Eye on the World Dec. 5, 2020

This compilation of material for "Eye on the World" is presented as a service to the Churches of God. The views stated in the material are those of the writers or sources quoted by the writers, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the members of the Church of God Big Sandy. The following articles were posted at churchofgodbigsandy.com for the weekend of Dec. 5, 2020.

Compiled by Dave Havir

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

* * * * *

A podcast and an article by Virginia Allen titled "Pastor and Rabbi Work to End Persecution of Christians in Africa" were posted at dailysignal.com on Nov. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

Radical Muslims are persecuting thousands of Christians in the West African nation of Nigeria. Much of the Western world knows little about the hardships these Christians face, but the Rev. Johnnie Moore and Rabbi Abraham Cooper hope to change that.

Moore and Cooper, two globally recognized human rights advocates, coauthored the new book "The Next Jihad: Stop the Christian Genocide in Africa." The rabbi and the pastor join the show to explain what is happening to Christians in Nigeria and why they chose to come together to shed light on a situation the media is largely not covering.

Plus, we read your letters to the editor and share a good news story about a family who was once homeless themselves, but is now giving back to those in need.

Listen to the podcast below or read the lightly edited transcript.

"The Daily Signal Podcast" is available on Ricochet, Apple Podcasts, Pippa, Google Play, and Stitcher. All of our podcasts can be found at DailySignal.com/pod-

casts. If you like what you hear, please leave a review. You also can leave us a message at 202-608-6205 or write us at letters@dailysignal.com.

Virginia Allen: I am so pleased to be joined by Reverend Johnnie Moore and Rabbi Abraham Cooper, two globally recognized human rights advocates and authors of the new book "The Next Jihad: Stop the Christian Genocide in Africa." Reverend Moore and Rabbi Cooper, thank you both so much for being here today.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper: Pleasure.

The Rev. Johnnie Moore: Thanks for having me.

Allen: The book "The Next Jihad," it dives deep into what is going on in Africa as it relates to the persecution of Christians. We hear a lot in the news about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and parts of Asia, but we really don't hear much about Africa.

Reverend Moore, can you just first explain what exactly is happening in Africa? What is the situation here?

Moore: Well, I think a lot of people would be surprised to learn that in 2015, when ISIS was at its very height in Iraq and Syria, and the destruction was on the news every single day, that simultaneously in Africa's largest country, Nigeria, there were ISIS-like terrorists that had already that year killed more Christians and basically anyone that stood in their way, including plenty of Muslims, than ISIS killed in Iraq and Syria.

In fact, they have probably killed as many as 100,000 people over the last couple of decades. All of this has been escalating very, very quickly.

Again, it's Nigeria that we're talking about. It's the largest country on the continent. It has the largest economy on the continent, the 10th-largest oil reserves in the world. It is a type of suffering that has been happening in the shadows, and the world needs to awake into it.

Allen: Why do you think we haven't been hearing about it? I mean, those numbers are staggering.

Moore: I think this is one of the great mysteries and one of the reasons why Rabbi Cooper and I traveled there. I should say it was Rabbi Cooper that encouraged me to go. Rabbi Cooper's Jewish. I'm Christian. He said, "Johnnie, we have to go meet with the Christians that are suffering in Nigeria," and that's what we did.

I mean, we traveled over before covid-19 shut down the world and it was February. We spent days meeting with victims and hearing their stories.

The most important thing that could happen from this book, "The Next Jihad," is that people can hear the stories of these people who have suffered incomprehensible harm at the villages that have been raised, the women that have been taken as slaves, the children that have been killed in grotesque ways in cold blood for their faith alone, the pastors who've been beheaded, the people who've been forcibly converted. I mean, it just goes on and on and on.

When the media reports it, they generally, which [is] rare, they report it as tribal warfare or a dispute over resources. And one of the things that we sort of came away settled with is . . . while all those things might also be true, at its very heart, there is a religious component to this conflict.

I mean, when you have terrorists running into villages saying, "Allahu akbar," as they burn down the homes and churches of people whose property they feel religiously entitled to, I mean, that is religious.

But whatever your opinion is, if it's religious terrorism or resources or tribal conflict, it doesn't change the fundamental facts on the ground, which is that there's a very, very bad situation.

The Nigerian government, a democracy, an ally of the United States, is not taking care of their people, and we're saying, "Enough is enough. Nigeria needs to act now."

Allen: Yeah. Rabbi Cooper, you have been advocating for human rights and really standing up on behalf of those that don't have a voice for about 50 years. Tell me a little bit about that trip to Nigeria that you all took earlier this year, what you saw, what you experienced, and why this issue is so critically important to you.

Cooper: Right. Well, the goal here was really to put a human face on what had been until now a drip, drip of horrific headlines of CNN, The National, BBC, "17 Murdered" or the one that especially got my attention at the Simon Wiesenthal Center was the takeover of a college dorm in the middle of the night. Students were woken up, and they were told at knife-point, "If you're Muslim or Christian, can you recite the Quran?" And the young people who were Christian had their throats slit.

And to us at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, that sounded horrible echoes of earlier eras, including during the Nazi period when Jews were selected and taken out.

Secondly, institutionally, we've met with Pope Francis twice, and we've emphasized as a Jewish human rights organization that, of course, is concerned about anti-Semitism and the defense of our people, how Christian minorities are targeted all over the world.

So, I kept telling Reverend Moore, whereas I called him Johnnie, "Johnnie, we have to go to Nigeria" and not the easiest place to get to or to go, but we felt instinctively that what needed to happen was a transformation from occasional headlines to putting a human face on suffering.

Then from a practical point of view, as you've heard, the geopolitical importance of Nigeria, the fact that ISIS is now relocated and it's putting down roots right next door to Nigeria, and you have Islamist terrorists operating and a million kids on the streets of that country that should be in school, you don't have to be an expert to know that we've got the human rights disaster, we have [a] humanitarian disaster in the making, and potentially cannon fodder for, God forbid, a resurge in ISIS that could strike at the heart of Africa, and obviously, try to come back and hit us again.

So on every level, this crisis is important and when you asked before why doesn't anybody do it, why don't we don't hear about it, out of sight, out of mind.

As we learned from the Soviet Jewry movement during the Cold War, what we've learned even today, we teach about the Holocaust each day, [Josef] Stalin said, "One death is a tragedy, a million deaths a statistic."

So putting a human face to an issue is the core reason we went, and writing the book was just fulfilling a commitment we made to the victims who, some of whom had only, just within a week or two had just escaped with their lives, barely, and [we made] a commitment to them that they'd be heard and they'd be seen.

Allen: What are some of those stories that have really stayed with you all that maybe you think about certain individuals on a regular basis and what they've lived through and what they've experienced?

Moore: I think of an 18-year-old seminarian, Michael Nnadi, whom we write about, who decided to give his entire life to serving his faith.

In the middle of the night, his seminary was awakened by the attack of these terrorists that kidnapped four of the seminarians. It's a seminary of almost 300 people.

The headmaster of the seminary, he gives this quote to the media that is almost like nonchalant, and not nonchalant in that he didn't care, it was nonchalant in the sense that, "Well, here we go again. This happens every three Fridays."

Again, where's the government? Among the four seminarians, three of them were able to be ransomed out through a series of events, but Michael was found dead on the side of the road, and no one knew why he had died.

There was a lot of speculation in the press that, "Well, they killed him in order to increase the ransom of the other three," but we've since found out that this situation, which only took place earlier this year, they found the perpetrator, and the perpetrator told the press that the reason why he killed Michael was because Michael wouldn't stop talking about his faith.

The perpetrator was a radicalized Muslim, and Michael, obviously, was a seminarian. He said, "He just kept preaching to me and preaching to me, and it just annoyed me, and so I eventually killed him to shut him up."

It just shows, somehow in this country with the largest Christian population on the continent, it's split in half, sort of half-Christian, half-Muslim, 200 million people. The government's inaction on the terrorism in the northeast of the country has made lots of other people feel like this is acceptable behavior.

I think Michael is the one that occurs to me. I'm sure, Rabbi Cooper, you have your own stories.

Cooper: Well, two people come to mind. No. 1, there's a 9-year-old girl who was brought by her uncle. Big eyes. Beautiful little kid. Her uncle described the situation that she saw her entire family, her parents, siblings murdered before her eyes

just a few weeks before. The profound sadness, many of the people were still basically in shock, I think. God forbid, we all would be in those kinds of situations.

I remember a lot of us trying to work hard to get a smile on her face. My main job in the synagogue I attend on our Sabbath is I give out Laffy Taffys. I went back to my room where I have an emergency stash. I remember that little smile coming up.

The other was also kind of a stunning moment for me. I'm an Orthodox rabbi. We're dealing here with a Christian problem. We were at a lunch where I think there were about 25 people, witnessing their personal experiences, and they came in from all over the country.

There was this one woman who spoke for four or five minutes essentially explaining how her entire life had been destroyed, her community had been destroyed, her family, with the exception of one son who was in and out of hospitals, and your heart was breaking.

Honestly, you sort of said to yourself, "How could this woman go on?" And then at the end, she just, as Johnnie said, used the term "nonchalantly," or it just seems so natural to her, well, she quoted King David Psalms, which are so central to our prayers.

She quoted a line, though, ". . . I will die. I will stay alive in order to witness the good that God has brought to this world." I was so moved by it that I stood up and I finished the rest of that quote from King David in Hebrew.

As I found, and I think Reverend Moore's done also, tremendous amount of travel from different generations, you go to try to help people, and you find out from those experiences that you're the one who primarily is the one who's been uplifted, whose life has been transformed by people whose names we'll never know, but those experiences stay with you forever.

Allen: Yeah. No, that's incredibly powerful and hard not to walk away just completely changed. How could you be the same? That's really, really incredible.

Cooper: If I can—

Allen: Yeah.

Cooper: . . . —wax a little biblically here and to be very much rooted in reality. We're now reading "The Jewish World" on the Sabbath. We're started reading the Five Books of Moses again in Genesis.

Right from the get-go, there are situations, even within families where brothers do harm to each other, when people you would think would intervene and help stand by and don't do anything. That's an indictment, according to Genesis.

Clearly, God wants us to be involved when we see that kind of suffering. It's not just a test for the people who, unfortunately, have suffered, but it's a test to the bystanders, and they're individually and collectively in that position. Obviously, people of faith, we feel, we hope, a deeper moral obligation to act and not just to consider this only in geopolitical terms.

Allen: I've heard a great quote of people saying that we're held accountable for what we know. I think that's very true. When we hear these things going on in the world, there's a responsibility to act. Let's talk a little bit about that.

I mean, I think for individuals like me [who] live in the Western world and you hear stories like this and it's like, "Oh, gosh, I want to do something, but I don't know what my role is here." So how would you all encourage people to be involved and be fighting for those that can't defend themselves?

Moore: Well, in the book, we have a entire chapter called "The Moral Imperative to Act," which basically says what you said a moment ago, which is we have now imparted upon our readers and those listening to us now knowledge, and they have to do something with this knowledge.

One of the promises we made when we met with these victims is that we would do what we could, but the first thing we could do was to tell their stories.

I always tell people that it's not just enough to know what's happening in these circumstances around the world. You have to really internalize it. You have to put yourselves in the shoes of people who [are] traveling to their family members over the religious holidays and they're scared to death, they don't even carry their IDs, so if they get pulled over, maybe they could pass as not being a Christian.

I mean, you have to put yourself in the shoes of these people.

There's a big, long list of all the things that you can do, and the Nigerian government can do, and the U.S. government can do. There's a whole chapter dedicated to that.

But practically speaking, I just think now, as we're talking to everyone listening to us, they need to know the stories of these victims. They need to pray for these people the way they hope someone would pray for them if they were in their shoes.

When we give to support these people, and we all have our favorite organizations, we need to give like we hope someone would give to us. If you pick up and you call your member of Congress, whatever political party they are, because of whatever district that you live in, advocate for these people the way you hope someone would be fighting for you.

The fact is, on that front, Nigeria is an ally of the United States of America. It's a very, very important country.

And we're not meaning to disparage Nigeria, but we are encouraging the leaders of the United States to, as just happened, actually, a few days ago, the No. 2 person at the State Department, the counselor to the secretary of state, met with the vice president of Nigeria because of issues going on in Lagos—the business capital of the country—made it very, very clear that the United States government was dissatisfied with this and it needed to change.

You never know how telling the story of a single victim will inspire people to act. Maybe it's just one more email or phone call that gets our politicians to do something themselves.

Cooper: I'd just like to add two points. We're still reeling from the last debate between the presidential candidates, and if Reverend Moore and I were there, we would have asked about Nigeria, but here's the bottom line: No matter who's sitting in the Oval Office on January 20th, there's no diverting or averting our eyes anymore from what's happening there.

God forbid this should just be viewed as a left or right issue or, quote-unquote, "Only for the faithful," and it's not our business, we're not the world's cops, etc. Whoever is sitting in the Oval Office will have to deal with Nigeria sooner or later.

I think that we have a sleeping giant in the American Christian community in the, probably, tens of thousands of churches across the country that should take the time also to collectively marshal its forces, let the political establishment know.

If you want to take one other piece of advice from an Orthodox rabbi, I think that individual churches may want to and should adopt a church over in Nigeria.

The goal here, I believe, in order to help improve or change that situation, is if you put a human face on what's going on in one venue, if you learn about one pastor, if you help uplift members of your own denomination over there who are facing challenges that go beyond their worst nightmares, I absolutely believe it will change the situation quickly.

Because, as Reverend Moore mentioned, we're talking about a government which technically is a democracy. There's a police force. There's a well-armed army. When you get all these-these are vital people, but this slow-motion genocide will probably pick up steam if we collectively do nothing.

One last point is that I believe, in terms of "The Next Jihad"—we're all locked up here still on the West Coast. I hope things are better elsewhere around the country. But teenagers and youngsters, especially during this period, must be asking themselves, "Am I going to make a difference anywhere during the course of my life? Is there anything we could really do to help others walk their way here?"

I think the book and the issue might be one for faith communities, members of communities, parents to actually sit down with their kids and talk about it. Because you'd be surprised out of the mouth of babes of young people who have that instinctive way of utilizing social media better than dinosaurs like myself, [they] could come up with some very interesting and creative and impactful ideas.

Allen: I really love how you all have written this book first by choosing first and foremost that you want to tell people's personal stories and then also by laying out so practically, "These are the ways that we can get involved, that we can actually do something."

I really love the fact that you all, as a reverend and a rabbi, that you came together to write this book in unity. What was that like for both of you bringing your faith backgrounds to the table in order to write on this really important issue?

Cooper: I'm going to jump in here by saying that I got to know Reverend Moore because the Simon Wiesenthal Center, our institution, actually made

him our youngest honoree some years ago for his amazing work in saving Christians in Iraq in real time during the ethnic cleansing there.

What I saw in Reverend Johnnie Moore was a man of faith, but also a man, a person of action. That's what I've been my entire life. I think it's the combination of we're believers with our own paths, obviously, to God. We're also doers in the field of human dignity and human rights. I'm honored to have been with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, now my 44th year.

We bring a lot to the table, and plus, we can pick up a phone or send an email. A little bit later today, I'll be talking for the third time by Zoom to Sudan . . . Reverend Moore has been to Saudi Arabia. We've both been to Azerbaijan and Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, etc., etc.

I believe that putting theological issues, and they're not inconsequential, but putting that aside, God wants us to do good. We find partners to do good, and we can figure out a way to work together, we're going to do better.

Moore: Yeah, it's interesting that this book is about Nigeria, and that's the most important part of it because of the people whose lives are on the line today. But actually, maybe my favorite part of the book is this subtext about how a Christian pastor and a Jewish rabbi can work together to make good.

We say it's a multi-faith partnership, not an interfaith partnership. It's multi-faith. He's doing his work as an Orthodox Jew. I'm doing mine as an evangelical Christian. And we're living in this unusual time in history that despite centuries of anti-Semitism, largely that came from the Christian community, where the evangelical Christian community has become a great friend of the state of Israel and of the Jewish people.

Rabbi Cooper and I happen to also be very patriotic Americans. It's because we had an American passport that we could go get on an airplane and go over and sit with these leaders and talk to these people. It's because we have religious freedom in this country that we can be an example as to what countries should have around the world and the fact that we come from different generations and different experiences.

In the back of the book, there's this amazing Q&A where I ask Rabbi Cooper what it's been like to stand in the gap for all of these persecuted people all around the world for 50 years.

It's an incredible, incredible story that I just hope lots and lots of Christians read and are inspired by. It's deepened my faith and allowed me to reach a lot more people by locking arms with Rabbi Cooper. I've learned so much along the way, and we try to pass a little bit of that along as we tell the story of what's happening in this great country in Africa.

Allen: Yeah. Well, we could keep going for hours talking about both of your work on this issue and what you have seen and written about, but we will just allow our listeners to get the book. It's "The Next Jihad: Stop the Christian Genocide in Africa." It's available on Amazon and wherever books are sold.

Reverend Moore and Rabbi Cooper, thank you both so much for your time today, and thank you for your work on such an important issue.

Cooper: God bless.

Moore: Thanks for having us.

* * * * *

An article by Mordechai Sones titled "Biotech Company CEO Selling Covid Tests: 'Politics Playing Medicine' " was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Nov. 21, 2020. Following is the article.

In a call-in show discussion on covid-19 in Edmonton, Canada, Biotech company that sells covid-19 tests CEO Dr. Roger Hodkinson attacked covid-19 policy in his Provence, saying covid-19 "is not ebola; it's not SARS. It's politics playing medicine, and that's a very dangerous game."

"I do appreciate the opportunity to address you on this very important matter. What I'm going to say is lay language and blunt, and it's counter-narrative and so, so you don't immediately think I'm a quack, I'm going to briefly outline my credentials so that you can understand where I'm coming from in terms of knowledge base in all of this.

"I'm a medical specialist in pathology which includes virology. I trained at Cambridge University in the UK. I'm the ex-president of the pathology section of the Medical Association. I was previously an assistant professor in the Faculty of Medicine doing a lot of teaching. I was the Chairman of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada examination committee in pathology in Ottawa.

"But more to the point, I'm currently the Chairman of a biotechnology company in North Carolina selling a covid-19 test, and you might say I know a little bit about all this."

"The bottom line is simply this: There is utterly unfounded public hysteria, driven by the media and politicians. It's outrageous. This is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public. There is absolutely nothing that can be done to contain this virus, other than protecting the older, more vulnerable people. It should be thought of as nothing more than a bad flu season. This is not ebola; it's not SARS. It's politics playing medicine, and that's a very dangerous game.

"There is no action of any kind needed other than what happened last year when we got a touch unwell: We stayed home, we took chicken noodle soup, we didn't visit granny, and we decided when we would return to work. We didn't need anyone to tell us.

"Masks are utterly useless there is no evidence base for their effectiveness whatsoever. Paper masks and fabric masks are simply virtue-signaling. They're not even worn effectually most of the time. It's utterly ridiculous, seeing these unfortunate uneducated people—I'm not saying that in a pejorative

sense—seeing these people walking around like lemmings, obeying without any knowledge base to put the mask on their face.

"Social distancing is also useless discount because covid is spread by aerosols, which travel 30 meters or so before landing.

"And closures have had such terrible unintended consequences. Everywhere should be opened tomorrow, as was stated in the great Barrington Declaration that I circulated prior to this meeting.

"And a word on testing: I do want to emphasize that I'm in the business of testing for covid. I do want to emphasize that positive test results do not—underlined in neon—mean a clinical infection. It's simply driving public hysteria, and all testing should stop, unless you're presenting to hospital with some respiratory problem. All that should be done is to protect the vulnerable, and to give them all in the nursing homes that are under your control, give them all 3-5,000 international units of Vitamin D every day, which has been shown to radically reduce the likelihood of infection.

"And I would remind you all that using the Province's own statistics, the risk of death under 65 in this Province is 1 in 300,000. One in three-hundred-thousand. You've got to get a grip on this. The scale of the response that you're undertaking, with no evidence for it, is utterly ridiculous given the consequences of acting in a way that you're proposing. All kinds of suicides, business closures, funerals, weddings etc. etc.; it's simply outrageous. It's just another bad flu and you've got to get your minds around that. Let people make their own decisions. You should be totally out of the business of medicine. You're being led by down the garden path by the Chief Medical Officer of Health in this Provence. I'm absolutely outraged that this has reached this level. It should all stop tomorrow."

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada issued a "Clarification on statements made regarding covid-19 by Dr. Roger Hodkinson": "On November 19, 2020 the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (Royal College) was made aware of statements regarding covid-19 by a Royal College Fellow, Dr. Roger Hodkinson. In some online references, Dr. Hodkinson is being incorrectly identified as a chair/past-chair of the Royal College.

"We would like to clarify that Dr. Hodkinson is not nor has ever held the position of chairman of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

"We can confirm that Dr. Roger Hodkinson was certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a general pathologist in 1976.

"The Royal College believes covid-19 presents a serious threat to the health of Canadians. The Royal College strongly supports all public health advice given by the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, including recommendations to practise physical distancing and to wear masks to help prevent covid-19 transmission. We are very appreciative of the dedication and commitment of our Royal College Fellows, residents and all front-line health care workers in the fight against covid-19."

 \star \star \star \star

"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 George Thomas titled "Human Rights Advocates Sound Alarm on 'Christian Genocide' Unfolding in Africa" was posted at cbn.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Mohamed Ghobari titled "Saudi-Led Coalition Carries Out Air Raids on Houthi Barracks in Sanaa Area" was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Adam Shaw titled "Iranian Scientist Tied to Nuclear Program Assassinated; Tehran Alleges Israeli Involvement" was posted at foxnews. com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Julian Borger titled "Iran Scientist's Assassination Appears Intended to Undermine Nuclear Deal" was posted at theguardian.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Kim Hjelmgaard and Deirdre Shesgreen titled "Iran Vows Revenge for Assassination of Scientist Credited With Masterminding Past Covert Nuclear Weapons Program" was posted at usatoday.com on Nov. 29, 2020.
- An article titled "Israel Used Remote-Controlled Gun to Kill [Iranian] Top Scientist, Iran Says" was posted at cbsnews.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "Iranian MPs Seek Hardening of Nuclear Stance After Scientist Killed" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Dan Williams titled "Israel Receives Its Most Advanced Warship As Iran Tensions Rise" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Dimitri Simes titled "Putin Orders Mass Covid-19 Vaccinations to Begin in Russia Next Week" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- Looking back to October, a video and an article titled "Chinese Sociologist Dr. Li Yi: We Are Driving America to Its Death; Covid-19 Has Been Beneficial for China, North Korea; There Will Be No U.S.-China War, But We Will Take Over Taiwan" were posted at memri.org on Oct. 16, 2020.
- An article by Justin Vallejo titled "Leaked Documents Show China Lied About Covid-19 Case Totals and Mishandled Pandemic" was posted at independent. co.uk on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Tucker Carlson titled "The Coronavirus Pandemic Is a Global Fraud Perpetuated by China, Abetted by the Powerful" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 3, 2020l.
- An article titled "Chinese Firm Halts Search Operations for Trapped Miners at Premier Estates [Zimbabwe]" was posted at newzimbabwe.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Joel Gehrke titled "NATO Chief Warns: 'China Is Investing Massively in New Weapons' " was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Dec. 1, 2020.

- An article by Ken Dilanian and Courtney Kube titled "China Has Done Human Testing to Create Biologically Enhanced Super Soldiers, Says Top U.S. Official" was posted at nbcnews.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Ralph Jennings titled "Philippines Looking to Reverse Course on Scrapping US Military Pact" was posted at voanews.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Andrew Cawthorne titled "Ethiopia War May Turn Into Guerrilla Insurgency, Experts Say" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Robin Emmott and John Irish titled "France, EU Law-makers Push for Sanctions on Turkey Next Month" was posted on reuters.com on Nov. 26, 2020.
- An article by Jared Szuba titled "US Confirms Greece Is Seeking to Buy F-35s Amid Tensions With Turkey" was posted at al-monitor.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article and pictures titled "In Pictures: Hurricanes Leave Honduras Homeless and Destitute" was posted at bbc.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- A Reuters article by David Ljunggren titled "Canada PM Trudeau Indicates U.S. Border Restrictions to Last a Long Time" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 1, 2020.

* * * * *

An article by Thomas Sowell titled "Walter E. Williams 1936-2020" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 2, 2020. Following is the article.

Walter Williams loved teaching. Unlike too many other teachers today, he made it a point never to impose his opinions on his students. Those who read his syndicated newspaper columns know that he expressed his opinions boldly and unequivocally there. But not in the classroom.

Walter once said he hoped that, on the day he died, he would have taught a class that day. And that is just the way it was, when he died on Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

He was my best friend for half a century. There was no one I trusted more or whose integrity I respected more. Since he was younger than me, I chose him to be my literary executor, to take control of my books after I was gone.

But his death is a reminder that no one really has anything to say about such things.

As an economist, Walter Williams never got the credit he deserved. His book "Race and Economics" is a must-read introduction to the subject. Amazon has it ranked 5th in sales among civil rights books, 9 years after it was published.

Another book of his, on the effects of economics under the white supremacist apartheid regime in South Africa, was titled "South Africa's War Against

Capitalism." He went to South Africa to study the situation directly. Many of the things he brought out have implications for racial discrimination in other places around the world.

I have had many occasions to cite Walter Williams' research in my own books. Most of what others say about higher prices in low income neighborhoods today has not yet caught up to what Walter said in his doctoral dissertation decades ago.

Despite his opposition to the welfare state, as something doing more harm than good, Walter was privately very generous with both his money and his time in helping others.

He figured he had a right to do whatever he wanted to with his own money, but that politicians had no right to take his money to give away, in order to get votes.

In a letter dated March 3, 1975, Walter said: "Sometimes it is a very lonely struggle trying to help our people, particularly the ones who do not realize that help is needed."

In the same letter, he mentioned a certain hospital which "has an all but written policy of prohibiting the flunking of black medical students."

Not long after this, a professor at a prestigious medical school revealed that black students there were given passing grades without having met the standards applied to other students. He warned that trusting patients would pay—some with their lives—for such irresponsible double standards. That has in fact happened.

As a person, Walter Williams was unique. I have heard of no one else being described as being "like Walter Williams."

Holding a black belt in karate, Walter was a tough customer. One night three men jumped him—and two of those men ended up in a hospital.

The other side of Walter came out in relation to his wife, Connie. She helped put him through graduate school—and after he received his Ph.D., she never had to work again, not even to fix his breakfast.

Walter liked to go to his job at 4:30 AM. He was the only person who had no problem finding a parking space on the street in downtown Washington. Around 9 o'clock or so, Connie—now awake—would phone Walter and they would greet each other tenderly for the day.

We may not see his like again. And that is our loss.



An article by the Editorial Board titled "Never Forget the Great Walter E. Williams" was posted at ocregister.com on Dec. 2, 2020. Following is the article.

Walter Edward Williams, one of the world's greatest champions of liberty, passed away this week at the age of 84. His life and ideas will never be forgotten.

Born in Philadelphia on March 21, 1936 and raised in the Richard Allen housing projects, Williams never allowed himself to be a victim of his circumstances.

Williams always believed in the value of hard work and the fundamental promise of America.

After being drafted into the military, Williams penned a letter to President John F. Kennedy in 1963 calling out the rampant racism of the times and in the military itself.

"Should Negroes be relieved of their service obligation or continue defending and dying for empty promises of freedom and equality?" he wrote. "Or should we demand human rights as our Founding Fathers did at the risk of being called extremists? . . . I contend that we relieve ourselves of oppression in a manner that is in keeping with the great heritage of our nation."

Williams devoted the more than half century that followed that letter pushing America live up to the promises of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in economics at California State University, Los Angeles and ultimately his doctorate in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles, Williams went on to become a longtime professor of economics at George Mason University.

His first book, "The State Against Blacks," published in 1982, is as relevant as ever. In it, he presented his case that, while racial discrimination and bigotry certainly exist, "it is the 'rules of the game' that account for many of the economic handicaps faced by Blacks. The rules of the game are the many federal, state and local laws that regulate economic activity."

Overregulation by the government, including laws like occupational and business licensing, zoning regulations and the minimum wage, Williams argued, "systematically discriminate against the employment and advancement of people who are outsiders, latecomers and poor in resources."

As he spent his life championing, the solution to these systematic barriers was to repeal such "antipeople" laws and unleash the power of the market to maximize opportunities for all people.

While it is fashionable among younger generations to condemn capitalism, Williams understood that capitalism is the greatest means for liberating people from poverty known to man.

"Prior to capitalism, the way people amassed great wealth was by looting, plundering and enslaving their fellow man," he said. "Capitalism made it possible to become wealthy by serving your fellow man."

At the core of Williams' views of the world is the notion of self-ownership, the principle that we own ourselves.

"I am my private property, and you are yours," he wrote. Illegitimate, coercive and non-voluntary intrusions on individuals, he argued, are fundamentally immoral. Whether it's a criminal assaulting you physically or the state dictating what you can or can't do with our own life, Williams always put the dignity and integrity of the individual first and foremost.

Though there will only be one Walter E. Williams, his ideas must endure forever.

* * * * *

An article by Ken Blackwell titled "Walter Williams—A Warrior for Liberty" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 2, 2020. Following is the article.

Patriot. Friend. Teacher. Student. Husband. Father. Legendary thinker. Christ follower.

On this day of profound mourning for Professor Walter E. Williams, it is difficult to summarize the life and legacy of my friend with only a few words.

Walter's loss is deep and personal for those of us who knew and loved him. He believed in the power of liberty and he worked every day of his adult life to harness government and optimize individual liberty.

In times of grief, we often ponder the essence of the person who has passed from our realm to that of our creator God. Indeed, what is the essence of a man? Wisdom of the mind? The generosity of the spirit? The kindness of the heart?

Albert Einstein once noted that we should "try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." Although he enjoyed national renown, the essence of Professor Walter E. Williams was all of these.

Walter grew up in a tough Philadelphia neighborhood. He knew the pain of a fatherless upbringing. He learned hard lessons but used every life experience to teach self-reliance, dignity, and hard work. Although he had a brilliant mind and was himself a teacher, he often said he never stopped learning-particularly from his friend and fellow defender of liberty, Professor Thomas Sowell.

There was no subject too hot for Walter in his quest to educate and encourage personal responsibility and a foundational understanding of freedom. Including the insightful 2011 treatise "Race and Economics," he wrote thousands of essays and editorials on every aspect of public policy and government. He was a gifted commentator unencumbered by the deadly weight of being politically correct. He told it and sold it as he saw it. Walter's sense of humor knew no bounds—and he knew how to use it. He had a gift for creating a brilliant quip or funny story that made a hard point for liberty, designed to stick in the minds of those listening.

Professor Williams was a lauded economist, academic, educator, and relentless defender of constitutional freedom as well as economic and individual liberty. He lit a path for every American seeking understanding of our founding and national values. Yet if you asked Walter his most important job, he was likely to respond, "Connie's husband and Devyn's dad." When Connie passed away unexpectedly in December of 2007, Walter was shattered by the loss of his companion of fifty years. Our hearts and prayers now extend to his daughter in her time of grief. I was privileged to work with Professor Williams at The Heritage Foundation and as a fellow Policy Board Member at American Constitutional Rights Union. All of us at ACRU mourn his loss as we celebrate his legacy and treasure his memory.

Walter leaves a lifetime of precious moments for his family, friends, and students, and Americans of all generations will continue to benefit from his insight and wisdom, even if they don't realize it.

Walter's essence was liberty.

* * * * *

An article by Walter Williams titled "Black Education Tragedy Is New" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Dec. 2, 2020. Following is the article.

Several years ago, Project Baltimore began an investigation of Baltimore's school system. What they found was an utter disgrace. In 19 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, out of 3,804 students, only 14 of them, or less than 1%, were proficient in math. In 13 of Baltimore's high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math. In five Baltimore City high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math or reading. Despite these academic deficiencies, about 70% of the students graduate and are conferred a high school diploma—a fraudulent high school diploma.

The Detroit Public Schools Community District scored the lowest in the nation compared to 26 other urban districts for reading and mathematics at the fourthand eighth-grade levels. A recent video captures some of this miseducation in Milwaukee high schools: In two city high schools, only one student tested proficient in math and none are proficient in English. Yet, the schools spent a full week learning about "systemic racism" and "Black Lives Matter activism."

By the way, a Nov. 19, 2020, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article asks: "How many Black teachers did you have? I've only had two." The article concludes, "For future Black students, that number needs to go up." New York City is one of many school systems in the United States set to roll out Black Lives Matter-themed lesson plans. According to the NYC Department of Education, teachers will delve into "systemic racism," police brutality and white privilege in their classrooms.

Should we blame this education tragedy on racial discrimination or claim that it is a legacy of slavery? Dr. Thomas Sowell's research in "Education: Assumptions Versus History" documents academic excellence at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School and others. This academic excellence occurred during the late 1800s to mid-1900s, an era when blacks were much poorer than today and faced gross racial discrimination. Frederick Douglass High School of yesteryear produced many

distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, and several judges, congressmen and civil rights leaders. Frederick Douglass High School was second in the nation in black Ph.Ds. among its alumni.

Also, in Sowell's "Education: Assumptions Versus History" is the story of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, a black public school in Washington, D.C. As early as 1899, its students scored higher on citywide tests than any of the city's white schools. From its founding in 1870 to 1955, most of its graduates went off to college.

Dunbar's distinguished alumni include U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke, physician Charles Drew and, during World War II, nearly a score of majors, nine colonels and lieutenant colonels, and a brigadier general. Today's Paul Laurence Dunbar and Frederick Douglass high schools have material resources that would have been unimaginable to their predecessors. However, having those resources have meant absolutely nothing in terms of academic achievement.

If we accept the notion that rotten education is not preordained, then I wonder when the black community will demand an end to an educational environment that condemns so many youngsters to mediocrity. You can bet the rent money that white liberals and high-income blacks would not begin to accept the kind of education for their children that most blacks receive.

The school climate, seldom discussed, plays a very important role in education. During the 2017-18 school year, there were an estimated 962,300 violent incidents and 476,100 nonviolent incidents in U.S. public schools nationwide. Schools with 1,000 or more students had at least one sworn law enforcement officer. About 90% of those law enforcement officers carry firearms. Aside from violence, there are many instances of outright disrespect for teachers. First- and second-graders telling teachers to "Shut the f*** up" and calling teachers "b***h."

Years ago, much of the behavior of young people that we see today would have never been tolerated. There was the vice principal's office where corporal punishment would be administered for gross infractions. If the kid was unwise enough to tell his parents what happened, he might get more punishment at home.

Today, unfortunately, we have replaced practices that worked with practices that sound good and caring. And we are witnessing the results.



An article by Ben Sharpiro titled "The Left's Gender Theories Are Anti-Scientific Nonsense, but They're Gaining Ground" was posted at creators.com on Dec. 2, 2020. Following is the article.

On Nov. 22, 2020, New York Times columnist Charles Blow unleashed one of the most bizarre tweets in recent memory. "Stop doing gender reveals," he stated. "They're not cute; they're violent. All we know before a child is born is their anato-

my. They will reveal their gender. It may match your expectations of that anatomy, and it may not. If you love the child you will be patience, attentive and open."

This is patently insane for a variety of reasons.

First, the characterization of gender reveal parties—parties during which parents celebrate finding out whether their unborn children are boys or girls—as "violent" is, in and of itself, radically nuts. Parents are excited to learn whether their children will be boys or girls. That is absolutely unobjectionable. But for an ardent fan of abortion on demand such as Blow to characterize a gender reveal party celebrating the sex of an unborn baby as "violent" while characterizing the *in utero* dismemberment of that same unborn baby as "choice" is so morally benighted as to boggle the mind.

Blow's tweet goes further. The implication that parents are doing violence against their own children if they connect sex and gender is utterly anti-evidentiary. Sex and gender are interconnected. For nearly every human being born, biological sex will correspond with genital development in the womb. And gender, contrary to the idiotic, pseudoscientific paganism of the gender theory set, is not some free-floating set of biases we bring to the table. Males and females have different qualities in a variety of functions, attitudes, desires and capabilities. In every human culture—indeed, in every mammalian species—meaningful distinctions between male and female remain. To reduce children to genderless unicorns simply awaiting hormonal guidance from within piles absurdity upon absurdity.

And, of course, Blow's take on "patience" is not limitless. Presumably, should your daughter announce that she is a boy at the tender age of 5, all measures will immediately be taken to ensure that she is treated as a boy by those such as Blow. There will be no call for watchful waiting; to do so would be yet another act of "violence."

Why does any of this matter? Because Blow's perspective has become mainstream on the left. In October, Healthline, a supposed medical resource, ran an article reviewed by a licensed marriage and family therapist titled "Do Vulva Owners Like Sex?' Is the Wrong Question—Here's What You Should Ask Instead." Whether "vulva owners" like sex is indeed the wrong question. The right question, to begin, might be what makes "vulva owners" distinct from women; as a follow-up, we might ask how one would go about leasing or renting a vulva if ownership seems like too much of a burden.

But the madness gains ground. CNN reported in July that the American Cancer Society had changed its recommendations on the proper age for cervical cancer screenings for women, only CNN termed women "individuals with a cervix." Which seems rather degrading to women, come to think of it.

Lest we believe that this is merely some lunatic fringe, it is worth noting that Blow, Healthline and CNN are merely saying out loud what those who place gender pronouns in their Twitter bios, such as Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, imply: that gender and sex are completely severable, and that biology has nothing to do with the former. President-elect Joe Biden has openly stated that an 8-year-old can decide on his transgenderism; Sen. Elizabeth Warren infamously stated that she would have a 9-year-old transgender child

screen her secretary of education nominee. Male and female are arbitrary categories to which anyone can claim membership.

Unless, of course, the left wishes to treat sex as an important characteristic. Then the logic changes. Thus, it is historic that Biden has nominated an all-female communications team, and it is deeply moving that Harris is a woman.

It's almost as though the definitions of words have no meaning, according to the left. All that matters is fealty to whatever narrative the chosen moral caste dictates on a daily basis. And if you cross it, you're doing violence.



An article by Derek Hunter titled "When the Covid Narrative and Science Collide" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

Yes, covid-19 is real, and it's dangerous. The virus can be deadly, very deadly, to the elderly, people with co-morbidities, and seemingly random people since it, unlike most viruses we know of, appears to manifest itself wildly differently in people with no, at least as of yet, discernible pattern.

That being said, there are some aspects of the pandemic that deserve, really require, serious conversations and examination by both the medical profession and the public. But that's not being allowed to happen by the media and the medical profession. That should concern everyone.

A recent newsletter from Johns Hopkins raised some interesting questions about the extent of the pandemic's deadliness. It asserted that total deaths of Americans were not out of the ordinary, not elevated. "Surprisingly, the deaths of older people stayed the same before and after covid-19. Since covid-19 mainly affects the elderly, experts expected an increase in the percentage of deaths in older age groups. However, this increase is not seen from the CDC data. In fact, the percentages of deaths among all age groups remain relatively the same," it read.

This is interesting for many reasons. There's no question the virus can be deadly, but just how deadly is something we don't know.

You'd think we would by now, but we don't. All we get reported to us are numbers, and numbers without context are meaningless.

- * We're told the "total number of cases in the US," but this includes everyone who's ever tested positive.
- * That number dates back to March, and is over 13 million.
- * But the vast majority of those people had it and got over it.
- * There aren't 13 million Americans infected right now.

That would be a more useful number to know, would give the pandemic context, and help give people some perspective, which is likely the way it's not

reported. Can't scare the [heck] out of people as easily with reality.

According to the Hopkins story, "not only has covid-19 had no effect on the percentage of deaths of older people, but it has also not increased the total number of deaths."

That's amazing, and goes against all the expert declarations and reporting on the subject.

This data was gathered by Genevieve Briand, the assistant program director of Applied Economics for Hopkins' master's degree program, so it wasn't some random kook on the Internet.

Shockingly, the story concluded this way: "When Briand looked at the 2020 data during that seasonal period, covid-19-related deaths exceeded deaths from heart diseases. This was highly unusual since heart disease has always prevailed as the leading cause of deaths. However, when taking a closer look at the death numbers, she noted something strange. As Briand compared the number of deaths per cause during that period in 2020 to 2018, she noticed that, instead of the expected drastic increase across all causes, there was a significant decrease in deaths due to heart disease. Even more surprising . . . this sudden decline in deaths is observed for all other causes. This trend is completely contrary to the pattern observed in all previous years. Interestingly . . . the total decrease in deaths by other causes almost exactly equals the increase in deaths by covid-19. This suggests, according to Briand, that the covid-19 death toll is misleading. Briand believes that deaths due to heart diseases, respiratory diseases, influenza and pneumonia may instead be recategorized as being due to covid-19."

This is, to put it mildly, contrary to everything we've been told and could be wildly important. This wasn't peer reviewed research, so I'm sure there's a lot to question. But those questions should be asked and answered. (To their credit, and likely because it was already disseminated too widely to contain, Hopkins posted an archived version of the piece here, so you can read it for yourself.)

Well, as has been the case with everything that challenges the narrative on covid, those questions will likely never be answered.

The article has been replaced with an editor's note: "It was brought to our attention that our coverage of Genevieve Briand's presentation 'Covid-19 Deaths: A Look at U.S. Data' has been used to support dangerous inaccuracies that minimize the impact of the pandemic," the note reads. "We decided on Nov. 26 to retract this article to stop the spread of misinformation, as we noted on social media."

The note continues, and is rather long (read it yourself), but is yet another example of things not adding up being swept under the rug when it's related to covid-19.

- * I don't know what the answer is, I don't know where the truth lies.
- * But I do know you'll never get to it by ignoring or silencing anything that doesn't conform to a narrative.
- * To get to the truth, questions must be asked.

- * Sometimes those questions are uncomfortable, and sometimes those answers won't make sense on their own, which is why more questions have to be asked.
- * That questions aren't allowed to be asked should lead to the most important question of all: Why?

* * * * *

A video and an article by Susan Jones titled "Obama Wouldn't Mind Feeding Lines to a 'Stand-In' President Through An Earpiece" were posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 1, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Former President Barack Obama, now making media appearances to promote his new book, told "The Late Show" with Stephen Colbert he never wished for a third term, but if he could have had a "stand-in" or a "front-man," he wouldn't have minded telling that person what to say.

Obama said: "I've said this before, people would ask me, knowing what you know now, do you wish you had a third term? And I used to say, if I could make an arrangement where I had a stand-in, a front-man or front-woman and they had an ear piece in and I was just in my basement in my sweats looking through the stuff and I could sort of deliver the lines, but somebody else was doing all the talking and ceremony, I'd be fine with that, because I found the work fascinating. I mean, I write about the—even on my worst days, I found puzzling out, you know, these big, complicated, difficult issues, especially if you were working with some great people, to be professionally really satisfying. But I do not miss having to wear a tie every day."



An article by Ty Haqqi titled "10 Cities With the Most Illegal Immigrants" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

- 10. Riverside metro area-230,000
- 9. San Francisco metro area—240,000
- 8. Atlanta metro area-275,000
- 7. Chicago metro area—400,000
- 6. Washington D.C. metro area-425,000
- 5. Miami metro area—425,000
- 4. Dallas metro area—475,000
- 3. Houston metro area—500,000

- 2. Los Angeles metro area 925,000
- 1. New York metro area—1,100,000



"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.

News about the media

■ An article by Brian Stelter titled "Fox News Staffers Thought Newsmax Was a Joke; But They're Not Laughing Anymore" was posted at cnn.com on Nov. 25, 2020.

- An article by Thomas Lifson titled "Keith Olbermann Says Out Loud What the Fascist Left Is Thinking" was posted at americanthinker.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Politico Magazine Writer [Jeff Greenfield]: Trump's Base Are Like Nazis Using Spanish Civil War to Test Their Theories" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Mia Cathell titled "Marco Rubio Slams Jack Dorsey for Allowing CCP Propaganda to Spread on Twitter" was posted at the postmillennial.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Jon Miltimore titled "Ivy League Study Shows How US Media Created a Climate of Fear Over Covid-19" was posted at fee.org on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Andrea Mitchell Canceled for Questioning the Biden Team's Transparency" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Brad Slager titled "Candace Owens Exposes the Fraud of Fact-Checkers Adding to the List of Recent Scams" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article titled "Project Veritas Publishes Recordings of CNN President" was posted at the postmillenial.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article titled "CNN PR Team Tweets Baseless Legal Threats at James O'Keefe Following Expose Announcement" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "O'Keefe Tells Hannity CNN Tapes Reveal Network Is 'Propaganda' " was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Becca Lower titled "CNN Accuses Tucker Carlson of Getting His Facts Wrong, But They End Up Beclowning Themselves" was posted at redstate.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "Media Elites, Not Trump Supporters, Are Disconnected From Reality" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 2, 2020.

Tragedies of lock-down

- An article by Brad Polumbo titled "4 Life-Threatening Unintended Consequences of the Lockdowns" was posted at fee.org on Nov. 25, 2020. (The four consequences are: (1) Massive Spikes in Suicide Rates and Mental Health Crises, (2) Uptick in Drug Overdoses and Substance Abuse, (3) Economic Devastation Leads to Hunger and (4) Surge in Domestic Violence Under Covid-19 Lockdowns.)
- An article by Ben Farmer titled "Coronavirus Pandemic Could Wipe Out 25 Years of Increasing Gender Equality, New Data From UN Suggests [Because Women Are Doing Greater Share of Housework and Child care]" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Nov. 26, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Another Consequence of Lockdowns: Plummeting Birth Rates" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 29, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Nicholas Ballasy titled "Whole Foods CEO [John Mackey]: Socialism Means 'Trickle Up Poverty' That 'Impoverishes Everything'" was posted at justthenews.com on Nov. 26, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Thomas titled "Black Friday Shopping in Stores Craters 52% During Pandemic As E-Commerce Sales Surge" was posted at cnbc.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Graham Rapier titled "Disney World Is Building a Train Station to Connect Its Parks With the Orlando Airport and Miami" was posted at businessinsider.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Fed Chairman Powell: More Than Half of Jobs Lost in March and April Have Been Recovered" was posted at cnsnews. com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by John Hawkins titled "Hewlett Packard Enterprises Is the Latest Company to Flee California for Texas" was posted at bongino.com on Dec. 3, 2020.

Stimulus checks

- An article by Joe Horvath titled "Work, Not Welfare, Is the Gift Americans Need" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Brad Polumbo titled "IRS Sent \$1,200 Stimulus Checks to Random European Citizens, New Reporting Shows" was posted at fee.org on Dec. 2, 2020.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article by Hannah Bleau titled "New Mexico Governor [Michelle Lujan] Accused of Causing 'Modern Bread Lines' [2-4 Hour Lines Outside Supermarkets] With Coronavirus Lockdown Orders" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 24, 2020.
- An article titled "Malls Adapt With Santas Behind Plexiglass: Black Friday Update" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

- A video and an article by John Hawkins titled "Watch: Small Business Owner in New York Rips Up \$15,000 Covid-19 Fine on Live TV" was posted at bongino.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Hannah Bleau titled "2-4 Hour Lines Outside Supermarkets Due to New Mexico Gov.'s Lockdown" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "195 Million Chinese Students Are in School; Why Aren't Our Kids?" was posted at thefederalist.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "As If Parents Weren't Confused Enough, De Blasio Changes His Mind Again on Schools" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 29, 2020.
- An article by Scott Morefield titled "Our Overlords Are Using the 'Big Lie Technique' to Convince Us Masks Work" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Bill Melugin titled "LA County Supervisor [Sheila Kuehl] Dines at Restaurant Hours After Voting to Ban Outdoor Dining" was posted at foxla. com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Angus Whitley titled "Los Angeles' New Covid Lockdown Bans Most Walking, Driving and Use of Public Transport" was posted at fortune.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Puckett titled "Nearly 10 Million People Flew Over Thanksgiving, According to TSA" was posted at cntraveler.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Mary Margaret Olohan titled "Austin Mayor Flew Private to Cabo San Lucas Where He Filmed Himself Telling Citizens to 'Stay Home' "was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Tim Pearce titled "'I Need to Survive': Michigan Restaurant Bucks Whitmer's New Lockdown, Opens In-Person Dining" was posted at dailywire.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Mollie Hemingway: Democrats Violating Their Own Public Health Restrictions Are 'Tyrannical' " was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Durden titled "'Immunity Cards' to Be Issued to All Americans; Enable CDC to Track Covid-19 Vaxx Status in Database" was posted at zero hedge.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Stella Morabito titled "Masks Are Another Way to Control Society Through Isolation" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Dr. Joseph Mercola titled "Landmark Study [Danmask-19 Trial Published on Nov. 18 in the Annals of Internal Medicine] Finds Masks Are Ineffective" was posted at mercola.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Dr. Joseph Mercola titled "Asymptomatic People Do Not Spread Covid-19" was posted at mercola.com on Dec. 4, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article titled "Supreme Court Won't Get Involved in Louisiana Pastor's Case" was posted at apnews.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Morgan Phillips titled "Supreme Court Sets Deadline [of December 3] for NJ [Officials] Response to Religious Gathering Restrictions" was posted at foxnews.com on Nov. 29, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Supreme Court Smacks Down California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Tells Him to Stop Targeting Churches" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 3, 2020.

Comments about police "misconduct"

■ Looking back to June, an article by Laura Santhanam titled "Two-Thirds of Black Americans Don't Trust the Police to Treat Them Equally; Most White Americans Do" was posted at pbs.org on June 5, 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 by Mark Matousek titled "Electric Cars May Be the Future, But They're Still Critically Flawed in a Key Area ['Building Electric Cars Creates More Greenhouse-Gas Emissions Than Producing An Equivalent Gas-Powered Vehicle']" was posted at businessinsider.com on Nov. 13, 2020.
- An article by Michael Wayland titled "[German Automaker] Porsche Investing \$24 Million in 'E-Fuels' to Supplement Electification of Sports Cars" was posted at cnbc.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Bradford Betz titled "Obama Criticizes Americans for Liking 'Cheap Gas and Big Cars' More Than 'The Environment' "was posted at foxbusiness.com on Nov. 30, 2020.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Ty Haqqi titled "20 Cities Invaded by Illegal Immigrants vs. Infrastructure Stocks" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 3, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Awr Hawkins titled "Report: 186,000+ Firearm Background Checks on Black Friday 2020" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- A video and an article by Awr Hawkins titled "Video Surfaces Showing Democrat Rev. Raphael Warnock Mocking Churchgoers for Wanting to Defend Selves With Guns" were posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 30, 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 washing-tonpost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

- Looking back to August, an article by Katie Pavlich titled "Fauci: There's No Reason People Can't Vote Safely in Person" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.
- An article by Jeff Poor titled "GOP Rep. Gaetz: Election an 'Overwhelming Land-slide' Among In-Person Voters" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 30, 2020.

Trump supporters and detractors

- An article by Matt Palumbo titled "President Trump the First Since Carter Not to Get U.S. Involved in New Wars" was posted at bongino.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Mia Jankowicz titled "A Group of Incoming GOP House Members, Calling Themselves the 'Freedom Force,' Are Trying to Counter Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's 'Squad' " was posted at businessinsider.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Congressman-Elect [Black Republican Byron Donalds of the 'Freedom Force']: 'Americans Just Want to Be Left Alone,' Politicians 'Aren't Smart Enough' to Make Decisions for Them" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "SCOTUS Ruling on Religious Services During Covid Lockdowns Removes Obstacle Named Chief Justice Roberts" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 26, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "One Democrat Governor [Phil Murphy of New Jersey] Is Giving Rare Credit to President Trump for Coronavirus Vaccines" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 29, 2020.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Rev. [Franklin] Graham: LGBT Activists Want You to 'Conform' to 'Their Sinful Beliefs' or They Will 'Close You Down' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "The Durham Probe Is Now a Special Counsel Investigation" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Matthew Choi titled "Barr and Giuliani Clash Over Allegations of Election Fraud" was posted at politico.com on Dec. 1, 2020.

Biden supporters and detractors

- An article by Bradford Betz titled "Obama Criticizes Americans for Liking 'Cheap Gas and Big Cars' More Than 'The Environment' " was posted at foxbusiness.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "John Brennan [Obama-Era CIA Director] Frets Over 'Criminal, Reckless' Killing of Iran Nuclear Scientist" was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Backlash As [Obama-Era CIA Director John] Brennan Blasts Killing of Iranian Nuclear Scientist: [Sebastian Gorka Asked Why Brennan Is] 'Always on the Side of Our Enemies' "was posted at breitbart.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Police Chief Association Releases Number of Officers [2,000] Injured During Violent Riots [8,700 Protests, 574 of Them Were Riots With Mass Looting and Destruction]" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by black conservative Carl Jackson titled "Why Raphael Warnock Shouldn't Be a Pastor or a Senator [in Georgia]" was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "[Rashida] Tlaib Promotes Phrase That's 'Code for Eradicating the State of Israel' " was posted at townhall.com on Nov. 30, 2020.
- An article by Henry Rodgers titled "Schumer Says He Agrees With Biden on Giving Transgender Students Access to Sports, Bathrooms and Locker Rooms" was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Liz Sawyer titled "'Staggering' Surge in Violent Carjackings Continues Across Minneapolis" was posted at startribune.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Post Editorial Board titled "As NY Politicians Eye New Taxes on the Rich, High Earners Eye Exits" was posted at nypost.com on Nov. 28, 2020.
- An article by Kristin Tate titled "San Francisco Wealth Tax Will Fuel Next Blue Exodus for Rich Earners" was posted at thehill.com on Nov. 27, 2020.
- An article by Avery Hartmans titled "As Many As 89,000 Households Have Left San Francisco Since March, the Latest Sign of An Exodus Spurred by the Pandemic" was posted at businessinsider.com on Dec. 1, 2020.
- An article by Helen Raleigh titled "While Lecturing Americans on Racism, Big Business Opposes Ban on Using Foreign Slave Labor" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 2, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Sen. Marsha Blackburn Denounces Uyghur Genocide After Chinese State Media Mouthpiece Called Her Racist" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Democrat on House Intel Committee [Raja Krishnamoorthi From Illinois] Sides With Communist China Over U.S. Senator [Marsha Blackburn From Tennessee]" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 3, 2020.

General interest

■ An article by Camille Caldera titled "Fact Check: Flu Vaccine Hasn't Eradicated the Flu, But It Has Lessened the Burden of the Virus" was posted at usatoday.com on Nov. 27, 2020.

- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Obama, Bush and [Bill] Clinton Willing to Take Covid Vaccine 'On Camera' to Prove It's Safe" was posted at cnsnews. com on Dec. 3, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Flores titled "'The Wettest Day Ever'; Homes Destroyed After Record Alaska Rainstorm" was posted at usatoday.com on Dec. 3, 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."