

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 Mia Jankowicz titled “Spain Is Keeping a List of Everyone Who Refuses a Covid-19 Vaccine and Will Share It With Other EU Countries” was posted at businessinsider.com on Dec. 29, 2020. Following is the article.

Spain is setting up a register of people who refuse to take the covid-19 vaccine and plans to share the list with other European Union countries, the Spanish health minister announced.

Spain took delivery of its first doses Sunday, with plans to vaccinate 2.3 million people over the next 12 weeks, El País reported. Inoculations started Sunday, with the first dose going to a 96-year-old, the paper said.

Health Minister Salvador Illa told the broadcaster La Sexta on Sunday that receiving the vaccine would be a voluntary process in which citizens are called up for their doses, free of charge, by the country’s national health system.

But he encouraged people to get it, saying: “The way to defeat the virus is by vaccinating all of us.”

He said other European partners would be given access to the register of those who turn it down, “as is done with other treatments,” he said.

But he added: "It is not a document to be made public and it will be done with the utmost respect for data protection." It is not clear exactly what personal data is to be recorded and shared.

The European Commission proposed a wide set of measures for cooperation and data-sharing around vaccinations in the bloc in April 2018.

Spain is one of the countries hit hardest by the coronavirus. It has recorded almost 1.9 million cases, and, as of Monday, more than 50,000 people in the country with the virus had died, according to Johns Hopkins University's tracker.

As with many other European countries, it saw a resurgence of cases in the fall.

That wave appears to be in decline, but Illa said on Sunday that people should not "let their guard down."

Spanish people remain under curfew between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., with many areas keeping people at home except for work, care duties, or accessing medicine, according to the BBC. This regimen is expected to stay in place until May, the broadcaster reported.

Spain is vaccinating citizens with the two-dose vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, according to El País.

Under the country's National Health System, people will be notified when they should go to receive their first and second doses, Illa told La Sexta.

Other vaccines will also be used as they get approval from the European Medicines Agency, according to El País.

Europe is facing new concerns over a coronavirus variant spreading rapidly in the UK. The variant, which is feared (but not confirmed) to be more infectious, but not more lethal, has been reported in EU nations including Spain, France, and Germany.



Looking back to July 2020, an article by Justin Haskins titled "World Leaders' 'Great Reset' Plan for Global Economy Is the Green New Deal on Steroids" was posted at heartland.org on July 10, 2020. Following is the article.

It's not a conspiracy theory. It's a conspiracy fact.

Before anyone had heard of the Green New Deal—a radical proposal to eliminate all fossil fuels in just 10 years and impose a slew of socialist programs on the U.S. economy—I vividly remember speaking to a friend who is an expert on renewable energy sources like wind and solar, natural gas, and other forms of energy about the prospect of something like the GND actually becoming law.

"This is ridiculous," he told me. "We shouldn't even be spending any time talking about it publicly. None of what they're calling for can actually be achieved. It's impossible. There's no way anyone will take this seriously."

My friend was wrong. The world did take it seriously. Very seriously, in fact. Much of the Democratic Party establishment rallied around the idea. Hundreds of left-wing leaders supported it. Countless environmental organizations and other groups said it was essential. Leading presidential candidates like Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, and others said that if we don't enact a Green New Deal—or something like it—life on Earth would be in peril. It's an "existential threat," they said.

CNN even devoted hours of programming to its "Climate Change Townhall," during which numerous Democratic candidates promoted some form of the GND.

In the wake of these remarkable claims, those of us who support free markets and individual liberty launched a massive campaign to stop the GND. I wrote countless articles, gave speeches at conferences, spoke to numerous leaders of the free-market movement, including media figures like Glenn Beck, and I appeared on television and radio more than a dozen times to warn people about the GND and its related programs, including a few appearances on *Tucker Carlson Tonight*.

Our efforts paid off. Thanks to the work of literally thousands of conservatives and libertarians, the Green New Deal died in Congress, and GND-supporting presidential candidates failed to capture the DNC's nomination—proof that public support for the plan had crumbled. (Joe Biden has a terrible climate plan of his own, of course, but it's not as socialistic or radical as the Green New Deal.)

But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and the massive expansion of government power that has come from it, left-wing leaders have rallied around a new idea, one that's even more overtly socialistic than the Green New Deal and, because of its global nature, more dangerous. It's called "The Great Reset," and although it has yet to gain significant media attention outside of a few mainstream media outlets, it will soon, and when it does, the only hope of stopping it will be yet another large campaign that brings together supporters of freedom from across the United States and around the world.

In short, the Great Reset is a proposal to completely alter the entire global economy, moving it more toward collectivism and away from capitalism. According to its most ardent supporters, the purpose for the "Great Reset" is three-fold: (1) repairing the global economic damage caused by the coronavirus; (2) stopping a coming climate change catastrophe; and (3) using the two previously mentioned "crises" as an opportunity to advance socialist ideals, including the destruction of capitalism and individual rights.

Although there had been some brief hints suggesting world leaders were preparing a Great Reset plan over the past month or so, the plan's first introduction to the world occurred at a recent virtual World Economic Forum (WEF) meeting, where global leaders from the United Nations, United Kingdom, United States, International Monetary Fund and multi-national corporations discussed and announced the "Great Reset" proposal.

"We have a golden opportunity to seize something good from this [covid-19] crisis. Its unprecedented shockwaves may well make people more receptive

to big visions of change,” said Prince Charles, one of the leaders of the event and a significant proponent of the Great Reset.

In an article published on the World Economic Forum’s website, WEF founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab said “the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions.”

“Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed,” Schwab added. “In short, we need a ‘Great Reset’ of capitalism.”

Sharan Burrow, the general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), said we need to use the present crisis to help “rebalance” the global economy.

“We need to design policies to align with investment in people and the environment,” Burrow said. “But above all, the longer-term perspective is about rebalancing economies.”

And they weren’t alone. Numerous other influential world leaders spoke at the WEF event, including Ma Jun, the chairman of the Green Finance Committee at the China Society for Finance and Banking and a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the People’s Bank of China; Bradford Smith, president of Microsoft; and Gina Gopinath, the chief economist at the International Monetary Fund.

Specifics for the plan have yet to be laid out. Those will come at WEF’s meeting in Davos in January 2021, the theme of which will also be “The Great Reset.” But, like the Green New Deal, it’s clear that the purpose of the plan—as the quotes previously listed reveal—is to move the world economy toward socialism, using climate change and covid-19 as justifications.

It’s not an exaggeration to say that the Great Reset represents the most significant threat to capitalism and individual liberty in more than a half-century. In many respects, it’s more dangerous than even the Soviet Union was, because so many people in countries like the United Kingdom and United States are backing the Great Reset in ways that we never saw during the Cold War.

Advocates for freedom must not laugh off the Great Reset as a pie-in-the-sky pipe dream. Some of the world’s most powerful people and institutions are already supporting it (Microsoft, IMF, World Economic Forum, United Nations, etc.), and we’re still in the plan’s earliest stages. Once momentum for the Great Reset builds, it could lead to real policy reforms, including the Green New Deal itself.

Now is the time to start sounding the alarm. We cannot afford to wait.



Looking back to October 2020, an article by Andrew Chatzky titled “Envisioning a Green New Deal: A Global Comparison” was posted at cfr.org (Council on Foreign Relations) on Oct. 21, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Introduction

The Green New Deal, a broad and sometimes vague aspiration to rapidly mobilize American government, society and industry to create a sustainable, low-carbon future, has become hotly contested among policymakers and presidential hopefuls. For supporters, such an effort represents a last chance to avoid the worst consequences of catastrophic climate change. For detractors, it's a financially profligate proposal concerned more with traditional left-wing economic policies than environmental necessity.

As the 2020 presidential election nears, a congressional resolution on the Green New Deal has both motivated and divided Democrats and influenced Democratic nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden's climate plan. Meanwhile, President Donald J. Trump has campaigned against it.

Such a proposal, affecting all aspects of the U.S. economy and society, is unprecedented. However, major world economies, including China, India and the European Union, have begun implementing some of the policies envisioned by the Green New Deal, shedding light on the complexities and costs involved.

The Green New Deal is a contested concept, but all of its various versions center on a common vision of a government-led, society-wide effort to dramatically reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and quickly shift the U.S. economy to be less carbon intensive. The term might have originated in a 2007 *New York Times* column by Thomas Friedman, and by 2018 the concept had become a rallying cry in Democratic Party politics. In February 2019, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) introduced a nonbinding resolution in support of the idea.

Their version is essentially a statement of principles backing a ten-year "national mobilization." The resolution is notable for going far beyond climate change, aspiring to a broad-based industrial policy that would reshape the U.S. economy. It aims for a sweeping social transformation reminiscent of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, which was an unprecedented application of the power of the federal government to dig the United States out of the Great Depression in the 1930s.

The goals of the Green New Deal involve:

- Emissions: cutting net greenhouse gas emissions to zero over ten years.
- Manufacturing: spurring "massive growth in clean manufacturing."
- Power use: meeting all U.S. power demand "through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources."
- Agriculture: sharply reducing emissions and other pollution from agriculture.
- Infrastructure: upgrading infrastructure, including transportation and housing, and ensuring all infrastructure bills considered by Congress address climate change.
- Jobs: guaranteeing a job with a "family-sustaining wage" for everyone.

■ Welfare and social justice: providing everyone in the United States with high-quality health care, affordable housing, economic security, clean water, clean air and healthy food, while addressing systemic social exclusion and injustice.



Looking back to October 2020, an article by Klaus Schwab titled “A Better Economy Is Possible, but We Need to Reimagine Capitalism to Do It” was posted at time.com on Oct. 22, 2020. Following is the article.

In the immediate months that followed the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic, the world as we knew it was turned upside down. Like most people, I was constrained to observing the situation from inside my home and the World Economic Forum’s empty offices, and I relied on video calls to know how others were doing.

Since those early moments of the crisis, it has been hard to be optimistic about the prospect of a brighter global future. The only immediate upside, perhaps, was the drop in greenhouse-gas emissions, which brought slight, temporary relief to the planet’s atmosphere. It shouldn’t have come as a surprise that many started to wonder: Will governments, businesses and other influential stakeholders truly change their ways for the better after this, or will we go back to business as usual?

Looking at the news headlines about layoffs, bankruptcies and the many mistakes made in the emergency response to this crisis, anyone may have been inclined to give a pessimistic answer. Indeed, the bad news related to covid-19 came on top of the enormous economic, environmental, social and political challenges we were already facing before the pandemic. With every passing year, these issues, as many people have experienced directly, seem to get worse, not better.

It is also true that there are no easy ways out of this vicious cycle, even though the mechanisms to do so lie at our fingertips. Every day, we invent new technologies that could make our lives and the planet’s health better. Free markets, trade and competition create so much wealth that in theory they could make everyone better off if there was the will to do so. But that is not the reality we live in today.

Technological advances often take place in a monopolized economy and are used to prioritize one company’s profits over societal progress. The same economic system that created so much prosperity in the golden age of American capitalism in the 1950s and 1960s is now creating inequality and climate change. And the same political system that enabled our global progress and democracy after World War II now contributes to societal discord and discontent. Each was well intended but had unintended negative consequences.

Yet there are reasons to believe that a better economic system is possible—and that it could be just around the corner. As the initial shock of the covid crisis receded, we saw a glimpse of what is possible, when stakeholders act for the public good and the well-being of all, instead of just a few.

Mere months after the pandemic began, work was started on more than 200 potential SARS-CoV-2 vaccines. Many of them resulted from multinational collaboration involving both the public and private sectors, like AstraZeneca's collaboration with Oxford University in the U.K. Companies like Unilever approached the World Economic Forum's Covid Action Platform with offers to supply hygiene products, ventilators or simply logistical help. There was also strong cooperation between governments and business, to secure the funds needed for vaccine development and distribution.

Looking forward, such virtuous instincts can become a feature of our economic systems rather than a rare exception. Rather than chasing short-term profits or narrow self-interest, companies could pursue the well-being of all people and the entire planet. This does not require a 180-degree turn: corporations don't have to stop pursuing profits for their shareholders. They only need to shift to a longer-term perspective on their organization and its mission, looking beyond the next quarter or fiscal year to the next decade and generation. Some are already doing so.

Maersk, a Danish shipping giant, for example, divested its oil and gas divisions, and is focusing on providing sustainable shipping solutions. Reacting to increasing pressure from climate activists and younger generations, BlackRock asked the CEOs of companies it invested in to more explicitly pursue environmental, social and governance goals. These decisions may hurt short-term profits for itself as shareholder, but it maximizes long-term returns in a world where people increasingly revolt against a system they perceive as unfair.

Building such a virtuous economic system is not a utopian ideal. Most people, including business leaders, investors and community leaders, have a similar attitude about their role in the world and the lives of others. Most people want to do good, and believe that doing so will ultimately benefit everyone, including a company's shareholders. But what's been missing in recent decades is a clear compass to guide those in leading positions in our society and economy.

For the past 30 to 50 years, the neoliberalist ideology has increasingly prevailed in large parts of the world. This approach centers on the notion that the market knows best, that the "business of business is business," and that government should refrain from setting clear rules for the functioning of markets. Those dogmatic beliefs have proved wrong. But fortunately, we are not destined to follow them.

In September, my belief that a more virtuous capitalist system is possible was reaffirmed by an initiative of the forum's International Business Council led by Brian Moynihan of Bank of America. They released the Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics: nonfinancial metrics and disclosures that will be added (on a voluntary basis) to companies' annual reporting in the next two to three years, making it possible to measure their progress over time.

Doing so requires answering questions such as: What is the gender pay gap in company X? How many people of diverse backgrounds were hired and promoted? What progress has the company made toward reducing its green-

house-gas emissions? How much did the company pay in taxes globally and per jurisdiction? And what did the company do to hire and train employees?

The initial idea that companies should try and optimize for more than just short-term profits came around 2016 from a handful of business leaders who wanted the private sector to play a role in achieving the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Individuals such as Moynihan, Frans van Houten of Philips and Indra Nooyi, then at PepsiCo, enlisted many of their peers in this commitment.

In the following years, pressure from social- and climate-justice movements such as Fridays for Future (inspired by Greta Thunberg), #MeToo and Black Lives Matter added to the sense of urgency. Business needed to do more than make a well-intentioned but vague pledge. By the summer of 2019, Moynihan and others put forth the idea of creating a tool to measure themselves. By the fall, the work was under way, and the Big Four consulting firms—Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PwC—signed on to define the metrics.

By January 2020, a first consultation draft of the metrics was ready, and enthusiastically received. Then the covid-19 disaster struck. Would the project survive this global crisis? And, more broadly, would the whole idea of stakeholder capitalism die in the covid crisis? The concept had been embraced by the U.S. Business Roundtable—a major Washington-based lobbying group of U.S. firms—just months earlier. Now, it was feared, that nascent commitment to stakeholder capitalism could make way for a more realistic approach in companies: save what you can, even if it means laying off employees or cutting off suppliers.

But if anything, the enthusiasm of the companies working on the project increased. “There was a sense that this was really important, especially in the crisis,” said Maha Eltobgy, who headed the initiative for the World Economic Forum. In the fall of 2020, the metrics were finalized and publicly released.

Of course, we remain far from our goal of achieving a better global economic system for all. The Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics are just one of many initiatives that are needed to get to such an outcome—and time is quickly running out. But in a world where pessimism is increasingly the order of the day, and narrow and short-term self-interest is still alluring, initiatives like these demonstrate that a more inclusive and sustainable model is possible. It is up to us to replicate and follow such an approach. When that happens, those who follow the path of stakeholder capitalism will soon find that it leads to a more inclusive and sustainable economy for all.



Looking back to November 2020, an article by Andrew Stuttaford titled “The Great Reset; If Only It Were Just a Conspiracy” was posted at nationalreview.com on Nov. 27, 2020. Following is the article.

The “Great Reset” masterminded by the World Economic Forum is just corporatism by another name.

Writing for *The Spectator US*, Ben Sixsmith gets to grips with “the Great Reset” now being proposed by the World Economic Forum (“Davos”).

And, yes, despite a name that sounds as if it were conjured up in some of conspiracism’s danker fever swamps, the Great Reset really exists: “The World Economic Forum, which organizes the annual conference Davos, has launched an initiative called, yes, ‘the Great Reset.’ It has its own website.”

Indeed it does.

But, after noting the involvement of “partners” such as Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, IBM, IKEA, Lockheed Martin, Ericsson and Deloitte, Sixsmith doubts whether the Great Reset can be seen, as some like to suggest (even allowing for a bit of hype), as “socialist Left Marxist” or a “global communist takeover plan.”

Fair enough, not least because the Great Reset is, in essence, corporatist, not communist. The participation of companies of the type that Sixsmith mentions is, in reality, the participation of certain members of their senior management, using shareholder funds for purposes that have nothing to do with the bottom line and everything to do with the wielding of power within a system akin to a concert, with the state—if not necessarily the government—acting as the conductor.

■ In the course of an article on the Great Reset I wrote last month, I described corporatism as: [a] hydra-headed ideology with origins in the pre-modern, and a very mixed past—sometimes benignly (it influenced the formation of West Germany’s social market economy) and sometimes not (it was an important element in pre-war fascist theory.) The different forms corporatism has taken make it tricky to define with precision, but they share a common core: the conviction that society should be organized by and for its principal interest groups—let’s call them “stakeholders”—intermediated by, and ultimately subordinate to, the state. The individual does not get a look in.

Recently, one expression of corporatism, “stakeholder capitalism,” has won strong support on both sides of the Atlantic. This might be expected in Europe, but that it has been taken up by the Business Roundtable and many leading firms in the U.S.—allegedly a bastion of both free enterprise and democracy—is depressing. Looked at optimistically, the BRT and its C-suite cheerleaders are useful idiots. Looked at realistically, they are part of a managerial class grubbing for the power that flows from other people’s money.

Stakeholder capitalism rests on the notion that a company’s management owes a duty to more than its shareholders. It’s something that Klaus Schwab, the WEF’s founder and executive chairman, has been advocating for a long time. A key feature of the Great Reset is the idea that stakeholder capitalism should, one way or another, be adopted.

That would reduce a company’s shareholders to just another category of “stakeholder,” effectively transferring the power that capital should confer away from its owners and into the hands of those who administer it. They are then accountable to, well, it’s not quite clear whom. It’s not difficult to grasp why so many corporate bosses are enthused by stakeholder capitalism.

But stakeholder capitalism is a betrayal of democracy as well as of shareholders. The power it gives to managers is increasingly being used to support an agenda influenced by a cabal of activists, NGOs, representatives of the “international community,” and politicians too arrogant to go through the usual legislative process.

Sixsmith takes, in my view, too relaxed a view of what stakeholder capitalism is him. To him, it is “a concept so vague that Facebook, IBM, Lockheed Martin et cetera are free to interpret it quite as they wish.”

■ Approvingly, he cites Steve Dunning, writing for *Forbes*: “Firms can go on privately shoveling money to their shareholders and executives, while maintaining a public front of exquisite social sensitivity and exemplary altruism.”

But while removing one possible obstacle to shoveling money to *executives* (shareholders are a different matter) is a part of stakeholder capitalism’s appeal to managements (bonuses are easier to justify when targets are to grow, say, diversity rather than the share price), it is only one part of its attraction. Much of stakeholder capitalism’s appeal lies elsewhere, whether it is from the social approval that it can generate for a manager who uses his or her role in such a *positive* way, or in its ability to hand executives power, which they can wield, as noted above, with relatively little accountability now that their responsibility to shareholders has been so diluted.

I don’t disagree with the argument used by Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JPMorgan Chase—an extremely capable businessman, but also a corporatist’s corporatist—that there is need for a stimulus, and sooner rather than later, but there was something disconcerting about the language he used in a recent discussion on this topic:

U.S. politicians are behaving like children by not passing a new stimulus bill that could help Americans whose income has been wiped out by the coronavirus pandemic, JPMorgan Chase & Co Chief Executive Jamie Dimon said on Wednesday at a New York Times conference.

“This is childish behavior on the part of our politicians,” Dimon said about an impasse between Democrats and Republicans over how much additional spending should be authorized.

The two parties should split the difference between the amounts they want to devote to coronavirus relief, he said.

Dimon is entitled to give his opinion, but his tone was not that of a constituent or even a businessman battling for his shareholders, but of an oligarch.

Power is an intoxicant.

■ Writing for *Time* in an issue “produced in partnership with the World Economic Forum,” Dimon argued this: Capitalism must be modified to do a better job of creating a healthier society, one that is more inclusive and creates more opportunity for more people. That means meaningful changes like rebuilding our education system and providing skills training, affordable health

care policies, substantial infra—structure investment, and sensible immigration reform and climate policies. That’s just a start.

I am optimistic that this is possible as we enter a new decade. In August, more than 180 CEOs of leading U.S. companies signed the Business Roundtable’s new statement of corporate purpose, committing to creating economic opportunity for all of their stakeholders: customers, employees, suppliers, communities and shareholders. It’s a call to action to do more for everyone who works for us, and society in general.

Many businesses are rethinking their role in society . . .

Well, the managers of many businesses may be rethinking what role ‘their’ businesses should play, but whether the shareholders, who *own* those businesses are doing the same thing may be a different question. What, for example, do the shareholders of JPMorgan Chase, who have, largely unwittingly, given Dimon a platform to undermine their rights, think of his pronouncements? And for someone who, on that occasion anyway, rather relished attacking (elected) politicians, Dimon sounded distinctly political, and in a way that suggested that he expected people to pay attention. Yet he has not been elected to any political office, and, as I far as I know, has no plans to be.

With the switch to a corporatist regime well under way, it’s easy to understand why he’d rather not run for office. In many respects it would not only be a demotion, but an undignified one. It’s a messy business, scrabbling around for votes. The politicians Dimon describes as “childish” are nothing of the sort. He may not like how they are behaving, but they are doing what they do because of their analysis of how various constituencies will react to the decisions they make, an analysis that the (unelected) Dimon has the luxury of not having to make. The conclusion they draw may lead to those politicians taking a stance with which Dimon (not unreasonably in this case) disagrees, but the disdain in which he appears to hold them can easily slide into a technocrat’s impatience with the inefficiency of democracy, an impatience felt by quite a few of those who have, over the course of history, succumbed to the corporatist temptation.

Sixsmith has read the dreary and appallingly-written *Covid-19: The Great Reset* (the book). Schwab is co-author along with Thierry Malleret, an economist and a member of the WEF team. Sixsmith notes, correctly at several levels, that “this is no *Communist Manifesto*. The *Communist Manifesto* was a bracing read.” Indeed, I can confirm that *The Great Reset* is not that.

Sixsmith explains that *The Great Reset* “considers a world after the pandemic,” a conceit he finds “audacious given that it was written less than six months after the virus had even appeared.” That is to be too easily impressed. Schwab has been peddling his stakeholder prescriptions for half a century. The pandemic is just the latest crisis on which he has hung them. Some of the book does indeed consist of predictions, but for the most part, these forecasts are just an updated, even more ambitious version of Schwab’s perennial wish list.

■ “If you read *The Great Reset* in anticipation of some kind of baroque manifesto for world tyranny,” warns Sixsmith, you will be disappointed. “There are

no elaborate schemes for globe-spanning coup d'états and techtalitarianism." The former is true, the latter somewhat less so. Glimpses of dystopia occasionally—or not so occasionally—break through the leaden prose:

In the post-covid 19 world, precise information on our carbon footprints, our impact on biodiversity, on the toxicity of all the ingredients we consume and the environments or spatial contexts in which we evolve will generate significant progress in terms of our awareness of collective and individual well-being. Industries will have to take note.

However much it is concealed within language that reads as if it had escaped from a PowerPoint presentation for a dismal corporate retreat, *The Great Reset* is a book with an undeniably authoritarian subtext: "Industries will have to take note." The book is not without moments of accidental humor, such as when "leaders" (a favorite term, unsurprisingly, in Schwabspeak) ranging from Andrew Cuomo to, uh, "HRH the Prince of Wales" (a duo few should emulate) are praised for their calls to "build it back better" after the pandemic.

To be fair, the shout-out to Prince Charles comes as no great surprise. While Schwab's career appears to have been based, in no small part, on an entrepreneurial mix of self-aggrandizement and entertainingly unconvincing humility, one constant has been his obsequious attachment to royalty, a mark of his fondness for hierarchy ("leaders") as well, I suspect, as a sign of his snobbery. The heir to the British throne, a petulant prince whose intelligence is comfortably exceeded by his arrogance, also makes an appearance in the WEF's self-published account of its first fifty years, the modestly-titled *The World Economic Forum: Partner in Shaping History*, although in a startlingly atypical instance of *lèse-majesté* the authors of this grim little booklet manage to confuse him with the possibly even more petulant Prince William in one photo caption. Also featured are HRH King Abdullah II of Jordan, HRH Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan (a member of the WEF's Board of Trustees, no less), and HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Saud.

Half-blinded by the glitter of all that monarchical splendor, I returned to *The Great Reset* to learn that "the deep disruption caused by covid-19 . . . has offered societies an enforced pause to reflect on what is truly of value."

The reflection, it seems, does not have to last for long. The next sentence reads: With the economic emergency responses to the pandemic now in place, the opportunity can be seized to make the kind of institutional changes and policy choices that will put economies towards a fairer, greener future.

To their credit, Messrs. Schwab and Malleret are not shy about using variations of that infamous phrase about never letting a crisis go to waste. It pops up at least four times.

Naturally, covid-19 is "likely to sound the death knell of neoliberalism." That Schwab and Malleret even use that basically meaningless word reveals both the staleness of their ideas and the nature of the snake-oil they are preparing to apply (sell would imply the consent of the buyer) to a public being informed that it will have to make do with so much less. GDP is unforgivably crude, you see.

Here and there, scattered amid the bromides, are clearer indications of what that fairer, greener future will look like. Helped by “public-sector direction-setting” and “better alignment between public policy and corporate planning,” we ought to expect a future of controls and constraints, where “planetary care will be as important as personal care.” To take a few examples, there will be limits on material consumption, an emphasis on “responsible eating,” on “vacationing nearer to home,” and on “disregard[ing] everything that we do not really need.” It is a picture of a suffocating, joyless society where enterprise is harnessed, the talk is all of “solidarity” and—this will sound familiar—the individual does not get much of a look in.

But then corporatism, which is often framed to look like cooperation, but is all too frequently underpinned by coercion, is like that: “To varying degrees, business executives in all industries and all countries and all countries will have to adapt to greater government intervention.”

■ And dissenters simply do not exist: [N]obody would now deny that companies’ fundamental purpose can no longer simply be the unbridle[d] pursuit of financial profit; it is now simply incumbent upon them to serve all their stakeholders, not only those who hold shares.

Nobody.

Leaving aside the fact that, few, if any had argued for (let alone adopted) the “unbridled” pursuit of profit (that is not what shareholder primacy either means or implies), the idea that there is no opposition to stakeholder capitalism stands out, even in a book showing evident traces of the delusional, in its absurdity. Yes, yes, stakeholder capitalism is on the march and Dimon’s on the team, but not everyone has signed up for the assault on property and democratic rights that this doctrine represents.

Equally, to claim that the “pandemic leaves no doubt in boardrooms that the absence of ESG considerations [the vaguely-defined environmental, social and governance criteria that have become the yardstick of “socially responsible” investing, and, by extension, stakeholder capitalism] has the potential to destroy substantial value and even threaten the viability of a business” is nonsense.

Some boards may feel that way, others may not. If the pandemic has changed their minds, it is evidence only of their lack of fitness for the job. There is also the argument that the ‘G’ in ESG is at odds with the ‘E’ and the ‘S,’ in that it replaces the objective of a clear, measurable line of accountability to shareholders with a hazy duty to hazily defined stakeholders. On top of this, there is some evidence (a 2016 survey that predates our current era of stakeholder capitalism) that it is the G that adds to performance while the E and the S detract from it.

Oh.

Schwab and Malleret quote some early data showing that the “sustainability sector” outperformed the market in the first quarter of 2020, but concede that some analysts have argued that this may merely have reflected reduced exposure to fossil fuels (the oil price took a hit in the early weeks of the pandemic). Others have maintained that the reason for the outperformance was

investors' rotation into tech stocks—stocks typically with a fairly light environmental impact, as conventionally measured—for “defensive” reasons.

■ Stakeholder capitalism may be making a nonsense of “G,” but, in an article in May, Bloomberg’s John Authers (a writer generally supportive of ESG investing) referred to some research demonstrating, in effect, that some of the companies being sought by “socially responsible” investors contained contradictions between the “E” and the “S”: It is possible that ESG is undermining itself—or at least that the E and the S are in conflict with each other. Vincent Deluard, of INTL FCStone Inc., suggests that ESG funds are people-unfriendly. Tech and pharma companies tend to look good by ESG criteria, but they tend to be virtual as well as virtuous. These are the kind of companies that need relatively few workers and which churn out hefty profit margins. When Deluard looked at how the big ETFs’ portfolios varied from the Russell 3000, the results were spectacular. They are full of very profitable companies with very few employees . . . A further look at companies’ market cap per employee showed that investing in the current stock market darlings who are making their shareholders rich is a very inefficient way to invest in boosting employment. They include hot names like Netflix Inc., Nvidia Corp., MasterCard Inc. and Facebook Inc . . .

■ The problem, Deluard suggests, is that ESG investing, intentionally or otherwise, rewards exactly the corporate behavior that is creating alarm. Companies with few buildings, few formal employees and a light carbon footprint tend to show up well on ESG screens. But allocating capital to them leads to a deepening of inequality, and intensifying the problem of under-unemployment. On the face of it, they aren’t the companies that should be receiving capital if employment is to recover swiftly. If investors want to behave with the interests of “stakeholders” rather than “shareholders” in mind, and that is surely central to the ESG philosophy, then their current approach is directly counter-productive . . .

Oh.

Schwab and Malleret may see themselves as prophets of a sort, but perhaps they should not be blamed (too much) for failing to anticipate the awkward findings in a paper produced for New York University’s Stern School of Business, which was first posted *after* the publication date of their book.

■ The abstract alone raises some difficult questions (my emphasis added): Environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) scores have been widely touted as indicators of share price resilience during the covid-19 humanitarian crisis. We undertake extensive analyses to investigate this claim and present robust evidence that, once the firm’s industry affiliation and accounting- and market-based measures of risk have been properly controlled for, ESG scores offer no such positive explanatory power for returns during covid-19. *Specifically, ESG is insignificant in fully specified returns regressions for the first quarter of 2020 covid crisis period, and it is negatively associated with returns during the market’s “recovery” period in the second quarter of 2020.* Industry affiliation, market-based measures of risk, and accounting-based variables that capture the firm’s financial flexibility (liquidity and leverage) and their investments in internally-developed intangible assets together dominate the explanatory power of

the covid returns models . . . We conclude that celebrations of ESG as an important resilience factor in times of crisis are, at best, premature.

Oh.

The measurement of relative stock market performance is not an exact science. Different surveys can suggest different conclusions. Nevertheless, if there are companies where, as Schwab and Malleret assert, the directors have decided that there is “no doubt” about the importance of ESG, their shareholders should be consulting their lawyers as well as their stockbrokers.

As would be expected, the Great Reset has, as Sixsmith relates, brought conspiracists out of the woodwork: “The phrase has shot throughout the fringes of Right-Wing Twitter like a virus through a karaoke bar.”

There’s the phrase itself, both presumptuous and menacing. There’s the notoriety of Davos, and there’s Schwab himself, in Sixsmith’s view, “an Ernst Stavro Blofeld lookalike” although to me he bears more of a resemblance to an unctuous, condescending, and scheming prelate.

Writing for CapX, Oliver Kamm is unimpressed by all the conspiracy talk, blaming it on a “loose assemblage of anti-vaccine campaigners and conspiracy theorists, and given a platform by Russian state propaganda.” Up to a point, maybe, but given the contents of the Great Reset, its source, and how it is being sold, it is a surprise that the conspiracy theories that surround it have not found an even greater audience among the crazies than they have.

■ *The Spectator’s* Sixsmith warns, rightly, that: [W]e should always be careful before writing theories off as nuts. It matters that some of the world’s richest and most powerful people are so interested in ‘resetting’ the way we live. You can think what you like about their ideas and activities. It would be foolish to deny their significance.

Indeed. He doesn’t believe that there is any sort of conspiracy and neither do I. The Great Reset is being orchestrated in plain sight, and not by a shadowy group of plotters. But to accept that is not to deny that it may be consequential. As I wrote in my earlier article:

So, the WEF matters, and so will its Great Reset. If a recital of some of what the forum has achieved or enabled is not proof enough of that, the list of politicians, businesspeople, and other prominenti who attend its conferences, sign up for its partnerships, and subscribe to its initiatives ought, surely, to do the trick. But the WEF is not at the center of some vast conspiracy. Dr. Schwab is Dr. Disturbingly Influential, not Dr. Evil.

What is striking about the Great Reset is not the scale of its vision, but how often and for how long we have already been hearing, in one form or another, variants of its main themes—the need for drastic action on climate change, “stakeholder capitalism,” definancialization, moving away from the “Anglo-Saxon” model, thinking of “the planet” before we travel, shop or even

eat—themes that, in many cases, have emerged from the fringes to take center stage, and not only in front of the Davos crowd.

To Sixsmith, “the elite consensus on ‘the way ahead’ is disturbing.” And so it is.

■ He observes: “[O]ne critic has called Davos an ‘ideological synchronization environment for individuals, corporations, and governments to keep on the same page.’ That is different from conspiracy—but not that different. When bad ideas are adopted internationally by some of the richest and most powerful people in the world, the effect can be the same. The Great Reset might be all the more terrifying for not being a sinister plot.”

And even more so as it may well represent too much our future for comfort. It’s long past time to push back. One (very) small step could be for shareholders to insist that their companies’ executives travel to Davos on their own time—and on their own dime.



Looking back to December 2020, an article by John Mauldin titled “A ‘Great Reset’ Is Coming—but Not for Capitalism” was posted at seekingalpha.com on Dec. 3, 2020. Following is the article.

Summary

- The World Economic Forum sees the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to completely reset capitalism.
- “To achieve a better outcome, the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies.”
- WEF calls this effort its “Great Reset Initiative.”
- But “revamp all aspects of our societies and economies” sounds ominous.
- This is another example of wealthy, powerful elites salving their consciences with faux efforts to help the masses.

The Great Reset is my term for climactic events that resolve our global debt overload, while at the same time dealing with slow economic growth, high unemployment and social unrest.

I’ve talked about this concept for many years. I expected this would happen after we hit a debt wall, likely in the late 2020s. But like many other things that have been accelerated by current events, this type of Great Reset is coming even sooner.

More recently, others have started using this term for their own purposes. The World Economic Forum sees the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to completely reset capitalism.

■ “Covid-19 lockdowns may be gradually easing, but anxiety about the world’s social and economic prospects is only intensifying. There is good reason to worry: A sharp economic downturn has already begun, and we could be facing the worst depression since the 1930s. But, while this outcome is likely, it is not unavoidable. To achieve a better outcome, the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions. Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. In short, we need a ‘Great Reset’ of capitalism.”

WEF calls this effort its “Great Reset Initiative.”

For the record, I think much of what they propose will make the version that I see even worse.

I agree capitalism has gone off track and needs some adjustments, and not just minor ones. The current morass of crony capitalism and lobbying for special government favors is abhorrent.

But “revamp all aspects of our societies and economies” sounds ominous. Especially coming from the WEF—the people who nominally run the global economy.

Further, what they really propose is that maybe they pay a little more in taxes while those further down the food chain carry the brunt of change.

When you start talking about resetting the educational and social contracts and working conditions, you are talking a radical social agenda. I believe we must—and will—have considerable change in the social structure of this country.

That is what the current partisan politics is telling us. Too many people on both sides feel the current “social contract,” however they define it, is not working for them. Income and wealth inequality are very real.

I am not convinced a WEF-style “Great Reset” is the answer.

Fortunately, I don’t think WEF will get very far.

More likely, this is another example of wealthy, powerful elites salving their consciences with faux efforts to help the masses, and in the process make themselves even wealthier and more powerful.



Looking back to December 2020, an article by Justin Haskins titled “John Kerry Reveals Biden’s Devotion to Radical ‘Great Reset’ Movement” was posted at thehill.com on Dec. 3, 2020. Following is the article.

In June, elites at important international institutions such as the World Economic Forum and the United Nations launched a far-reaching campaign to “reset” the global economy.

The plan involves dramatically increasing the power of government through expansive new social programs like the Green New Deal and using vast regulatory schemes and government programs to coerce corporations into supporting left-wing causes.

The two justifications for the proposal, which has been aptly named by its supporters the "Great Reset," are the covid-19 pandemic (the short-term justification) and the so-called "climate crisis" caused by global warming (the long-term justification).

According to the Great Reset's supporters, the plan would fundamentally transform much of society. As World Economic Forum (WEF) head Klaus Schwab wrote back in June, "the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions. Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed. In short, we need a 'Great Reset' of capitalism."

Internationally, the Great Reset has already been backed by influential leaders, activists, academics and institutions. In addition to the World Economic Forum and United Nations, the Great Reset movement counts among its the International Monetary Fund, heads of state, Greenpeace and CEOs and presidents of large corporations and financial institutions such as Microsoft and MasterCard.

But in America, most policymakers—including President-elect Joe Biden—have been relatively quiet about the Great Reset, leaving many to speculate what a Biden administration would do to support or oppose this radical plan.

There has been some evidence suggesting that Biden and some of his biggest allies back the Great Reset and would attempt to impose it on the United States. But Biden and his team have never explicitly stated that America would be involved—that is, until now.

At a panel discussion about the Great Reset hosted by the World Economic Forum in mid-November, former Secretary of State John Kerry—Biden's would-be special presidential envoy for climate—firmly declared that the Biden administration will support the Great Reset and that the Great Reset "will happen with greater speed and with greater intensity than a lot of people might imagine."

When asked by panel host Borge Brende whether the World Economic Forum and other Great Reset supporters are "expecting too much too soon from the new president, or is he going to deliver first day on this [*sic*] topics?" Kerry responded, "The answer to your question is, no, you're not expecting too much."

"And, yes, it [the Great Reset] will happen," Kerry continued. "And I think it will happen with greater speed and with greater intensity than a lot of people might imagine. In effect, the citizens of the United States have just done a Great Reset. We've done a Great Reset. And it was a record level of voting."

Kerry later argued that the Great Reset is necessary to slow the "climate crisis" and that "I know Joe Biden believes . . . it's not enough just to rejoin

Paris [the Paris Climate Accords] for the United States. It's not enough for us to just do the minimum of what Paris requires."

Kerry also said that because of the Great Reset movement, he believes "we're at the dawn of an extremely exciting time" and that "the greatest opportunity we have" to address social and economic problems is "dealing with the climate crisis."

These and the other comments made by Kerry at the WEF event are made more important by the fact that Kerry's role in a Biden administration would involve working with the very same international institutions that have already expressed their support for the Great Reset on climate change.

This isn't the first time Kerry has thrown his weight behind the Great Reset. At a June World Economic Forum virtual event, Kerry said the coronavirus pandemic was "a big moment" that opened the door for the Great Reset and that, "The World Economic Forum—the CEO capacity of the Forum—is really going to have to play a front and center role in refining the Great Reset to deal with climate change and inequity—all of which is being laid bare as a consequence of covid-19."

The evidence is now crystal clear about Biden's connection to the Great Reset. He, John Kerry and the rest of the Biden administration are planning to bring the Great Reset to the United States. And if they are successful, the country will never be the same.



Looking back to December 2020, an article by Michael Rectenwald titled "What Is the Great Reset? Part 1: Reduced Expectations and Bio-Techno-Feudalism" was posted at miss.org (Mises Institute) on Dec. 16, 2020. Following is the article.

The Great Reset is on everyone's mind, whether everyone knows it or not. It is presaged by the measures undertaken by states across the world in response to the covid-19 crisis. (I mean by "crisis" not the so-called pandemic itself, but the responses to a novel virus called SARS-2 and the impact of the responses on social and economic conditions.)

In his book, *Covid-19: The Great Reset*, World Economic Forum (WEF) founder and executive chairman Klaus Schwab writes that the covid-19 crisis should be regarded as an "opportunity [that can be] seized to make the kind of institutional changes and policy choices that will put economies on the path toward a fairer, greener future." Although Schwab has been promoting the Great Reset for years, the covid crisis has provided a pretext for finally enacting it. According to Schwab, we should not expect the postcovid world system to return to its previous modes of operation. Rather, alternating between description and prescription, Schwab suggests that changes will be, or should be, enacted across interlocking, interdependent domains to produce a new normal.

So just what is the Great Reset and what is the new normal it would establish?

The Great Reset means reduced incomes and carbon use. But Schwab and the WEF also define the Great Reset in terms of the convergence of economic, monetary, technological, medical, genomic, environmental, military, and governance systems. The Great Reset would involve vast transformations in each of these domains, changes which, according to Schwab, will not only alter our world but also lead us to “question what it means to be human.”

In terms of economics and monetary policy, the Great Reset would involve a consolidation of wealth, on the one hand, and the likely issuance of universal basic income (UBI) on the other. It might include a shift to a digital currency, including a consolidated centralization of banking and bank accounts, immediate real-time taxation, negative interest rates, and centralized surveillance and control over spending and debt.

While every aspect of the Great Reset involves technology, the Great Reset specifically entails “the Fourth Industrial Revolution,” or transhumanism, which includes the expansion of genomics, nanotechnology, and robotics and their penetration into human bodies and brains. Of course, the fourth Industrial Revolution involves the redundancy of human labor in increasing sectors, to be replaced by automation. But moreover, Schwab hails the use of nanotechnology and brain scans to predict and preempt human behavior.

The Great Reset means the issuance of medical passports, soon to be digitized, as well as the transparency of medical records inclusive of medical history, genetic makeup, and disease states. But it could include the implanting of microchips that would read and report on genetic makeup and brain states such that “[e]ven crossing a national border might one day involve a detailed brain scan to assess an individual’s security risk.”

On the genomic front, the Great Reset includes advances in genetic engineering and the fusion of genetics, nanotechnology, and robotics.

In military terms, the Great Reset entails the creation of new battle spaces including cyberspaces and the human brain as a battle space.

In terms of governance, the Great Reset means increasingly centralized, coordinated, and expanded government and “governmentalities,” the convergence of corporations and states, and the digitalization of governmental functions, including, with the use of 5G and predictive algorithms, real-time tracking and surveillance of bodies in space or the “anticipatory governance” of human and systems behavior.

That being said, “the Great Reset” is but a coordinated propaganda campaign shrouded under a cloak of inevitability. Rather than a mere conspiracy theory, as the *New York Times* has suggested, the Great Reset is an attempt at a conspiracy, or the “wishful thinking” of socioeconomic planners to have corporate “stakeholders” and governments adopt the desiderata of the WEF.

In order to sell this package, the WEF mobilizes the warmed-over rhetoric of “economic equality,” “fairness,” “inclusion,” and “a shared destiny,” among other eu-

phemisms. Together, such phrases represent the collectivist, socialist political and ideological component of the envisioned corporate socialism (since economic socialism can never be enacted, it is always only political and ideological).

I'll examine the prospects for the Great Reset in future installments. But suffice it to say for now that the WEF envisions a bio-techno-feudalist global order, with socioeconomic planners and corporate "stakeholders" at the helm and the greater part of humanity in their thrall. The mass of humanity, the planners would have it, will live under an economic stasis of reduced expectations, with individual autonomy greatly curtailed if not utterly obliterated.

As Mises suggested, such planners are authoritarians who mean to supplant the plans of individual actors with their own, centralized plans. If enacted, such plans would fail, but their adoption would nevertheless exact a price.



Looking back to December 2020, an article by Michael Rectenwald titled "The Great Reset, Part II: Corporate Socialism" was posted at mises.org (Mises Institute) on Dec. 26, 2020. Following is the article.

As I noted in the previous installment, the Great Reset, if its architects have their way, would involve transformations of nearly every aspect of life. Here, I will limit my discussion to the economics of the Great Reset as promoted by the World Economic Forum (WEF), as well as to recent developments that have advanced these plans.

As F.A. Hayek suggested in his introductory essay to *Collectivist Economic Planning*, socialism can be divided into two aspects: the ends and the means. The socialist means is collectivist planning, while the ends, at least under proletarian socialism, are the collective ownership of the means of production and the "equal" or "equitable" distribution of the end products.

Distinguishing between these two aspects in order to set aside the question of the ends and to focus on the means, Hayek suggested that collectivist planning could be marshalled in the service of ends other than those associated with proletarian socialism: "An aristocratic dictatorship, for example, may use the same methods to further the interest of some racial or other elite or in the service of some other decidedly anti-equalitarian purpose." Collectivist planning might or might not run into the calculation problem, depending upon whether or not a market in the factors of production is retained. If a market for the factors of production is maintained, then the calculation problem would not strictly apply.

The collectivist planners of the Great Reset do not aim at eliminating markets for the factors of production. Rather, they mean to drive ownership and control of the most important factors to those enrolled in "stakeholder capitalism." The productive activities of said stakeholders, meanwhile, would be guided by the directives of a coalition of governments under a unified mission and set of policies, in particular those expounded by the WEF itself.

While these corporate stakeholders would not necessarily be monopolies *per se*, the goal of the WEF is to vest as much control over production and distribution in these corporate stakeholders as possible, with the goal of eliminating producers whose products or processes are deemed either unnecessary or inimical to the globalists' desiderata for "a fairer, greener future." Naturally, this would involve constraints on production and consumption and likewise an expanded role for governments in order to enforce such constraints—or, as Klaus Schwab has stated in the context of the covid crisis, "the return of big government"—as if government hasn't been big and growing bigger all the while.

Schwab and the WEF promote stakeholder capitalism against a supposedly rampant "neoliberalism." Neoliberalism is a weasel word that stands for whatever leftists deem wrong with the socioeconomic order. It is the common enemy of the Left. Needless to say, neoliberalism—which Schwab loosely defines as "a corpus of ideas and policies that can loosely be defined as favouring competition over solidarity, creative destruction over government intervention and economic growth over social welfare"—is a straw man. Schwab and company erect neoliberalism as the source of our economic woes. But to the extent that "antineoliberalism" has been in play, the governmental favoring of industries and players within industries (or corporatocracy), and not competition, has been the source of what Schwab and his ilk decry. The Great Reset would magnify the effects of corporatocracy.

Nevertheless, the aims of the WEF are not to plan every aspect of production and thus to direct all individual activity. Rather, the goal is to limit the possibilities for individual activity, including the activity of consumers—by dint of squeezing out industries and producers within industries from the economy. "Every country, from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed."

As Hayek noted, "when the medieval guild system was at its height, and when restrictions to commerce were most extensive, they were not used as a means actually to direct individual activity." Likewise, the Great Reset aims not at a strictly collectivist planning of the economy so much as recommends and demands neo-feudalistic restrictions that would go further than anything since the medieval period—other than under state socialism itself, that is. In 1935, Hayek noted the extent to which economic restrictions had already led to distortions of the market:

With our attempts to use the old apparatus of restrictionism as an instrument of almost day-to-day adjustment to change we have probably already gone much further in the direction of central planning of current activity than has ever been attempted before . . . It is important to realize in any investigation of the possibilities of planning that it is a fallacy to suppose capitalism as it exists to-day is the alternative. We are certainly as far from capitalism in its pure form as we are from any system of central planning. The world of today is just interventionist chaos.

How much further, then, the Great Reset would take us toward the kinds of restrictions imposed under feudalism, including the economic stasis that feudalism entailed!

I call this neofeudalism "corporate socialism"—not only because the rhetoric to gain adherents derives from socialist ideology ("fairness," "economic equality," "collec-

tive good," "shared destiny," etc.) but also because the reality sought after is *de facto* monopolistic control of production via the elimination of noncompliant producers—i.e., a tendency toward monopoly over production that is characteristic of socialism. These interventions would not only add to the "interventionist chaos" already in existence but further distort markets to a degree unprecedented outside of centralized socialist planning *per se*. The elites could attempt to determine, *a priori*, consumer needs and wants by limiting production to acceptable goods and services. They would also limit production to the kinds amenable to the governments and producers who buy into the program.

The added regulations would drive midsized and small producers out of business or into black markets, to the extent that black markets could exist under a digital currency and greater centralized banking. As such, the restrictions and regulations would tend toward a static caste-like system with corporate oligarchs on top, and "actually existing socialism" for the vast majority below. Increasing wealth for the few, "economic equality," under reduced conditions, including universal basic income, for the rest.

The Coronavirus Lockdowns, the Riots and Corporate Socialism

The covid-19 lockdowns, and to a lesser extent the leftist riots, have been moving us toward corporate socialism. The draconian lockdown measures employed by governors and mayors and the destruction perpetrated by the rioters just so happen to be doing the work that corporate socialists like the WEF want done. In addition to destabilizing the nation-state, these policies and politics are helping to destroy small businesses, thus eliminating competitors.

As the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) points out, the lockdowns and riots have combined to level a one-two punch that is knocking out millions of small businesses—"the backbone of the American economy"—all across America. FEE reported that 7.5 million small businesses in America are at risk of closing their doors for good. A more recent survey showed that even with federal loans, close to half of all small business owners say they'll have to shut down for good. The toll has already been severe. In New York alone, stay-at-home orders have forced the permanent closure of more than 100,000 small businesses.

Meanwhile, as FEE and others have noted, there is no evidence that the lockdowns have done anything to slow the spread of the virus. Likewise, there is no evidence that Black Lives Matter has done anything to help black lives. If anything, the riotous and murderous campaigns of Black Lives Matter and Antifa have proven that black lives do not matter to Black Lives Matter. In addition to murdering black people, the Black Lives Matter and Antifa rioters have done enormous damage to black businesses and neighborhoods, and thus to black lives.

As small businesses have been crushed by the combination of draconian lockdowns and riotous lunacy, corporate giants like Amazon have thrived like never before. As BBC noted, at least three of the tech giants—Amazon, Apple, and Facebook—have appreciated massive gains during the lockdowns, gains which were abetted, to a lesser extent, by riots that cost 1 to 2 billion in property damages. During the three months ending in June, Amazon's "quarterly profit

of \$5.2bn (£4bn) was the biggest since the company's start in 1994 and came despite heavy spending on protective gear and other measures due to the virus." Amazon's sales rose by 40 percent in the three months ending in June.

As reported by *TechCrunch*, Facebook and its WhatsApp and Instagram platforms saw a 15 percent rise in users, which brought revenues to a grand total of \$17.74 billion in the first quarter.¹⁴ Facebook's total users climbed to 3 billion in March, or two-thirds of the world's internet users, a record. Apple's revenues soared during the same period, with quarterly earnings rising 11 percent year-on-year to \$59.7 billion. "Walmart, the country's largest grocer, said profits rose 4 percent, to \$3.99 billion," during the first quarter of 2020, as reported by the *Washington Post*.

The number of small businesses has been nearly cut in half by the covid-19 lockdowns and the Black Lives Matter/Antifa riots while the corporate giants have consolidated their grip on the economy, as well as their power over individual expression on the internet and beyond. Thus, it would appear that the covid lockdowns, shutdowns, partial closings, as well as the riots are just what the Great Resetters ordered, although I am not hereby suggesting that they did order them. More likely, they have seized the opportunity to cull from the economy the underbrush of small and medium-sized businesses in order to make compliance simpler and more pervasive.

In the end, the Great Reset is merely a propaganda campaign, not some button that globalist oligarchs can push at will—although the WEF has represented it as just that. Their plans need to be countered with better economic ideas and concerted individual actions. The only reasonable response to the Great Reset project is to defy it, to introduce and promote more competition, and to demand the full reopening of the economy, at whatever peril. If this means that smaller-scale producers and distributors must band together to defy state edicts, then so be it. New business associations, with the aim of foiling the Great Reset, must be formed—before it's too late.



"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.

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- An article by Tal Axelrod titled "Netanyahu Invites Morocco's King to Israel After First Flight Between Countries" was posted at thehill.com on Dec. 25, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Maayan Lubell titled "Netanyahu Expects Ties [and] Visit by Morocco to Israel Next Week" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 26, 2020.
 - An article by Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman titled "Tel Aviv Research: 99.9% of Covid-19 Virus Dead in 30 Seconds With UV LEDs" was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2020.
 - An article by Deborah Danan titled "Israeli Researchers Rank Top in Scientific World" was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 27, 2020.

- An article by Ryan Morgan titled "Iran Says Trump's Life 'Will End,' Won't Stop Until Revenge on US for Killing Soleimani in New Statement" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- An article by David Rose titled "Saudi Women's Rights Activist Loujain Al-Hathloul [Age 31] Sentenced to Five and a Half Years in Prison" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Dec. 28, 2020.
- A Reuters article by L.C. Cohen and Marianna Parraga titled "Special Report: UAE Emerges As Hub for Companies Helping Venezuela Avoid U.S. Oil Sanctions" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by Mari Yamaguchi titled "Japan Adopts Green Growth Plan to Go Carbon Free by 2050" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 25, 2020.
- An article by Frances Martel titled "Philippines' [President Rodrigo] Duterte Threatens to Expel U.S. Military If Companies Do Not Offer Vaccines" was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled "China Stole Data for Years, But Learning How to Read It Is What Changed the Global Spy Game" was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Louise Watt titled "China Lowers Age of Criminal Responsibility to 12 After High-Profile Offenses Committed by Children" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Dec. 27, 2020.
- An article by Virginia Chamlee titled "Journalist [Zhang Zhan, 37-Year-Old Female] Who Raised Early Alarms About Covid-19, Documented Wuhan Outbreak Jailed for 4 Years" was posted at people.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Iain Marlow, Faseeh Mangi and Kari Soo Lindberg titled "China Is Struggling to Get the World to Trust Its Vaccines" was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Breitbart London titled "European Union Prepares Investment Pact With Communist China" was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Gerhard Mey and Ben Makori titled "Britain Faces Isolation As World Tightens Borders to Keep Out New Coronavirus Strain" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 21, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Ben Makori and Gerhard Mey titled "Anger Grows As Truckers Stranded in England Miss Christmas at Home [Due to Closed Borders]" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by James Delingpole titled "Lockdowns [in England] Were Inspired by the CCP [Chinese Communist Party], Admits Professor [Neil Ferguson]" was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 27, 2020.
- An article by Peter Aitkens titled "British Government Plans to Approve Oxford Vaccine, Distribute Starting January 4" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 27, 2020.

- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled "Brexit Boom: UK Overtakes India As World's 5th Largest Economy, Expected to Outpace France Post-Brexit" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 27, 2020.
- An article by Breitbart London titled "NATO Scrambled Fighters for Russian Warplanes 350 Times in 2020" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Kathy Gannon titled "Each Year, 1,000 Pakistani Girls Forcibly Converted to Islam" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by James Delingpole titled "German Economist Says 'Great Reset Will Cause a Crash Worse Than 1930s' " was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Dec. 26, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Promit Mukherjee titled "South Africa's Total Covid-19 Cases Cross 1 Million Mark" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Dec. 27, 2020.
- An article titled "UK Backpackers Could Face Deportation Over Covid Beach Parties in Sydney [Australia]" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Dec. 30, 2020.
- An article by Emma Russell titled "Anti-Foreigner Sentiment on the Rise As Thousands of Expats Around the World Are Forced to Flee Their Adopted Homes" was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](https://www.telegraph.co.uk) on Dec. 31, 2020.
- An article by Noah David Alter titled "BLM Activist [26-Year-Old Woman Sasha Johnson] Known As 'Black Panther of Oxford' Demands a Blacklist of Racists [Patterned After a Sex-Offender Registry]" was posted at [thepostmillennial.com](https://www.thepostmillennial.com) on Dec. 31, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Natalia Ramos Miranda titled "Coronavirus Reaches End of Earth As First Outbreak Hits Antarctica" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Dec. 22, 2020.



An article by (black conservative) Carl Jackson titled "You Cannot Love the Poor and Support Lockdowns" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Dec. 27, 2020. Following is the article.

Joe Biden's America would look a lot like covid-19 lockdowns if he does become president and that should terrify us all.

It has been my contention since the Wuhan, China coronavirus hit America's shores that the leaders of the Democratic Party would use the occasion to financially crush America's middle-class. As stunning as that may sound, the truth is democrats need a permanent underclass as well as a perpetually expanding victim class they can exploit every couple of years to maintain their power in Washington D.C. and state capitols. This explains the left's obsession with socialism and identity politics. To put it another way, the Democratic Party is successful when more Americans are unsuccessful.

By necessity, race-relations and poverty conditions must worsen under Democratic control, otherwise they'd lose their base of supporters. Keep in mind, the democratic base is comprised of minorities in inner cities, many of whom depend on government welfare as a way of life; woke academics of all races that have infiltrated the arts and entertainment, our universities; media; government bureaucracies; global corporations; teacher's unions; and even science labs.

The economic success Americans, particularly blue-collar workers, experienced under President Donald Trump's leadership was a threat to both the Democratic hierarchy and the Republican establishment. Democrats were threatened because Trump gained popularity amongst blue-collar workers, he expanded Republican outreach in the black community, and he attracted more Latinos to the Republican Party that rejected the left's shift towards socialism. As far as the Republican establishment is concerned, Trump has proven that conservatives can get a lot done in D.C. if they have the conviction and the courage to do so. Republican voters will be far less tolerant of do-nothing establishment types going forward.

The Wuhan coronavirus exposed how incompetent Republican leaders in swing states were at enforcing their existing election laws, which may have cost President Trump the White House. More dangerously, the pandemic has revealed just how much Democrats lust for authoritarian power. Democrats have become so drunk on power, that they've used the pandemic to destroy the livelihoods of their own constituents in hopes of transforming America into a socialist country.

How else can you explain the dictatorial and unscientific lockdowns imposed by leading Democratic governors, such as Gavin Newsom of California, Andrew Cuomo of New York, and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, just to name a few? If lockdowns really worked, states like New York and New Jersey would have the lowest death rates, but they don't. In fact, they have the highest death rates. And the reason why is simple: their governors are purposely ignoring the latest science, research and data because democrats are more concerned about broadening their power than they are about public health.

You don't believe me? Would it surprise you to know that contact-tracing studies have shown that half of the people infected with covid-19 caught the virus at home?

According to the economist Stephen Moore, a measly two percent of the transmissions come from restaurants, and virtually no transmissions are due to outdoor dining. Despite the science, Democrats continue to impose these un-American lockdowns across the country. As a result, the gap between the rich and the poor is the widest it has ever been. Thanks to the lockdowns, not the pandemic, 17 million minorities are at risk of losing their homes. Forty to fifty percent of restaurants in the U.S. may go completely bankrupt within months if their doors do not open now, and the unemployment rate for service workers in New York and New Jersey has climbed to 10 percent. Republican states like Florida and Utah have unemployment rates for service workers at approximately four percent.

Additionally, Zero Hedge reported that eight million more Americans than last year are living in poverty, and 60 percent of businesses that shut down due to the covid lockdowns have closed forever. Furthermore, almost two-thirds

of Americans are living paycheck-to-paycheck today, compared to one-fifth of Americans around the same time last year. Hardly anyone has an emergency fund left—60 percent more Americans today cannot handle a \$500 emergency than last year. Also, more people are unable to find work. Earlier this month the Labor Department reported that 2.4 million people had been out of work for at least 27 months, the “long-term” unemployment threshold, and they expect that number to rise to five million people by the first of the year.

Also, useless school closures have kept many parents from returning to work, causing additional financial hardship. Hundreds of thousands of women alone have left the workplace since September—nearly 850,000 women compared to approximately 216,000 men. Not to mention, the price of food has skyrocketed during the lockdowns due to a disruption in our supply chain and production costs. The loss of food-service demand due to Democrats killing the restaurant industry, hasn’t just hurt service workers. Farmers and ranchers have been forced to raise their prices for grocery stores who in turn pass on their costs to average American consumers. They have no choice; pre-lockdowns, restaurants were a major conduit for their supplies.

Lastly, with the federal moratorium on evictions about to run out on December 31, there’s no telling how many of your neighbor’s will become homeless. As many as 19 million Americans are at risk of losing their homes.

If Democrats really cared about the poor like they claim, they’d open up their states for business immediately and stop creating poverty with these unscientific lockdowns.



An article by Allie Hogan titled “The Real Reason President Trump Hasn’t Gotten the Covid Vaccine Yet” was posted at bestlifeonline.com on Dec. 29, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The covid vaccine has now been administered to millions of Americans and although a handful of essential politicians and officials, including Vice President Mike Pence, have gotten vaccinated, President Donald Trump has yet to sit down for his shot. While you may be making assumptions about why Trump hasn’t received the covid vaccine yet, the real reason is based on science.

- Trump has to wait 90 days from his covid treatment to get vaccinated.

When Trump had covid, he received an aggressive form of care via various drugs, including dexamethasone and remdesivir, as well as Regeneron’s monoclonal antibody cocktail. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that anyone who received “monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma as part of covid-19 treatment” wait at least 90 days before getting vaccinated.

The buffer between treatment and vaccination is intended “to avoid interference of the treatment with vaccine-induced immune responses,” according to the CDC.

- But it’s not clear when Trump stopped receiving the treatment.

Trump received the antibody cocktail beginning Oct. 2. Dec. 31 is exactly 90 days from the date it was announced he got the treatment, but he continued to receive it thereafter. On Dec. 17, a White House official told CNN that the president is still reaping the benefits of his covid treatment, noting that once he reaches the appropriate window to receive the vaccination, he likely will. It's not clear, however, when that is.



An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "5 Big Things We Learned About Our Elites in 2020" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 28, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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1. [Politicians] Don't Care About Science—Or Religious Liberty
 2. Lockdowns for Thee, But Not for Me
 3. Lockdown Elites Don't Care If Small Businesses Die
 4. Silicon Valley Wants You to Shut Up
 5. Elites Are Okay With Chaos and Violence From the Left



An article by Frank Miele titled "The Top Five Most Suppressed News Stories of 2020" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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5. Mysterious mutating lockdowns
 4. Hydroxychloroquine
 3. Trump's vaccine victory
 2. Hunter Biden's laptop
 1. Election fraud



An article by Ben Werschkul titled "These 20 States Are Raising Their Minimum Wage on January 1" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 28, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

While the coronavirus pandemic of 2020 has hit poor Americans the hardest, minimum wage earners in 20 U.S. states will get raises at the start of the new year. Four more states, plus Washington, DC, will raise their minimum wages later in 2021.

Florida's workers will get one of the biggest raises, after voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure in November to gradually increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2026. The lowest-earning workers there earn \$8.56 per hour and will move up to \$8.65 on Jan. 1 and then \$10 on Sept. 30.

Even without state mandates like Florida's, some businesses have increased wages on their own, including Florida-based Lakewood Juices, which boosted the wage for its lowest earners to \$15 four years ago. That boost "improves our own workers' productivity," according to Lakewood CEO Scott Fuhrman, who's part of a national network called Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

Florida joins a range of states—California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—that are all in the process of gradually increasing their minimum wage to \$15. California's minimum wage is set to reach \$14 in 2021 and then \$15 in 2022. Other states will reach \$15 an hour in the subsequent years.

Certain localities—like New York City, Washington DC, San Francisco, and others—already have minimum wages at or above \$15.

The full list of states set to see a wage increase on Jan. 1 include:

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| ■ Alaska | ■ Minnesota |
| ■ Arizona | ■ Missouri |
| ■ Arkansas | ■ Montana |
| ■ California | ■ New Jersey |
| ■ Colorado | ■ New Mexico |
| ■ Florida | ■ New York |
| ■ Illinois | ■ Ohio |
| ■ Maine | ■ South Dakota |
| ■ Maryland | ■ Vermont |
| ■ Massachusetts | ■ Washington state |



An article by Ann Coulter titled "Happy Kwanzaa! The Holiday Brought to You by the FBI" was posted at anncoulter.com on Dec. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris recently tweeted: "Our Kwanzaa celebrations are one of my favorite childhood memories. The whole family would gather around across multiple generations and we'd tell stories and light the candles. Whether you're celebrating this year with those you live with or over Zoom, happy Kwanzaa!"

Post some pictures, Kamala! We'd love to see your Brahmin and Jamaican grandparents sitting around the Kwanzaa candles recalling celebrations way

back when they were three or four years younger. (Would that The Washington Post's "Fact Checker" would start counting Kamala's lies!)

Kwanzaa, celebrated exclusively by white liberals, is a fake holiday invented in 1966 (when Kamala was 2 years old) by black radical/FBI stooge Ron Karenga—aka Dr. Maulana Karenga, founder of United Slaves, the violent nationalist rival to the Black Panthers. Liberals have become so mesmerized by multicultural gibberish that they have forgotten the real history of Kwanzaa and Karenga's United Slaves.

In what was ultimately a foolish gambit, during the madness of the '60s, the FBI encouraged the most extreme black nationalist organizations in order to discredit and split the left. The more preposterous the group, the better. (It's the same function MSNBC serves today.)

By that criterion, Karenga's United Slaves was perfect.

Despite modern perceptions that blend all the black activists of the '60s, the Black Panthers did not hate whites. Although some of their most high-profile leaders were drug dealers and murderers, they did not seek armed revolution.

Those were the precepts of Karenga's United Slaves. The United Slaves were proto-fascists, walking around in dashikis, gunning down Black Panthers and adopting invented "African" names. (I will not be shooting any Black Panthers this week because I am Kwanzaa-reform, and we are not that observant.)

It's as if David Duke invented a holiday called "Anglika," which he based on the philosophy of "Mein Kampf"—and clueless public school teachers began celebrating the made-up, racist holiday.

In the category of the-gentleman-doth-protest-too-much, back in the '70s, Karenga was quick to criticize Nigerian newspapers that claimed that certain American black radicals were CIA operatives.

Now we know the truth: The FBI fueled the bloody rivalry between the Panthers and United Slaves. In the annals of the American '60s, Karenga was the Father Gapon, stooge of the czarist police. Whether Karenga was a willing FBI dupe, or just a dupe, remains unclear. The left has forgotten the FBI's tacit encouragement of this murderous black nationalist cult founded by the father of Kwanzaa.

In one barbarous outburst, Karenga's United Slaves shot two Black Panthers to death on the UCLA campus: Al "Bunchy" Carter and John Huggins. Karenga himself served time, a useful stepping-stone for his current position as the chair of the Africana Studies Department at California State University at Long Beach.

(Speaking of which, the cheap labor lobby certainly was right about how the GOP could easily win over "natural conservative" Hispanics. Look at how California has swung decisively to the right since Hispanics became the largest ethnic group there! Good luck winning California now, Democrats!)

The esteemed Cal State professor Karenga's invented holiday is a nutty blend of schmaltzy '60s rhetoric, black racism and Marxism. The seven principles of

Kwanzaa are the very same seven principles of the Symbionese Liberation Army, another invention of The Worst Generation.

In 1974, Patty Hearst, kidnap victim-cum-SLA revolutionary, famously posed next to the banner of her alleged captors, a seven-headed cobra. Each snakehead stood for one of the SLA's revolutionary principles: Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima, Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba and Imani. These are the exact same seven "principles" of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa praises collectivism in every possible area of life. It takes a village to raise a police snitch!

When Karenga was asked to distinguish Kawaida, the philosophy underlying Kwanzaa, from "classical Marxism," he essentially said that, under Kawaida, we also hate whites. (And here's something interesting: Kawaida, Kwanzaa and Kuumba are also the only three Kardashian sisters not to have their own shows on the E! network.)

While taking the "best of early Chinese and Cuban socialism" (Is that the mass murder or the seizure of private property?), Karenga said Kawaida practitioners believe one's racial identity "determines life conditions, life chances and self-understanding."

There's an inclusive philosophy for you!

Sing to "Jingle Bells":

- *Kwanzaa bells, dashikis sell—Whitey has to pay;*
- *Burning, shooting, oh what fun—On this made-up holiday!*

Kwanzaa emerged not from Africa, but from the FBI's COINTELPRO. It is a holiday celebrated exclusively by idiot white liberals. Black people celebrate Christmas.



An article by Ruben Navarrette Jr. titled "In California, quest for diversity sparks division" was posted at news-journal.com on Dec. 31, 2020. Following is the article.

In 2016, CNN contributor Van Jones credited Donald Trump's election to a "white-lash."

Just four years later, the fact that California Secretary of State Alex Padilla is headed to the U.S. Senate has sparked what I would call a "black-lash."

Both of these phenomena are based on fear of change, and concern by some that they'll lose their place in line.

Still, in a multicultural America, the Black-White paradigm is as stale as week-old bread.

Or, since we're talking about California, maybe a tortilla or Chinese milk bread. In 2020, the two most important groups in the state are Latinos (the largest) and Asians (the fastest growing).

According to 2019 Census figures, whites account for only 36.5% of the state's population, compared with Latinos, who make up 39.4%. African Americans make up only 6.5%, while Asians account for 16%.

In the Golden State, speaking in terms of Black and white is as outdated as arguing over North and South 157 years after Gettysburg.

Out west, there is tension in the rainbow.

Gov. Gavin Newsom got to pick who should fill the soon-to-be-vacant U.S. Senate seat currently occupied by Kamala Harris, who was recently promoted to be our next vice president.

However, some African Americans consider the seat their private property. They made it clear that a seat held by a Black woman ought to be forever held by a Black woman.

Every argument was more inventive than the one before.

One Black commentator argued that, since African Americans make up less than 7% of the state's population, a Black person should get the seat because he or she might not win a statewide election.

I see. Latinos make up only 6.3% of the population of Iowa. As a Mexican American, I should move to Des Moines and demand that the governor appoint me to the next vacant Senate seat.

The two African American women who were thought to be in the running for the California Senate seat were Rep. Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, and Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Oakland.

Neither one had been elected statewide. Newsom wanted someone who could hold the seat when it's on the ballot again in 2022.

Guess who has been elected statewide? Alex Padilla. A son of Mexican immigrants who graduated from MIT, Padilla has a killer resume. It includes 25 years in politics with stints on the Los Angeles City Council and in the California State Senate.

Padilla will be the first Latino to represent California in the U.S. Senate—and only the 10th Latino to serve in the upper chamber since it was first convened in 1789.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed, who is Black, called the appointment "a real blow to the African American community."

Such pettiness is a real blow to Latinos, who have always been there for African Americans. We've marched alongside them in protests and pickets, worked beside them in fields and factories, and been discriminated against with them by white people in Texas, Arizona, and California, which, in the 1950s, had their own version of "Juan Crow."

Newsom appointed Shirley Weber, a Black state lawmaker, to replace Padilla as Secretary of State. But that only seemed to make matters worse.

“When I heard the news about the secretary of state appointment, my anger meter went from disappointment to being downright angry,” Maddox said.

Now I’m downright angry. Maybe Latinos were wrong to think of African Americans as allies. We assumed they had our backs, that they would share the spoils, and that they would step aside when our turn came. That didn’t happen.

Remember what our mothers taught us? History is being made in California. If African Americans can’t say anything nice about that, they shouldn’t say anything at all.



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

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■ An article by Chip Roy titled “Congress’s Spending Binge Gifts American Children Longer Lockdowns and An Even Bigger National Debt” was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 28, 2020.

Stimulus checks

■ An article by Susan Jones titled “Senator Rand Paul: ‘Monstrous Spending Bill . . . Is Everything Republicans Say They Don’t Believe In’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

■ An article by Andrew Taylor titled “Trump Says He Will Not Sign [Combined Omnibus Spending Bill and] Covid Relief Bill Unless Americans Get \$2,000 Stimulus Checks” was posted at kcrj.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

■ An article by Corinne Reichert titled “Trump Asks for Covid-19 Stimulus Checks to Be Increased to \$2,000 Per Person” was posted at cnet.com on Dec. 22, 2020.

■ An article by Jessica Dolcourt titled “Trump Doubles Down on \$2,000 Second Stimulus Check Demands” was posted at cnet.com on Dec. 26, 2020.

■ An article by Samuel Horti titled “Biden Ally Larry Summers, a Former Treasury Secretary, Said \$2,000 Stimulus Checks Would Be a ‘Serious Mistake’ That Could Overheat the Economy” was posted at businessinsider.com on Dec. 26, 2020.

■ An article by Jennifer Shutt titled “Trump Signs Massive Omnibus Spending, Coronavirus Relief Package” was posted at rollcall.com on Dec. 27, 2020.

■ A Reuters article titled “Wall Street Hits Record As [Combined Omnibus Spending Bill and] Covid Aid Bill Signed” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 28, 2020.

- An article by Sarah Hansen titled "House Passes \$2,000 Stimulus Check Bill, But the Plan Will Face Opposition in the Senate" was posted at forbes.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled "[Tennessee Senator Marsha] Blackburn on \$2,000 Payments: Dems Want to Go Down Path of Guaranteed Minimum Income; Aid Must Be 'Targeted' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Olson titled "[Mitch] McConnell Blocks Quick [Senate] Vote on \$2,000 Stimulus Checks, Says Senate to Bring Trump Requests 'Into Focus' " was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- A Reuters article titled "[Nancy] Pelosi Slams [Mitch] McConnell for Blocking \$2,000 Checks" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- An article by Greg Iacurci titled "Dead People May Still Get \$600 Stimulus Checks" was posted at cnbc.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- Looking back to April, an article by Greg Iacurci titled "IRS Sends Coronavirus Stimulus Checks to Dead People" was posted at cnbc.com on April 17, 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 Daniel Payne titled "Over Three Quarters in New Poll Support Mandatory Photo ID to Vote in Person" was posted at justthenews.com on Dec. 30, 2020.

News about the media

- An article by Andrew Moran titled "The Fourth Estate Coverage of Joe Biden; Softballs and Fluff" was posted at libertynation.com on Dec. 17, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Double Standard: CNN Reporters Admit They Will Go Easy on the Biden-Harris Administration" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by Leesa K. Donner titled "Massive Media Cover-Up of Hunter Biden Story Fools Few" was posted at libertynation.com on Dec. 18, 2020.
- An article by Brad Slager titled "U.S. Media Indicted After New Proof of Chinese Propaganda Efforts to Stem Pandemic Publicity" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Natalie Winters titled "All Major Western Media Outlets Take 'Private Dinners' [and] 'Sponsored Trips' From Chinese Communist Propaganda Front" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Dec. 29, 2020.

- An article by Yaqui Wang titled "How Zoom Violated Its Own Terms of Service for Access to China's Market" was posted at msnbc.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Joe Biden Got Irritated With Fox News' Peter Doocy When He Asked About Hunter's Alleged Dirty Deals" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 23, 2020.
- An article by Hans Bader titled "NBC Implies Town [Murdock, Minnesota] Is Racist for Complying With First Amendment" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 23, 2020.
- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled "Eric Metaxes Has the Perfect Response to Chris Cuomo [of CNN] After He Calls Him 'Anti-Choice' [Saying 'I'm Anti-Murdering the Unborn']" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 24, 2020.
- An article by Georgi Boorman titled "If Leftist Media Were Honest, They'd Treat South Dakota's Covid Wave Like New York's" was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Scott Morefield titled "This Tennessee Data for Masked vs. Unmasked Counties Would Be on Every Front Page, If Results Were Different" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "CNN's Dana Bash Presses Dr. Fauci After He Changes His Tune on Herd Immunity" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Allum Bokhari titled "YouTube Censors Video by Dr. Ron Paul for 'Medical Misinformation' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article titled "Melanie Trump on Zero Major Magazine Covers As First Lady vs. Michelle Obama's 12" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Nectar Gan titled "Nearly Half a Million People May Have Had Covid-19 in Wuhan, Study Shows (That's Almost 10 Times the Official Figure)" was posted at cnn.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by Pam Key titled "CNN's Acosta: Trump's 'Operation Warp Speed' Has Become 'Operation Flat Tire' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "HuffPost Reporter [Jennifer Bendery] Doubles Down After Failing at Fact-Checking VP Pence on Covid Vaccinations" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- An article by Ellen Carmichael titled "Journalists' Behavior Over Luke Letlow's Passing [41-Year-Old Congressman-Elect in Louisiana] Is Abhorrent—and Telling" was posted at nationalreview.com on Dec. 30, 2020.

Tragedies of lock-down

- Looking back to November, 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 Stephen Moore titled "Lockdowns Are the Great Unequalizer" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Terry Paulson titled "Time for a Government Shutdown—Let Them Experience What Lockdowns Are Like for the Rest of Us" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 24, 2020.
- An article by Prashasti Awasthi titled "1 in 5 Adults Developed Pandemic-Related Mental Disorders: Analysis" was posted at hindubusinessline.com on Dec. 25, 2020.
- An article by Reid Wilson titled "New York to Ban Evictions in Midst of Pandemic" was posted at thehill.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled "Burgess Owens [Former NFL Player and Rep.-Elect in Utah]: If the NFL, NBA and Amazon Are Essential, So Are Small Businesses" was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.

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- An article by Wallace Witkowski titled "Videogames Are a Bigger Industry Than Movies and North American Sports Combined, Thanks to the Pandemic" was posted at marketwatch.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled "Humbugged: NBA Christmas Day Ratings Tank 'Massively' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 26, 2020.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled "The Pittsburgh Penguins [Hockey Team], Valued at \$650 Million, Received Nearly \$5 Million in PPP [Payment Protection Program] Loans" was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Emma Colton titled "Governor [Kristi Noem] Says South Dakota Has 'Perhaps the Strongest Economy' in US After Refusing Lockdown Measures" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Joseph Krauss titled "Record Shows US Sold Ambassador's Home in Israel [to US Casino Magnate Sheldon Adelson in July] for \$67 Million" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- An article by David Wethe titled "Oil Drilling in U.S. Ends Fraught 2020 at Pre-Shale Levels" was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 30, 2020.

Coronavirus vaccine

- An article by Hannah Bleau titled "Andrew Cuomo: 'Post-Covid Future' Depends on Getting Vaccines 'In People's Arms' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Dec. 28, 2020.

- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Joe Biden: Covid Vaccine Won't Prevent the 'Darkest Days' Being Ahead of Us" was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Mike Brest titled "Covid-19 Vaccine Rollout Leads to Hiring Boom for Pharmacists" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Dec. 22, 2020.
- An article by Noah David Alter titled "Trump Administration Secures 100 Million More Vaccine Doses From Pfizer" was posted at thepostmillennial.com on Dec. 23, 2020.
- An article by Tim Pearce titled "Texas, Florida Buck CDC Guidelines on Vaccine, Will Focus Initial Doses on Most Vulnerable" was posted at dailywire.com on Dec. 25, 2020.
- An article by Abigail Lane titled "Covid-19 Vaccine Administered to 2 Million, More Distributed" was posted at wbng.com (Binghamton, N.Y.) on Dec. 26, 2020.
- An article titled "More Than 4.6 Million Shots Given: Covid-19 Vaccine Tracker" was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
- An article by Libby Emmons titled "Cuomo Announces Priorization of Addicts in Rehab for Covid-19 Vaccine in New York" was posted at thepostmillennial.com on Dec. 29, 2020.
- A video and an article by Mia Cathell titled "Watch: [Florida] Governor DeSantis Stands Up for Seniors When Asked About Covid-19 Vaccine" were posted at thepostmillennial.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Kanishka Singh titled "Vaccinated U.S. Nurse Contracts Covid-19, Expert Says Pfizer Shot Needed More Time to Work" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 30, 2020.
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- An article by Rishi Iyengar titled "If You Want to Travel Next Year, You Need a Vaccine Passport" was posted at cnn.com on Dec. 28, 2020.
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Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”