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LOCAL SHERIFFS STRIKING BACK

• Creating “sanctuary counties” for gun rights

By Dave Gahary

Mimicking the liberal concept of “sanctuary cities” to protect illegal immigrants across this once-great nation, a growing number of sheriffs across a handful of states are establishing “Second Amendment sanctuaries” in their counties, “refusing to enforce gun-control laws that they consider to be infringements on the U.S. constitutional right to keep and bear arms.”

Reuters reported on March 4 that sheriffs in Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington are taking on the political rulers in those states—Democrats hold the governorship and both legislative chambers in all four—who are attempting to enact draconian gun control laws.

When Democrats swept into control across many state governments after last November’s midterms, many of them followed through on their “promises to enact gun control in response to an epidemic of mass shootings in public spaces, religious



sites, and schools.”

Supporters of the Second Amendment sanctuary movement would like “to take it nationwide.” Those involved in the four states have already “formed a loose alliance, sometimes sharing strategies or texts of resolutions.” They’re also coordinating

with those who share their sentiments in California, Idaho, Iowa, and New York.

Sheriffs who were elected by the people and some county commissioners are considering allowing some of their constituents—targets of so-called “red flag” laws—“to keep their firearms.” Additionally, where some states raised the legal gun ownership age to 21, sheriffs there may “refuse to confiscate guns from 18-to-20-year-olds.”

Red flag laws allow family members or police to ask a court to temporarily remove firearms from someone “who may present a danger to others or themselves.” Later on, the firearms are to be returned, unless the seizure is extended. Some sheriffs believe these laws violate due process and are overkill, as laws on the books already address such matters. A New Mexico sheriff is critical of enhanced background checks, as they “would impose regulations on hunting buddies or competitive shooters every time they share guns, and he refuses to spend resources investigating such cases.”

Support for these Second Amendment sanctuaries has picked up steam recently, especially in Illinois and New Mexico.

According to Reuters, 63 Illinois counties or municipalities “have passed some form of a firearms sanctuary resolution and more are likely to,” and 25 of New Mexico’s 33

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Censorship Grows as Radicals Step Up Violence

Late last month, news of conservative activist Hayden Williams getting attacked and punched by an unidentified man while Williams was talking to students at the University of California, Berkeley sent shock waves around the conservative community. (See shocking photo on page 11.)

In cellphone video posted to the Internet, the unhinged young leftist can be seen screaming at Williams, before knocking over Williams's table, ripping up pro-Trump signs, grabbing him, pushing him around, punching him, and then walking off. The lunatic's face can be clearly seen in the video, but it still took police nearly two weeks before they were able to identify and arrest Zachary Greenberg, charging him with assault with "force likely to produce great bodily harm," a felony.

The problem is, Greenberg isn't just anybody. According to conservative student activist group Campus Reform, the nutjob had ironically been a psychology student at the university and even worked there for a while in the psychology department before becoming a software engineer at a local company.

At a press conference, Williams's attorney, Harmeeet K. Dhillon, told local reporters that she was optimistic Greenberg would be prosecuted, but she added that previous cases in California didn't instill a great deal of hope that the case will be handled fairly.

"We're happy that the authorities seem to be taking this seriously, but we'll suspend judgment on how seriously until we see the resolution of this case," she said.

Ms. Dhillon invoked a recent case where a former community college philosophy professor and so-called "anti-fascist activist" attacked seven Trump supporters with a bike lock at a "free speech" rally in 2017 on UC-Berkeley's campus. Numerous video and photos were posted online showing Prof. Eric Clanton's victims covered in blood. One individual was hurt so badly he need-

ed to get five staples to close the gaping wound on his head. Clanton was initially charged with felonies, but, even though the violent attack was captured on camera and posted on YouTube for the world to see, he still somehow managed to weasel his way out of facing any significant punishment. Instead, he cut a deal with local prosecutors, pleading no contest to misdemeanor assault and was sentenced to just three years of probation.

Williams is just the latest victim of attacks by far-left radicals, but, bizarrely, the mainstream media and most of the establishment continue to sympathize and often even run cover for these violent thugs bent on shutting down meaningful political discourse.

Two years ago, media outlets went out of their way to defend the so-called anti-fascist activists, who, in advance of a speech that was going to be given by conservative Milo Yiannopoulos at UC-Berkeley, attacked attendees and vandalized the school, causing \$100,000 worth of damage. And even though school administrators ended up cancelling the talk, that wasn't good enough. The "protesters" then made their way to downtown Berkeley where they vandalized private property. According to reports in multiple outlets, however, no arrests were ever made that night.

President Donald Trump weighed in at that time—on Feb. 2, 2017—taking to Twitter to threaten to pull funding from all public schools that did not support free speech. For what it's worth, at this year's Conservative Political Action Conference on March 3, Trump reiterated this threat, saying he would sign an executive order denying funds to institutions of higher learning that do not stand up for free expression—though, as AFP goes to press on March 7, nothing has come of this tough talk.

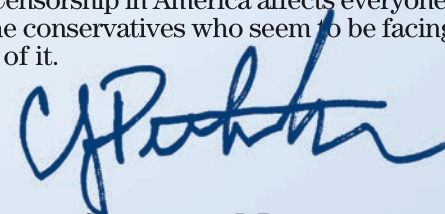
It's worth emphasizing here that UC-Berkeley is just one example of many where leftists have actively sought to stifle free speech using any

means they deem necessary. In many cases, the left simply leverages their control of billion-dollar tech firms to muzzle conservatives, but lately, it has gone far beyond that, as AFP writer Donald Jeffries notes in his article on page 13. He documents reports that the trillion-dollar financial institution Chase Manhattan went after a conservative who merely had the courage of his own convictions to speak his mind openly about some of the most important issues facing our country today.

With the growing number of verbal and physical attacks on conservative politicians, law enforcement, even the president himself, it's gotten so bad that, according to Pew Research, nearly three-quarters of Americans today fear they could be victims of some form of political violence. News and commentary website "Breitbart News" reports that "in the first two years of the Trump presidency, [there were] 639 violent incidents against Trump supporters—nearly one a day."

We're finding that, more and more, regular Americans are asking what's going on in their country where the media, the elites—even law enforcement—do little to stand up to threats and to violence on the part of a tiny minority of radical individuals who are bent on intimidating and silencing Americans.

In a series of articles over the course of the next few issues, we at AMERICAN FREE PRESS will be tackling this critical issue. Check out our articles on this important matter in this week's edition. Censorship in America affects everyone, not just the conservatives who seem to be facing the brunt of it. ★



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News You May Have Missed

Trump Stands Up for Free Speech

President Donald Trump vowed on March 2, during his speech before the Conservative Political Action Conference, to sign an executive order that protects free speech on college campuses. Trump was responding to the assault of conservative activist Hayden Williams while Williams was promoting his organization, Turning Point USA. Trump threatened to revoke federal funding from any college or university that doesn't do all it can to support free expression on campus.

More People Say They're Pro-Life

According to a February poll conducted by the Marist Institute and Knights of Columbus, there has been a 17% increase in those who identify as pro-life, regardless of age or party affiliation, among 1,008 Americans surveyed. Democrats who identify as pro-life increased by 14% while those identifying as pro-choice dropped from 75% to 61%. A 19-point jump was seen in those under the age of 45 who identify as pro-life, up from 28% to 47%. Eighty percent responded that abortion should be limited to the first trimester, and polls showed overwhelming opposition to late term abortions.

Make America Great Again

In an announcement on Feb. 26, executives with Fiat Chrysler said they plan to reopen the Mack Avenue II engine plant in Detroit with an investment of \$1.6 billion to convert the factory into a manufacturing plant for the company's Jeep Grand Cherokee and a new three-row, full-size Jeep SUV. The investment to reopen the plant, which was closed nearly seven years ago leaving hundreds of American workers without jobs, will create 3,850 U.S. jobs.

Green Hypocrite

The *Daily Mail* reports that, since 2017, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's political campaign has spent \$29,365.70 on taxis, despite her office in New York being only a one-minute walk to the subway. Cortez has been advocating for radical "Green New Deal" legislation that seeks to do away with fossil fuels in the next decade. Objective analysts contend that the Green New Deal will cost trillions of dollars and will result in a massive spike in energy costs for average Americans.

Energy Costs Soar in Germany

A new study by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development found that, between 2006 and 2017, the cost of electricity in Germany has increased for households by 50%. The report, titled "The Costs of Decarboniza-

tion," shows how the German government made electricity expensive by requiring consumers to subsidize solar, wind, and other forms of renewable energy. If that's not bad enough, the increased cost for Germans has not resulted in lowered carbon emissions. Despite dumping billions into so-called renewable energy, the country's carbon emissions output has remained consistent since 2009.

Scary News

Scientists believe they now know why there has been a 50% global reduction in sperm quality in the past 80 years. According to a new study, two chemical pollutants in the home have been found to degrade fertility in both men and dogs: DEHP, which is widely abundant in carpets, flooring, upholstery, clothes, wires, and toys, and polychlorinated biphenyl 153, which, although banned globally, remains widely detectable in the environment including even in food.

Are You Kidding Me?

It's worth noting that the U.S. government sent only 12 armed men to take out the most infamous terrorist in the world, Osama bin Laden, but sent 29 fully armed agents to arrest elderly Republican operative Roger Stone at his home where he was alone with his wife.

Crushing Debt

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Center for Microeconomic Data released its most recent quarterly debt report showing that at year-end 2018 Americans aged 19-29 had over \$1 trillion in debt. Student loan and credit card debt balances alone increased by \$41 billion in the last quarter of 2018. Democratic presidential hopefuls Andrew Yang and Kirsten Gillibrand both see this debt load as a crisis that is "crushing" younger generations and holding the U.S. economy down. There is a bipartisan cry for help among the one-in-four Americans currently in debt from student loans. Borrowers say loan forgiveness or the ability to include student loans in bankruptcy would be a "welcomed relief."

Shameless Pandering

On Feb. 21, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), a candidate for the 2020 presidential election, called for "reparations" to be paid to blacks to "help folks heal" from what she described as "undiagnosed and untreated trauma" caused by America's "dark history." As Patrick Buchanan has pointed out, awarding reparations is nearly impossible with the recent trend in mixed-race marriages. Who is going to decide who gets reparations, as these children are partially white? And who is going to foot the bill?

Cotton-Picking PC Police

First lady of Virginia Pam Northam landed in hot water after she was accused of handing out cotton to young black children who were on a tour of the governor's mansion. The mother of one of the children, Leah Dozier Walker, who is also the director of the Office of Equity and Community Engagement at the Virginia Department of Education, wrote to Mrs. Northam's office alleging that the first lady took the kids to the kitchen where slaves used to work, gave the black students cotton, and asked them to imagine what it was like to be a slave.

Women's Sports Being Ruined

So-called transgender students have been dominating high school sports for the past few years, the latest being two "trans-girls" in Connecticut, who have been destroying their competition—biological females—in track-and-field competitions across the state. Transgender teen runners Andraya Yearwood of Cromwell High School and Terry Miller of Bloomfield High took first and second place in the state, beating by a huge margin the biologically female field of competitors.

Lesbian Tennis Star Speaks Truth

Tennis great Martina Navratilova, who came out as a lesbian in 1981, was mobbed on social media after she came out against so-called "trans-women" from competing in women's sports. She now stands accused of being "trans-phobic" after she simply said that many transgender women have an unfair advantage over other female competitors due to the fact that they were born biological males and benefited from years of higher testosterone and bone and muscle development. "A man can decide to be female, take hormones if required by whatever sporting organization is concerned, win everything in sight, and perhaps earn a small fortune, and then reverse his decision and go back to making babies if he so desires," she wrote in a Feb. 17 op-ed for *The Sunday Times* of London. "It's insane and it's cheating."

Even Crazier, if That's Possible

A top UK government official, who was in charge of England's "child sex change clinic," resigned recently in protest amidst allegations that the agency was "fast-tracking" young people into gender reassignment as a result of pressure from far-left activists. Dr. David Bell warned that children were at risk of "long-term damage" as a result of the National Health Service's "inability to stand up to pressure" from groups such as Mermaids UK, which falsely claims that gender-bending medical treatments do not have irreversible effects on young patients' fertility.

Citizens Call for ‘Sanctuary City’ for Unborn

• Amidst appalling new abortion laws passed in New York State, locals are pushing back

By Mark Anderson

A bookstore owner in upstate New York is pushing back with all his might against the state’s tyrannical and immensely de-humanizing late term abortion law—passed under the innocuous name “The Reproductive Health Act” by the state assembly amid public celebration by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his Democratic confreres.

Among other things, Jon Speed of the Book Scout, a rare-books store he opened in Syracuse in 2014, is joining hands with others to build on the idea of declaring Batavia “a sanctuary city for the unborn” to protest Cuomo’s signing of the act. Getting the city to make such a declaration, however, is no easy task.

Speed, who is also pastor of Christ is King Baptist Church, was one of about 20 people who spoke out at a Feb. 11 City Council meeting, asking its nine members to at least write a letter to Cuomo to convey their official opposition to the new law, short of making the “sanctuary” declaration.

The encouraging part of this bittersweet story is that at least one of the council members had already indicated that it’s way past time for local leaders to stand up for the pre-born, amid reports that several other states have considered laws like New York’s.

“I grew up in Batavia. A friend went to an earlier council meeting [held a few days after the Jan. 22 passage of the state law] and council member Rose Marie Christian called for Batavia to become a sanctuary city. My friend filled me in and encouraged me to go back to my hometown and build on this,” Speed told this writer.

Speed took the extra measure of closing his bookstore the day after the law’s passage to deny the state its sales-tax revenues for that one day, while knowing, realistically, that he can’t carry out that action too often. But what counts, he said, is the tax-revolt symbolism. He continues to close the store from time to time for that same reason.

“The theme of the emails that poured in, in response, has been hope,” he noted.

One of the horrific hallmarks of the abortion culture, beyond the increasingly callous disregard for the lives of the most defenseless and innocent human beings, is the moral surrender into which many people are induced, creating a frigid sense of hopelessness and a futile sense of cowardice in sizable cross-sections of the population.

On that note, the debilitating downside to this story is that when the Feb. 25 council meeting came around—bringing with it expectations by Speed and other pro-life activists that at least the letter to Cuomo may very well be approved—the letter-writing idea suddenly hit the shoals when every council member except Ms. Christian voted against it.

“They voted against it even though most of them are pro-life, which was really ridiculous. I



Jon Speed (above) said, during the Batavia, N.Y. City Council meeting: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and we need to fear God . . . more than we fear [Gov. Andrew] Cuomo, some guy on Facebook or Planned Parenthood.”

mean, all it is, is a letter,” Speed remarked, exasperated about the lack of conviction among the city’s leadership.

Marcus Pittman, an Arizona native who directed “Babies Are Murdered Here,” a documentary movie for which Speed is a co-producer, had a different take that he passionately shared with the council with about 100 people in attendance.

“Marcus got up and spoke and . . . he really brought the ‘fire’ to the meeting. He just said, ‘I am actually against the letter; you should just make this place a sanctuary city for the unborn and be done with it, because we all know it’s murder,’” Speed recalled.

As of this writing, the sanctuary city idea remains in limbo. Meanwhile, Speed and like-minded citizens are continuing to raise public awareness by circulating petitions and conducting regular protests at an area clinic of Planned Parenthood—the nation’s largest tax-funded abortion provider.

Speed is especially disturbed that under the Reproductive Care Act, even the criminal code was altered to the point where, in a recent case, a man who stabbed a pregnant woman and killed her baby in the process was charged for harming the woman but “didn’t even get charged with murder under the new law,” due to the law’s de-humanization of pre-born babies.

“To think it’s become this wicked—this malice of forethought, this determination to kill the baby,” Speed remarked, adding, “Due to the nature of sinful man, there’s an obsession with narcissism—we must have whatever we want, at all costs.”

Beyond trying to get local governments to challenge state and federal tyranny against life itself, Speed is working on a sequel to the above-mentioned documentary movie, to be named, “Babies Are Still Murdered Here.” The original can be found on YouTube, where a 90-second trailer for the sequel also is posted. ★

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Enviro-Hypocrites Want You to Suffer While They Party

• ‘Green New Deal’ backed by lying politicians, gas-guzzling stars

By Donald Jeffries

The newest mainstream media darling, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), is demonstrating that she can be just as hypocritical as any virtue-signaling Hollywood celebrity. While actors like Leonardo DiCaprio fly in on their private jets to lecture the unwashed masses about leaving too big a carbon footprint, Ocasio-Cortez has now been caught in close proximity to a hamburger, which was being consumed by her chief of staff. This would not normally be cause for concern, but Ocasio-Cortez had only recently caused one of her continuous furors by insinuating that Americans need to eat fewer hamburgers in order to stop climate change.

The young freshman congressional representative had previously complained about the flatulence produced by cows. Ocasio-Cortez reacted to pictures taken of the controversial meal and published online by saying the photographer was “creepy.”

The much ballyhooed Green Deal associated with Ocasio-Cortez, who was literally unknown to the world six months ago when she was working as a waitress, is estimated to come with a price tag of at least \$7 trillion. It calls for completely stopping the use of fossil fuels and meeting “100% of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources” within 10 years. It also has the wildly ambitious goal of replacing or upgrading every single building in the country.

Even union leaders who are normally loyal to Democrats predict that many industries would experience catastrophic job losses under the plan. Classical liberal Naomi Wolf wrote recently that the Green New Deal “is 60% green and 40% gi-

ant non-transparent blank checks to unions, ‘vulnerable and frontline communities,’ and geo-engineering venture capitalists, as well as huge interventions in healthcare, capitalism, and housing that have not been voted for and that have nothing to do with climate change.”

Wolf took the time to read through the entire proposal, and as a result of the criticism, Ocasio-Cortez quickly disavowed that original version. Wolf especially noted the funneling of vast sums of money to financial institutions, as well as the implementation of a national smart grid, which has huge implications for those concerned with government surveillance and an increasing lack of privacy. Wolf also decried the large funding for geoengineering, and an option for no public oversight, which should appall the remaining civil libertarians in America. Finally, and perhaps most interestingly, the Green New Deal calls for vast appropriations to be channeled to the Federal Reserve.

Showing how the continuous publicity from the mainstream media is inflating her ego, Ocasio-Cortez tweeted, “Yup. If you don’t like the #GreenNewDeal, then come up with your own ambitious, on-scale proposal to address the global climate crisis. Until then, we’re in charge—and you’re just shouting from the cheap seats.”

This author has addressed the issue of liberal hypocrisy in previous writings. The implied refrain behind the Green New Deal, and in fact behind the entire “climate change” agenda, is that the average American must “sacrifice” to save the planet. Meanwhile, Barbra Streisand can spend \$22,000 annually to water her expansive lawn and gardens, Harrison Ford can own seven airplanes and brag, “I often fly up the coast for a cheeseburger,” and Barack Obama can not only fly to a climate change conference in a private jet but then use a 14-car convoy.

Outspoken liberal director James Cameron,



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It has been reported that Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her campaign staffers spent more than \$29,000 in taxi cab rides even though her New York office is just a block from a convenient subway stop.

known to call those who doubt climate change “boneheads” that he’d like to “shoot it out with,” doesn’t have a single energy-saving feature in his three humongous homes.

Former Beatle Paul McCartney once had his Lexus hybrid (gifted to him by the company, a routine bit of entitlement from which the 1% benefit) flown from Japan to the United Kingdom.

The National Center for Public Policy Research reported that the guru of “climate change,” former Vice President Al Gore, used over 20 times more energy to power his home from August 2016 to July 2017 than the average American household.

Actor Mark Ruffalo exemplifies the liberal mindset, as he angrily claimed such criticism “defies the spirit” of the environmental movement and maintained, “Anyone who attacks Leonardo DiCaprio is either a coward or an ideologue.”

Co-founder of Greenpeace Patrick Moore, who long ago left the organization saying it had been “hijacked by eco-fascists,” blasted Ocasio-Cortez on Twitter, calling her out as a “pompous little twit.”

Wrote Moore: “You don’t have a plan to grow food for 8 billion people without fossil fuels, or get food into the cities. Horses? If fossil fuels were banned every tree in the world would be cut down for fuel for cooking and heating. You would bring about mass death.”

Every reasonable person wants to protect the environment. We all want clean air and water. Diverting taxpayer funds to corporations and our counterfeit central bank, while demanding that average Americans living paycheck to paycheck “sacrifice” some more, isn’t the way to do that. ★



Eco-hypocrites from left to right above: actress Barbra Streisand (spent \$22,000 to water her lawn); director James Cameron (three houses with no energy-saving features); Barack Obama (goes to a climate change summit in 14-car convoy); and Al Gore (uses 20 times more than the average American to cool his massive house in the summer). All of them want you to love the Green New Deal while they guzzle gas and water.

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CPAC Banishes America-Firsters, Welcomes Liberals With Open Arms

• Multiple conservatives booted out of GOP-backed event

By John Friend

The 2019 Conservative Political Action Conference, commonly known as CPAC, wrapped up on Saturday, March 2, with a reported record crowd of attendees and a fiery concluding speech by President Donald Trump in which he ripped Democrats and their socialist agenda while defending American values and his administration. The four-day conference, which brought together conservative activists from across the country, was held once again at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Md., just south of the nation's capital on the Potomac River.

The president spoke for over two hours and touched on a variety of topics central to his 2016 presidential campaign, including the threat of illegal immigration, America's disastrous trade deals, the reviving U.S. economy, and related subjects. Trump, like virtually all speakers and panels at this year's conference, denounced the socialist agenda of the Democratic Party, focusing particular attention on the proposed Green New Deal advanced by radical far left congressional representatives including the firebrand freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.). The Democrats were also characterized as promoting

"a culture of death" for their support for controversial abortion practices, including partial-birth and late term abortions.

Trump's freewheeling speech and the crowd's response was reminiscent of the spirited, high-energy rallies then-candidate Trump held around the country during the 2016 campaign season. The president expressed confidence in his political future and that of the Republican Party heading into the 2020 election season.

"Our movement and our future in our country is unlimited," President Trump stated. "I think we're going to do even better in 2020."

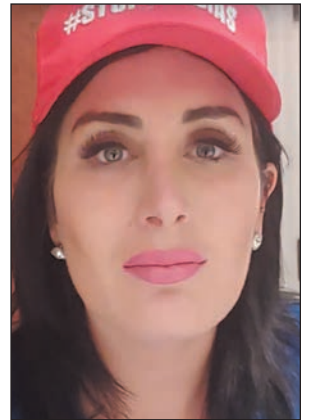
Perhaps one of the biggest stories to come out of the conference was the fact that a number of America-first nationalists and independent journalists were either excluded or expelled from the conference. Nick Fuentes, a young, independent pundit who hosts a popular YouTube program called "America First," was kicked out of the conference, as were the independent journalists and political activists Patrick Casey, Faith Goldy, and Laura Loomer. Meanwhile, several left-leaning journalists, including Jared Holt of Right Wing Watch, who regularly maliciously targets American populists and nationalists, were given press credentials and allowed to attend and cover the event. Van Jones, a radical left-wing commentator and pundit, even spoke at the conference, while some of the most popular conservative voices in America, such as Ann Coulter and Tucker Carlson, were not even invited.

Fuentes, Casey, and Goldy organized and held their own press conference after it was made clear to them they were not welcomed at CPAC.

"This year, CPAC decided to ban American nationalists, while welcoming anti-American leftists," Casey stated on Twitter when announcing the press conference, which took place the evening of March 3 at a private suite at the Gaylord.

Fuentes was especially targeted, not only by CPAC but also by many journalists and activists at the conference, who were determined to expel him from their venue.

"There has been a lot of slander and name-



Above are shown some of the America-first conservatives that were inexplicably booted out of the CPAC conference (clockwise from upper left): Faith Goldy, Nick Fuentes, Laura Loomer and Patrick Casey. Conversely, several radical leftists were allowed to speak, including anti-American leftist Jared Holt of Right Wing Watch.

calling going on this week by so-called 'conservatives' trying to justify keeping me out of their little corporate club," Fuentes tweeted recently. "I've been called a lot of things, but I've never been called un-American, and that's all that matters."

The fault lines in the conservative movement are becoming increasingly well-defined. A clear divide exists between the more populist, right-wing conservative movement, which denounces political correctness and is unafraid to openly address some of the most controversial and taboo subjects, and establishment conservatives represented at CPAC. Both factions are vying for the hearts and minds of conservative voters and activists in an attempt to bring the movement more into line with their worldview. ★

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FBI Report on Vegas Shootings Disappoints

• Three-page “official report” is vague, leaves way too many questions unanswered

By S. T. Patrick

Almost a year-and-a-half after the Route 91 Harvest festival shootings on the grounds of Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, the FBI has finally released its first report on the events of Oct. 1, 2017. Totalling a paltry three pages in length, the report marked the first time—and the final time—the FBI has released or will release any documentation regarding Stephen Paddock, the alleged shooter, or the chaos surrounding the country music festival.

The FBI report featured 10 key findings that focused largely on pinning Paddock to the “lone nut” archetype and nixing any discussion of motive. According to the FBI, Paddock, 64, left no video, suicide note, or manifesto. He devoted his time and resources to planning and plotting the attack, and he took precautions that would ensure that he could commit suicide when and how he had planned.

Regarding Paddock’s motive, the FBI concluded that the shootings were not inspired by any ideologically motivated groups (e.g., neither international terrorism nor affiliation with any domestic group), there appeared to be no motivating factor or grievance that would explain his actions, he was not a loner, and he was in many ways similar to other “active shooters” studied by the FBI. To simplify even further, Paddock was a “lone nut” with no stated motivation that could be picked apart for decades by independent journalists.

Though the subject of motive was left murky at best, absent at worst, the FBI report did say that “Paddock’s decision to murder people while they were being entertained was consistent with his personality” and that his “intention to die by suicide was compounded by his desire for infamy.” The latter cannot be easily debated, for or against, because neither a “desire” nor “intention” can be proven or disproven without physical evidence. Debating the former can only be done by an in-depth study of Paddock’s psychology, which will eventually be done by the research communities. But even then, it’s inexplicable what it means that the entertainment of the concert-goers was one of the so-called key factors. There appears to be no evidence that Paddock was morally opposed to happiness, enjoyment, or fun.

The Las Vegas Metro Police Department has released its own, longer findings, yet critics have rightly been puzzled by metro’s periodic releases, as they usually include changes to the official timeline and rarely answer lingering questions.

Critics such as Mike Adams of the “Natural News” website question how or why one shooter could or would set up 10 rifles in one hotel room. This becomes even more question-



The recent release of an FBI report on the mass shooting at the Mandalay Bay Resort was a great disappointment for people looking for real answers as to what actually happened that night.

able when it is considered that Paddock had no military background. The *New York Daily News* reported that Paddock’s brother, Eric, dismissed any notions of his brother as a “gun nut.”

Paddock was “not an avid gun guy at all,” brother Eric remarked.

The video evidence was clearly poorly shot in the bedlam of the moment, yet it appears to show no muzzle flashes from the 32nd floor, Paddock’s official location. The videos do show what could be flashes from a location near the fifth floor. The audio evidence is even more confusing to the official narrative, as it sounds, in places, as if two automatic weapons are firing simultaneously.

The ISIS angle is also suspect. Eric Paddock said his brother had no religious or organizational ties of any kind, yet ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack shortly thereafter. Within 12 hours of the shooting, the FBI had already declared that Paddock had no ties to ISIS. It was important—for reasons that remain unclear—that Paddock fit the role of “lone nut.”

There are a lot of rumors, speculation, and bits of evidence that continue to go unexplained: One photo of Paddock’s room appears to show a suicide note, there was early official discussion of another suspect on the fourth floor, some have pointed out that 573 injuries or deaths are a near-impossibility by a barely proficient lone gunman in the time allotted, a woman was telling concertgoers 45 minutes be-

fore the attacks that they were all going to die, why it took 72 minutes to enter Paddock’s room, why Paddock’s adult life was so transient (he is said to have moved 27 times), and why Paddock’s gambling habit was so well-funded. How did Paddock continue to have an influx of funds throughout the end of his life? And did he ever fly helicopters for the Saudi royals?

There were also reports of shots heard in other hotels along South Las Vegas Boulevard, also known as “The Strip.” These reports seemed credible and not misreported. Why were they all but ignored by the mainstream media?

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* quoted Las Vegas resident Mynda Smith in its story on the FBI report. While America’s leading domestic law enforcement agency reported next to nothing on the nation’s largest mass murder, Smith’s opinion was included to remind us that none of it mattered as long as Paddock was dead.

“We’d much rather [Paddock] be gone and be answerless than for him to be here and to have all the answers,” Smith was quoted as saying.

That’s part of the media deception. Make the public feel the emotional side of the story and condition them to hate the alleged killer. Then, when that is accomplished, teach the public that real answers are insignificant when compared to moral vengeance. It is then that we de-intellectualize the case and dumb down the facts to fit the emotions, which the media can further control. ★

Hate Crime Hoaxes on the Rise in America

• Triggered liberals fabricate violence to “prove” claims about oppression, anti-Semitism, racism

By John Friend

In late January, news broke alleging that Jussie Smollett, a black, gay, and at least partially Jewish actor who starred in the popular television program “Empire” was violently assaulted on the streets of Chicago at 2 a.m. by two white men purportedly wearing ski masks.

Smollett alleged that his attackers, apparently motivated by racial hatred and instigated by President Donald Trump, yelled racial and homophobic slurs at the actor before shouting, “This is MAGA country,” referring to the president’s signature campaign slogan, “Make America Great Again.” During the purported hate crime, the mysterious attackers also poured bleach on Smollett’s head and tied a rope around his neck in an attempt to lynch the actor, Smollett insisted in interviews with Chicago police and with the mass media.

Many questioned the dubious narrative put forth by Smollett, which was then blindly repeated and amplified by the mainstream mass media in the immediate aftermath. Smollett would later appear as a guest on the popular “Good Morning America” news program, where he was interviewed about the alleged attack. During the interview, Smollett expressed outrage at those questioning his narrative of the purported hate crime.

“It feels like if I had said it was a Muslim or a Mexican or someone black I feel like the doubters would have supported me a lot more,” Smollett stated to host Robin Roberts during the interview. “And that says a lot about the place where we are as a country right now.”

Turns out, the doubters were right: Smollett faked the entire incident and was caught red-handed by Chicago police. Two Nigerian brothers were initially arrested as having been involved in



Actor Jussie Smollett claimed he was the victim of a hate crime when two men assaulted him for being homosexual and black. Turns out Smollett paid two Nigerian men to carry out the attack. Liberals are urging we show “compassion” for Smollett, but Smollett was willing to cooperate with police and send innocent men to prison just to maintain his phony hate crimes story. No one on the left would have been willing to show the falsely accused any compassion.

the attack but were eventually released by police after an extensive interrogation during which they revealed Smollett had paid them to stage the attack. One of the brothers had a role in “Empire,” and both knew Smollett personally.

According to CBS Chicago, the brothers told police that Smollett paid them \$3,500 to participate in the entirely staged fake “hate crime,” and even directed them to purchase the rope used in the fake attack.

Despite Smollett’s narrative collapsing, the actor and his attorneys have doubled down and have expressed anger at the Chicago police’s findings that the alleged “hate crime” was in re-

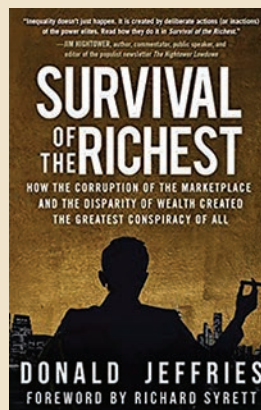
ality a staged, manufactured attack carried out at the behest of Smollett.

“As a victim of a hate crime who has cooperated with the police investigation, Jussie Smollett is angered and devastated by recent reports that the perpetrators are individuals he is familiar with,” a statement released to CNN by Smollett’s lawyers recently declared. “He has now been further victimized by claims attributed to these alleged perpetrators that Jussie played a role in his own attack. Nothing is further from the truth and anyone claiming otherwise is lying.”

Although the case is still under investigation, it is becoming increasingly clear that Smollett

Survival of the Richest by Donald Jeffries

Here’s a fresh look at economic inequality in America. *Survival of the Richest* scrutinizes how the collective wealth of America has been channeled from the poor and middle class into the hands of a few elitists. American industry has been gutted, with wages and benefits stagnant or reduced, thanks to disastrous trade deals, outsourcing, and the crippling of unions. The Occupy Wall Street movement, and the presidential campaigns of both Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, reveals how more and more people who are struggling understand that the system is rigged against them. While Americans have been trained to direct their scorn at welfare recipients and the poor in general, a tiny handful of plutocratic elites have profited on an unfathomable scale through corporate welfare and other perks. Unimaginable salaries and bonuses for the 1%, contrasted by layoffs



and reduced pay for the majority of the workforce, along with increasing calls for austerity measures and lowered standards of living, have become the “new normal” in America. Author Donald Jeffries argues that this record economic inequality is more than an unintended consequence of globalism. In *Survival of the Richest*, he shows how the consolidation of wealth may well prove to be the greatest conspiracy of all. *Survival of the Richest* (hardback, 280 pages, \$25 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S.) is available from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call AFP toll free at 1-888-699-6397 to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET or visit our online shop at www.AmericanFreePress.net to order via the Internet. (Email us for foreign S&H at Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net.)

was involved in yet another hate crime hoax, which have proliferated in recent years, particularly under President Donald Trump. While fake “hate crimes” have been popping up with the direct assistance of the mainstream mass media and various left leaning organizations who hype and amplify the alleged crimes, real crimes committed against Trump supporters and conservatives often go unreported and, even worse, unpunished.

Throughout the 2016 election season, Trump supporters were regularly violently and verbally assaulted at various rallies and events across the country. Left-wing terrorists, who are in many cases affiliated with radical-far-left antifa groups, have caused mayhem and chaos at a number of events, including Trump’s inauguration in the nation’s capital, where private property was vandalized and destroyed. Richard Spencer, the political commentator and figurehead of the alt-right movement, was sucker-punched on live television during the inauguration by a masked antifa supporter. Unsurprisingly, the attacker has yet to be brought to justice.

In a positive development, University of California, Berkeley police recently arrested a 28-year-old man suspected of violently assaulting a conservative activist involved with Turning Points USA, who had set up a table with promotional material for the group on the campus. Hayden Williams, the young activist who was on campus to reach out to other conservatives, was assaulted after being confronted by two men who did not approve of his signs and recruitment table. The two men knocked over Williams’s table and tore up his signs before one of the men punched Williams in the face. The incident was caught on film and has since gone viral on social media.

Conservatives praised the arrest of Williams’s suspected attacker.

“Hopefully, this dark chapter will act as a wake-up call to those concerned about actual politically motivated hate crimes in America,” Charlie Kirk, the founder and president of Turning Points USA, the conservative activist group that seeks to spread conservative ideals, stated following the arrest. “Berkeley and all college campuses across America should be safe havens for free thought and opinions—especially for a targeted conservative minority.”

HISTORY OF HATE HOAXES

In the wake of the “hate crime” hoax perpetrated by Smollett, it is important to recall other “hate crime” hoaxes that have been exposed since Trump assumed the office of the presidency. “The Daily Caller,” a hard-hitting, politically incorrect conservative news outlet based in Washington, D.C. that was originally co-founded by Tucker Carlson, provided an excellent timeline of recent hate crime hoaxes, proving just how prevalent these manufactured outrages truly are.

The allegations and circumstances of alleged hate crimes are all too common: a minority verbally attacked by racist, insensitive, white Trump supporters, or racist and anti-Semitic graffiti sprayed on a minority’s home or on a synagogue. All too often, allegations of hate crimes are ei-



Conservative activist Hayden Williams is shown being punched in the face. Though video footage clearly showed the attacker’s face, it still took police nearly two weeks before they arrested Zachary Greenberg and charged him with assault with “force likely to produce great bodily harm,” a felony. Nearly all leftist media outlets completely ignored the incident.

ther exaggerated, committed by the individual making the allegations in the first place, or entirely manufactured.

What follows is a partial timeline of some of the more outlandish hate crime hoaxes we have witnessed over the course of the past three years:

- In November 2016, shortly after Trump’s victory in the presidential election, churchgoers at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Bean Blossom, Ind. reported their place of worship had been vandalized with messages reading “fag church” and “heil Trump.” A swastika was also allegedly spray-painted on the building along with the other messages. It was later revealed that George Nathaniel Stang, 26, the organist at the church, had actually committed the acts of vandalism in an effort to “give local people a reason to fight for good,” according to a local NBC report.

- A Muslim student at the University of Michigan made national headlines in the wake of Trump’s election victory by falsely claiming that an intoxicated young male student had threatened to light her on fire if she refused to remove her hijab. Upon further investigation, it turned out the female Muslim student had made the entire story up.

- A black woman in Delaware fabricated a narrative that she had been verbally assaulted and berated by four white Trump-supporting males shortly after the 2016 election at a gas station. The woman made a lengthy Facebook post describing the alleged encounter, only to later delete it. Police in Delaware where the alleged incident took place told local media out-

lets shortly after the woman’s allegations gained media attention that “no such reports have been filed” and that “they haven’t heard from the alleged victim or anyone with information about a confrontation that occurred,” it was reported.

- In December 2016, reports emerged that a white couple’s home in Texas was vandalized with racial slurs and their vehicles were set on fire in an apparent hate crime. The husband later admitted to his wife that he himself vandalized their home and set their vehicles on fire in an attempt to stage a hate crime. The couple had set up a crowdfunding page on the popular “GoFundMe” website to solicit donations in the wake of the alleged hate crime. “My heart is heavy, and I have more questions than answers,” the man’s wife said following the revelation her own husband committed the crimes. “My children and I are in a state of shock and sadness.”

- A young Jewish man with dual U.S.-Israeli citizenship was caught making over a thousand fake bomb and shooting threats against a number of institutions and groups, including a number of Jewish community centers, in early 2017, an incident this newspaper has covered extensively.

- A Michigan transgender and LGBTQ activist was recently arrested for burning down his own home, after police initially investigated the arson as a suspected hate crime. It has since been revealed the activist burned his own home down in an effort to generate more support and sympathy for his political activism. ★

Liberal Congresswoman Attacked by Leftist Media, Rabid Warmongers

By S.T. Patrick

Forget what you have been conditioned to do in the game of politics. Forget that one label should be cheered, and the opposing label should be jeered. Remember, however, that many of the same lobbyists and billionaire-capitalists support candidates from both parties, thus assuring a profitable win either way. Remember also that politicians from both sides of the political aisle have all overwhelmingly supported the permanent war state. Forget the labels, remember the ideals, and consider the current case of Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii).

Gabbard stirred up some intra-party commotion when she recently appeared on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program with Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski, the daughter of Zbigniew Brzezinski, once a leading globalist and Jimmy Carter's national security advisor. NBC News correspondent Kasie Hunt asked Gabbard if Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad was an enemy to the United States.

Gabbard replied, "Assad is not the enemy of the United States because Syria does not pose a direct threat to the United States."

Hunt, appalled at Gabbard's refusal to label Assad as an enemy, made an unsolicited appeal to Gabbard on behalf of every Democratic voter in the United States. "What do you say to Democratic voters who watched you go over there, and what do you say to military members who have been deployed repeatedly in Syria pushing back against Assad?" asked Hunt.

It must have been baffling to Gabbard that an

NBC journalist lacked the basic facts about the events taking place in Syria. American troops are not there to "push back against Assad."

Journalist Max Blumenthal agreed. He tweeted, "This is such an embarrassing look at the state of corporate American regime media. [Kasie Hunt] doesn't know the most basic facts about Syria and, along with her co-hosts, doesn't care to learn."

Gabbard's response to Hunt's assumption that the Hawaiian congresswoman was disappointing all Democratic voters is the reason why Gabbard deserves a fair look.

Gabbard responded: "People who have been deployed to Syria have been there focused on their mission, which has been to defeat ISIS. Our troops have not gone to Syria to wage yet another costly, destructive, regime change war. And many troops I hear from express frustration at the fact that our country continues to wage senseless, costly, regime change wars followed by nation-building missions, leading to situations like we see in Afghanistan. So many examples of our troops being deployed, their lives put on the line, without understanding what the clear mission or objective is, and how that mission actually serves the security of the American people and the United States."

Scarborough, a former Republican U.S. representative from Florida, jumped in toward the end of Gabbard's lucid response to demand that she label Assad. If he is not an enemy, what is he? Is he an adversary but not an enemy? Is he like Vladimir Putin? The mainstream media establishment believes in labels. Once the jerseys are donned, American viewers can be dog-whistled to cheer in support or bellow in painful disgust at said labels. Gabbard knows that she doesn't have to answer a question because it's asked, and she



TULSI GABBARD

doesn't have to respond on command, as if it's a game show. When Gabbard refused to label Assad, Brzezinski jumped in to ask the same question more pointedly.

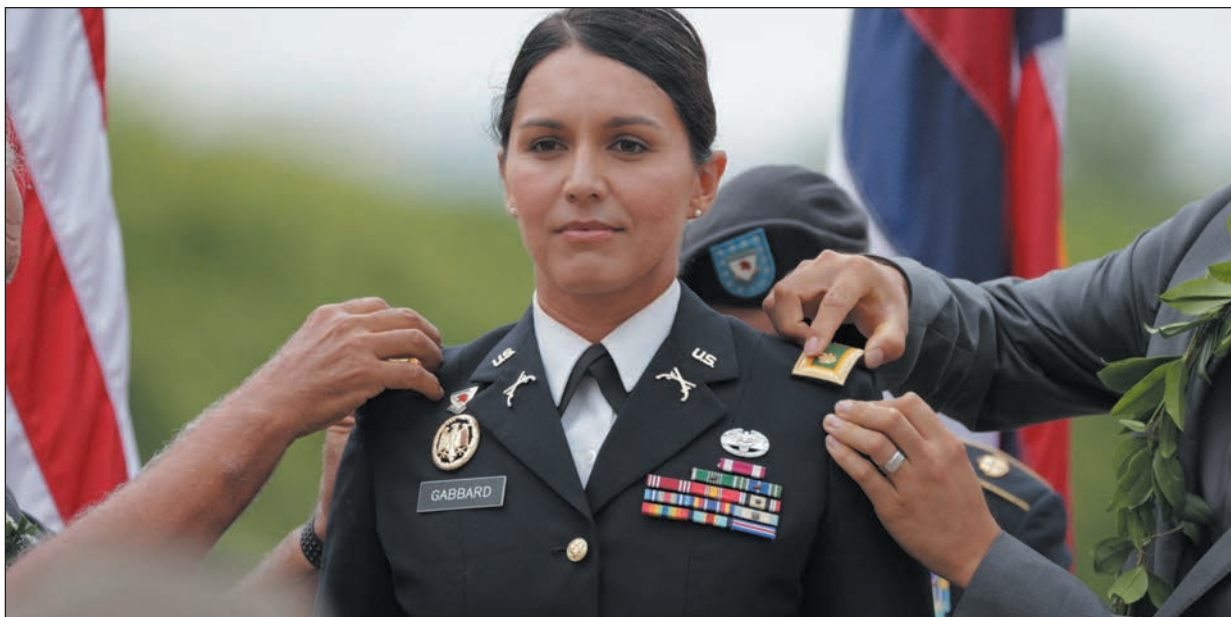
"What is Assad to the U.S.? What is the word?" Brzezinski asked, demanding a specific word.

"You can describe it however you want to describe it," Gabbard told Brzezinski.

Gabbard is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. She knows foreign policy professionally and personally. She is also a major in the Hawaiian Army National Guard, and she has spent a year in Iraq in a field medical unit as a specialist in a combat zone. She enlisted while she was a state representative in Hawaii, a position she'd been elected to at the age of 21, the youngest state representative in Hawaii's history. She was also deployed to Kuwait in 2008 and 2009.

As one of the young Democratic women in the House (Gabbard was born in the Reagan years), she has also challenged the decisions of the party leadership. As a vice chair for the Democratic National Committee in 2016, she clashed with Chairman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's decision to limit the number of debates within the Democratic primaries. This would, by default, aid the establishment Dems like Clinton and force the younger Democrats and lesser-known senators like Bernie Sanders to raise more money to survive the campaign. In 2008, the Democrats held 26 debates; six were held in 2016. Gabbard resigned her position as vice chair so that she could actively campaign for Sanders, noting that in her position with the DNC she had "checked (her free speech) at the door."

Gabbard is absolutely a domestic Democrat and supports the same policies as many of the other new, young Democrats. But domestic squabbles are democracy and should happen in a republic. In most cases, domestic policies do not cost Americans thousands of lives. She is an outlier and a breath of fresh air in the realm of foreign policy. She is someone speaking against the permanent war state, and Americans of all political ideologies should listen. ★



Above, Tulsi Gabbard receives her promotion from captain to major in the Hawaii National Guard. Gabbard is being vilified by fellow Democrats for suggesting that America should be seeking peaceful relations with foreign nations and that America should dial back belligerent rhetoric about foreign leaders.

Thought Censors Growing Bolder

• Liberal authoritarian thought police weaponizing the financial industry

By Donald Jeffries

In September 2018, PayPal summarily cancelled the account of alternative media figure Alex Jones. The abrupt move had followed several other high-profile cancellations by the online financial giant over the course of that year. Now, however, PayPal's actions appear to be the opening salvo in weaponizing the financial industry against conservatives as conventional banks are moving to follow suit.

Earlier this month, Chase, one of the giants of the banking world, informed Martina Markota of right-wing alternative news site Rebel Media that it was terminating service for her business. No explanation was provided.

Former Infowars reporter Joe Biggs recently revealed that Chase had closed his account, too, although they later reinstated it after a storm of criticism on social media.

Earlier in February, Chase shut down services for the online store run by Enrique Tarrío, a black conservative of Cuban heritage, who heads the Proud Boys organization. A short time later, Chase notified Tarrío that his personal account was being closed as well. Tarrío has faced the full brunt of "liberal" censorship, having been banned from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and PayPal, among other lesser-known social media outlets.

In August 2018, both Mastercard and Discover blacklisted right-wing critic of Islam Robert Spencer, while Mastercard and Visa cut off service to high-profile conservative David Horowitz.

Popular online funding platform Patreon created a firestorm of criticism late last year, when it eliminated services to left-of-center Carl Benjamin, more commonly known as Sargon of Akkad.

Plenty of well-known figures such as far-left podcaster Sam Harris, libertarian talk-show host Dave Rubin, and psychologist Jordan Peterson quit Patreon in protest.

All these companies have been under intense pressure from the likes of the Southern Poverty Law Center and Color of Change to cease doing business with open supporters of Donald Trump. Color of Change, in fact, proudly boasts of having removed some 158 funding sources from so-called "white supremacist sites."

The left-leaning Electronic Frontier Foundation was one of the few honest liberal voices to express alarm about this overt suppression, warning that banks and other payment processors were becoming "de facto Internet censors." Laughably, Chase Bank told Breitbart News that it would "never close an account for political reasons."

On top of YouTube's new crusade to deny the public the opportunity to view "conspiracy videos," Project Veritas recently published damning disclosures from a former Facebook insider. Courageous Project Veritas founder James



For years, money processing outfits and credit card processors have been under heavy attack from leftist organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center to stop doing business with any groups not adopting a far-left political agenda. But now banks are jumping into the fray, actually cancelling checking accounts of conservatives. One of those was Martina Markota of popular right-wing website Rebel Media, shown above. This is deeply troubling.

O'Keefe relies heavily on such insiders, and has noted, "Our future depends on those who are willing to give up everything for what they believe."

The anonymous insider was fired from Facebook in 2018 and subsequently joined Project Veritas. In an exclusive interview, the insider told Project Veritas, "I saw things that were going on that I personally found to be troubling." The insider claimed that Facebook instituted a routine suppression of conservative pages, which was done under the code name "Action Deboost Live Distribution."

The insider, identified only as a female, went on to say, "I would see [this term] appear on several different conservative pages. I first noticed it

with an account that I can't remember, but I remember once I started looking at it, I also saw it on [conservative activist] Mike Cernovich's page, saw it on [conservative comedian] Steven Crowder's page, as well as the [news website] Daily Caller's page."

Crowder's page had been shut down previously in 2016, in a dispute that was eventually settled out of court. Crowder's attorney Bill Richmond told Project Veritas, "Louder With Crowder is investigating the allegations of concealed stream throttling by Facebook. The accusations are deeply troubling given the previously settled dispute with Facebook uncovered by Gizmodo.com, which found the show was targeted by Facebook workers with secret audience restrictions on political grounds alongside other prominent conservative voices."

Cernovich commented, "Facebook, or an individual at Facebook, has the unilateral power to create false allegations against someone he or she doesn't like."

The danger in this "deboost" algorithm is that it doesn't send the user any warning or notification.

The insider stated that she'd never noticed the tag on any left-wing pages of controversial figures like former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Most shockingly, Project Veritas learned that the deboost tag was tied to an artificial intelligence system designed to block suicide and self-harm posts.

Other Facebook documents revealed a campaign to "control trolling," whose primary author, Seiji Yamamoto, is an advocate of addressing "the perimeter of hate speech." The insider noted that this referred to "things that aren't actually hate speech but that might offend somebody—anything that is perceived as hateful but no court would define it as hate speech."

Yamamoto also wrote about "destructive behaviors . . . red-pilling normies to convert them to their worldview." There were disturbing references to "bad content" and a proposed "Troll Twilight Zone." Also mentioned were limiting the bandwidth and causing technical glitches to "troll accounts," which would be triggered "leading up to important elections."

Red pilling refers to the process of an individual going from a liberal (blue) to a conservative (red) as they access new information that shatters their liberal assumptions.

The insider had been fired by Facebook just after Project Veritas released undercover video of Twitter employees discussing "shadow banning" and other abuses of privacy.

All this ideologically driven censorship should outrage the civil libertarians that remain in this country. ★

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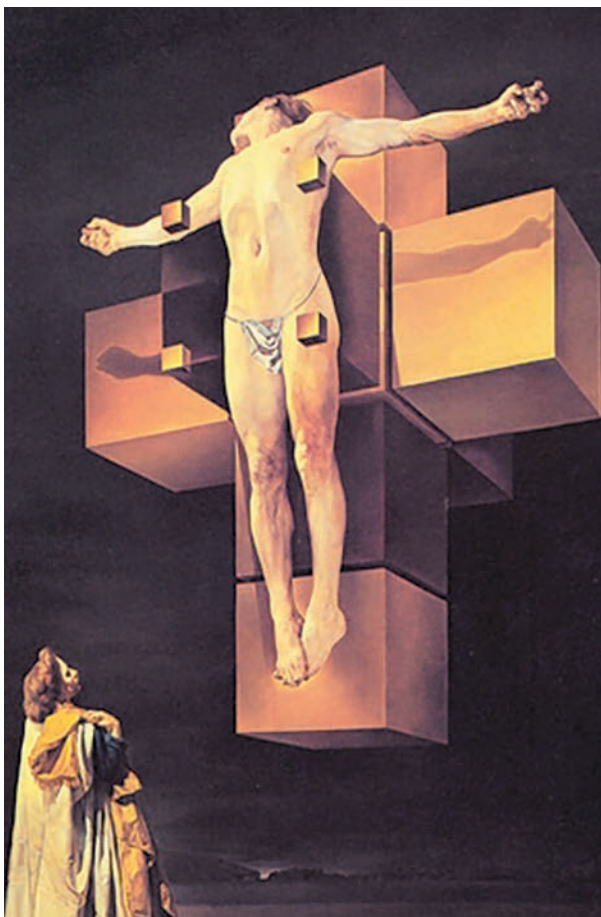
drew rave reviews at museums everywhere, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where Ayn Rand contemplated this gripping painting for hours!

As a result, as I enter my 90th year, the author of *Answers from the Bible* and *THE FARADAY TWINS* with 16 million followers, explains why Salvador Dali used me TWICE in his paintings.

MICHAEL FARADAY (one of our greatest scientists like Tesla, Bell, and Edison) of THE FARADAY TWINS proved famous people will recognize a miracle. Even Salvador Dali repeating “C’est magnifique” at the St Regis (below). The author mentions when I was 14 years old I overheard my parents talking about someone with cancer... until I realized they were talking about ME!! After Radiation Treatments—I was down to only 135 pounds (5’ 11”)—my parents sent me to The Choate School. I was so frail, doctors were checking my neck for tumors!

Finally, in an attempt to save my life, I went to the Mellon Library and found a book by Michael Faraday that stated, “Rapidly heating and cooling water stops disease” which made sense since the long-lived Hunza people of the mountains of Pakistan consumed glacier water that freezes at night and thaws during the day. Accordingly, I also consumed what Headmaster Seymour St John said was “a prodigious amount of food!” that included two gallons of milk per day until I was 6’ 7” and 220 pounds and my friends at home didn’t know who I was. I had survived the same “bright light just before death” everyone experiences depicted by Dali in his “Hybrid Alien” painting.

In 1952, I was at the Los Angeles Coliseum Olympic Trials when Hy Peskin from Time Life rushed from the stands to take probably 30 photos



of me during the Discus event until I lost my concentration. However, I was flooded with business cards from Hollywood agents that included Henry Willson (Rock Hudson, Tab Hunter) and John Wayne. At Warner Brothers, Jim Garner and Dean Martin encouraged me to sign a movie contract. However, after opting to obtain my Engineering Degree, Salvador Dali asked me to meet him and photographer Philippe Halsman at the St Regis Hotel in N.Y. and *Crucifixion* was painted (1953-54) with rave reviews that peaked Dali’s interest in UFOs. Photographer Howell Conant (Grace Kelly’s favorite) hired me for *Sports Illustrated* and newspaper magazine ads for Janzen bathing suits. Three body shots and my large hands revealed I was the Dali model ... resulting in half-time football ads for cars and Viceroy with Don Ameche’s nephew Alan (Baltimore Colts). Later, American Cancer Society founder Elmer Bobst came to my home with Beth Walker (Coca Cola model) and Otto von Bolschwing (helped Allen Dulles/CIA bring 1,000 German scientists to the U.S. after WWII). By the way, UFO’s are real, with a viewing only 50 feet over my home! After WWII, as a double agent, Otto became a US citizen employed by Elmer Bobst (Warner Lambert/Pfizer).

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Even with Faraday’s help, I am amazed anyone would mention my discovery in the same breath with the most famous scientists the world has ever known!

As always, the results are explained in the videos at JohnEllis.com. This also includes Municipal Letters about a company that got rid of the smell of over 10 million gallons of human waste in an allegedly “untreatable” five-acre Municipal

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An M.D.—after we received a Foundation donation—said: “Great results both in and out of the hospital” during the EBOLA CRISIS in bone dry Africa. My discoveries could also help clean up their vast aquifers! Since Mr. Gates wants to help the African people, he should know about a young girl in Ohio, who, along with her father, changed the water properties of over 200 wells (with a case history brochure). State Inspectors scratched their heads how this could be (like Municipal Testimonials).

By law, restaurants have to add chlorine to their wells, but, after the young lady mentioned above treated some of their restaurant wells with my water, Inspectors couldn’t even find chlorine! They added more chlorine repeatedly and yet tests always showed no chlorine in the treated well water! Finally, since the water always tested pure, they passed inspections. Is this why the markers for diseases disappear? An oncologist who retired from Sloan Kettering after 30 years had the same comment.

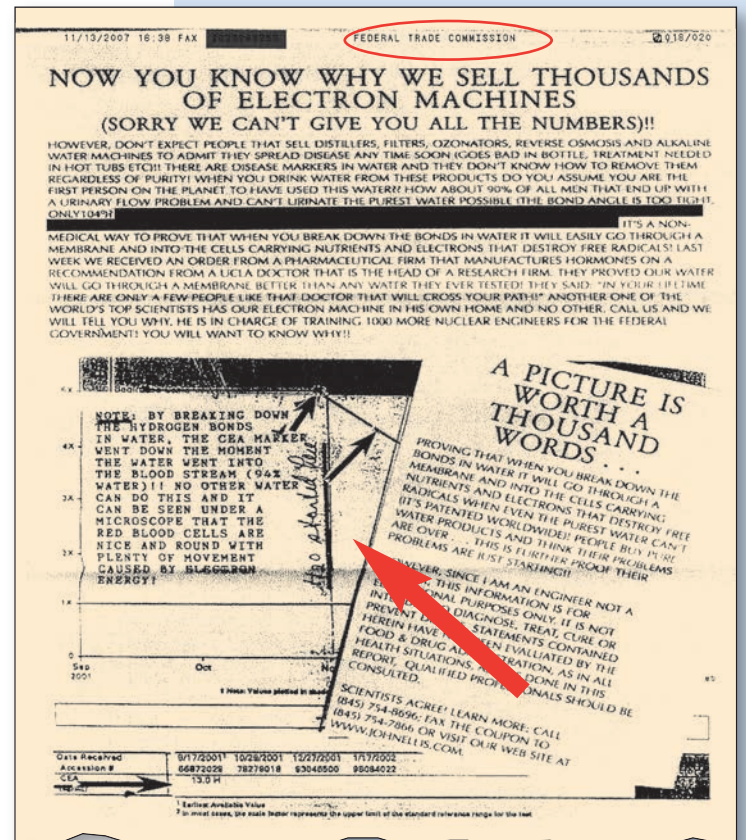
WATER DISTILLERS

The home filter/distiller industry really started 50 years ago during Vietnam, when I owned Precision Switch Corp Port Chester, NY and my Resident Military Inspectors asked me about “Single Pass” distillation that poisoned our sailors aboard the USS *Buchanan* (Internet) distilling highly diluted Agent Orange Dioxin in huge volumes of seawater!! I said:

Filtering and distilling even smaller volumes of water using “single pass” distillers will concentrate chemicals even more and may cause cancer ... like making tinctures, concentrating the very chemicals you want to remove!!

As a result, the founder of a major “single pass” distiller company died of cancer in his early 50s just as I warned! After 9/11, Sloan Kettering treated thousands of victims with accolades from the head oncologist who retired after 30 years: “I don’t have access to your water anymore!” (name and order info on file). Note the

This fax was sent over a decade ago to John Ellis from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission



Note where they wrote “H2O started here.” This letter was faxed back to us by the FTC confirming the Oncologist reports in the Video on our website after 30 years at Sloan Kettering.

chart the FTC returned to us after the Chairman of The Armed Services Committee called the head of the FTC and said: “Leave the man alone.... This is the real deal!” (See right.)

My Resident Military Inspectors also asked me about a company producing parts for nuclear submarines like the *Thresher* and *Scorpion*. I said: “They will sink to the bottom during sea trials!”... even using cold rolled steel instead of titanium for the torpedo launch tubes!!

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Summit Sticking Point

• Did North Korea seek same secret nuclear status as Israel?

By Richard Walker

In the wake of the collapse of President Donald Trump's Vietnam summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, there were many unanswered questions, with both sides unwilling to claim victory.

There was, however, a secret issue discussed at the summit that Washington and Pyongyang prefer to remain secret for now, perhaps hoping to revisit it in the future. It was the possibility of North Korea being accorded the same nuclear status as Israel.

All this means that, from a public perspective, the event may go down in history as either a failed opportunity, the inevitable consequence of trying to negotiate with a rogue regime, or too much hype and serious miscalculations by Washington and Pyongyang.

Trump and "Chairman Kim," as Trump calls the North Korean leader, both abandoned an expensive dinner and a conference scheduled for after the summit during which they had planned to stand together and announce to the world that they had solved the North Korean nuclear issue. Instead, Trump flew back to Washington on Air Force One, and Kim returned to Pyongyang on a lengthy train journey through China.

The South Koreans were left to wonder what had just happened. Essentially, they had been frozen out of the well-choreographed get-together of the two leaders, implying that they were minor players in a drama that directly affected them. It did not occur to the mass media to ask why South Korea was clearly sidelined. Could they have played a crucial role in the failed negotiations? We shall never know.

So what are we to make of what appeared to be this failure on a grand scale? President Trump has said he walked away because he could not get the right deal. One might be tempted to wonder why he had not anticipated failure before prom-

ising success with public outpouring of optimism before and during the summit. The White House later claimed that Kim had wanted all sanctions lifted, while refusing to commit to unfettered access to all his secret nuclear sites. Kim responded that Washington's version of the breakdown of the talks was a lie and that he had not demanded the lifting of all sanctions,

The reality may be simpler than we think. It is entirely possible that Trump's advisers, especially Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, National Security Advisor John Bolton, and political advisor Jared Kushner never briefed Trump fully about North Korea. They may not have pointed out that Kim, like his late father and grandfather, is a skilled tactician surrounded by generals with a long history of engagement with the West. Why, for example, would Kim give up his nuclear arsenal in exchange for the lifting of sanctions? He would have known what happened to Saddam Hussein and Muammar Qaddafi when they abandoned their nuclear ambitions.

Missing in mass media coverage was something a diplomat close to Moscow told AFP on condition of anonymity.

"The real secret of the talks was that Kim was prepared to offer access to all his nuclear sites and to end all nuclear activity, but he expected in return to keep his nukes and have North Korea recognized like Israel as a nuclear power. The U.S. would then have to remove its military components from South Korea, including nuclear weapons that Moscow and Beijing told Kim were stored in or near South Korea."

According to this source, the issue that collapsed the summit was the demand for nuclear recognition, but this was something neither side wanted to explore publicly because it is something they hope to renegotiate in the months ahead.

"There was always an insurmountable hurdle when politicians resorted to terminology that means different things to different people," the diplomat added. "For example, Americans see



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denuclearization as North Korea giving up all its nukes. North Koreans see it as the removal of America as a nuclear power from the Korean Peninsula."

The source added that Moscow and Beijing continue to believe a deal is possible on recognizing North Korea as a nuclear power. The source suggested that Moscow had pushed this option privately with the Trump camp, knowing China approved it. China and Russia had secretly agreed that they could live with a nuclear North Korea that was properly monitored, provided the U.S. removed much of its hardware, especially nuclear weapons, from the region.

Where does it go from here? If Kim's goal is to have his country accepted as a legitimate nuclear power like Israel, he might also feel it is achievable long term.

Trump could redefine denuclearization to mean that North Korea becomes a nuclear power monitored fully by Washington but ceases all nuclear weapons production, removes all its front-line military hardware pointed at South Korea, and does not object to an American military presence in the region. ★

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Did Neocons Sabotage North Korea Deal?

• Warhawks, Democrats can't tolerate president succeeding in peace efforts with "boogeyman"

By Dr. Ron Paul

President Donald Trump's second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in late February was criticized by both parties in Washington long before Air Force One even touched down in Hanoi. Washington's political class seemed terrified that the nearly 70-year state of "war" with North Korea might actually end. In the end the only positive thing they could say about the meeting was that Trump apparently walked away with nothing to show for it.

The location of the meeting—Hanoi, Vietnam—serves as a great example of what can be won in peace versus what is lost in war. After losing nearly 60,000 U.S. service members in an unnecessary war that took a million Vietnamese lives, the U.S. loss of the Vietnam War resulted not in a communist takeover of Southeast Asia but something very different: The domino theory failed because communism was destined to fail. Now we are close trading partners with an increasingly pro-market Vietnam. The result of trade and exchange versus war is a better life for all.

Unfortunately for Washington, the real lesson of Vietnam has not been learned. That is why the

Republicans, Democrats, and the entire mainstream media spoke as one against Trump's decision to take a bold step and actually meet again, one-on-one, with one of our "enemies" to see if we can avoid nuclear conflict.

One leading Democrat, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif), attacked Trump for meeting with Kim because speaking to the North Korean "gives him legitimacy." Does it make any sense that we should not even speak with our nuclear-armed adversaries

Will Trump let his diplomatic efforts be sabotaged?

because it gives them "legitimacy"? He'd rather have a nuclear war as long as Kim remains "illegitimate"? This is sadly the kind of thinking that prevails in Washington.

The media reported that Trump walked away from the meeting before the scheduled signing ceremony and closing press event. The talks broke down, it was reported, because Kim demanded an end to all sanctions before any reduction in North Korea's nuclear arsenal. Washington sighed with relief and said, all together,

"Better no deal than a bad deal."

Meanwhile the North Koreans held a rare press conference clarifying that they only asked for partial sanctions relief in exchange for dismantling one of their main nuclear facilities. Further, press reports began to surface that National Security Advisor John Bolton threw additional demands on the table, which led Kim to draw the meeting to an early close.

Who's telling the truth? We likely won't know. But given Bolton's strong opposition to any kind of peace agreement with North Korea it's hard to doubt that he had something to do with the blow-up of the summit. As *The New York Times* reported over the weekend, while Trump's advisors were shocked when he decided to meet Kim face-to-face the first time for negotiations, Bolton wasn't worried at all. As the *Times* writes, "Mr. Bolton told colleagues not to worry. The negotiations, he said, would collapse on their own." And so they did.

Will Trump continue to allow his diplomatic efforts to be undermined by his own staff? Let's hope the president will ignore Washington, ignore the neocons, and continue to work for peace with North Korea. ★

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United States or Divided States?

• If this nation cannot come together, it cannot be expected to unite the world

By Patrick J. Buchanan

“Politics stops at the water’s edge” was a tradition that, not so long ago, was observed by both parties, particularly when a president was abroad, speaking for the nation.

The tradition was enunciated by Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan in 1947, as many of the Republicans in the 80th Congress moved to back Truman’s leadership in the Cold War against Stalin’s empire.

The tradition lasted until the mid-1960s, when the left wing of the Democratic Party turned viciously, and even violently, against the war in Vietnam and President Lyndon Johnson.

Republican Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and Bush I, with the support of conservative Democrats, led America to final victory in the Cold War. Yet, except for brief intervals, like the rallying around George H.W. Bush after the triumphant Gulf War of 1991 and George W. Bush after 9/11, true national unity has never been restored. Were proof needed, this week provided it.

President Donald Trump flew to Hanoi, Vietnam, to meet North Korea’s dictator. Subject of negotiations: Kim Jong Un’s nuclear weapons, including his missiles that may be able to reach our homeland.

How did the Democratic Party wish the commander-in-chief well on his mission for America?

During Trump’s first full day in Hanoi, a committee of Nancy Pelosi’s House held a public hearing featuring ex-Trump lawyer and “fixer” Michael Cohen, a convicted perjurer and felon who cut a deal with the prosecution for a reduced sentence.

The city loved it. Cable and network TV cov-



The nuclear agreement between Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump was dead before it began. Hatred of Trump’s America-first agenda on the left—and right, in many instances—is so deep, that most U.S. politicians and media outlets were hoping he’d fail. Media outlets preferred to cover Michael Cohen’s slimy testimony.

erage went gavel to gavel. Cohen’s testimony crowded out the Trump-Kim summit and even news of aerial clashes between India and Pakistan, two nuclear powers that have fought three wars since independence, 70 years ago.

What were the headlines Trump came home to after refusing to lift sanctions on North Korea?

- “Cohen Paints Trump as Crooked” was the banner atop page one of *The Washington Post*. Cohen’s depiction of his old boss was boldly quoted above: “He is a racist. He is a con man. And he is a cheat.”

- “Cohen Accuses Trump of Lies and Coverups” ran the page-one headline in *The New York Times*.

- “Cohen Declares Trump a Racist, Cheat and Conman” read the headline in the *Financial Times*.

- “Cohen Says Trump Guided Coverup” was at the top of page one in *The Wall Street Journal*. Trump is denounced for calling media the “en-

emy of the people.” Yet that media, in news columns as well as editorials, routinely describes him as a racist, sexist, xenophobe, homophobe, Islamophobe, and bigot.

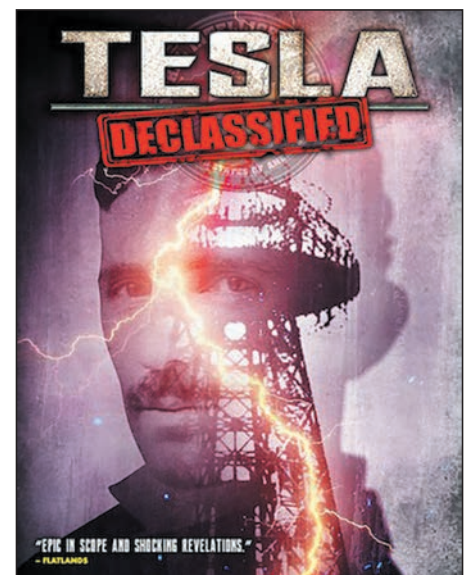
Indulging its hatred of Trump is a preoccupation, an obsession of this capital city. Those headlines reveal not only the news judgment of the editors but the agenda of the elite who turn to them first every morning.

That agenda is the breaking of this president; his disgrace and fall, and, if impeachment proves not possible, his crushing defeat in 2020 and subsequent indictment. Our so-called Dreamers in Washington, D.C., look to the triumphal return to power of the establishment the American people threw out in 2016.

Yet the alliance that seeks to bring down Trump is formidable: deep-state leakers and media collaborators, the Democratic Party and House, most of America’s commentariat, and the

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Some of the powerful people invested in the effort to undermine President Donald Trump

cultural elites in the arts, academia, and Hollywood. How far beyond normal politics have the divisions in our society gone? As the Covington Catholic kids found out, wearing a MAGA hat is now seen as a racist provocation.

In the play unfolding, Cohen's testimony to the House committee was Scene 1 of Act 1.

Next comes the Mueller report, though it appears Robert Mueller and his team, after investigating for two years, have found no collusion between Trump and Vladimir Putin in the hacking of the Democratic National Committee or the Clinton campaign.

Hence, the hopes of Trump haters are being redirected to Geoffrey S. Berman in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Subjects of investigation: the Trump Organization, the Trump Inaugural Committee, the Trump Foundation, the Trump family, and any entity with which Donald Trump has been associated in 40 years.

Again, as the president is chief of state and head of government, he cannot be indicted. He must first be removed from the presidency. But to remove him, Democrats have to impeach him

in the House and convict him in a Republican Senate. If they cannot, they will have to defeat him at the polls.

In 1968, George Wallace of Alabama tore the Southern populist right out of the Democratic Party. Liberals Gene McCarthy, Robert Kennedy, and George McGovern then savaged Vice President Hubert Humphrey from the left. The Grant Park rioters did the rest. Nixon, leading a minority Republican Party, had a compelling argument: "If the Democrats cannot unite their own party, how can they unite the nation?"

Today, a watching world is asking: If you Americans are at war with yourselves over race, religion, morality, culture, and politics, if you cannot unite yourselves, how can you unite the world? And around what? Maybe the American Century really is over. ★

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The Age of Tyrannical Surveillance

- We are all being branded, bought and sold so corporations can profit from our data

By John W. Whitehead

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as potentially anti-government in a government database somewhere that identifies and tracks individuals (so they can be rounded up and detained in times of distress) who aren't inclined to march in lockstep to the police state's dictates.

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As *The Intercept* reported, the FBI, CIA, NSA, and other government agencies are increasingly investing in and relying on corporate surveillance technologies that can mine constitutionally protected speech on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram in order to identify potential extremists and predict who might engage in future acts of anti-government behavior.

Apart from the overt dangers posed by a government that feels justified and empowered to spy on its people and use its ever-expanding arsenal of weapons and technology to monitor and control them, there's also the covert dangers associated with a government empowered to use these same technologies to influence behaviors *en masse* and control the populace.

Add pre-crime programs into the mix with government agencies and corporations working in tandem to determine who is a potential danger and spin a sticky spider-

web of threat assessments, behavioral sensing warnings, flagged "words," and "suspicious" activity reports using automated eyes and ears, social media, behavior sensing software, and citizen spies, and you having the makings for a perfect dystopian nightmare.

Remember, even the most well-intentioned government law or program can be—and has been—perverted, corrupted, and used to advance illegitimate purposes once profit and power are added to the equation. ★

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Will FBI Bring Down Trump?

- Nixon vs. Felt and Haig a precedent for Trump vs. the FBI and Deep State

By S.T. Patrick

When a *Vanity Fair* article by attorney John D. O'Connor appeared on May 31, 2005, one of America's greatest political mysteries seemed answered. Mark Felt was Deep Throat. Bob Woodward's key Watergate source was the number two man at the FBI, which, as Americans understood the story then and as it is pieced together now, meant that one of the top law enforcement agents in the country had just aided in bringing down a presidency. Felt had used the media, the covert guiding of Woodward—for motivations that still seem opaque—to take personal shots at the White House.

Fast-forward 15 years after the Felt revelation, and President Donald Trump finds himself mired in a political struggle with his own FBI, one that could end up with Trump's ability to govern severely damaged. If many in the mainstream media see their desires to fruition, the battle with the FBI will lead, as it did with Nixon, to a resignation, if not impeachment and senatorial conviction.

In May 2017, nearly five months after Trump's inauguration, the late Robert Parry, the founder of Consortium News, had already pegged the generic *modus operandi* of the mainstream controlled media.

Commenting on the hollow accusations of Russiagate, Parry wrote, "Those suspicions quickly hardened into a groupthink among many Democrats, liberals, and progressives. Their hatred of Trump and their dread about his policies convinced some that the ends of removing



Alexander Haig receives a medal from President Richard Nixon. Haig worked behind the scenes during the Nixon presidency to undermine his boss, playing a major role in Nixon's resignation.

Trump justified whatever means were employed, even if those means had more than a whiff of McCarthyism."

The FBI, according to Parry, had instigated Deep State wars against both Trump and Hillary Clinton during the campaign. It was former FBI Director James Comey who had strategically revealed the Clinton email scandal and then doubled down on it at key moments in the campaign. It was also Comey, who Trump controversially fired in May 2017, that used the now-discredited Steele

dossier to instigate and publicize the Russiagate investigations. The Deep State was against Bernie Sanders, as well, but had already sabotaged his candidacy through rigged primaries.

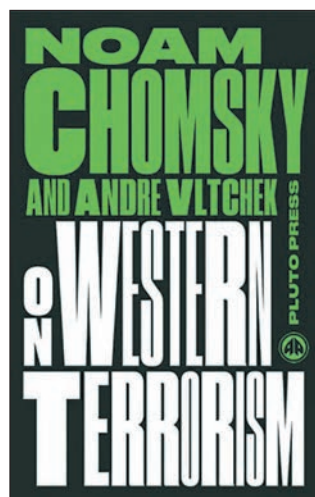
Who was palpable to the Deep State operators? Washington state Democrats cast three electoral votes for Gen. Colin Powell, the former secretary of state. Had the Trump delegates not been so loyal, which the manipulators predicted they wouldn't be, the race could have been thrown to the House of Representatives, where the 435 members could have chosen from any of the top three. The three Washington delegates had—randomly or not so randomly—made Powell the third candidate, and the chosen one of the Deep State. The FBI has continued to flex its executive muscles throughout the first term.

When Richard Nixon took office, he almost immediately set up an internal national security

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By Noam Chomsky

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state that included Henry Kissinger, the national security advisor, H.R. Haldeman, the chief of staff, and John Ehrlichman, the domestic affairs advisor. In doing so, he turned the secretaries of state and defense into formal diplomatic positions rather than decision-making ones. He crippled the military-industrial complex of his predecessors in order to set up his own trusted policy clique. When Nixon needed the FBI and the CIA in the aftermath of Watergate, they defied him for professional and personal reasons. Felt even turned on him and worked against the president. Depending on the source, Felt did so as a lead voice on a team of Deep Throats or as a sole leaker.

There is evidence that the FBI had been informed about Steele's political and business motivations before the Comey firing. Why, then, did they continue to launch their extensive investigation the same month?

According to a CNN report, the Comey firing sent shock waves throughout the intelligence community. Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and senior FBI officials "viewed Trump as a leader who needed to be reined in, according to two sources describing the sentiment of the time." The FBI wanted leverage. While Nixon had worked around D.C.'s northeastern elites that he had so personally despised, Trump confronted them *mono et mono*. Neither was acceptable to those whose decisions push billions of dollars around the globe and control the po-

litical and legal power structure of the world's most vital economy. The FBI reaction post-Comey became even more overt.

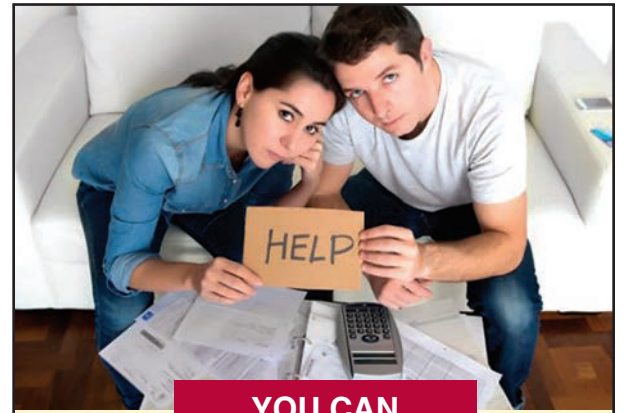
Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe went on "60 Minutes" and said that, after the Comey firing, he and other FBI senior officials gathered to discuss the possibility of recruiting a cabinet secretary to float and then initiate the idea of removing Trump from office via the 25th Amendment to the Constitution.

This is a *coup d'état* led by the intelligence community, with assured support from the administration's top military leaders. But it is not without precedent. When Haldeman resigned, Nixon appointed Gen. Alexander Haig as chief of staff. It would be the final nail in the coffin of the Nixon presidency. Moving actively but privately as

Felt had continued to do, Haig worked against Nixon's best interests and quickened the abdication. The "right man" had been put into place, and Nixon had appointed him. Will the FBI find their own "right man" to hasten Trump's fall? ★

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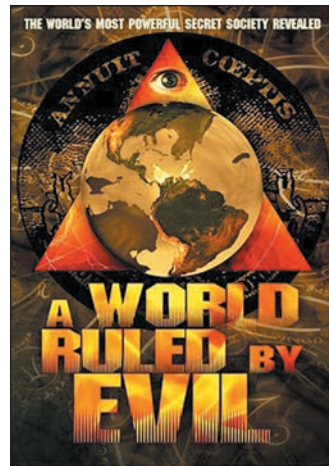
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Pro-Israel Lobby Faces Cracks in Edifice

• New breed of Democrats no longer fears anti-Semitism label when criticizing Israeli actions

By John Friend

Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), the Somali-born freshman congresswoman representing Minnesota's fifth congressional district, is once again under fire for statements she has made regarding the immense power and influence the pro-Israel lobby has over American politics, which Omar argued has made it "okay for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country." The controversial statements have been widely denounced as "anti-Semitic" in nature, as have previous comments and statements the progressive representative has made regarding the pro-Israel lobby.

"I want to ask, why is it okay for me to talk about the influence of the NRA, of fossil fuel industries, or big pharma, and not talk about a powerful lobby that is influencing policy?" Omar rhetorically asked recently during a speech she made at Busboys and Poets, a restaurant in Washington, D.C., referring to the network of pro-Israel lobbying organizations that dominate Capitol Hill.

In the wake of these comments, Democratic leaders in Congress have prepared a resolution that is all but guaranteed to pass the House of Representatives condemning "anti-Semitism," which essentially amounts to criticism of Israel and the power and influence of the pro-Israel lobbying community.

The resolution, which has been advanced by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other leading Democrats at the behest of the Anti-Defamation League, does not specifically name Omar, but it does refer to the controversy her remarks have generated, including the allegation of dual-loyalty to Israel. Such allegations "have an insidious, bigoted history," according to the resolution.

According to media reports, the resolution "acknowledges the dangerous consequences of

perpetuating anti-Semitic stereotypes" and "rejects anti-Semitism as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values that define the people of the United States."

The resolution was prepared immediately following a letter submitted to House Speaker Pelosi by Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the Anti-Defamation League.

"In light of these additional anti-Semitic statements by Rep. Omar, we ask that you give the entire Congress an opportunity, through a House resolution, to voice its rejection of her latest slur and make clear that no matter what may divide the 435 members of the House of Representatives, they are united in condemning anti-Semitism," Greenblatt wrote in his letter to Pelosi.

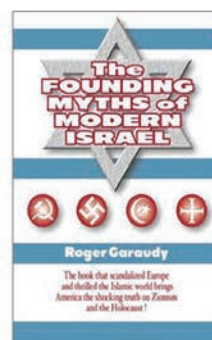
Last month, Democrats and Republicans—including Omar and many of her progressive allies—passed a resolution condemning "anti-Semitism" following comments Omar made on Twitter accusing the pro-Israel lobby of using its vast financial resources to support candidates sympathetic to its agenda. This time, though, Omar and many of her progressive allies, including freshman Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.), are fighting back against the accusations of "anti-Semitism" and arguing

that Omar's criticisms of the pro-Israel lobby are entirely valid and legitimate. As a result, new legislation that condemns anti-Semitism had to be postponed due to considerable dissension over it among Democrats.

Political leaders from across the spectrum, including President Donald Trump, have denounced Omar and her "anti-Semitic" smears. Rep. Juan Vargas (D-Calif.) even went so far as to argue that "questioning support for the U.S.-Israel relationship is unacceptable."

It's worth emphasizing that Omar never mentions Jews in her criticisms of Israel. The ADL and other powerful pro-Israel lobbies have always sought to tie any criticism of Israel to Judaism, thereby allowing them to smear anyone who takes issue with U.S. support for Israel as a bigot.

The latest pushback against the hysterical reaction Omar's honest, frank, and truthful comments about the pro-Israel lobby have generated demonstrates that the taboos against criticizing Israel and its powerful supporters in America are starting to fade. The "anti-Semitism" smear once effectively shut down debate on this controversial topic. Thanks to Omar and her progressive allies, this dishonest tactic that stifles debate and free expression is losing its efficacy. ★



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Pro-Life ‘Heartbeat Bills’ Have a Chance to Pass in Several States

• If no heartbeat means death, then a beating heart must mean life

By Mark Anderson

In direct response to moves by certain states to allow late term abortion procedures beyond 24 weeks—well into the third trimester, when most babies could survive outside the womb if aided by modern technology—Missouri is seeking to go in the opposite direction.

On Feb. 27, Republican legislators in the Show Me State approved legislation in the state House for what could become the most restrictive abortion law in the country.

Missouri House Speaker Elijah Haahr and other legislators carefully examined what other states have proposed to limit abortion and decided to bundle all those measures into one piece of legislation—having focused on abortion laws that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit had struck down because they were not sufficiently explicit about the state’s interest in protecting life.

“We watched what happened to New York and Virginia, and it was somewhat of a call to action,” Rep. Haahr told *The Washington Times*. “The goal of this underlying bill is to protect the unborn in this state. . . . We show [in House Bill 126] a significant amount of legislative findings, which multiple attorneys have told us is where other state abortion laws are falling short.”

Thus, despite frequent media reports that suggest ultra-liberal abortion laws are the dominant trend, Missouri joins a growing roster of Republican-led legislatures seeking stricter laws that may spark a challenge to the Supreme Court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which struck down state laws that prohibited abortion.

Meanwhile, in Iowa—which was something of a pacesetter last year with the passage of its “fetal heartbeat” law—Judge Michael Huppert in January 2019 struck down the measure, which, the Associated Press noted, “would have been the most restrictive anti-abortion law in the nation.”

The AP reported that Huppert found Iowa’s law to be “unconstitutional” on the basis that “prohibiting abortions at the detection of a fetal heartbeat,” as the Iowa law intended, somehow “violates both the due-process and equal-protection provisions of the Iowa Constitution as not being narrowly tailored to serve the compelling state interest of promoting potential life.”

The media and judiciary both failed to explain how a living human being with a heartbeat is only “potential” life. In addition, the actual concept of “equal protection” of both mother and child is not even considered, nor is there any mention of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which states, “No person . . . shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.”

Nevertheless, Huppert’s reference to the Iowa law lacking a “compelling state interest” is exactly what Missouri is looking at to make its actions more “bulletproof.”

“I am incredibly disappointed in [Huppert’s] court ruling, because I believe that if death is determined when a heart stops beating, then a beating heart indicates life,” Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said in a statement, having signed the bill into law in May 2018. A July 2018 legal challenge by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and the Emma Goldman Clinic had halted the law from taking effect.

As of this writing, Rhode Island and New Mexico appear intent on following New York’s lead in



allowing late term abortions, while Virginia’s House of Delegates, which had been on the path toward allowing abortion at any stage, voted down such radical liberalization.

Delaware Gov. John Carney foreshadowed New York’s infamy and signed a bill in mid-2017 making abortion legal throughout all stages of pregnancy.

A major factor behind radical abortion laws is the common fear shared by pro-abortion officials and media in New York, Virginia, New Mexico, Rhode Island, and elsewhere that the Supreme Court might someday overturn the *Roe v. Wade* ruling, especially in light of President Donald Trump’s appointments of conservatives Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the court and concerns that liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg may step down due to health issues—creating yet another vacancy for Trump to fill. ★

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Major Victory for Americans' Rights

• Rare unanimous decision by Supreme Court condemns out-of-control civil forfeiture laws

By Dave Gahary

The U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) ruled on Feb. 20 that the Constitution places clear limits on state and local schemes to seize and keep cash, cars, houses, and other private property from persons suspected of—but not charged with—committing crimes, a legal theft mechanism prone to abuse known as “civil forfeiture.” Although the unanimous ruling from SCOTUS doesn’t outlaw civil forfeiture, it does, for the first time, put law enforcement institutions across this nation on notice that there are limits to their brazen theft of personal property, and opens the door to new legal arguments when the value of the property seized was out of proportion to the alleged crimes involved.

Last month, SCOTUS ruled 9-0 that the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution, contained in the Bill of Rights, also applies to the states under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Although the Bill of Rights was incorporated into the Constitution as a check against federal power, the Fourteenth Amendment was controversially ratified after the Civil War to apply the Bill of Rights to the states, which had allegedly engaged in “grotesque civil rights violations to perpetuate slavery.”

The Eighth Amendment states, simply, “Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.” The most recognized text of the Fourteenth Amendment states, “. . . nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to



any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Incredibly, although SCOTUS slowly incorporated the Fourteenth Amendment to apply to the states individually, not collectively, before this 26-page ruling, *Timbs v. Indiana*, it never incorporated the excessive fines text of the Eighth Amendment into the Fourteenth Amendment, which allowed states and municipalities free rein “to exploit their residents for huge sums of cash and property.”

The plaintiff in the case, Tyson Timbs, a small-time Indiana drug dealer, pled guilty to selling \$225 of heroin to undercover police officers and was sentenced to one year of house arrest and five years of probation and was ordered to pay \$1,200 in fines and fees. Indiana state officials also seized his \$42,000 Land Rover, claiming he used it to commit crimes.

Ailing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing

the opinion, stated, “The historical and logical case for concluding that the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the Excessive Fines Clause is overwhelming.”

The ruling’s last paragraph, written by Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, concurring in the judgment, put the decision in perspective:

The right against excessive fines traces its lineage back in English law nearly a millennium, and from the founding of our country, it has been consistently recognized as a core right worthy of constitutional protection. As a constitutionally enumerated right understood to be a privilege of American citizenship, the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition on excessive fines applies in full to the states.

This newspaper has extensively covered civil forfeiture—a popular way states and municipalities raise revenue—highlighting the Massachusetts case involving Russ Caswell, who was targeted because his motel rooms were allegedly used to conduct drug deals.

Although Caswell never broke any laws, nor had he ever been arrested or convicted of any crime in his entire life, his local government still attempted to steal his mortgage-free property using civil forfeiture statutes. Fortunately for Caswell—and all freedom-loving Americans—his over three-year saga ended when a U.S. magistrate judge ruled the government did not meet “its burden of proving a substantial connection between the Motel Caswell and the forfeitable crimes, and, therefore, has not met its burden of proving that the property is forfeitable.” ★



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End Marine Corps 9/11 Brainwashing

• Recruits being told Osama bin Laden carried out Sept. 11 attacks from cave in Afghanistan

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

A recent *Wall Street Journal* article was headlined “Marine Recruits Learn an Important Lesson: What Happened on 9/11.” Unfortunately, it seems that the real story is the opposite: Marine recruits are being indoctrinated with nonsense about what didn’t happen on 9/11: “Staff Sgt. Gamblin paced the lecture hall, recounting how hijackers armed with box-cutters took over passenger jets and rammed them into the World Trade Center towers. He described passengers over Pennsylvania rising up to try to retake the plane with the exhortation, ‘Let’s roll.’”

Gamblin’s captive audience of recruits should have leaped to their feet screaming “Sir, no sir!” Some of them must know that the entire World Trade Center, including three high-rise buildings, was blown to kingdom come with explosives. They must know that the “let’s roll” legend was based on alleged cell phone calls from 30,000 feet—calls that never could have happened, as proven in Project Achilles experiments by Prof. A.K. Dewdney.

They must know that there were no Arab names on the passenger lists, no authentic security images of any alleged hijackers boarding the doomed flights, no testimony from any airline employees who would have ticketed and boarded them, no DNA evidence of any Arabs on the crashed planes, and no evidence that any actual



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Former U.S. military officers are certain that the official government explanation of 9/11 is a fairy tale.

hijackings occurred. They must know that not one of the doomed planes ever squawked the hijack emergency code—slam-dunk proof that there were no hijackings by human beings. Remote hijackings remain a possibility.

Today’s 18-year-old recruits were born after 9/11. The *WSJ* article points out that “the Afghanistan war, now in its 18th year, has been going on for so long that some of those volunteering to fight it were still in utero when it began.” Like everyone else, the recruits must be wondering what in the world we are still doing in Afghanistan. The 9/11 brainwashing program supplies a lame and unconvincing answer:

“When he asked the recruits to raise their hands if they were born in 2001, half-a-dozen

hands rose over shaved heads. When a photo of the bullet-riddled corpse of Osama bin Laden appeared on the screen, [Gamblin] explained: ‘The mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks is that man right there.’ His eye caught a drowsy recruit nodding off: ‘Wake up! Right there! Wake up!’”

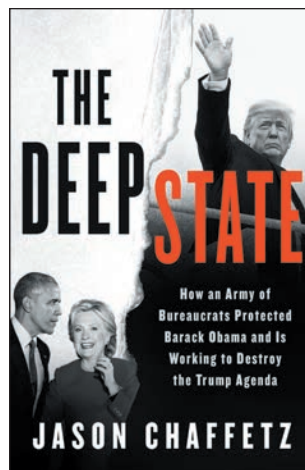
So if Osama masterminded 9/11 from a cave in Afghanistan, and he died years ago, what are we still doing there? The official brainwashing program makes no sense. No wonder the brainwashing victims are falling asleep.

Several illustrious Marine Corps veterans were outraged. Robert David Steele, an ex-Marine and CIA Clandestine Services officer, wrote to *The Wall Street Journal* article’s author Michael Phillips: “How it is possible of a putatively educated person such as yourself to write the article you wrote, without once mentioning that Marines are being taught lies, and 9/11 was done by the Zionists with the complete advance support of Dick Cheney who scheduled a counterterrorism exercise months in advance so he could control the day, and then relied on Robert Mueller as the tool appointed to be director of the FBI with the sole major function of obstructing justice and covering up 9/11?”

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A host of military men is outraged that new Marine recruits are being told that Osama pulled off the 9/11 attacks.

Dr. James Fetzer, a retired philosophy professor and ex-Marine, wrote: “Why am I not surprised that the WSJ—which once enjoyed a reputation for impeccable news coverage—has fallen to the pathetic role of Zionist propaganda disseminator? As a former Marine Corps officer, like Robert David Steele, I am incensed that such a grossly distorted version of U.S. history should be used to mislead and misinform Marine recruits, where I served as a series commander at the San Diego USMC Recruit Depot from 1964-66.”

Gordon Duff, who served with the Corps in Vietnam and later became a high-level player in intelligence circles, also protested to *The Wall Street Journal*: “Some of us have been around for some time, were trained by the best during the Cold War, and deeply resent the cowards, fools, and traitors we are confronted with.”

Alan Sabrosky, another former Marine officer who served as director of strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College, once told high-level military colleagues that “it is 100% certain that 9/11 was a Mossad operation. Period.” Sabrosky now says: “It seems obvious that efforts within the Marine Corps to give recruits a refresher course on what did not happen on 9/11 are intended to reinforce Islamophobia and prepare them for the next round in Middle East ‘regime change’ wars—does the name ‘Iran’ come to mind?”

Since higher-ups at Marine Corps headquarters know 9/11 was a treasonous false flag, perhaps one day a group of patriotic colonels will follow in the footsteps of Gen. Smedley Butler by standing up for our Constitution. ★

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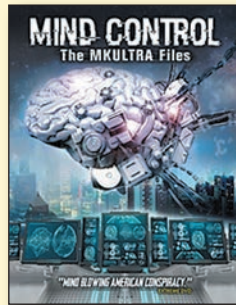
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Second Amendment Critics Have Good Week in Congress

• Trump vows to veto any bills that make buying guns harder

By Mark Anderson

On Feb. 27, legislation to require background checks on all firearms purchasers, including those buying online and at gun shows, passed the House 240-190. The fervently anti-Second Amendment *New York Times* declared it “the first significant gun control bill to clear the chamber in a quarter of a century.”

The eight-page bill, called the Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8), was sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.). It received an extra boost from eight Republican representatives: Brian Fitzpatrick (Penn.), Will Hurd (Texas), Pete King (N.Y.), Chris Smith (N.J.), and Fred Upton (Mich.), along with Florida Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart, Vern Buchanan, and Brian Mast.

The reported mass shooting last year at Mar-

Democrats exploited the 2015 mass shooting at a black church in Charleston, S.C. by crazed, drug addict Dylann Roof to push through new legislation curtailing Americans’ rights to own firearms. The truth is, Roof had already been convicted of possessing illegal drugs, which should have barred him from purchasing a firearm, but bureaucratic bungling on the part of state and federal officials allowed him to buy the gun anyway.

jory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. prompted considerable student-led, media-betted activism that galvanized Democrats to stump even harder for civilian disarmament, commonly called “gun control” by the mass media cartel and most lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Some of these young activists were in the House chamber and cheered when the vote cleared the threshold of 218 to assure passage.

However, H.R. 8 is not the only bill for incremental but stepped-up civilian disarmament to pass the House during the same week. The Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019 (H.R. 1112) was approved 228-198 on Feb. 28. The bill’s opening line states that it would “amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.”

In plainer language, H.R. 1112 would extend the initial review period for a background check from three to 10 days. It was brought forth by House Majority Whip James Clyburn and fellow South Carolina Rep. Joe Cunningham, with key Republican assistance from Rep. Pete King. Seven Democrats bucked party lines and voted against the bill: Anthony Brindisi (N.Y.), Torres Small (N.M.), Kendra Horn (Okla.), Collin Peterson (Minn.), Ben McAdams (Utah), Jared Golden (Maine), and Ron Kind (Wisc.). Republicans Brian Fitzpatrick and Chris Smith crossed the partisan divide and



joined King in support of the bill.

Proponents of the bill say it’s needed to close the so-called “Charleston loophole.” Their argument is that the current three-day waiting period enabled the young, disturbed shooter in the 2015 Emanuel AME Church massacre in South Carolina to obtain his weapon. Clearly, events such as this are being “weaponized” to stir up emotions and induce people to accept a gravely unlawful act—disarmament of the American people—by blaming guns for crime rather than a host of other, much more plausible causes.

The timing of these bills could be tricky. Readers would do well to note that, as of this writing, approval in the Senate will be appreciably more difficult. Plus, President Donald Trump appears willing to veto both bills.

But nothing can be taken for granted. Calling Senate and House offices (especially if your Congressman’s name is among those listed above, to either thank or chastise them accordingly no matter what the final outcome) would help ensure that Congress gets the message to leave the Second Amendment alone and help prevent Congress from mustering enough votes to override Trump’s anticipated veto. Moreover, contacting the White House would help encourage President Trump to veto the bills should they make it to his desk. Call the congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121/ 225-3121 and the White House at (202) 456-1414. To leave comments, please call 202-456-1111. ★

Sheriffs

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counties “have passed resolutions to support sheriffs who refuse to enforce any firearms laws that they consider unconstitutional.”

Last November, voters in eight of Oregon’s 36 counties approved “Second Amendment Preservation Ordinances,” allowing sheriffs to decide “which state gun laws to enforce.” Second Amendment sanctuary supporters in the Beaver State are planning to place more of these types of “measures on county ballots in 2020 that will direct their officials to resist state gun laws.”

As the “rebellion” grows, reports Reuters, a potential clash is brewing.

In Washington last November, where almost 60% of the voters approved raising the minimum age to purchase a semiautomatic rifle to 21, enhancing background checks, and increasing waiting times to buy such guns, “sheriffs in more than half of Washington’s 39 counties have pledged not to enforce it.”

The law is due to take effect this summer, and the governor is behind it. The attorney general has warned sheriffs “‘they could be held liable’ if they allow a dangerous person to acquire a firearm later used to do harm.”

Sheriff Bob Songer of Klickitat County wants none of that. He calls the threat a “bluff” and vows not to enforce it because he feels it’s unconstitutional.

“Unfortunately for the governor and the attorney general, they’re not my boss,” Songer told Reuters. “My only boss is the people that elected me to office.” ★

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Resilient President Needs New Advisors

Regarding AFP's Feb. 25 & March 4 issue [where readers are asked to write in with opinions on President Donald Trump's border wall emergency order], I have been troubled by the inaction of Trump in not making more progress on his keynote campaign issue of building the southern border wall. Realizing the hurdles the left has been throwing at him, however, he seems to have weathered each media storm with a great amount of resiliency and come back, like the one-upsmanship he perpetrated on Speaker Nancy Pelosi during the last State of the Union message. Trump gave her a different copy of the speech than he presented to the public.

However, if the president has to battle for every foot forward by invoking a national emergency in order to fund the border wall, then I see no let-up in the tainted discourse between Trump and Pelosi and her cohorts, which is bound to invoke more of the left's wrath.

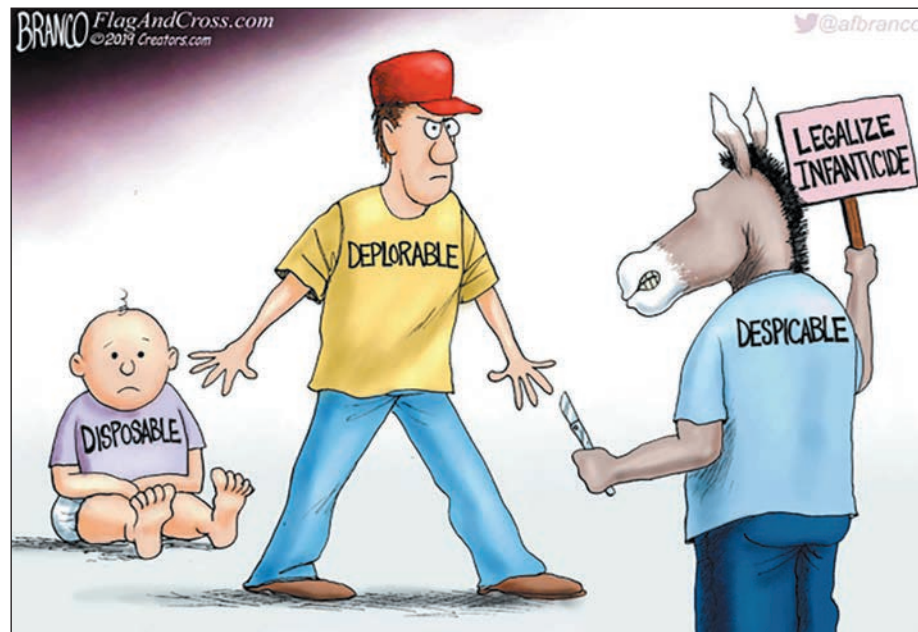
Trump needs new advisors in order to stay the constitutional course. The likes of Kushner, Ivanka, Bolton, and Pompeo are not helping him fulfil his campaign promises. Rather, he should be publicly stating how the left is undermining his every move in "Making America Great Again," and invoking the law of the land, i.e., the purpose of our immigration laws, to discredit them.

FRED NOVOTA
Washington

Protect America's Borders

In the beginning, when our president was a candidate, a Republican relative from Illinois questioned me about him and laughed about his stance on the border wall. After some deliberation, this issue made sense. Why would these RINOs from *National Review* want to dispose of coalminers and working-class folks? A previous article on white genocide made no sense and was contrary to the American spirit.

In the two years of President Donald



Trump's tenure in office, he has made "America first" more than just a pledge; it is a promise to those who were overlooked and forgotten by our leaders. We have to protect our borders and native-born citizens from drugs and violence.

Since the day he entered the race he has provided enthusiasm for the folks who make this country tick. We need to protect ourselves from those who wish us harm.

DAN MCCARTHY
Via Email

Gross Understatement of War Cost

In a column by AFP's executive editor in the issue dated Jan. 14 & 21, AFP stated, "The collective wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria have cost more than \$1.5 trillion—a huge sum of money to waste." You have grossly understated the cost. In April 2018, you stated in your message from the editor that Brown University released a study in the spring of 2017 that showed the U.S. had spent around \$6 trillion in

these three countries plus Libya. These war costs include healthcare for veterans injured in the war, including disability costs, and the interest on war borrowing. *The Washington Post* reported in March 2013 that the "Iraq and Afghan wars will cost up to \$6 trillion, study says." This study was done by Harvard researcher Dr. Linda Bilmes. President Donald Trump recently reported that the total war cost in those four countries is around \$7 trillion.

CHARLES McANDREW
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Free Speech President

I totally support President Donald Trump's free speech executive order, mandating free speech on all college campuses receiving federal and state tax monies. All public educational institutions are 100% responsible for seeing to it that the legitimate constitutional rights of all students at these institutions are upheld and respected—even concerning topics generating much public controversy, e.g., the evo-

Letters

lution versus creation debate.

In recent decades, America's university campuses have swung decisively leftward, to propagandize our youth in the direction of Karl Marx's politics. I myself witnessed the start of this trend when I was in college. We should have balance of opinion and viewpoint in academic institutions. We must educate, not indoctrinate, our youth.

Everybody knows that on public university and college campuses, Democrats hold domineering sway over Republicans. The idea is that, if you are smart, if you are educated and sophisticated, then, just as surely as the Lord made little green apples, your politics will automatically lean leftward. This baloney sausage needs to be challenged—met squarely and defeated roundly.

LAWRENCE K. MARSH
Maryland

America Needs a New Party

[In the recent article on the Green New Deal] AFP writer S.T. Patrick presents a very thoughtful analysis of both the socialist Democrats and the Republicans: "The GOP is a party deficient of genuine concern for average Americans trying to live a life by classically conservative principles." Some of the objectives of the Green New Deal are admirable, but they won't ever be achieved by big government. For example, "Provide high-quality healthcare, housing, economic security, and clean air, clean water, healthy food, and nature to all." That's one of 15 social and economic justice requirements of the Green New Deal, and that one alone would bankrupt the U.S. Since both parties are so far out of touch, we need a new centrist party.

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