and a Brinks robbery in Nyack, New York, in which two cops were killed.

■ Kaepernick birthday

With the way that Colin Kaepernick has been lionized, it occurred to me that there could soon be a move to make his birthday a national holiday. That led me to check out what date that would be. It turns out he made his first personal appearance on November 3, 1987.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all agree to celebrate his 33rd birthday by re-electing Donald Trump?

■ Orwell's 1984

You might think what is going on in this country is unimaginable, but it's not. George Orwell did more than imagine it, he forecast it in "1984." He did so by noticing what had already taken place in the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany. He would have been saddened, but not surprised, to see that Antifa, a presumably anti-Fascist group, behaves exactly like Fascists. He would not have been shocked to see the BLM mob, presumably anti-racist, behaving far more violently than the police they're attempting to get eliminated. Orwell would love the irony of their anti-racism focusing entirely on the alleged racism of white people.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "On Charities & Appeasement" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 27, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

I differ from most people when it comes to charity. The ideal seems to be that one should contribute anonymously. I disagree.

On occasion, I have donated in a way that might as well be anonymously. That is to say, I have contributed to political campaigns, but only to those where I felt the Republican had a decent shot at winning.

As much as I would like to see people like Nancy Pelosi, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Adam Schiff, Maxine Waters, Rashida Tlaib, Jerry Nadler and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, lose, I'm not deluding myself that their constituents will belatedly come to their senses.

I prefer that my charitable donations be one-on-one. So, after reading about a 7-year-old girl in my neighborhood, a member of a family I didn't know, having her brand new Christmas gift bicycle stolen, I bought her a replacement. I simply decided that seven was too young to be turned into a bitter cynic.

When another neighbor I didn't know—a single mother of three young kids—was having trouble during the shutdown feeding her brood, I sent her a check.

When it comes to organized charities, the only ones I ever donate to are the Salvation Army, St. Jude's Children Hospital and a privately-run dog shelter here in the San Fernando Valley.

So far as I can tell, all three are kosher and the person running it is not skimming the cream off the top with an eye to retiring to a villa in the south of France.

Obviously, I don't expect thanks from the Salvation Army or the others, although I don't tear up the tax refunds these outfits provide, although I'm really not sure what donations are tax deductible these days.

■ Personal story of charity

I'll share a personal story involving charity that few people other than those who were involved know about. Back in the 90s, I who had enjoyed a fairly successful TV writing career, was gobsmacked by ageism and found myself and my wife having to sell our condo. We didn't have that much escrow in the place, so eventually we were surviving on credit cards while hoping that one of my spec screenplays would sell and rescue us. When not a single one sold, we had to file for bankruptcy.

But that merely stopped the hounding phone calls, it didn't pay the bills.

So I threw myself on the mercy of my friends. In my begging letter, I told them that they should only send me money they could afford to kiss good-bye.

Although a couple told me to consider it a gift, not a loan, I promised to pay back everyone if I ever could, but short of a miracle it wasn't likely to happen.

The results were overwhelming. Within a week, I received checks from nearly everybody I had contacted, and even a couple I hadn't, such as movie director Burt Kennedy, whom I'd only met once, but who heard of my plight from our mutual friend, actor Jack Elam.

Even now, nearly 25 years later, just thinking about the generous response makes me tear up. Now you probably better understand why the final scene in "It's a Wonderful Life" affects me as profoundly as it does every time I watch it.

For a week, as over \$30,000 arrived, not only from life-long friends like Hank Hinton, but from Billy Wilder whom I had only recently befriended, I was George Bailey, the richest man in town.

Of course, I thanked them all, expressing my eternal gratitude. And, best of all, perhaps because I had my own version of Clarence Goodbody, Angel Second Class, who was trying to get his own pair of wings, I received my own Christmas miracle—the opportunity to write the Christmas episode in 1998 for Dick Van Dyke's "Diagnosis Murder," which led to a two-year stint as the show's Executive Story Consultant (staff writer). But the two year gig was enough for me to pay back all the loans (gifts) and buy us a home.

■ Opportunity to say thank you

If the money had been dropped on my doorstep by an anonymous donor, I would have been enormously grateful but I also would have been annoyed and disappointed. I would have wanted to express my thanks to an actual human being.

I think that's the part that people who have never had to accept charity don't understand. What's most important isn't for the donor to receive thanks from the recipient, it's allowing the recipient the opportunity to give thanks.

Gratitude is a virtue, and one that is in grievously short supply these days.

■ Compromise?

I often hear the word "compromise" mentioned when people (nearly always Democrats) actually mean capitulation and surrender.

■ Appeasement shows weakness

People even mention "appeasement" as if it's something noble. It wasn't noble when British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain adopted it as a policy when dealing with Hitler and it hasn't improved any over the past 81 years.

You never win an argument, a debate or a war through appeasement.

Look at Israel. Over the decades, they have constantly tried in vain to appease the Arabs and the Muslims by ceding them land for peace. All they succeeded in doing was losing acreage they could ill-afford to surrender.

Today, the Republicans think that by trying to appease the Democrats, they'll somehow achieve political Nirvana. But, of course, it never works because the Left interprets concession exactly the way that Hitler did, as a sign of weakness, as proof that the Republicans don't have a backbone or a willingness to fight for their rumored principles.

Even President Reagan, "Mr. Trust-But-Verify" himself, allowed Tip O'Neill to con him into signing the 1986 Amnesty Bill by promising to finance the building of a border wall. If House Speaker O'Neill built a wall, it must have been the one around his backyard.

■ Supreme Court

I was delighted to see that in yet another case dealing with religious freedom, even Chief Justice John Roberts joined the majority on the Supreme Court in deciding that The Little Sisters of the Poor don't have to provide contraception pills or devices for their non-Catholic employees.

That serves to remind me that not only must Donald Trump be elected in November, but it would be great if the GOP took back the House from Nancy Pelosi and absolutely essential that the Republicans hang on to the Senate. Otherwise, even if Trump wins a second term, he will have no way to replace a dead or finally retired Ruth Bader Ginsburg with a Neil Gorsuch or a Brett Kavanaugh.

■ Lacking intellectual curiosity

Finally, I don't think our young people get quite enough credit for their ignorance. While it's easy and quite appropriate to blame their mental sloth on the schools, the news media, the social media, pop culture and their parents, a great deal of the blame belongs to the kids because most of them lack intellectual curiosity.

Most of the things I've learned, I didn't learn in school.

In fact, once they managed to teach me to read, write and solve math problems in grammar school, I barely learned anything worth knowing in a classroom.

And I'm willing to bet that, aside from those of you who went into specialized fields such as medicine, law, engineering, science, architecture, accounting and the like, you, too, learned very little until when, 11 long years later, you entered graduate school.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following two articles by black conservative Michael Brown show his support for Donald Trump. Although Mr. Brown makes critical observations about the president, he definitely mentions his positive view about the Trump presidency and a reelection. If you are a person who doesn't want to read positive comments about President Trump at this time, feel free to proceed past these two articles.



An article by Michael Brown titled "What You Don't Know About Donald Trump and the King Cyrus Prophecy" was posted at townhall.com on July 9, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

As if the person and presidency of Donald J. Trump have not been controversial enough, there is an unusual twist that adds to the controversy.

I'm speaking of the idea that the presidency of Trump can be likened to a biblical prophecy, namely that of the Persian king named Cyrus.

What are we to make of this seemingly farfetched idea? And have you ever read a quote from King Cyrus himself? (If not, stay tuned. You're about to.)

This week, in conjunction with the release of my new book, I've been focusing on a number of major issues of special importance to evangelical Christians, especially as we approach the November elections.

In my last article, I asked whether Trump could be reelected without divine intervention, as many have alleged divine intervention in his 2016 election. That's also why I devoted a chapter in my book to the question, "Did God Uniquely Raise Up President Trump?"

Specifically, some time before the 2016 elections, there were Christian leaders who felt that God showed them that, just as He had raised up Cyrus, an idol-worshipping, foreign king, to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, so he would raise up Donald Trump. Not only so, but in the book of Isaiah, the Lord called Cyrus His anointed one (Hebrew, *mashiach*).

Does that mean that Trump is anointed by God? Does that make him some kind of savior figure?

Not surprisingly, these claims were widely mocked, especially before Trump's election.

And to this day, the idea of Trump being a Cyrus figure, let alone anointed by God, is considered a travesty, as in, "You must be out of your mind to claim that Donald Trump, with all his failings, is called and anointed by God. Preachers of the gospel are called and anointed by God, not carnal political leaders like Donald Trump."

But to say that is to miss the whole point of the Cyrus connection, which was meant as a parallel rather than a direct prophecy.

In other words, these Christian leaders were not saying, "The Bible contains a prophecy about Donald Trump! Trump is in the Bible!"

(If that's how you took it, I strongly encourage you to read the Scriptures more carefully.)

Instead, they were saying, "Look at this parallel. God used King Cyrus, an unlikely vessel who didn't even know who Yahweh really was, to bless His people Israel. We believe God is going to use Trump to do good things for God's people too, even though there's no evidence he has a personal relationship with the Lord."

Sixty years earlier, during the founding of the modern state of Israel, Harry Truman realized the significance of America's standing with the Jewish nation, seeing himself as a Cyrus-type figure.

(Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu actually compared both Truman and Trump to Cyrus.)

And, ironically, just as Cyrus was commissioned to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Isaiah 44:24-26), so Trump was the president who moved our embassy to Jerusalem.

But, to understand the Cyrus prophecy, it's important to hear from Cyrus himself. His words have been preserved in what is called the Cyrus Cylinder, discovered in 1879 and written in 539 BC.

This is what the Lord had said about Cyrus in Isaiah: "For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge [or, know] me." (Isaiah 45:4)

What did Cyrus say of himself?

"I am Cyrus, king of the universe, the great king, the powerful king, king of Babylon, king of Sumer and Akkad, king of the four quarters of the world, son of Cambyses, the great king, king of the city of Anshan, grandson of Cyrus, the great king . . . of the city of Anshan, descendant of Teispes, the great king, king of the city of Anshan, the perpetual seed of kingship, whose reign Bel (Marduk) and Nabu love, and with whose kingship, to their joy, they concern themselves."

(Bel, Marduk, and Nabu were the names of some of the key gods in the Babylonian pantheon.)

It sounds like Cyrus was a bit full of himself. There is no king on earth like me! (In reality, at that time, it was true.)

And to whom does Cyrus give credit for raising him up? To Marduk!

"[Marduk] searched everywhere and then he took a righteous king, his favorite, by the hand, he called out his name: Cyrus, king of Anshan; he pronounced his name to be king all over the world."

Isn't this remarkable? The prophecy in Isaiah uses similar wording, except there it is Yahweh who called and raised up Cyrus. Here, credit is given to Marduk!

But, in keeping with the policy of Cyrus, rather than subjugate the exiled peoples, as a foreign king would normally do, he restored them to their homelands and even funded the rebuilding of their temples. This way, he could rule over them more peacefully, extract taxes and revenues, and keep his trade routes open without continual warfare.

And so, when it was time to release the Jewish exiles, Cyrus wrote this (as recorded in the Bible): "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of his people among you may go up, and may the Lord their God be with them.'" (2 Chronicles 36:23)

So, when it came time to speak to Israel, he talked like a true believer (presumably with the help of one of the Jewish exiles), giving credit to "Yahweh, the God of heaven." But when he wrote for the Babylonians, he gave credit to their chief god, Marduk, ascribing might and power to him.

This is part of the Cyrus prophecy that very few Christians know about today, leading to confusion when they hear that God raised up Trump just as He raised up Cyrus. And things get even more confusing when some Christians give the impression that Trump is so anointed that even his Twitter account is anointed by God. Certainly not!

The whole point of the prophecy is that it's a totally unlikely scenario. That Trump is a totally unlikely vessel. That the Lord chose to use someone to do good to His people even though that person did not know Him.

Can you see it more clearly now? And, in many ways, hasn't the comparison proven true?



An article by Michael Brown titled "Let the President Do His Part and Let the Church Do It's Part" was posted at townhall.com on July 28, 2020. Following is the article.

As a Trump supporter, I've said repeatedly that four more years of Donald Trump will not solve America's problems. Not even close.

At the same time, according to a leader of the underground church of China who is now in America, Trump is the only thing holding back America from a fall into socialism. (This was shared with me privately this week.) What, then, are we to make of this?

To me, it's a simple equation. The government has one role and the gospel has another. And while those roles intersect, they are in many ways distinct.

The government can enact and enforce laws, but it cannot change people's hearts.

As for the president, he can nominate judges who will uphold the Constitution. But, as John Adams said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

And that's where the Church comes in. That's where the gospel comes in. As we preach and live the gospel, we help create that "moral and religious people" of whom Adams spoke. And that people, in turn, will look to the government to uphold the values of the Constitution.

That's the way our system works.

I have the privilege of casting a vote for a presidential candidate every four years, so I evaluate who will best represent the issues that are important to me.

And so, even when I consider Trump's many obvious flaws, I would still rather see Trump in the White House than Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders or Joe Biden or Andrew Cuomo or any of the other major Democratic candidates.

It's really not that complicated. And it's only a vote. That's it.

I am not selling my soul. I am not making a deal with the devil (or any other spiritual entity). I am not pledging my life to a party. I am not putting all my eggs in a political basket. I'm simply casting a vote.

If the person I vote for loses, so be it. Life goes on. Ministry goes on. Loving God and loving my neighbor goes on.

I will continue to pray and study the Scriptures. I will continue to care for my wife and family. I will continue to write books and articles. I will continue to travel and preach and teach and do radio broadcasts and debates and take a stand for what I believe is right. I will continue to speak up and speak out—at least, as long I have the freedom to do so.

- But I am not looking to the president to save the soul of America. Or to transform the heart of America.
- I'm looking to the president to stand up for the life of the unborn.
- To stand for religious freedom. To stand against social anarchy.

- To stand against world tyranny and terrorism.
- To stand for peace in the Middle East.

(Just to mention a few of the items most important to me.)

Of course, I would love it if the president were also a moral icon. It would be terrific if he was a powerful unifier. I would be thrilled if he didn't give his opponents so much fodder for their hatred. And it would be wonderful if he lifted up the national dialogue rather than helped drag it down.

But, given the choices that lie before us, I would much prefer a Trump presidency to a Biden presidency.

At the same time, while Trump functions as a wedge in the door to stop the encroaching flood of chaos, the Church must get busier than ever preaching and living the gospel, thereby changing hearts and attitudes of the masses. Otherwise, we are just forestalling the inevitable collapse of our nation.

That means that, should Trump be reelected, we cannot take our foot off the gas pedal. To the contrary, we need to put the pedal to the metal and accelerate our gospel efforts.

That means more prayer and fasting and spiritual desperation. That means more sharing of our faith and living our faith. That means more efforts to present our pro-family, pro-morality case to the nation. That means working even harder while it is yet day before the night overtakes us.

And while we do our part, we encourage the president and our elected officials to do their part.

That means advocating for the best interests of our citizens. And enacting programs that will truly help those in greatest need. And standing for justice and equity. And populating the courts with worthy justices. And working with our allies to oppose injustice and tyranny worldwide.

But, to say it again, we cannot look to the president or the government to do what only the Church can do, as God's people rise up in the fullness of the Spirit and without fear, proclaiming the truth without compromise.

And when a critic asks us, "How can you, a professing Christian, vote for a man like Trump?"

Our answer is simple (as I've said ad infinitum for years now): "Jesus is our Savior, and He gets our heart and soul and life. Trump is our president, and he gets our vote. And when we contrast where Trump or Joe Biden will take us when it comes to abortion and socialism and relations with China and religious freedoms and radical LGBTQ activism and Israel and more, Trump gets my vote."

It's really not that complicated. I'm not looking to the president to do the work of the Church, and I'm not looking to the Church to do the work of the president.

That means I'm not confusing Donald Trump (or any president) with the Savior.

Not a chance.



“Eye on the World” comment: In the July 25, 2020 edition, we posted the headline “Twitter Bans 7,000 QAnon Accounts, Limits 150,000 Others As Part of Broad Crackdown”—without us knowing much about QAnon. A little research revealed that much of the content by QAnon is labeled by media outlets as conspiracy theories. Here are three observations. First—many conspiracy theories are ridiculous. Second—calling something a conspiracy theory does not make it so. Third—calling something a conspiracy theory is a branding technique to paint something as negative. The media loves to call the “deep state” a conspiracy theory. Notice the following three articles posted at politico.com (which is a respected liberal news site) in September 2017.



Looking back to 2017, an article by Michael Crowley titled “The Deep State Is Real” was posted at politico.com in Sept. 5, 2017. Following is the article.

At a conference in mid-July, Barack Obama’s CIA director, John Brennan, remarked that executive branch officials have an “obligation . . . to refuse to carry out” outrageous or anti-democratic orders from President Donald Trump.

The comment quickly caught the attention of Rush Limbaugh, who saw nothing short of a threat to the republic.

“He practically called for a coup!” the radio host bellowed on the air a few days later, warning of a plot orchestrated by “embeds in the deep state at the Pentagon, State Department, various intelligence agencies.”

Embeds in the what?

A year ago, the term “deep state” was the province of Edward Snowden acolytes and fans of paperback espionage thrillers. Today, Limbaugh takes it for granted that his millions of listeners know what it meant.

The deep state entered America’s national discourse in 2017 with the feeling of an already familiar character, ready to assume a starring role as hero or villain—depending on how you feel about Trump.

It’s easy to dismiss the idea as the breathless complaint of a frustrated president who hasn’t learned to work the system.

But it’s not that simple: There really is a kind of cabal that operates independently of elected officials in Washington—even if it’s not quite what Trump or his conservative allies think it is.

Political scientists and foreign policy experts have used the term deep state for years to describe individuals and institutions who exercise power independent of—and sometimes over—civilian political leaders.

They applied it mainly to developing countries like Algeria, Pakistan, Egypt and Turkey, where generals and spies called the real shots in nominally democratic societies and replaced elected leaders when they saw fit. (Turkey and Egypt have recently moved to more overt security-state dictatorships, in which the deep state is the only state.)

For a generation, the people who saw something like an American deep state—even if they rarely called it that—resided on the left, not the right.

The 9/11 attacks triggered the rapid growth of an opaque security and intelligence machine often unaccountable to the civilian legal system. In the 2000s, the critique focused on a “war machine” of military and intelligence officials, defense contractors and neoconservative ideologues who, in some versions, took orders directly from Vice President Dick Cheney.

In the Obama era, the focus shifted to the eerie precision of “targeted killings” by drones, and then the furor over Snowden, the ex-National Security Agency contractor whose 2013 leaks exposed the astonishing reach of the government’s surveillance.

“There’s definitely a deep state,” Snowden told the Nation in 2014. “Trust me, I’ve been there.”



Looking back to 2017, an article by Molly K. McKew titled “The Gerasimov Doctrine” was posted at politico.com in Sept. 5, 2017. Following is the article.

Even measured academics began to describe a dual-state system in the United States, the focus of Tufts University international law professor Michael J. Glennon’s 2014 book, *National Security and Double Government*.

Glennon observed that Obama had campaigned against Bush-era surveillance and security policies in 2008 but acquiesced to many of them as president—suggesting a national-security apparatus that holds sway even over the elected leaders notionally in charge of it.

Enter Donald Trump.

After January 2017, the unaccountable string-pulling bureaucracy suddenly came to seem, especially to liberals, less a sinister cabal than a crucial check on a president determined to blow up the system we had come to take for granted.

Trump was openly hostile to much of the government he now ran, and its institutions began fighting back, sometimes in public ways. They did so with a combination of the severe (leaks of Trump’s conversations with foreign leaders) and the absurd (critical tweets from federal accounts like that of the National Park Service).

To Trump and his allies, the new president is now the victim of conspiratorial bureaucrats threatened by a president trying to “drain the swamp.”

In August, after Environmental Protection Agency employees alerted the New York Times to an EPA report on climate change they feared would be quashed, a headline at the conservative Breitbart News website shouted: "Deep State Teems with Fake News."

Even more anxiety swirls around classified information: In July, the Republican-led Senate Homeland Security Committee released a report that found the Trump administration was being hit by national security leaks "on a nearly daily basis" and at a far higher rate than its predecessors encountered.

(After the report was picked up in the conservative media, Trump's son Donald Jr. tweeted a link to it. "If there ever was confirmation that the Deep State is real, illegal & endangers national security, it's this," he wrote.)

Thus have the old battle lines flipped.

- Conservatives who once dismissed concerns about political abuse of NSA surveillance now complain about intelligence leaks linking Trump associates to the Kremlin.
- Liberals who not long ago were denouncing the CIA for its unaccountable power have discovered new affection for the heroes at Langley who might uncover impeachment-worthy dirt.



Looking back to 2017, an article by Tom Nichols titled "How We Killed Expertise" was posted at politico.com in Sept. 5, 2017. Following is the article.

Beneath the politics of convenience is the reality that a large segment of the U.S. government really does operate without much transparency or public scrutiny, and has abused its awesome powers in myriad ways.

And sometimes the government bureaucracy really does exercise power over the commander in chief. Obama felt that the military pressured him into sending more troops to Afghanistan than he had wanted, while an inexperienced George W. Bush was arguably led to war by a bipartisan cadre of national security insiders who had long wanted to take out Saddam Hussein.

Even the Trump critique about the deep state in revolt, however exaggerated, is worth consideration.

Hillary Clinton voters might delight in the classified material gushing forth about the president's men—but its release can be criminal. (In May, Brennan called the intelligence leaks "appalling.")

Yes, the president could be covering up misdeeds of his own, raising thorny ends-and-means questions. But Trump haters should consider the precedent—and how they would feel if, say, a President Kamala Harris were to enter the White House in 2021 and be hobbled by a similar blizzard of leaks from intelligence officials who consider her soft on terrorism.

Whether any of this means there is a deep state in America depends on your definition.

Powerful bureaucrats with access to government secrets and trusted media friends certainly do try to influence presidents from the shadows. But in Washington, at least, their views and goals are not monolithic.

And unlike their counterparts in the developing world, they do tend to execute the orders they're given by the president, however grudgingly—and are committed to upholding the rule of law.

[Comment: That last sentence may have been true in the past. Today's citizens are watching politicians, judges and mobs reject the rule of law—under the complicit eye of the media.]



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

Deficit

- An article by John Jakubisin titled "Conservative Leaders Decry Deficit Spending Under Republican White House and Senate" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 23, 2020.
- An article by Jack Homes titled "If We're Going to Survive As a Species, We Need to Get a Handle on What 'Billion' and 'Trillion' Mean" was posted at esquire.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "Sen. [Rand] Paul on Latest COVID-Relief Bills: 'We're Going to Have a \$5 Trillion Deficit in One Year' " was posted at cnsnews.com on July 29, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Leandra Bernstein titled "Americans Are Increasingly Boycotting Brands Over Politics" was posted at wjla.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Ellie Bufkin titled "[Politicians] Who Refuse to Restart the Economy Are Forcing Landlords to Pay the Price" was posted at townhall.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump Says Executive Order Will Drop the Price of Insulin Down to Pennies a Day" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Rick Smith titled "Air Force Pushes Ahead With \$23 Billion Project to Upgrade Boeing's Venerable F-15 [the 5th-Generation 'Stealthy' Fighter Jet]" was posted at motleyfool.com on July 25, 2020.

- An article by Fred Smith titled "Hertz Has to Sell 182,000 Cars by 2021" was posted at yahoo.com on July 25, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Aratani titled "Hawaii Avoided a Coronavirus Spike—But Its Tourist Economy Is Shattered" was posted at theguardian.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Kelly Tyko titled "McDonald's to Close 200 [of Its 14,000] U.S. Restaurants" was posted at usatoday.com on July 28, 2020.

Stimulus checks

- An article by Lisa Mascaro titled "Mnuchin: Virus Aid Package Soon, \$1,200 Checks by August" was posted at apnews.com on July 25, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to 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 titled "Biden's New Green Deal Is the Same As the Old Green New Deal" was posted at reason.com on July 16, 2020.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article titled "Ralphs [Grocery Store] Employee Pepper Sprays Man Who Allegedly Assaulted Woman [With a Shopping Cart] After Being Asked to Wear Face Mask" was posted at cbslosangeles.com on July 15, 2020.
- An article by John Haltiwanger titled "CDC Backtracks and Now Emphatically Supports Reopening Schools After Criticism From Trump" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by David Oliver titled "Man Fires [Four] 'Warning Shots' in Miami Hotel Lobby After Telling Guests 'You All Aren't Social Distancing' " was posted at usatoday.com on July 30, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Kyler Zempel titled "Church Was Never Meant to Be Masked" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 22, 2020.
- An article by Robert Barnes titled "Supreme Court Denies Plea From Nevada Church [Calvary Chapel in Dayton, Nevada] That It Is Hurt While Casinos Reopen" was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Elle Reynolds titled "John MacArthur's Church [Grace Community Church in Sun Valley] Defied California Orders to Close Doors" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 25, 2020.
- An article by Caleb Parke titled "Alabama Church Held Multiday Revival, Now 40 Congregants Tested Positive for Coronavirus" was posted at foxnews.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by David Hookstead titled "The NFL Will Restrict Players From Going to Bars, Clubs and Other Places [Including Indoor Church Services That Allow Attendance Above 25 Percent of Capacity]" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 26, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

- An article by Joran Davidson titled “MLB [Professional Baseball] Suspends Miami Marlins’ Season Over COVID-19 Cases” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2020.
- A video titled “NBA Commissioner Adam Silver Says League Will ‘Cease Completely’ If COVID Breaks Out” was posted at abcnews videos on July 28, 2020.

Comments about racism (real or imagined)

- An article by Kim Chandler titled “Body of Civil Rights Icon John Lewis Crosses Selma Bridge [for the Last Time]” was posted at apnews.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Michael Goodwin titled “The Family That Owns the New York Times Were Slave Owners” was posted at nypost.com on July 18, 2020.
- An article by Analio Bailey titled “[San Francisco] Giants Reliever Sam Coonrod Explains Why He Didn’t Kneel for Black Lives Matter Moment Before Opener” was posted at usatoday.com on July 24, 2020.
- A twitter message by Clay Travis was posted on July 26, 2020. Here is the message: “ESPN reported WNBA players walked off the court during the playing of the national anthem—and over 9 million people watched their video . . . Only it wasn’t true. Yikes.”
- An article titled “ESPN Waits 12 Hours to Correct Inaccuracy [About WNBA Players Allegedly Walking Off Court During National Anthem], Doesn’t Remove Video” was posted at outkick.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Charean Williams titled “Stephon Tuitt [of Pittsburgh Steelers] Not Kneeling for Anthem, Doesn’t Care What Anybody Thinks” was posted at yahoosports.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Kerry Crowley titled “SF Giants [Baseball Team Play Black National Anthem Before Home Opener at Oracle Park” was posted at mercurynews.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled “NFL to Transform Fields, Player Helmets Into Black Lives Matter Billboards” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2020.
- An article by Louise McCreesh titled “Whoopi Goldberg Thinks It’s ‘Ridiculous’ to Cut Racist Scenes From Older Movies” was posted at yahoo.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Kay Coles James titled “Symbolic Acts Don’t Change Fact That Planned Parenthood Is Still Influenced by Racist Founder’s Beliefs” was posted at townhall.com on July 29, 2020.
- An article by Sam Warner titled “Black Panther Star Michael B. Jordan Launches #ChangeHollywood Initiative to Push Diversity in Hollywood” was posted at yahoo.com on July 24, 2020.

- An article by Reggie Wade titled "Supermodel and Activist Joan Smalls Pledges 50% of Her Wages to Fight Racial Injustice" was posted at yahoo.com on July 25, 2020.
- An article by Peter Weber titled "Black Gun-Rights Groups Have Started Open-Carry Marches at Anti-Racism Protests" was posted at theweek.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Nicolle Okoren titled "The Birth of a Militia: How An Armed Group [in Utah] Policies Black Lives Matter Protests" was posted at theguardian.com on July 27, 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 Jake Lahut titled "The White House Is Building a Massive 'Anti-Climb' Wall Following Protests" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "DOJ: 18 People Arrested, Face Federal Charges After Protests at Portland Courthouse" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Paula Rinehart titled "How Memphis Kept Protests Peaceful While Other Cities Burned" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Oklahoma Lawmakers Prepare 'Back the Blue' Legislation in Support of Cops" was posted at townhall.com on July 25, 2020.
- An article titled "Oakland Protesters Set Fire to Courthouse, Smash Windows" was posted at apnews.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by John Anderson titled "Dueling Protests in Tyler Turn Violent" was posted at news-journal.com on July 26, 2020.
- An article by Jonah Gottschalk titled "Suspect in Delaware Church Burning Says He Acted Out of 'Vengeance and Anger' " was posted at thefederalist.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Keith Schubert titled "New Jersey Police [in Jackson, NJ] Spent Nearly Five Hours Breaking Up House Party of Over 700 People" was posted at usatoday.com on July 27, 2020.
- An article by Ashley Collman titled "Minneapolis Residents Are Forming Armed Neighborhood Watches As Shootings Triple After George Floyd's Death" was posted at businessinsider.com on July 27, 2020.

Comments about police "misconduct"

- An article by Jeff Burfew titled "Florida Police Officer on Duty in Tony McDade's Shooting Death [a 38-Year-Old Black Transgender Man Killed on May 27] Must Be Identified, Judge Rules" was posted at usatoday.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article titled "PD Releases Body Cam Video After Officers Shoot, Kill Man Near Sacramento State" was posted at yahoo.com on July 27, 2020.

Illegal immigration

■ An article titled "Thin Blue Line Motorcycle Club Members Speak Out After Illegal Immigrant Kills Three Riders in Crash" was posted at foxnews.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article by Grace Hauck titled "Illinois Woman Accused of Keeping 33 Guatemalan Immigrants in Her Basement, Pleads Guilty to Labor Trafficking" was posted at usatoday.com on July 29, 2020.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Zachary Evans titled "Prosecutor Falsely Claimed Patricia McCloskey's Gun Was Capable of Firing When She Brandished It Outside Her Home" was posted at nationalreview.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article by Kathryn Krawczyk titled "Supreme Court Conservatives Reportedly Don't Trust John Roberts for a 5th Vote on Gun Rights Cases" was posted at theweek.com on July 27, 2020.

Comments about Mail-In Ballots

■ 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 washingtonpost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Biden Accuses Trump of Trying to Steal the Election for Voicing Valid Concerns Over Mail-In Voting" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 24, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article titled "Rep. [Dan] Crenshaw: There's a Clear Choice in 2020 and the Difference Could Not Be More Severe" was posted at foxnews.com on July 27, 2020.

■ An article by Bobby Jindal titled "If Conservatives Don't Defend the American Idea, the Left Will Cancel It" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

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Kamala Harris

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■ An article by Julio Rosas titled “Seattle Radio Host [Paul Gallant] Who Supported CHAZ Has a Change of Heart After Rioters Attack His Apartment” was posted at townhall.com on July 27, 2020.

■ An article by Scott D. Cosenza titled “Joy Reid’s Lies Have Now Changed Libel Law” was posted at libertynation.com on July 18, 2020.

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■ An article by Jeffrey A. Trachtenberg titled “[A Letter From 280] WSJ Journalists Ask Publisher for Clearer Distinction Between News and Opinion Content” was posted at wsj.com on July 21, 2020.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled “WSJ: We’re Not Caving to Cancel Culture” was posted at townhall.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article by John Flint titled “A&E Has Lost Half Its Viewers Since Dropping ‘Live PD’ ” was posted at wsj.com on July 24, 2020.

■ An article by J. Clara Chan titled “Washington Post Settles Kentucky Student Nick Sandmann’s \$250 Million Defamation Suit, Terms Undisclosed” was posted at thewrap.com on July 24, 2020.

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■ An article by Kylee Zempel titled “NYT Fudges Data to Claim Huge Spike in COVID-19 Hospitalizations” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 25, 2020.

■ An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled “MSNBC and CNN Have Daytime Ratings Wins in July [Daytime Hours of 9-5]; Fox News Is Most-Watched [Cable Network in Both Total Day and Primetime Total Viewers, Marking Its 49th Month in a Row at the Top in Both]” was posted at thewrap.com on July 28, 2020.

■ An article by Bryan Alexander titled “ ‘Jeopardy’ and ‘Wheel of Fortune’ Head Back to Production With COVID-19 Changes to Alex Trebek’s Podium, [Contestants’] Wheel” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on July 28, 2020.

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■ An article by Adrianna Rodriguez titled “ ‘More Likely to Die From Cancer’ Than COVID-19: Doctors Urge Americans to Go to Their Cancer Screenings” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on July 28, 2020.

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■ An article by Joshua Bates titled “NASA Will Launch a Balloon the Size of a Football Stadium Into the Stratosphere” was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on July 24, 2020.

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■ An article by Eliza Relman titled “Republican Rep. Ted Yoho Resigns From a Christian Non-Profit’s Board After Verbally Attacking Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 25, 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.”