

Eye on the World

December 27, 2025

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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 Mick Hume titled “Europeans May Not Love Trump – but Many Agree With Him” was posted at europeanconservative.com on Dec. 15, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

There has been much weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth in response to U.S. President Donald Trump’s recent scathing criticisms of Europe’s “weak” leaders and the danger of “civilizational erasure” on the continent.

Trump has been branded anti-European. But if that was true, then surely millions of European citizens must also be considered “anti-European.” Because they are voting for political parties and supporting protest movements which make strikingly similar criticisms of the EU regime.

- Contrary to the impression given in Brussels, the people of Europe do not need any malign American interference to turn them against their leaders.
- They can see for themselves that national sovereignty, democracy and free speech are under attack from the EU center, and that uncontrolled immigration is transforming their societies for the worse.
- That’s why people across Europe have been voting in increasing numbers for insurgent national conservative parties – not because of what Trump or anybody else says, but because of what their rulers have done to European society, culture and civilization.

Turning to the terrible war in Ukraine, Trump was equally dismissive of posturing European leaders who claim to be championing Ukraine: “They talk, but they don’t produce, and the war

just keeps going on and on.”

President Trump’s more idiotic critics in America and Europe like to accuse him of ruling like “a King” – ignoring the fact that (unlike many of the most powerful people in Brussels), he was democratically elected with a mandate to implement the very politics he is pursuing.

In this instance, “King” Donald looks rather more like the truth-telling boy in the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, who says what everybody can see and shouts out that the Emperor has no clothes. In publicly exposing the dangerous ideologies and actions of the European elites, he has given a presidential voice to what many rank-and-file voters are thinking.

There is no doubt that Europe’s political elites genuinely despise the populist Trump, who has disrupted their cozy world and showed up their globalist worldview as outdated fantasy. They also, of course, secretly relish the chance that opposing Trump gives them to pose as defenders of Europe against U.S. imperialism.

European peoples’ attitude to Trump is more complex. True, he would not win many elections this side of the Atlantic. But whatever they think of him personally, many instinctively agree with Trump’s political attitude to issues such as mass migration and national sovereignty.

According to one new opinion poll that made mainstream headlines, nearly half of Europeans see Trump as “an enemy of Europe.” But notice the wide range.

- Belgium – 62%
- France – 57%
- Croatia – 37%
- Poland – 19%
- The pollsters did not bother to ask the people of Hungary or other nations further East.

Notice some numbers to a December YouGov poll – comparing unfavorable to favorable.

- Denmark – 91% unfavorable and 6% favorable.
- Spain – 80% unfavorable and 16% favorable.
- Germany – 79% unfavorable and 17% favorable.
- UK – 72% unfavorable and 22% favorable.
- France – 64% unfavorable and 18% favorable.
- Italy – 64% unfavorable and 28% favorable.

Yet, whether they like him or not, many European voters also seem essentially to agree with Trump’s point that European leaders are “weak” and that the continent is “decaying” economically and culturally.

That is surely why (according to a major Politico poll), voters in big European nations who view Trump unfavorably still see his re-election in Washington as more significant for their countries than the election of their own national leaders.

- UK – 54% thought Trump's re-election meant more than the election of Keir Starmer.
- Germany – 53% thought Trump's re-election meant more than Friedrich Merz.
- France – 43% thought Trump's re-election meant more than Emmanuel Macron.

They recognize that Trump is changing the world order. Being linked to Trump has not damaged the political success of national conservative leaders.

- Italy – Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.
- Hungary – Prime Minister Viktor Orban.
- UK – Nigel Farage

The truth is that Donald Trump is neither the cause of Europe's problems nor the solution.

Europe must resolve its own civilizational crisis. But that will not be possible while it is ruled by an EU elite that does not believe in the democratic civilization it claims to lead.

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An article by Auguste Meyrat titled “The Socialist Spell: Why Modern Minds Keep Falling for an Old Lie” was posted at theblaze.com on Dec. 20, 2025. Following is the article.

What draws people to socialism?

Even after nearly two centuries of ruin brought to those societies that have adopted this governing system, the appeal still remains. Most Western countries have a thriving socialist party occupying portions of the government – including the United States with the Democratic Socialists of America.

Worse still, the DSA experienced a huge win in New York City with the election of outspoken socialist Zohran Mamdani and came close to beating the Republican candidate with another socialist in a special election in Tennessee in December.

Then, of course, there are the legions of leftists online content creators indoctrinating millions of users with socialist messaging.

- Is it historical ignorance with the Cold War increasingly far behind us?
- Is it the leftist teachers simply passing over the horrific genocides of communist leaders like Mao Zedong, Joseph Stalin, or Pol Pot?
- Is it the leftist teachers ignoring the ongoing calamities of Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea and other socialist backwaters?

- Is it simply the promise of free stuff?
- Is it the envy of billionaire elites who seem to wield omnipotent power?

The socialist paradox

No doubt – ignorance, greed, envy and boredom all play a significant role in the elevation of socialists.

This is why most opponents of socialism generally push back by attempting to teach people about the endless failures of socialism, the basic laws of economics, and the immorality and destructiveness of confiscating property and denying citizens their constitutional freedoms.

Clearly, this approach has not been successful with this latest crop of socialists who now make up large portions of the Millennial and Gen Z cohorts.

It could just be that human nature is such that it is always vulnerable to toxic ideas like socialism, and digital technology has made this problem even more challenging. After all, the promises of socialists made in today's media landscape are closely analogous to the serpents' promises in the Garden of Eden: Do this one thing (i.e., eat this fruit, vote and campaign for this socialist) and you will have everything you want.

Or, more likely, it could be that conservatives are misunderstanding the issue altogether.

Rather than view socialism as an ideology, a movement, or a moral failing inherent in human nature, it would be better to see socialism as a reaction to all these things.

At its core, socialism is what happens when a person consciously rejects political reasoning, morality, and complex abstractions – all in favor of a strictly materialist and existentialist approach to life.

Orwell and the socialist mind

An illustration of this phenomenon comes from the great 20th century writer George Orwell – who unintentionally captures the socialist mind in his personal account of the Spanish Civil War, “Homage to Catalonia.”

Despite being known as a fierce critic of totalitarian surveillance states like the Soviet Union, Orwell himself was an ardent socialist throughout his life. In fact, he went to Catalonia to fight a war on behalf of the Trotskyist Workers' Party of Marxist Unification.

His stated goal was not necessarily to write a full account of the Spanish Civil War (though he did), but first and foremost to kill fascists.

What is most surprising about “Homage to Catalonia” is just how little Orwell actually writes about socialism itself. He spends many pages describing the size of rats, the scarcity of tobacco, and the convoluted squabbling between various anarchists, communists, and socialist factions – yet almost nothing about why he is actually fighting in a foreign civil war.

In one of the middle chapters (almost in passing), he devotes a precious few paragraphs on the matter – citing his sympathy with the laborers in their hope of realizing true equality: “The thing that attracts ordinary men to Socialism and makes them willing to risk their skins for it, the ‘mystique’ of Socialism, is the idea of equality; to the vast majority of people Socialism means a classless society, or it means nothing at all.”

Sadly, Orwell quickly follows this reflection with the immediate reality of his situation: “I was hardly conscious of the changes that were occurring in my own mind. Like everyone about me, I was chiefly conscious of boredom, heat, cold, dirt, lice, privation, and occasional danger.”

Naturally, these concerns are what make up the bulk of his book.

At no point in Orwell’s narrative does his joy rise above the creature comforts of cigarettes, wine, food, sleep, and personal cleanliness, nor does his sorrow go much beyond the deprivation thereof. Any hope he might have that transcends this narrow worldview – i.e., virtue, ethics, greater truth, life after death (Orwell survives a shot through the neck), or even winning the war – is completely absent.

Orwell is just there, living his life and fighting an enemy. Even though he is aware of the atrocities of the socialist militia (like destroying churches and killing innocent priests and nuns), he hardly thinks about it. Even though he throws a bomb into enemy lines and inflicts a slow and painful death on a fascist soldier, he is more annoyed at the man’s screaming than he is perturbed at the fact that he just killed a man in cold blood for a dubious cause.

Obviously, Orwell was not too dim-witted to think of these matters, nor is it because he was some kind of true believer blinded by misleading propaganda, nor was he a socialpath.

Instead, he has committed to a mode of behavior and thought that negates all moral rationality. His socialism simply does not touch on anything beyond the following.

- The next meal
- The next bus to work
- The next cup of coffee
- The next nice-sounding idea.

Acting as a socialist only means doing what the other socialists seem to be doing – whether that means joining a protest, fighting in a civil war, or voting for a DSA candidate.

Although some of this mode of behavior betrays a deep streak of nihilism, the socialists

themselves never reflect on anything long enough to realize it. For all the observations Orwell makes (with his characteristic wryness), none of it ever leads to a deeper conclusion about his situation.

Much of his general attitude could be summed up with the empty platitude: “It is what it is.”

Readers can also find this kind of hopeless shrug in the endings of Orwell’s novels “Animal Farm” and “1984” – where the antagonists triumph and all the efforts of the protagonists prove to be futile as well as pointless.

Based on the account given in “Homage to Catalonia,” the biggest precondition that leads to this mindlessness is modernity’s systemic atomization and subsequent loneliness.

Throughout his narrative, Orwell has no real friends about which to speak – yet he does somehow drag his wife to Barcelona while he fights with the Workers’ Party of Marxist Unification.

True, he notes with fondness how everyone addresses each other as “comrade,” as well as substituting the formal “usted” (Spanish for “you”) for the informal “tu.”

Yet, this belies the indifference he ultimately has for these men suffering and dying senselessly. This community of soldiers in the trenches (the one example that Orwell can point to as true socialism in practice) is almost entirely superficial. Years later, he still cannot see this and even feels glad for the experience of stinking and starving in trenches with his socialist “comrades” for so many months.

Humanize before you catechize

In light of all this, it should be clear that mere apologetics for free-market capitalism, liberal democratic republicanism, and Christian communitarianism will fall on deaf ears – for the socialists both then and now.

A catchy slogan, a photogenic demagogue, an attractive vibe will win over otherwise intelligent people and lead them down a dark path that allows not light to come in.

In order to bring them back from this path, conservatives and other anti-socialists need to appreciate the content of their worldview (or lack thereof) along with the modern context of today’s postmodern consumerist culture that have made friendship, depth, and moments of quiet reflection next to impossible.

Once they recognize this, they will finally understand that more education and fewer affordability crises will not fix the problem of socialism’s growing popularity. Instead, they will have to meaningfully connect with these people, pull them away from the sources of malaise, and patiently fill up what has been hollowed out.

People must be humanized before they are catechized.

Even though this is a much bigger project, it is a more effective and fulfilling one. One can speculate what would have happened if Orwell found religion and joined a church instead of finding socialism and joining the Workers' Party of Marxist Unification. Perhaps his eventual novels criticizing Russian communism would have lacked the same insights.

Or, perhaps his cynicism and recklessness would have turned to hope and wisdom – and he could have offered a better way forward to those who under the spell of socialism instead of dreaming up horrific depictions of socialism's excesses.

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

U.S. and Israel – continue to spend big money on military

- An article by Shomik Bhattacharjee titled "Bernie Sanders Says America's \$1 Trillion Military Spending More Than 'Next Nine Nations Combined' as Millions Lack Healthcare, Children Face Poverty" was posted at benzinga.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Anna Ahronheim titled "Israel to Spend \$110 Billion on Independent Arms Industry; PM Benjamin Netanyahu Says" was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

United States – sent bombs into Syria

- A press release titled "CENTCOM [U.S. Central Command] Launches Operation Hawkeye Strike Against ISIS in Syria" was posted at centcom.mil on Dec. 19, 2025.
- An article by Nick Constable titled "U.S. Pounds 70 Terror Targets in Syria in What Pete Hegseth Brands 'A Declaration of Vengeance' [After 2 Troops and an American Civilian Interpreter Were Killed Last Week]" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 20, 2025.

United States – sent bombs into Nigeria

- An article titled "Trump Launches 'Powerful and Deadly' Christmas Day Strikes on ISIS Targeting Christians in Nigeria: 'Terrorist Scum'" was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Staff titled "U.S. and Ukraine Reach Consensus on Key Issues Aimed at

Ending War [He Would Withdraw Troops From the Country's Eastern Industrial Heartland If Moscow Also Pulled Back and the Area Becomes a De-Militarized, Free Economic Zone Monitored by International Forces]" was posted at newsmax.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

- An article by Holly Bancroft titled "Ukraine's President Zelensky Appears to Wish Death to Putin in Christmas Message" was posted at independent.co.uk on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Jorge Fitz-Gibbon titled "Ukraine Delivers Humiliating Christmas Day Blow to Putin by Recapturing Key City" was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Anna Matveeva titled "Why Russians Haven't Risen Up to Stop the Ukraine War ['Inspired in Part by State Propaganda, Many in Russia Have Developed an Anti-Western Identity']" was posted at responsiblestatecraft.org on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Donbas Control, Land Swaps: Putin Outlines Potential Ukraine Peace Terms to Russian Businessmen" was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Follow-up – Bondi Beach, Australia

- An article by Staff titled "Australia's 'Bondi Hero' [Ahmed al Ahmed, Who Hid Behind Parked Cars Before Charging at One of the Gunman From Behind – Seizing His Weapon and Knocking Him to the Ground] Handed \$1.65 Million Collected From Fundraising" was posted at newsmax.com on Dec. 19, 2025.
- An article by Michael Sinkewicz titled "Fundraiser for 'Australian Hero' Who Disarmed Terrorist During Bondi Beach Mass Shooting Surpasses \$2.6 Million" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Former Hamas Hostage [Eli Sharabi, Who Spent 491 Days as a Hostage] Warned Australian Leaders About Dangers of Anti-Semitism Months Before Bondi Beach Attack" was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Australian State Set to Ban ISIS Flags, Symbols and 'Intifada' Chants After Bondi Terror Attack" was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Jewish News Syndicate titled "Israeli President Isaac Herzog Invited to Australia in Wake of Bondi Beach Mass Shooting" was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese Announces Bravery Award for Heroes of Bondi Anti-Semitic Attack" was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Zvika Klein titled "'I'm Not Religious, but I Started Praying': Bondi Survivor Arsen Ostrovsky Speaks" was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

- An article by Michael Starr titled “Melbourne [Australia] Rabbi’s Hanukkah-Decorated Vehicle Firebombed on Christmas Morning” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Yoav Etel titled “Anti-Semitic Incidents in Australia Rose by 600% in Days Following Bondi Beach Massacre” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Aliyah – following the Bondi Beach attack

- An article by Staff titled “Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar Urges Diaspora Jews to Make Aliyah Amid Global Anti-Semitism” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Michael Starr titled “Israel Advancing Emergency Aliyah Plans in Wake of Bondi Beach Massacre” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Israel Expected to Advance Aliyah Emergency Aid Plan for Applicants, New Immigrants” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.

Remembering October 7

- An article by Ken Jacobson titled “Bondi, October 7: A Deliberate Pattern of Terror on Jewish Holidays” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Carl Campanile titled “Amy Schumer Proudly Lights Hanukkah Candles – Noting She Learned Who Her ‘Real Friends’ Were After October 7” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.

Remembering MDA (Magen David Adom) paramedics

- Looking back to March 2025, an article by Staff titled “Michaela Berku on Volunteering, MDA, and Saving Lives Through Service” was posted at jpost.com on March 26, 2025.
- Looking back to May 2025, an article by Staff titled “‘I’ll Keep Showing Up’: MDA Paramedic [Alisa Krant] Who Saved Dozens on October 7 Recounts 600 Days” was posted at jpost.com on May 28, 2025.
- Looking back to September 2025, an article by Staff titled “MDA Women’s Circle Launches New Year With ‘Adopt a Paramedic’ Initiative” was posted at jpost.com on Sept. 18, 2025.

Israel – continues their retaliation

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Israeli Air Force Unveils New Rapid-Response Unit to Stop October 7-Style Ground Invasions” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Tzve Jasper titled “IDF Attacks Hezbollah Combat Training Ground, Terror Infrastructure in Lebanon” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Hostages – news

- An article by Anthony Blair titled “Sister of Last Israeli Hostage (Whose Remains Are Believed to Be in Gaza) Details Excruciating Pain” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.

Anti-Semitism – international

- An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled “We Know the Reasons for Violence Against Jews – but Refuse to Say Them Aloud” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

More articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Staff titled “One in Four Israeli Jews Celebrate or Consider Celebrating Christmas – Poll” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “From Auschwitz to Dachau: How a Pharmacist Became Central to Nazi Camp Medical Crimes – Study” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- An article by Amir Livne titled “The World Is Pushing for Nuclear Fusion Energy – Israel Has the Keys to Crack It” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- An article by Pesach Benson titled “Israel’s Aviation Rebounds in 2025 With 33% Increase in Passengers” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “In First Christmas Sermon, Pope Leo Decries Conditions for Palestinians in Gaza” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Iran

- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “Iran Seizes Foreign Oil Tanker Near Gulf, Saying It Was Carrying Millions of Smuggled Fuel Liters” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Iran’s Regime Carries Out 52 Executions in Three Days” was posted at iran.org on Dec. 26, 2025.
- An article by Maziar Motamedi titled “Iran’s Government Budget Reveals Tough Road Ahead as Currency Hits New Low” was posted at aljazeera.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Saudi Arabia

- A Reuters article by Staff titled “Saudi Arabia Says Yemen Group Should Withdraw Its Forces From Seized Provinces” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- An article by Jon Gambrell titled “Saudi Arabia Calls on Yemen Separatists to Leave 2

Governorates as Anti-Houthi Coalition Strains” was posted at abcnews.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

- An article by Jon Gambrell titled “Yemen Separatists Accuse Saudi Arabia of Launching Airstrikes Against Their Forces” was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Turkey

- An article by Amichai Stein titled “Turkey Attempting to Deploy Radars Within Syria; Western Intel” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Akkyu Nuclear Plant: Russia Funds \$9 Billion Boost as Turkey Targets 2026 Launch” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Comments about China and Taiwan

- An article by Staff titled “China Says U.S. Arms Sales to Taiwan ‘Speeding Up Threat of War’” was posted at newsmax.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Venezuela

- An article by Amanda Macias titled “Trump’s Venezuela Oil Blockade Puts Chevron in the Middle of a High-Stakes Sanctions Crackdown” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Nicholas Kerr titled “Rand Paul Says Seizure of Oil Tankers in Caribbean a ‘Prelude to War’” was posted at abcnews.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- A video and an article by Staff titled “Watch: Coast Guard Leads New Seizure as Trump Tightens the Noose on Maduro’s Regime” were posted at rvmnews.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “U.S. Coast Guard Chasing Another Tanker Involved in Shipping Venezuela Oil” was posted at wsj.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Coast Guard Tracks Down Runaway Oil Tanker Linked to Iran and Venezuela” was posted at wsj.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Steve Holland titled “White House Orders Military to Focus on ‘Quarantine’ of Venezuela Oil” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- An article by Alexander Bolton titled “Trump Deploys Quick-Strike Specialized Military Forces Within Range of Venezuela” was posted at thehill.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Venezuela’s Maduro Using U.S. Military Threat to Crack Down on Dissent” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Honduras

- An article by Christian K. Caruzo titled “Trump-Backed Conservative Nasry Asfura Wins Honduras’ Presidential Election After Three Weeks of Uncertainty” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Japan

- An article by Staff titled “Japan to Begin Importing U.S.-Made Toyotas Following Talks With Trump” was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Dec. 19, 2025.
- An article by Stuti Mishra titled “Japan Clears Final Hurdle to Restart World’s Largest Nuclear Plant” was posted at independent.co.uk on Dec. 22, 2025.
- An article by Audrey Streb titled “Japan Ready to Resurrect World’s Biggest Nuclear Plant 15 Years After Meltdown” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2025.

International religious problems

- An article by Derek Vanbuskirk titled “What Christmas Looks Like in the World’s Most Dangerous Countries for Christians [With Millions of Christians Around the World Celebrating the Birth of Christ in Silence, Secrecy or Fear of Death]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “One in Three Muslims in France Want Sharia Law to Rule Entire World: Poll” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Chris Melore titled “Smartest Man in the World With an IQ of 276 [South Korean Scientist YoungHoon Kim, age 36] Breaks His Silence on Whether God Exists [Saying That He Can Prove It With Math]” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “Channel Crisis: Illegal Migrant Crossings Hit Record High for December, as Over 800 Land” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Christian K. Caruzo titled “El Salvador Sentences Nearly 250 MS-13 Members to Up to 1,335 Years in Prison” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 22, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Southeastern Taiwan Shaken by 6.1 Magnitude Quake – No Immediate Reports of Damage” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

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“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Shooting at Brown University (in Providence, Rhode Island)

- An article by Staff titled “Brown University Shooter (Claudio Neves Valente) Cased Campus for Weeks Before Massacre, Custodian Told Cops After Key Reddit Post” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 19, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Brown University Shooter Made Multiple Trips to Boston for Surveillance Before Deadly Attack: Sources” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “3 Former Boston Police Commissioners Weigh In on Brown University Shooting Response” was posted at nbcboston.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Patrick Anderson titled “Providence Begins Internal ‘After-Action Debrief’ of Brown Shooting” was posted at providencejournal.com on Dec. 24, 2025.
- A video titled “Brown University Police Chief Placed on Leave After Deadly Shooting” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 25, 2025.

Media – can Trump bypass big media?

- An article by John McLaughlin and Jim McLaughlin titled “Trump Must Bypass Big Media to Win Midterms” was posted at newsmax.com on Dec. 23, 2025.

Media – activists camouflaging as journalists

- An article by Staff titled “Late Night Takes Hard Left Turn – With 7,000 Trump Jokes and Gags Targeting Conservatives Up 92%: Study” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
- An article by Andrew Mark Miller titled “Media ‘Complicity’ Blamed as Feds Say Minnesota Fraud Crisis Could Reach \$9 Billion: [Media Has] ‘Shown Their True Colors’” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Roger Kimball titled “Trump Never Sleeps – but the Media Keeps Dreaming [About Tearing Him Down]” was posted at amgreatness.com on Dec. 21, 2025.
- An article by Naya Lekht titled “Oprah [Winfrey] Is Just the Latest to Pretend Jews Aren’t Under Attack” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2025.

- An article by Nicole Silverio titled “Jimmy Kimmel Spends His Christmas Bashing Trump’s America to Foreign Viewers” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 26, 2025.

Economy – good news reported by nypost.com

- An article by Stephen Moore titled “Why Do Pessimistic Pundits Keep Getting Trump’s Economy So Wrong?” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “US Economy Unexpectedly Surges 4.3% in Third Quarter – It’s Strongest Growth in Two Years” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Samuel Chamberlain titled “Trump Approval Rating Rebounds as New Poll Shows Him Hitting Three-Month High” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2025.
- An article by Taylor Herzlich titled “Here’s How Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill Could Impact Your Tax Refunds in April” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2025.

Economy – NBC’s economic reporter (Steve Liesman) acts surprised

- An article by Harold Hutchison titled “CNBC [Senior Economic] Reporter [Steve Liesman] Audibly Gasps in Real Time as He Learns Inflation Was Tamer Than Expected” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 18, 2025.
- An article by Jing Pan titled “CNBC Anchor [Senior Economic Reporter Steve Liesman] Who Blasted Trump’s ‘Insane’ Tariffs Is Now Shocked by ‘Very, Very Low’ Inflation” was posted at moneywise.com on Dec. 19, 2025.

Economy – socialism vs. capitalism

- An article by John Stossel titled “Socialism vs. Capitalism [Capitalism Makes Rich People Richer, but the Poor and Middle Class Get Richer, Too]” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

Good news – U.S. military recruitment

- An article by Staff titled “Pentagon Hits Best Recruitment Numbers in 15 Years” was posted at thenationalpulse.com on Dec. 23, 2025.

Good news – interrupting climate agenda

- Looking back to May 2017, an article by Arianna Skibell titled “Republicans Cheer Killing 14 Rules [in Trump’s First Term] as Window for Action Closes” was posted at politicotopro.com on May 12, 2017.
- An article by Staff titled “Trump Administration to Dissolve Key Climate Research

Agency [Disbanding the National Center for Atmospheric Research, NCAR, in Boulder, Colorado]” was posted at jpost.com on Dec. 17, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled “Republicans Erased Record Number of Biden Regulations in 2025 – Here Are the Worst Ones” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 25, 2025.
 1. Biden banned new gas-powered cars
 2. Biden ended coal leasing in America’s top coal region
 3. Biden blocked energy production in Alaska
 4. Biden instituted price controls on overdraft fees
 5. Biden drove up costs for commercial appliances

Media – Miranda Devine

- An article by Miranda Devine titled “Trump’s ‘Loud’ Speech Rightly Counted Off All the Ways His Administration Delivered for America in 2025” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 21, 2025.

Illegal immigration – Supreme Court blocks National Guard in Chicago

- An article by Staff titled “Supreme Court Blocks Immediate National Guard Deployment in Illinois, Leaves Future Deployment Open” was posted at redstate.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
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- An article by Tony Perkins titled “Obamacare’s Roof Leaks, Patching Won’t Fix It” was posted at newsmax.com on Dec. 19, 2025.
- An article by Alex Miller titled “Senate Quietly Works on Bipartisan Obamacare Fix as Healthcare Cliff Nears” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 23, 2025.
- An article by Dr. Roger Stark titled “Obamacare Isn’t Working; Repeal the Employer Mandate Instead” was posted at tri-cityherald.com (Kennewick, Washington) on Dec. 24, 2025.
- A video titled “‘If Obamacare Is Great, Why Aren’t You on It?’ [Actor] Chris Briggs Rips Democrats on ‘Biggest Scam in U.S.’” was posted at timesofindia.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

Reminder – Obama and Biden went strongly after Trump

- An article by Margot Cleveland titled “New Documents Reveal Shocking Lengths Obama and Biden Went to Protect Hillary Clinton, Get Trump” was posted at thefederalist.com on Dec. 22, 2025.

Charlie and Erika Kirk

- A video and an article by Alana Mastrangelo titled “Watch: Target Employee Jeanie Beeman [Who Was Publicly Harassed by Crazed Leftist] Receives Standing Ovation From Tens of Thousands at Turning Point USA’s AmericaFest” were posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
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Ben Shapiro and Tucker Carlson

- An article by Marc Tamasco titled “Rift in MAGA Movement on Full Display at TPUSA’s AmericaFest as Ben Shapiro, Tucker Carlson Battle It Out” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 20, 2025.

Who will end up buying Warner Brothers Discovery?

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- An article by Charles Gasparino titled “Warner Bros. Discovery to Review Larry Ellison’s Offer to Guarantee Paramount Skydance’s \$78 Billion Takeover Bid: Sources” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 22, 2025.
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Notice the obvious – elites in the Democrat party have chosen their candidates since 2016

- Looking back to October 2024, an article by Nick Hart titled “When Was the Last Time the Democrats Had a Primary That Was Actually Democratic?” was posted at medium.com on Oct. 5, 2024. (For at least the last 3 general elections, Democrats haven’t allowed their own base to choose their candidate.)

In 2016, the Democrat elites convinced Bernie Sanders to step aside

In 2020, the Democrat elites convinced opponents of Joe Biden to step aside

In 2024, the Democrat elites forced Joe Biden to withdraw

In 2024, the Democrat elites picked Kamala Harris without a single vote

Hunter Biden

- A video and an article by Staff titled “Watch Hunter Biden Claim With Straight Face That Laptop From Hell Never Existed” were posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 22, 2025.

Gavin Newsom – is born connected

- Looking back to September 2018, an article by Seema Mehta titled “How Eight Elite San Francisco Families Funded Gavin Newsom’s Political Ascent [Newsom Wasn’t Born Rich, but He Was Born Connected]” was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 7, 2018.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

- A video titled “If They Can ‘Shove’ Biden Over the Finish Line, ‘Watch Out for AOC’: [Says Actor] Tom Shillue” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 20, 2025.

Tim Walz

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- An article by Staff titled “James Comer Prepares to Make Political Life Very Difficult for Tim Walz” was posted at redstate.com on Dec. 23, 2025.

Josh Shapiro

- An article by Tim O’Brien titled “Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro to Release Biography, Signaling Possible White House Bid” was posted at pjmedia.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

John Fetterman

- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “Fetterman: Democrats ‘Were Afraid’ of Base on Shutdown, ‘Can You Imagine the Chaos’ If We Were Still Shut Down?” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 20, 2025.

A.I.

- An article by Nick Lichtenberg titled “‘They’ll Lose Their Humanity’: Dartmouth Professor Says He’s Surprised Just How Scared His Gen Z Students Are of A.I.” was posted at fortune.com on Dec. 20, 2025.
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Massachusetts mayor can't speak English

- An article by Amanda Harding titled “[Lawrence] Massachusetts Mayor [Brian De Pena] Can’t Understand English, Needs Translator in Court” was posted at dailywire.com on Dec. 22, 2025.
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- An article by John Jefferson Tan titled “‘More Alike Than You Think’ – Larry Bird Revealed the Devastating Similarity Between Him and Michael Jordan” was posted at basketballnetwork.net on Dec. 20, 2025.

General interest

- An article by Matthew Karl titled “Free Curt Schilling [Retired Major League Star Baseball Player Who Has Been Denied Admittance Into the Professional Hall of Fame Because of His Conservative Views]” was posted at americanthinker.com on Dec. 17, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled “Elise Stefanik Suddenly Drops NY Governor Bid, Won’t Seek Re-Election to Congress” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 19, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled “Trump Endorses Bruce Blakeman for NY Governor – a Day After GOP Rep. Elise Stefanik Dropped Out of Race” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 20, 2025.

- An article by Alyssa Guzman titled “Pilots and Flight Attendants at Budget Airline [Spirit Airlines] Vote to Accept Pay Cuts to Save It From Bankruptcy” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Dec. 20, 2025.

- An article by Jasmyn Jordan titled “Trump-Pardoned January 6 Siblings Reflect on FBI Pursuit, Prison and Faith in New Documentary” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 20, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled “Trump Removes Nearly 30 Career Diplomats From Ambassadorial Positions” was posted at breitbart.com on Dec. 21, 2025.

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- An article by Christine Sellers titled “Judge Puts Stop to Food Dye Ban Championed by RFK Jr.” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 24, 2025.

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An article by Paul Jones titled “Five Psychological Approaches to Handling Holiday Loneliness” was posted at psypost.org on Dec. 20, 2025. Following are excerpts from the article.

Christmas is often considered a time of connection, warmth and belonging. That’s the script, anyway. But for many people, the reality feels different; isolating, emotionally weighted and filled with comparisons that sting.

Loneliness, isn’t about the number of people around you. It’s about connection, and the absence of it.

Personality plays a role too. People high in traits such as neuroticism or socially prescribed perfectionism can be more vulnerable to distress and loneliness when life does not live up to their expectations.

Your brain on loneliness

Studies have shown that chronic loneliness can increase stress hormones such as cortisol, impair immune function and even affect cardiovascular health. Social neuroscientist John Cacioppo described loneliness as “a biological warning system” that our need for connection isn’t being met.

Loneliness, though, is a normal human response. It is a reaction to a mismatch between our desired social experience and our reality. Self-discrepancy theory helps explain why this mismatch causes emotional pain. When there’s a gap between who we are and who we feel we should be (whether it is socially, emotionally or even seasonally), discomfort follows.

Solitude isn’t the answer

That said, being alone doesn’t automatically mean something’s wrong. In fact, it might be exactly what you need.

For many, this time can be a rare opportunity for space, stillness and healing. Choosing solitude purposefully can be deeply restorative. Connecting with yourself can be just as important as connecting with others. Research into self-determination theory also highlights autonomy, competence and relatedness as core psychological needs.

Autonomy, in particular, means honoring your own choices – not other people’s expectations.

For example – choosing to spend the day quietly reading, cooking for yourself, or creating a personal ritual supports both autonomy and competence. These acts reinforce your ability to care for yourself and reduce the pressure to seek validation from others.

The key is alignment. Do what nourishes you, not what performs well on Instagram. And let the societal pressures wash over you rather than be driven by them.

So what can help?

Trying to “fix” loneliness with a to-do list isn’t the answer. These approaches are rooted in psychological and philosophical insight. They are not quick fixes.

1. Let yourself feel it (loneliness)

Loneliness hurts. It’s okay to name it. Pushing it away rarely works. Accepting and sitting with it can be the first step toward softening its grip.

2. Create micro-rituals

Small routines bring meaning and structure. Brew a particular tea. Rewatch a film that resonates. Light a candle for someone you miss. Rituals connect you to something larger, but also connect you to yourself.

3. Re-frame connection

Closeness doesn’t have to mean crowds. It might mean sending a message, joining a quiet online space or simply being present with yourself. Journaling, voice notes or reflective walks can all be forms of inward connection.

4. Celebrate your uniqueness

You are not a statistic. You don’t need to aim for the “average” mental health baseline. Your emotional life is yours alone. A little variation, a little eccentricity, these are signs of being alive.

5. Find what works for you

There is often no one right way to celebrate holidays. Honor your individuality.

Final comments

Loneliness isn’t something to be solved or suppressed. It’s a companion on the journey inward. And sometimes, the most meaningful connection we can make is with ourselves.



An article by Dr. Joel Salinas titled “I’m a Neurologist – 6 Easy Ways to Boost Your Brain Over the Holidays – Especially If You’re Lonely” was posted at nypost.com on Dec. 8, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

The holidays are for gathering with loved ones, sharing traditions and creating lasting memories. Social connection is important for your spirit – and your mind. Socializing benefits the brain by stimulating cognitive function and by lowering stress hormones like cortisol (which reduces inflammation and blood pressure).

Unfortunately, not everyone has a reliable circle of friends and family for the holidays.

These are six major ways to keep your spirits and your brain bright through the season, even in the absence of a strong support network.

- Start a hobby
- Fill in a puzzle
- Get your groove on (with dance classes)
- Embrace technology
- Seek like-minded people
- Make this one change over the holidays – find ways to exercise



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.”