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

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An article by Alex Winston titled "Mussolini's Jews: How Mussolini Bewitched Italy's Jewish Communities" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

For nearly two decades, millions of Italians, and thousands of Jews, believed in Benito Mussolini as the man to make things right for Italy. In the end, they were wrong.

Eighty years after his death at the hands of Italian partisans, Benito Mussoline remains an enigma. Often derided as an overly dramatic buffoon, a tyrannical caricature, and more often cast in the same light as Adolf Hitler, he ruled Italy for more than two decades with an iron hand — introducing the concept of fascism as an attempt to help the country recover from the chaos after World War I and make Italy a true world power.

In the annals of European tragedy, the story of Italy's Jews under fascism is a tale of paradox and betrayal – an elegy for a community that once believed itself inseparably Italian.

At the heart of this drama stands Mussolini. The duce ("leader," derived from Latin dux and related to "duke") of a modern Roman Empire; a man who began his reign with Jewish friends and patrons; and ended it as Hitler's willing accomplice – overseeing the racial degradation of the very people who had helped raise him to great heights.

It is a story that defies easy categorization.

Mussolini was no Hitler.

• He did not emerge from the fever swamps of anti-Semitic pamphleteering or the beer halls of conspiracy madness.

- In the early years, Mussolini was not only indifferent to anti-Semitism, he seemed to scorn it.
- And yet, by 1938 he would sign the infamous Racial Laws that excluded Jews from Italian life; and, in his final act, he collaborated with Nazi Germany in the deportation and extermination of Italian Jews.

To understand how this betrayal came to pass, one must begin not with the fascist regime but with the Jews of Italy themselves – among the oldest communities in Europe.

Growing influence

Jews have lived in the Italian Peninsula since Roman times. Over the centuries, they endured ghettos and papal decrees – but their fortunes rose dramatically in the 19th century. With the unification of Italy under the House of Savoy (and particularly the influence of Piedmontese liberalism), Jews were emancipated and embraced as full citizens of the new Italian state.

For the first time, they were able to leave the ghettos and participate in civilian life in Italy — many rising to the top of their fields. They served in parliament, ran banks, taught in univerities. Many espoused Italian nationalism with fervor, seeing in it a civic creed to replace religious tribalism. During the Risorgimento (unification) and beyond, Jewish patriots fought for Italy's independence. This deep-rooted loyalty was a point of pride — but ultimately, a source of their undoing.

Italian prime minister Luigi Luzzatti (who took office in 1910) was one of the world's first Jewish heads of government. And another (Ernesto Nathan) served as mayor of Rome from 1907 to 1913. By 1902, out of 350 senators, six were Jews. By 1920, there were 19 senators.

For many Italian Jews (particularly in the northern cities of Turin, Milan and Genoa), leaving the ghettos was an opportunity to shed religiously Orthodox lifestyles and led to an increase in assimilation.

By the time Mussolini took power in 1922, many felt just as Italian as they were Jewish – proud of their homeland and believing that their homeland was proud of them.

Thousands of Jews volunteered to serve in WW-1 when Italy joined on the side of the Allies against Austria-Hungary and Germany.

Mussolini – the early years

Benito Mussolini entered the world on July 29, 1883, in the modest village of Dovia di

Predappio – nestled in the province of Forli in the Romagna region.

His father (Allessandro Mussolini) worked as a blacksmith and was a committed socialist. His mother (Rosa Maltoni) taught at a local school and was a devout Catholic.

Reflecting his father's ideological leanings, the boy was named after the Mexican liberal leader Benito Juarez with his middle names (Andrea and Amilcare) honoring prominent Italian socialist figures Andrea Costa and Amilcare Cipriani.

In return for permitting these politically charged names, his mother insisted that her son be baptized.

Following in his father's radical footsteps, he emerged as one of Italy's most visible socialist agitators. In 1911, he joined a socialist-led protest against Italy's war in Libya – railing against what he regarded as a colonialist campaign.

His fiery rhetoric resulted in five months in prison. Upon release, he took a leading role in purging the Socialist Party of its more moderate elements, such as Ivanoe Bonomi and Leonida Bissolati – whom he derided as revisionists for supporting the war.

By 1912, Mussolini had secured a seat on the National Directorate of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI) and was rewarded with the editorship of *Avanti!* – the party's official newspaper. Under his leadership, the paper's circulation catapulted from 20,000 to 100,000 copies, elevating his influence on the Italian Left.

When war erupted in Europe in August 1914, socialist parties across the continent found themselves torn between ideology and nationalism. Italy was no exception. Nationalist fervor surged.

Initially, Mussolini toed the party line. In an August 1914 editorial, he wrote emphatically: "Down with the war. We remain neutral."

But beneath the surface, his thinking was shifting. He began to see the war as a unique opportunity for Italy and for himself. Influenced by strong anti-Austrian sentiment and the belief that Italians under Habsburg rule could achieve liberation through conflict. Mussolini began to reconsider. He argued that socialists had a role to play in dismantling the imperial monarchies of Germany and Austria-Hungary.

As he moved further toward interventionism, Mussolini began attacking his former comrades. He painted anti-war socialists as disconnected from the Italian working class.

With his rupture from the Socialist Party complete, Mussolini reinvented himself. He distanced himself from class-based politics and aligned instead with a brand of revolutionary nationalism that sought to transcend class altogether.

Mussolini's new doctrine was rooted in the idea of vanguard elite – not of workers, but of dynamic, revolutionary individuals from any social stratum. Although he had cast off traditional socialism, he still identified with the legacy of Italy's nationalist-socialist heroes.

These early principles would evolve into the bedrock of fascism.

The animosity between interventionalist like Mussolini and the socialist establishment soon spilled over into violence. These clashes helped solidify Mussolini's belief that political violence was a legitimate and necessary tool of fascism.

When Italy joined the war, Mussolini followed through on his beliefs and volunteered for military service. He served approximately nine months in the trenches and contracted paratyphoid fever during that period. His combat service came to an end in February 1917, when a mortar explosion left his body riddled with shrapnel.

Rise of fascism

When fascism emerged in the early 1920s as a viable opposition to socialism, a surprising number of Jews (relative to their small number) joined the National Fascist Party. Their support continued in some cases right up until the passing of the racial laws in 1938.

Compared to Rome and the southern cities (where the poorer Jewish families lived), the northern cities were filled with wealthy industrial Jews, bankers and merchants – who were vehemently afraid of the rise of socialism. Italy at this time was in chaos. As governments were formed and then fell, the socialists took over the streets, and strikes were prevalent in all major cities.

The fascists promised order to the anarchy that had gripped an Italy on the brink of civil war. The fascists – with the axe as their symbol, their intimidating black uniforms and their motto *Me ne frego* ("I don't give a damn") – took to the streets to drive the trams, sweep the streets and try to provide a visible alternative to the social disorder that was gripping post WW-1 Italy.

Mussolini had entered official politics and was elected to the Italian parliament, although his party was still a minority. The return of thousands of WW-1 veterans (scorned by the socialists) provided Mussolini with a support base.

- In the early hours of October 28, 1922, some 30,000 fascist blackshirts converged on the capital, Rome, pressing for the removal of prime minister Luigu Facta and the establishment of a fascist-led government.
- By that morning (as tensions rose), King Victor Emmanuel III (who wielded ultimate authority over the military) rejected the cabinet's plea to impose martial law.
- This refusal led to Facta's resignation.
- The king sent for Mussolini and invited him to form a new government Mussolini was

now Italy's new prime minister.

Slowly but surely (over the succeeding years), Mussolini and the fascists were able to strip Italy piece by piece of its civil liberties until a dictatorship was firmly in place.

- Political parties were outlawed, except for the Fascist Party.
- Newspapers and the media were tightly controlled.
- A cult of personality was put into place Mussolini gradually became the Dictator.

Mussolini's mistress

There is one clear example to point to Mussolini's lack of anti-Semitic fervor and how little he seemed to believe in the racial supremacy of Italians earlier in his career.

Perhaps no figure embodied the entanglement of Jewish intellect and fascist ambition more vividly than Margherita Sarfatti – Mussolini's Jewish mistress.

Margherita began a romantic relationship with Mussolini in 1911. She wielded considerable influence on him for almost two decades. By the 1930s, her relationship with Mussolini had deteriorated as he distanced himself from her and pursued younger women. She fled Italy in 1938 amid growing anti-Semitism – taking with her 1,272 of Mussolini's letters. (While her surviving children endured the war in Italy, her sister and brother-in-law were arrested and died en route to Auschwitz.

Mussolini's relationship with the Jews

Mussolini himself acknowledged the contribution of Italian Jews in the early years of his regime.

In 1929 (the same year he met Ettore Ovazza, the head of a Turinsese Jewish delegation), he publicly recognized the importance of Jewish participation in Italian society and framed Jewish culture as essentially Mediterranean – in line with his early view of Italy's place in a broader Latin and cultural sphere.

At the time, Mussolini considered the Jews native Italians, a people who had lived on the Italian Peninsula for millennia and were woven into the national fabric.

The fascist leader frequently referenced the deep historical roots of Italy's Jewish community, sometimes claiming that some Jews had lived in Rome since the time of its ancient kings. That (he said) meant they were essentially Italian and should be left in peace. He regularly found himself at odds with Jews of Zionist persuasion, and found it conflicting how Jews could possibly have any other loyalties (such as an attempt to found a homeland) other than to Italy.

During the early 1930s, Italy became a surprising refuge for Jews fleeing persecution in Germany. Up to 11,000 Jewish refugees entered the country in the first half of the decade –

including thousands from Germany. Despite the growing presence of fascist authoritarianism, Italy was for a time a relatively safe haven.

The regime even entertained cooperation with Zionist leaders, proposing initiatives to encourage Italian Jewish emigration to Palestine. The idea (from Mussolini's perspective) was to foster a cadre of pro-Italian Jews in the British Mandate – a way to undermine London's influence in the Middle East and increase Italy's strong position in European politics.

In 1934, at the request of Zionist leader Vladimir Jabotinsky, Mussolini's government helped establish a naval training school for Jewish cadets in Civitavecchia – a major seaport 60 kilometers (37 miles) west-northwest of Rome (a curious footnote in the history of the Israeli Navy).

For much of the 1920s and into the early 1930s, Mussolini firmly denied that anti-Semitism had any place in Italian fascism.

In a 1930 interview with German-Jewish writer Emil Ludwig, Mussolini dismissed anti-Semitism as a "German vice" and declared that there was not Jewish question in Italy because a healthy government would never permit one to arise.

On more than one occasion, Mussolini even went to far as to mock Nazi racial theory, particularly the notion of a superior Aryan race – calling it idiotic and unscientific.

Mussolini stated: "National pride has no need for the delirium of race."

Mussolini and the Catholic Church

Italian anti-Semitism during the fascist era cannot be understood without first confronting the Catholic Church's long and troubled history with the Jewish people – and how that tension evolved amid Italy's political unification and its uneasy accord with Mussolini.

For centuries, the Catholic Church had held both theological and political sway over vast swaths of the Italian Peninsula. From the Middle Ages through to the 19th century, the Papal States operated as a powerful temporal entity, with Rome at its center.

That dominance ended with the Risorgimento, and it can be argued that the biggest loser during the unification of Italy was the papacy and its loss of both land and influence within the country.

In 1870, the Kingdom of Italy annexed Rome and the remaining papal territories, effectively stripping the Vatican of its political sovereignty. The pope, furious at the loss, declared himself a "prisoner in the Vatican" – refusing to recognize the legitimacy of the new Italian state.

The bitterness from this episode colored church attitudes toward the new secular Italy – and towards liberalism, nationalism and often Jews (whom church doctrine had long scapegoated as

obstinate nonbelievers). Catholic anti-Semitism (deeply rooted in notions of deicide and spiritual inferiority) remained embedded in clerical thought well into the modern era.

Though racial anti-Semitism as developed in Germany was not native to Catholic theology, suspicion of Jews as a political and cultural "other" persisted through the early 20th century.

Lateran Accords

In 1929, Mussolini on behalf of the Kingdom of Italy and Cardinal Pietro Gasparri for the Holy See signed the Lateran Accords – recognizing Vatican City as an independent state, granting the church financial compensation for its lost lands and declaring Catholicism the state religion of Italy.

This pact transformed the relationship between church and state, giving the Vatican institutional legitimacy and influence in fascist Italy.

But it also placed the church in a a moral bind. While it gained protection and prestige, it dis so at the price of accommodating (and at times enabling) a regime that would turn sharply anti-Semitic by the late 1930s.

Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s, the church's stance regarding Jews was a mix of theological disdain and political caution. Catholic newspapers and clergy often echoed conspiratorial rhetoric, portraying Jews as agents of liberalism, communism or materialism. The Vatican itself rarely intervened publicly on behalf of Jews – though it did occasionally caution against extreme nationalism and racial ideology.

When the fascist racial laws were introduced in 1938, the church's response was muted and conflicted. Pope Pius XI did issue a quiet, but powerful rebuke of racism in a July 1938 speech at the Propaganda Fide college. However, institutional Catholic resistance to the racial laws was inconsistent.

- By aligning with Mussolini in 1929, the church had gained temporal sovereignty and safeguarded its institutional interests.
- But in doing so, it entangled itself with a state that would ultimately betray Italy's Jews.
- Catholic anti-Semitism in Italy during the 1920s through 1940s was not of the genocidal Nazi variety, but it was a centuries-old prejudice that paved the way for silence, indifference, and complicity at a critical moment in history.

Beginning of the end

For Italy's Jews, the beginning of the end began with the election of Adolf Hitler as German chancellor in January 1933 – although relations between the two fascist powers were not always

positive. The two countries almost came to war over Austria before Mussolini eventually threw his lot in completely with the German Fuhrer.

By 1932, an estimated 10,000 Jews were members of the Fascist Party – around one in five of Italy's 47,000-strong Jewish community.

But Mussolini's protection was conditional. Within the fascist ranks, there were voices who had long pushed anti-Semitic rhetoric from the fringes.

As early as 1934, signs of exclusion began to surface. The regime began targeting anti-fascist Jews in the press, often lumping them together with Zionists.

Between 1936 and 1938, anti-Semitic rhetoric increasingly appeared – not just in editorials, but in graffiti, public discourse and academic journals. Scholars in fields like eugenics, anthropology, and demographics began promoting race-based theories. The ground was shifting.

The first major shift in fascist thinking came in July 1938 with the publication of the "Manifesto of Race" by pseudo-scientists – which can be broken down into several distinct ideas.

- 1. Human races exist
- 2. There are great and small races
- 3. The concept of race is purely biological
- 4. The population of modern Italy is of Aryan origin, and its civilization is Aryan
- 5. It is a myth that other peoples have mingled with the Italian population in modern times
- 6. There now exists an Italian race
- 7. The time has come for Italians to proclaim themselves racists
- 8. It is necessary to distinguish between European Mediterraneans (and Africans, Orientals)
- 9. Jews do not belong to the Italian race
- 10. The European physical & psychological traits of Italians must not be altered in any way

In September 1938, the transformation became official state policy: Italy promulgated its racial laws.

- While these did not explicitly call for extermination, they systematically stripped Jews of their civil rights.
- Jews were expelled from public education, the military and most government positions.
- Marriage between Jews and non-Jews was outlawed.
- Jews were barred from hiring non-Jewish employees.
- Economic participation became nearly impossible.

Many Italian fascists (particularly those with ties to Germany) embraced these measures. For

many Jews who had grown up under fascism and Mussolini's rule, the idea that they were suddenly outsiders was horrifying and nearly impossible to accept. Consequently, few could immediately grasp the full scale of the disaster heading their way.

While some Italian Jews actively supported fascism, others fiercely resisted it. A number of Jewish intellectuals and activists joined the underground resistance after the laws were passed.

Exemptions for some Jews

In the immediate aftermath of the 1938 racial laws, a curious and tragic legal fiction emerged within fascist Italy – the category of *ebrei discriminati* or "discriminated Jews." These were individuals (who despite being Jewish according to the regime's definitions) had distinguished themselves in service to the state – particularly as early adherents of fascism, veterans of WW-I or longtime party members.

This class of Jews (many of whom had marched on Rome in 1922 or held prominent posts within the regime) petitioned for exemptions from certain racial restrictions.

The logic was chillingly bureaucratic: While the state deemed Jews as a collective to be a threat to the racial integrity of the nation, it allowed for individual dispensations on the basis of loyalty, service, or merit.

- These exemptions were not blanket absolutions.
- They did not erase Jewish identity in the eyes of the law.
- But they postponed its consequences.
- It was a distinction without real protection.
- For a time, the regime played along.
- Discriminated Jews were permitted to retain certain rights.
- This relied entirely on the goodwill (or indifference) of local bureaucrats.
- As Italy drew closer to Nazi Germany, the space for such ambiguity began to vanish.

When Germany occupied northern Italy in 1943 and the Italian Social Republic began actively collaborating in the Final Solution, the Jewish people with exemptions lost whatever special status they had briefly held.

The fascist regime no longer made exceptions. Loyalty was no longer currency. That state that had once offered bureaucratic loopholes now offered only deportation orders.

What began as a brief conditional inclusion ended in betrayal for many.

The category of discriminated Jews was a delay rather than a shield – and the illusion that fascism could be embraced without consequence by Jews (who believed in Italy, who believed in Mussolini or who believed in their own exceptionalism) was extinguished by the time the Germans took over half the country.

End of Mussolini era

The era of Mussolini ended not in glory or even in formal justice, but in blood and fury on the streets of Milan. For a man who once promised to restore Rome's imperial greatness, his final chapter came as a public warning.

Stripped of dignity, hung by the heels, and a symbol of the wreckage fascism had brought to Italy, his reign brought misery and pain to millions – particularly by the end.

For nearly two decades, millions of Italians and thousands of Jews, believed in Mussolini.

- Mussolini was to be the man to make things right for Italy.
- Mussolini was the man for whom history beckoned.
- Mussolini was the man who would never betray them as loyal Italians.
- In the end, they were wrong.

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Choosing a new pope

• An article by Staff titled "Vatican Firefighters Erect Chimney on Sistine Chapel for Papal Election" was posted at breitbart.com on May 2, 2025.

Remembering October 7

- An article by Staff titled "Hamas Leveraged Previous Gaza Truce to Plan October 7; [Yahya] Sinwar Memos Reveal" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Ben-Nun titled "Netanyahu Claims Shin Bet Head Failed to Warn Him of October 7 Attacks in Affidavit" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "Zikim Base Held Firm During October 7 Despite Poor Defenses; IDF Probe Finds" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

• An article by Hannah Brown titled "New and Old Movies to Be Screened Across Israel During Holocaust Remembrance Day" was posted at jpost.com on April 22, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Pro-Palestinian Group Protests Outside Ecuador's Israeli Embassy on Holocaust Remembrance Day" was posted at jpost.com on April 25, 2025.

Relationship – between Israel and U.S.

• An article by Uri Pilichowski titled "Welcome to Israel, Ambassador Huckabee" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Israel – continues their retaliation

- An article by Staff titled "IDF Targets High-Quality Hezbollah Weapons in Beirut Building, U.S. Aware in Advance" was posted at jpost.com n April 27, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "IDF Used A.I. to Eliminate Hamas Official Ibrahim Biari, Locate Hostages" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Hostage – discussions

- An article by Staff titled "Matan Angrest Is Being Electrocuted, Tortured by Hamas; Released Hostage Details in New Testimony" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "IDF Used A.I. to Eliminate Hamas Official Ibrahim Biari, Locate Hostages" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Noa Argamani at TIME Magazine Gala: 'I Will Keep Fighting' to Bring Hostages Home" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Over 200 Rabbis, Religious Leaders Call to Bring Hostages Home in Petition" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Qatar Secured Better Terms for Hamas in Gaza Hostage Deal Sabotage; Sources Say" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Syria

• An article by John Hayward titled "Erdogan Says Syrian Kurdish Demand for Autonomy Is 'Nothing More Than a Dream'" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

Haredi military service

• An editorial by Staff titled "Israel's Haredi Community Must Share the Burden of Contributing to Country's Defense" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Anti-Semitism – international

• An article by Staff titled "Tomb of Renowned Jewish Mystic [Rabbi Chaim Vital] Desecrated in Damascus, Rabbis Call for Action" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.

- An article by Eldad Beck titled "Vienna Votes on Sunday for New Administration Amid Worrying Rise of Anti-Semitism" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Eldad Beck titled "'Fighting Anti-Semitism an Old Tradition in Albania' Prime Minister [Edi] Rama Tells 'Post'" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Mathilda Heller titled "Swiss Fencers Turn Backs on Gold-Winning Israeli Team in Medal Ceremony" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "We'll Burn Jews Like Hitler Did': BBC Contributor in Gaza Celebrates Jewish Civilian Death" was posted at jpost.com on April 28, 2025.

More articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Chad Merlin titled "Iranian State-Affiliated Film [About Netanyahu Being Kidnapped Which Was Released Five Months Ago Is Making a Comeback on Iranian Networks] Amid Nuclear Talks" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Kyoto Hotel Forces Israeli Tourist to Declare Non-Involvement in War Crimes Report" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Doug Greener titled "Independence Day 2025: The Top Israeli Beers for Your Barbecue" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Rivkah Lambert Adler titled "Israel Independence Day 2025: 77 Reasons Life Is Better in the Jewish State" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Iran – explosion at Iranian port

- A video and an article by Staff titled "Watch: Explosion Rocks Iran's Bandar Abbas Port Near Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Base, 40 Killed, Over 1,000 Wounded" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Mava Cohen titled "Explosion at Iranian Port Severely Impacts Regime, Iran Expert Says" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Why Is Iran Denying Military Cargo Caused Deadly Port Explosion?" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Iranian oil

• An article by Jackson Richman titled "Trump Warns Purchasers of Iranian Oil They Will Be Sanctioned" was posted at theepochtimes.com on May 1, 2025.

Iran – nuclear talks

- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "As Iran-US Nuclear Talks Take Place in Oman, Hopes Begin to Falter Since Last Week Analysis" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Dalia Ziada titled "Nuclear Talks May Empower, Embolden Iran If US Isn't Careful Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "America Will 'Lead the Pack' in Strike on Iran If No Deal Is Reached; Trump Tells Time [Magazine]" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Russia to Fund Construction of New Nuclear Plant in Iran" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Elizabeth Weibel titled "Ukraine Signs Rare Earth Minerals Agreement With U.S." was posted at breitbart.com on April 30, 2025.
- An article by Caitlin Doombos titled "Russia Blasts Trump Over Mineral Deal, Says Ukraine Will Soon 'Disappear'" was posted at nypost.com on May 1, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "At Least Nine Killed in Drone Strikes in Ukraine and Russian-Occupied Territory" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

NATO

• An article by Kurt Zindulka titled "Slovakie and Hungary Warn Brussels Risks 'Destruction' of EU if Ukraine Admitted Without Unanimous Consent" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

Comments about China – general

• An article by Rebelcast titled "China's Navy Is Leaving America in the Dust – Here's How Trump Is Fixing It" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 29, 2025.

International – LGBT

• An article by John Nolte titled "Disney Groomers Add Lesbianism to 'Star Wars' Streaming Series 'Andor'" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

International – transgender news

• An article by Madeline Leesman titled "One Country [England] Just Banned Transgender Athletes From Competing in Women's Soccer" was posted at townhall.com on May 1, 2025.

JK Rowling – strong against the transgender tide

• An article by Martin Robinson titled "JK Rowling 'Doesn't Care' About New Harry Potter Star's Defiance [Paapa Essiedu Has Turned on Her by Standing in Solidarity With Members of the LGBT+ Community] – as He Now Faces Backlash From Trans Community for 'Virtue Signaling' [Not Abandoning Rowling's Business Ventures and Her Money] "was posted at dailymail.co.uk on May 1, 2025.

Varying results – people moving from U.S. to Ghana

- Looking back to January 2025, an article titled "Ghana's Citizenship Offer Attracts Some Black Americans" was posted at voanews.com (Voice of America) on Jan. 4, 2025.
- Looking back to March 2025, a video titled "I Moved From the USA to Ghana, Very Soon a Lot of Black People Will Be Moving to Africa" was posted at youtube.com on March 2, 2025.
- A video titled "Black Woman Has Instant Regret After Moving to Africa [to Get Away From Racism]" was posted at youtube.com on May 1, 2025.

Greenland

• An article by Staff titled "Greenland's PM Says Island Can't Be Bought, Calls Trump's Statements Disrespectful" was posted at nypost.com on April 27, 2025.

Trump's tariffs going forward

• An article by Hudhaifa Ebrahim titled "Tariffs Rattle Gulf Markets, but Some Economists See a Silver Lining" was posted at jpost.com on April 23, 2025.

International reactions – to Trump's bold approach

- An article by Emily Crane titled "China Hits U.S. With 84% Retaliatory Tariffs After Trump's Sweeping Levies Go Into Effect" was posted at nypost.com on April 9, 2025.
- An article by Emily Crane titled "China Hits Back at Trump's Tariffs, Urges World to Isolate U.S. With Bombastic A.I.-Generated Propaganda Video That Depicts Decaying America" was posted at nypost.com on April 29, 2025.
- An article by Anders Hagstrom titled "China Caves on 125% Tariff for Major US Export

After White House Predicts Beijing Can't Keep Up" was posted at foxbusiness.com on April 29, 2025.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Staff titled "Canada Man Drives Vehicle Into Crowd in Vancouver, at Least 11 Killed" was posted at jpost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by John Hayward titled "India Tells Marco Rubio Kashmir Terrorists 'Must Be Brought to Justice'" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Would-Be Kidnappers Now Injecting Victims With Drugs in Mexico City" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

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National Day of Prayer

• An article by Nick Gilbertson titled "Trump on National Day of Prayer: 'God Knows Exactly Where We Are Going'" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

Conservative nypost.com – gives extremely positive description

• An article by Michael Goodwin titled "Trump's First 100 Days Illustrate His Strengths and Mindset – Decisive, Bold, and in a Hurry" was posted at nypost.com on April 29, 2025.

Historical truth – reminder about Argentina's temporary pain

- Looking back to March 2024, a video titled "Javier Milei [Explains] How Import Tariffs [Temporarily] Weaken the Economy and Your Wallet" was posted at youtube.com on March 12, 2024.
- Looking back to January 2025, an article by Luca Ventura titled "Milei Ends Argentina's Deficit After 123 Years" was posted at gfmag.com on Jan. 2, 2025.
- Looking back to February 2025, an article by Hernan Nessi titled "Argentina Inflation Hits Five-Year Low in Win for Milei" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 13, 2025.

Conservative nypost.com – reports Trump's poll numbers dropping

• An article by Ryan King titled "President Trump Battered by Brutal Polls That Show His Approval Sinking" was posted at nypost.com on April 27, 2025.

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- An article by Michael Goodwin titled "The Democrats' Far-Left Agenda Is Just Starting and the Worst Is Yet to Come" was posted at nypost.com on April 26, 2025.
- An article by Natalie Sandoval titled "Democrats Can't Decide Whether They Think Voters Are Dumb or Just Deplorable" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 28, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "James Carville Outlines 'Winning Message' for Democrats, Stands by Trump-Hitler Comparisons" was posted at foxnews.com on April 29, 2025.
- An article by Amy Furr titled "Over 80 Harvard Faculty to Donate Portion of Salaries in 'Resistance' Against President Donald Trump" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.
- An article by Jason Walsh titled "Top Democrat Who Called for Trump's Assassination [Carl Sprayberry] Busted in Child Sex Sting" was posted at dailyfetched.com on May 2, 2025.

Milwaukee Judge Hannah Dugan

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Lower courts obstructing Trump – is a cleaver scheme

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- An article by Mariane Angela titled "[Newt] Gingrich Says Federal District Judges Aren't Just Tying Up Trump, but Another Branch of Government [Supreme Court Case Load] As Well" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 1, 2025.
- An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled "How Democrats Wage War on the 'Rule of Law' and Weaponize It Against Trump" was posted at nypost.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Elizabeth Weibel titled "Judge Orders Suspect Behind Firebombing of Missouri Tesla Released From Federal Custody" was posted at breitbart.com on April 30, 2025.
- An article by Bradley Jaye titled "Jim Jordan on What Must Be Done to Fight Lawfare Against Trump" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.
- An article by Hannah Knudsen titled "Rep. Jim Jordan on Rogue Judges: The Left 'Always Wants to Empower Those Individuals'" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

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• An article by John Nolte titled "[White House Deputy Chief of Staff] Stephen Miller Shames Pro-MS-13 Media to Their Privileged, Hypocritical Faces" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

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- An article by Mariane Angela titled "Brit Hume Says He's Mystified Why Democrats Attack Trump 'On an Issue [Immigration] in Which He's Clearly Succeeding' "was posted at dailycaller.com on April 28, 2025.
- An article by Nicole Silverio titled "Chuck Schumer Can't Bring Himself to Admit That Trump Has Secured Border" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 29, 2025.
- An article by Joseph MacKinnon titled "Government Doesn't Know If Any Illegal Aliens Registered for Draft (as They Are Required to Do) During Biden Surge" was posted at theblaze.com on April 29, 2025.
- An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "Mass Immigration Without Assimilation Is a Recipe for National Suicide" was posted at thefederalist.com on April 30, 2025.
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• An article by Nick Gilbertson titled "Trump Nominates Mike Waltz for Ambassador to United Nations" was posted at breitbart.com on May 1, 2025.

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- An article by Staff titled "General Motors Says Tariffs Will Cost It Up to \$5 Billion" was posted at nytimes.com on May 1, 2025.
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- An article by Greg Norman titled "Trump Says He'll Revoke Harvard's Tax-Exempt Status" was posted at foxnews.com on May 2, 2025.

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- An article by John Nolte titled "Lying Media Use White House Correspondents Dinner to Continue Lying About Their Role in Biden Coverup" was posted at breitbart.com on April 27, 2025.
- An article by Thomas English titled "Time Magazine Goes on Quest to Fact-Check Trump, Ends Up Quietly Issuing Correction Instead" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 29, 2025.
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- An article by David Strom titled "Washington State Just Recognized Two Muslim Holidays [Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha]; Still No Jewish Holidays or Easter" was posted at hotair.com on April 30, 2025.
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- An article by David French titled "The Christian Right Is Dead the Religious Right Killed It" was posted at nytimes.com on April 30, 2025.

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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 by 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."