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# DONALD TRUMP WAS FRANKED

• D.C. traitors behind Deep State plot to take down Trump

#### By John Friend

ep. Devin Nunes, the firebrand California congressman and top Republican on the influential House Intelligence Committee, is seeking long overdue criminal charges against unnamed individuals involved with the malicious and arguably treasonous investigation into the debunked conspiracy theory alleging Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Nunes recently explained to Fox News that he plans on submitting eight criminal referrals to the Justice Department on charges including manipulating or falsifying intelligence, leaking classified intelligence to the media, and misleading federal judges sitting on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court in relation to the infamous Steele dossier, which has been thoroughly discredited.



**Rep. Devin Nunes**, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, says there was a criminal conspiracy to manipulate intelligence regarding the Trump-Russia investigation.

"We believe there is a conspiracy to lie to the FISA court, mislead the FISA court, by numerous individuals that all need to be investigated and looked at," Nunes explained to Fox News in a recent interview. He also insisted that he has seen legitimate evidence that proves individuals associated with the Trump-Russia investigation were involved in a criminal conspiracy "involving manipulation of intelligence."

Sen. Rand Paul wants the truth about the bogus Steele dossier revealed. See page 4.

Nunes has yet to name the individuals against whom he is attempting to pursue federal criminal charges but did note that he has the names of five specific persons involved in the investigation he believes committed crimes.

"We do believe that we've got pretty good information and a pretty good idea of who could be behind these leaks," Nunes told Fox News.

Nunes has long been a critic of the Russia-Trump collusion investigation and has launched his own investigations into the bogus dossier authored by former UK spy Christopher Steele, which was used to justify surveillance warrants against former

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#### A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

### Collapse of Russia-Trump Hoax Good News for America

s American Free Press goes to press on April 18, Attorney General William Barr announced that he would be releasing later that day Special Counsel Robert Mueller's 400-page report on his investigation into allegations that Donald Trump and officials on his presidential campaign colluded with the Russian government to help him win the 2016 presidential election.

Barr had already released a synopsis of the report, noting what we at American Free Press had been saying for over a year now: There is no evidence that President Donald Trump and his campaign worked with Russians to influence American voters.

Compare that to the fake news media, which has dedicated thousands of minutes of air time to anonymous sources, fake news, and rumors to rile up the public against Trump.

Over and over again, reporters and commentators gleefully opined that Trump was going to jail. Conservative writers have already filled the Internet with lists of some of the more embarrassing claims made by highly paid news men and women. By far and away, the worst offenders work for MSNBC, CNN, The New York Times, "Buzzfeed," and The Washington Post. But even more staid news outlets like The Wall Street Journal fell for the collusion tale.

The problem with this, of course, is not just that it hobbled a sitting president's agenda which, to be fair, was probably the goal of the Democrats from the start, anyway—but it has dangerously fanned the flames of war between two major nuclear powers, the United States and Russia. Congress got in on the act, pressing for the president to apply even more

financial sanctions against Russian officials and citizens—and, as we all know, thanks to former Texas Rep. Ron Paul, sanctions never work on governments and are often a first step toward increased hostilities.

Now, as copies of this issue begin their long trek across the country to your doorsteps, we will be able to read Mueller's report, some of which will reportedly be redacted to protect national security and confidential grand juries. What we expect to find inside will provide insights into the indictments of Americans and Russians targeted in the investigation. It's worth emphasizing here that no American was ever charged with any crimes related to colluding with Russia. They were mostly charged with sordid financial crimes, which took place prior to the presidential election, and lying to investigators.

We can expect there will be some tantalizingly juicy allegations contained in Mueller's final report, which some left-wing hotheads will latch onto as if it proves something, but it bears repeating again and again and again, especially for those stubborn leftists who have decided to double-down on their conspiracy theories rather than admit they were wrong: Mueller had a staff of 19 lawyers and was assisted by a team of 40 FBI agents, intelligence analysts, forensic accountants, and other professional staff. Despite issuing 2,800 subpoenas and 500 search warrants and interviewing nearly 500 witnesses—and spending \$40 million—he found no evidence that Trump or his staff colluded with Russia to tip the election in Trump's favor.

Of course, this doesn't absolve Russians from charges that they meddled in the U.S. election, but the U.S. government is hardly in any position to point a finger at foreign governments for doing the very same thing that Washington has done officially for decades, going so far as to bomb and starve populations that do not submit to their bidding.

The good news is that average Americans are beginning to understand just how biased, inaccurate, and unreliable the mainstream media has become—something regular readers of American Free Press have known for at least as long as we've been publishing. As one popular writer put it recently, the Trump-Russia-collusion myth is this generation's Iraq weapons of mass destruction hoax.

And for what it's worth, the Trump-Russia tall tale isn't the only embarrassing fraud that the mainstream's fallen for of late. Check out AFP writer Donald Jeffries's update on the lawsuit filed by Nick Sandmann, the Kentucky high school student who was viciously smeared by fake news outlets across the country. This courageous kid isn't taking it sitting down. He and his family have assembled a team of lawyers to go after the biggest news outlets in the country, demanding hundreds of millions of dollars in damages.

In a roundabout way, this is all good news for Americans. The more the man-in-the-street realizes the government and the big media are lying to him, the less he will be willing to sit back and take it.

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#### Betting on Trump

Investment banking firm Goldman Sachs is betting that President Donald Trump will win the presidential election in 2020 by a "narrow" margin. The Wall Street giant contends that his chances have improved as a result of a resilient U.S. economy and a crowded Democratic field that has fallen to sniping and infighting.

#### Bernie's Border Camps

During an April 15 townhall gathering that was aired on Fox News, Democratic presidential contender Sen. Bernie Sanders told the audience that federal agencies should be able to detain Central American migrants pending asylum hearings. "We have a problem at the border, a serious problem," he acknowledged. "We need the proper legal processes at the border so that these issues can be adjudicated to determine whether or not people should be entitled to asylum." When asked where the migrants should be kept pending their asylum hearings, Sanders responded, "What about building proper facilities for them right now? That can be done right on the border."

#### 5G: Stupidest Idea Ever?

Dr. Martin L. Pall, professor emeritus of biochemistry and basic medical sciences at Washington State University, in a study and presentation, contends that the new 5G technology for cellphones has not been thoroughly studied and could be a danger to everyone. "Putting in tens of millions of 5G antennae without a single biological test of safety has got to be about the stupidest idea anyone has had in the history of the world," he recently told a gathering. His report offers four explanations why 5G is more dangerous than earlier generations of wireless technology, noting the extraordinarily high numbers of antennae that are planned, the high energy outputs, which will be used to ensure penetration, the high pulsation levels, and the apparent high-level interactions of the 5G frequency on charged groups presumably including individuals who are sensitive to electrical frequencies.

#### A Blow to Female Athletics

All of the Democrats in the House of Representatives and three Republicans—Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.), and Rep. Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-P.R.)—co-sponsored a bill that would require all schools to allow male athletes who "identify" as girls to compete on female sports teams. The Equality Act (H.R. 5) amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to make "sexual orientation and gender identity" protected characteristics under federal anti-discrimination law. Julia Beck, a lesbian and the head of a feminist organization in Baltimore, testified against the bill, saying the bill would roll back all of the

benefits afforded women in the last century. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) took to the House floor to criticize the bill, saying, based on the proposed law, literally any man could simply call himself a woman and be afforded all the rights of women.

#### Bathroom Crimes

U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso is allowing three claims in a lawsuit against a Chicago-area high school to move forward. The suit, filed three years ago by Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), claims that students are being forced to "use the restroom with the knowledge that someone of the opposite sex is present or could walk in at any time" and that this violates privacy rights. ADF argues that the Department of Education has been unlawful for threatening to take away \$6 million in federal funding if schools do not comply with the transgender bathroom rules. In 2018, a biased study by a pro-gay rights group came out, claiming no link between so-called transgender bathroom laws and crime. However, a simple search of the Internet turned up numerous crimes, including grown men being arrested for filming girls in bathrooms and one truly disturbing case in 2018 in Greenville, S.C. where 38-yearold Shawn Thomas Hallett was caught with a wig on his head in a ladies room trying to videotape women using the bathroom.

#### How Google Censors the Internet

News and commentary website "The Daily Caller" (DC) has obtained documents showing that Google manually and intentionally manipulates its search engine results. Internal Google documents show that the company's "news blacklist" will be maintained by the Google Trust & Safety team and will serve to filter "problematic sites" that violate the "good neighbor policy." Although the top "10 blue links" shown will not be impacted by the blacklist, results further down the page are being significantly altered. One memo obtained by the DC shows Google edited results as early as one week before CEO Sundar Pichai testified before the House Judiciary Committee where he said, "we don't manually intervene on any particular search result."

#### Sick and Twisted

Earlier in April, the Justice Department was forced to drop an appeal of a decision by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, who ruled that barring adults from mutilating girls' genitals violated their First Amendment religious rights. Dr. Jumana Nagarwala had been charged with performing the practice on nine girls at a suburban Detroit clinic, while others were charged with assisting her. Genital mutilation is part of a religious practice that is performed in some Muslim and eastern religions. Last November, Friedman said the ban was unconstitutional. The judge added that states needed to be taken to court to

make the practice illegal so that it could be prosecuted as sexual battery and abuse. Justice Department Solicitor General Noel Francisco called genital mutilation an "especially heinous practice" but said the law needs to be changed to mesh with Supreme Court precedent. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that half a million women and girls in the United States have already suffered genital mutilation or are at risk for being subjected to it in the future," Francisco told reporters.

#### Israeli Aid "On the Table"

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) told an interviewer during an online podcast that cutting U.S. military aid to Israel is "certainly on the table." She said, "I hope to play a facilitating role in this conversation and a supportive role in this conversation. But I also know that there have been people leading on this for a long time, like Congresswoman [Betty] McCollum."

#### Human Monkeys

In early April, Chinese newspaper *China Daily* reported that a team of Chinese scientists used gene-editing techniques to add human genes to several monkeys, thereby improving their brains so they were more "human-like." According to the report, by the end, the rhesus macaques were smarter and had superior memories as compared to the unaltered monkeys. This kind of genetic mutation is illegal in the United States.

#### Alien Life on Mars

A team of researchers from the Hungarian Academy of Science Research Center for Astronomy and Earth Sciences say they have proven that life exists on Mars. Using optical microscopy and infrared technology, the scientists studied a thin sample of a meteor from Mars called "ALH-77005." They examined minerals and other material embedded in the stone and conducted isotope tests to check for the chemical components essential for life. The studies led them to conclude that microscopic evidence inside the meteor points to the presence of bacteria, which could survive by eating iron rust.

#### Retail Apocalypse

A report recently released by investment firm UBS indicates some 75,000 brick-and-mortar stores are projected to close by 2026. By that time, online shopping is expected to make up 25% of retail sales. Online purchases in the U.S. are up nearly 50%, to nearly \$5,200 per household annually. Since 2017, retailers have already closed 15,000 store locations. Analysts say this "retail apocalypse" is part of a "retail purge" and that "when it comes to stores, less is more." Retail giant Target plans to open new smaller stores, more streamlined and appealing to urban shoppers.

## Rand Paul Demands Truth About Bogus Steele Dossier

By S.T. Patrick

t now appears that a move on the part of Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) to delay the full release of the Mueller report was doomed from the start, but it is worth emphasizing that Paul was never acting out of acute partisanship. Rather, from the start, he has been making the case that a full investigation of the funding behind the dossier created by former UK spy Christopher Steele on Donald Trump be made public so Americans can learn for themselves what prompted the Trump-Russia collusion investigation.

Referring to the discredited dossier that was the basis behind the fervency of Russiagate's truest believers, Paul stated, "What we don't know is, was President Obama told that the evidence to get this investigation started was paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign?"

Paul is calling for the release of communications between Obama-era officials, including former FBI Director James Comey and former CIA Director John Brennan. In pushing for the communications to be released, Paul says he simply wants the "entire story to be told."

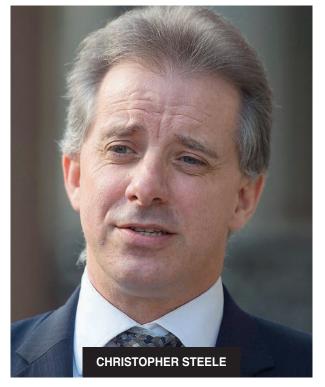
The Steele dossier was the origin of the mainstream media's single-minded obsession with Russiagate. Now that it has proven to be baseless, its original financing is under widescale investigation by the alternative media. Paul is urging a deeper analysis of the document that was Russiagate's ground zero.

"It was so scandalous and so unverified and has turned out to be untrue, and yet this was the basis for the beginning of the investigation. This was the basis for doing something extraordinary," Paul said of the massive amount of time, money, and resources spent investigating the accusations of the Steele dossier.

The Steele dossier is named after former MI6 officer Christopher Steele, who was hired by Fusion GPS to use his expertise on Russian matters to investigate then-candidate Donald Trump's ties to Vladimir Putin's Russia. Steele was the former Moscow station chief for MI6, the British version of the CIA. The document Steele produced was written in the style of an intelligence report, rife with unnamed sources and consisting of a series of serious, scandalous accusations.

The Steele dossier contained six major claims of collusion: that Trump had cooperated with Russian authorities for years, that Trump was vulnerable to Russian blackmail due to sexual matters that had occurred in Russia, that a "well-developed conspiracy of cooperation" existed between Trump and Russia, that Trump campaign officials promised the Russians policy concessions in exchange for delivering stolen DNC emails to WikiLeaks, that campaign adviser Carter Page played a major role in the collusion, and that Trump lawyer Michael Cohen managed Trump's relations with Russian agents.

In April 2016, attorney Marc Elias retained Fusion GPS through his law firm Perkins Coie and on behalf of the Democratic National Convention and the Hillary Clinton campaign. Fusion GPS is a D.C.-based research and intelligence company that specializes in political inquiries such as opposition research. The bills were paid by the campaign and the DNC, though today both the Clinton



campaign and the DNC claim they were not aware of the details behind Fusion's 2016 investigations.

It is now clear that the Steele dossier was a product of Clinton campaign opposition research. The intelligence community should henceforth investigate whether Steele was either purposely duped by Russian agents or knowingly colluding to produce a false document.

A valid question is being asked about Russian collusion: Did Steele collude with Russian officials to produce a falsified document in order to benefit the Clinton campaign? To prove the answer is yes, it would have to be shown that Steele's motivation was either directly political or was financial by way of a knowingly political motivation, e.g., Steele was doing it for the money, while knowing the result the Clinton campaign and Fusion GPS wanted. If so, this would absolutely be a real case of campaign collusion with Russian officials.

Matthew Yglesias and Andrew Prokop of the news website "Vox" explained the turn in use that the Steele dossier has taken. "Consequently, congressional Republicans who once supported the idea of investigating the Trump-Russia nexus have basically flipped around and are now primarily investigating the investigators—with the dossier now serving as an exhibit for the defense rather than the prosecution," Yglesias and Prokop wrote

Paul is one of the few senators with the ability and foresight to see the inherent precedents that have been set by the Russiagate investigation. Commenting on the long-term dangers of falsely ignited investigations, Paul said, "I think it's very important that we not turn our country into this back and forth where each successive party tries to use the apparatus of government to investigate the previous president."

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# Deep State Target How I Got Caught in the Crosshairs of the Plot to Bring Down Trump

By George Papadopoulos. Deep State Target is the only firsthand account that proves the attempted sabotage of Donald Trump's presidential campaign by American and international intelligence services. As he explains in Deep State Target, there was an intricate set-up at play, and it was neither Trump nor the Russians pulling the strings. American and allied

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### Rep. Devin Nunes Says He Will Target Eight D.C. Traitors

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Trump adviser Carter Page as well as other aspects of the much-hyped "Russian collusion" narrative endlessly promoted by the fake news media in an effort to discredit President Donald Trump, tie up his administration legally, and sabotage the president's political agenda.

In a powerful op-ed published by *The Wash-ington Examiner*, Nunes laid out his case for making criminal referrals to the Justice Department.

The Steele dossier, Nunes argues, was a creation of the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee, which funded and gave legitimacy to the document. The Steele dossier "was a collection of false and often absurd accusations of collusion between Trump associates and Russian officials," which was then "spoon-fed to Trump opponents in the U.S. government, including officials in law enforcement and intelligence." Incredibly, the accusations contained in the dossier were taken seriously by law enforcement and intelligence officials, many of whom were opponents of the president, despite the serious concerns about the dossier raised by Republicans and others.

"It's now clear that top intelligence officials were perfectly well aware of the dubiousness of the dossier, but they embraced it anyway because it justified actions they wanted to take—turning the full force of our intelligence agencies first against a political candidate and then against a sitting president," Nunes recently wrote. "The abuse of intelligence for political purposes is insidious in any democracy. It undermines trust in democratic institutions, and it damages the reputation of the brave men and women who are working to keep us safe. This unethical conduct has had major repercussions on America's body politic, creating a years-long political crisis whose full effects remain to be seen."

Nunes recently offered to meet privately with Attorney General William Barr to outline his concerns and explain the criminal referrals and recommendations.

"I haven't seen the referrals yet from Congressman Nunes," Barr stated during testimony to the House Appropriations Committee last week, "but obviously if there's a predicate for an investigation it'll be conducted."

House Democrats are skeptical of Nunes and slammed his recent proposal to meet privately with Barr, arguing that any such meeting should be held "only with representatives of the majority and minority present," according to *Politico*.

Nunes is clearly determined to bring some semblance of justice back to this country after it has been so thoroughly tarnished by partisan political operatives masquerading as professional intelligence and law enforcement officials who clearly have engaged in an organized effort to undermine the president of the United States.

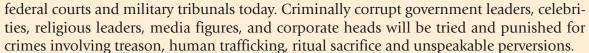
# Is There Really Someone in the Trump White House Working Against the Deep State—or Is QAnon a Myth?

## QAnon: An Invitation to the Great Awakening

his book is a field guide to an important chunk of reality that's been carefully hidden and wrongly discredited by the media. It reveals an extraordinary movement underway, a battle of epic proportions. Whether you know it or not, you're involved because the result of this battle will determine

because the result of this battle will determine the fate of your children and future generations both in America and around the world. However, you may only be vaguely aware of QAnon or "Q," if at all.

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Have you been convinced by legacy media claims that "Q" is a hoax or a "conspiracy theory"? Instead, consider why the media would insist that you—a thinking and capable adult—should avoid "Q" at all cost? If a mere "conspiracy theory," why all the attention? What ideas are so dangerous you should never hear them? Is there another side to the story? Read *QAnon:* An *Invitation to the Great Awakening* and judge for yourself.

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## Bipartisan Campaign Violations

• Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ted Cruz both caught bending the rules

#### By S.T. Patrick

s the election season heats up the closer 2020 nears, politicians from both major American political parties have found creative, unethical, and even illegal means by which to fund their campaigns. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) have both recently made headlines due to campaign financing improprieties, any one of which could land them in serious legal troubles.

In February, Cruz's campaign was fined \$35,000 by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) for improperly disclosing \$1.1 million. The loans to his campaign came from megabanks Goldman Sachs and Citigroup. At the time the loans were made, Cruz's wife, Heidi, worked for Goldman Sachs. Cruz called the improper disclosure an "inadvertent filing error." It had come to light during the 2016 Republican primaries but stemmed from his 2012 Senate campaign.

In 2017, the Campaign Legal Center (CLC) filed a complaint with the FEC against the Cruz campaign. The decision to audit the Cruz financials was made unanimously, a rare unanimous act for the FEC board. The CLC describes its mission as "adamantly nonpartisan, holding candidates and government officials accountable regardless of political affiliation."

CLC Senior Director Tara Malloy said that the fine was "an acknowledgment that Cruz's campaign deprived voters of that critical information. In the homestretch of a high-profile election, voters were misled about Cruz's personal and campaign finances. This is particularly harmful given that financial issues were at issue in the campaign and could have factored into voters' decision-making at the ballot box."

A new complaint filed with the FEC alleges that Ocasio-Cortez's 2018 campaign used a "subsidy scheme" to abuse campaign finance laws. The complaint states that Ocasio-Cortez and her campaign manager, Saikat Chakrabarti, used political action committee (PAC) money funneled through an LLC to "subsidize cheap assistance for Ocasio-Cortez and other candidates at rates far below market value."

Chakrabarti had set up Brand New Congress LLC to fund progressive candidates with loans at rates lower than market value. The losses incurred by Brand New Congress LLC were then subsidized by PAC contributions from Justice Democrats PAC and Brand New Congress PAC. The FEC mandates that political campaigns must pay fair market value for campaign funding loans. In working with candidates such as Ocasio-Cortez, Brand New Congress LLC met its goal of not making a profit while selling its campaign services to affiliated candidates at the lowest price. What







Both politicians have abused finance laws to help them get elected.

Chakrabarti also accomplished was endangering his campaign's financial stability. The FEC Advisory Opinions that outlined the violations had been published as late as the 1990s. The two PACs paid the LLC nearly \$1 million

The two PACs paid the LLC nearly \$1 million during the 2018 campaign. The LLC was paid just \$19,000 for its services by the Ocasio-Cortez campaign. The PACs describe the LLC's services as "strategic consulting" rather than fundraising. Experts have said that the violations for Ocasio-Cortez may not reside in the structure of the financing as much as they concern the lack of transparency in the specific expenditures of both the PACs and the LLC. Without knowing the specific tasks performed by the LLC, it is difficult for the FEC to properly categorize the campaign contributions.

The Ocasio-Cortez campaign is also defending itself from allegations being made by the conservative Coolidge-Reagan Foundation, which says that Ocasio-Cortez illegally paid her boyfriend, digital marketing consultant Riley Roberts, through the PACs and LLC. The campaign's defenders and other campaign finance analysts have dismissed these allegations, as there appears to be no evidence that Roberts was either overpaid or did not do the work for which he was compensated.

The price of winning election to a national office has grown substantially in the post-*Citizens United* era. The cost of winning a Senate seat has grown to an average of \$19.4 million, while House

winners spend close to \$2 million. The amount spent will vary dependent on size and location of district, the level of challenge, and the cost of advertising in a candidate's major media markets.

Granted, the FEC guidelines are complex, and many new candidates—especially inexperienced challengers from small states with sparsely populated districts—have small staffs and may run afoul of campaign laws unintentionally. But that is what differentiates a civil violation from a criminal one.

Paul S. Ryan, the vice president of policy and litigation at Common Cause, a nonpartisan organization that files FEC complaints, explained, "The difference between a campaign finance violation that is a crime and a campaign finance violation that is a civil matter is whether the action was taking place knowingly and willfully."

Cruz released a statement saying the loans had been "inadvertently omitted" from earlier FEC filings. Ocasio-Cortez and Chakrabarti have both stated that they were aware of the regulations and that FEC rules were not violated. The FEC fined Cruz, while their decision on the Ocasio-Cortez violations is pending.

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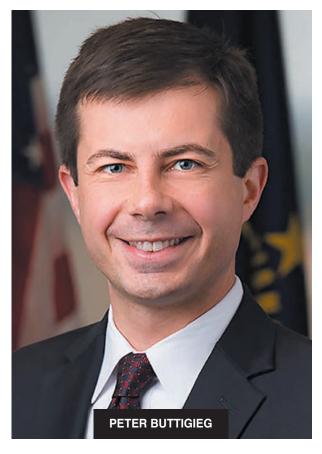
• South Bend mayor wants to be president, but first he has to show his love for Israel

#### By Philip Giraldi

here is a war for the soul of the Democratic Party being waged, but don't expect that it will be over soon. A handful of Democratic representatives, which includes Rashida Tlaib, born in Michigan to Palestinian parents, and Somalia-born Ilhan Omar have opened the barn door and the conjoined issues of Israeli dual loyalty and the corruption of American government by Zionist money have escaped into the open. Now that the discussion has begun in a serious way it will not be easy to restore the status quo ante, though the entire Democratic Party leadership and the related media is working overtime to make the issues go away.

The Democrats are hobbled by having numerous adherents who are nominally progressive but actually highly selective in terms of the constituencies they serve. One of the recently announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020 is South Bend, Ind. Mayor Peter Buttigieg, who is the very model of an unrepentant liberal. He is a homosexual, legally married to his boyfriend, and he has worked assiduously to court the black vote. He appeared in early April at a Rev. Al Sharpton National Action Network convention meeting in New York where he spoke and then answered questions. He revealed to the gathering that he used to say "all lives matter" but had stopped using the expression when he realized that it might be used to "diminish the experience of African-Americans."

Sharpton, a prominent black entitlement huck-



ster with a shady history, has been one of the leading advocates for reparations for black Americans. At the convention, Buttigieg and the other Democratic candidates present indicated that they would support a bill, which has been proposed in Congress that would authorize further "study" of the issue.

It would be difficult to top Buttigieg's cringingly pathetic performance before someone as morally challenged as Sharpton, but he manages to do so in his analysis of what is going on in the Middle East, where he places his own personal ambition clearly ahead of any compassion for the victims of violence and suppression. Or rather, all of his compassion is for the Israelis rather than their victims.

Israel works hard to influence the United States at all levels, including at local and state government levels where candidates for office can expect to be grilled by Jewish constituents regarding their views on the Middle East. Buttigieg has undoubtedly gone through this process, understanding perfectly well that his answers would determine what kind of press coverage and level of donations he would receive in return. Also, the "right answers" on Israel would be essential for anyone seeking to make some impact in national politics.

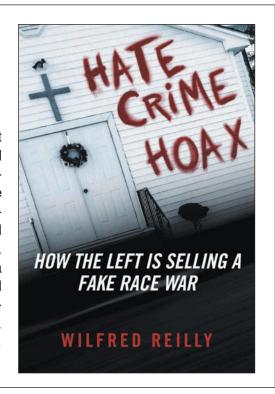
The Israel lobby's most successful propaganda program for indoctrinating politicians like Buttigieg is its sponsorship of free "educational" trips that are carefully coordinated with the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and are both organized and paid for by one of the many pro-Zionist organizations active in the United States. Buttigieg's trip, which included a number of American mayors, took place last May under the sponsorship of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). It was a time when Gazans were demonstrating against Israeli oppression and the Israelis were responding with gunfire, killing 60 unarmed demonstrators on one day alone.

Curiously, Buttigieg seems to have somehow

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missed what was going on just miles away from his guided tour. He subsequently described how he believes that Israel can serve as a model, something that he had learned from his visit. "Seeing the way that a country can be on the one hand very intentional, very serious, and very effective when it comes to security and on the other hand not allowing concerns about security to dominate your consciousness . . . I think that's a very important lesson that hopefully Americans can look to when we think about how to navigate a world that unfortunately has become smaller and more dangerous for all of us."

Buttigieg also blamed Hamas for the misery in Gaza, not the Israeli blockade, its shooting of protesters and its bombing of schools, hospitals, power plants and water treatment facilities. If it seems as if Buttigieg was pandering to a Jewish audience because he was thinking of running for president, that is almost certainly because that was indeed the case. He did an interview with his sponsors at AJC after he returned home, in which he enthused about Tel Aviv:

I was in a very modern city surrounded by people going about their lives. Seeing how people fit those things together was illuminating and, in many ways, moving. There's a sense there that no matter what challenges there are in the community or in the society, they can't wait for security issues to be resolved. People live their lives, they're pretty clear-eyed about what is going on around them. And at the same time, you don't let that take over. . . . The sense that we were in a very safe and very peaceful place. . . .

Some of Buttigieg's commentary, including his condemnation of Hamas, was nearly incoherent:

As the Democrat base is drifting away from knee-jerk support of Israel, this cynically calibrated gambit might be in vain.

I think there's a risk that Israel could come to be regarded as a partisan issue, and I think that would be really unfortunate. One of the first things you realize when you get on the ground is this is not a left versus right issue. At least it shouldn't be. We met a lot of people from the Israeli left who have complicated and nuanced views of what is going on [including the] . . . relationship with Iran. Unfortunately, these things are reduced into a black and white picture sometimes in the American media. [We got] a more nuanced idea of what is happening on the Palestinian side. So one of the first things that was very clear to us was the extent to which there really is not a unified or single voice for the Palestinian . . . people. Most people aren't aware of the difference between what's happening in Gaza run by Hamas in a way that is contributing to a lot of misery there. . . .

Buttigieg favors strengthening America's already indecent one-way relationship with Israel and putting more pressure on the Arabs "to live

up to their responsibilities," saying to AJC that:

I think the security and intelligence cooperation [between the U.S. and Israel] is obviously vital, certainly something that is as important for American interests as much as Israeli interests. There may be some opportunities perhaps not under the present administration but over time to be a constructive voice in inducing some of the other players in the region to accept greater responsibility. . . . There's certainly a chance for the U.S. to exert influence and be a constructive player when it comes to a lot of states in the region that frankly just haven't lived up to their responsibilities.

Buttigieg is the type of American that Israelis love. Ignorant of what is going on in the Middle East, he enthusiastically swallowed all of the misinformation that he was being fed by his hosts. Ambitious to a fault, he knows that having Jewish money and media power behind a presidential nomination bid would be a major asset, while questioning what Israel does is the road to failure.

It is particularly odd that he was in the middle of a highly militarized national security state that was shooting dead protesters and didn't seem to notice what was going on around him. And, of course, the Palestinians are always at fault.

As the Democratic Party base is drifting away from knee-jerk support of Israel, Buttigieg's cynically calibrated gambit might well turn out to be in vain. It will be interesting to see how love of Israel will play out in the lead-up to 2020. ★

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## More New 'AIPACs' Popping Up

• Concern Israel losing grip on politicians breeds even more pro-Zionist lobby groups

#### By Philip Giraldi

ew organizations dedicated to "defending" Israel are proliferating due to concerns that the American people are finally waking up to the fact that they have been getting ripped off by a vast Zionist conspiracy for the past 70-plus years. Ironically, while it has become possible to criticize Israel even in the mainstream media, the United States government itself has become more firmly in the grasp of the Israel lobby, most recently manifested in bills passed by Congress pledging undying love and affection for war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu and all his works. This has been due in large part to the effective lobbying by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), which met in Washington in March and drew 18,000 of its supporters to both show up and lobby their congressmen.

The congressional love affair with Israel has been accompanied by billions of dollars in U.S. taxpayer-provided Danegeld per annum plus a *de facto* commitment to send American soldiers to fight and die for Israel even if Netanyahu starts a war for no reason whatsoever.

By one estimate there are 600 groups operating in the United States with the objective of promoting Israel's interests. They run the gamut, politically speaking, and include leftward leaning organizations, like J Street, that aggressively support a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine while at the same time ignoring the fact that Israel has expanded its settlements in such a fashion as to make a Palestinian state unrealizable. On the extreme right is a group founded in 2010, which calls itself the Emergency Committee for Israel (ECI), headed by none other than Bill Kristol, for-



mer editor of the now thankfully defunct *Weekly Standard* magazine. The ECI board included Rachel Abrams, wife of pardoned felon Elliott Abrams, who is currently seeking to destroy Venezuela.

ECI is largely inactive at the present time, but when it was launched it claimed to be the most pro-Israel of all pro-Israel groups, which would be quite an achievement. It was most active in 2010-14 when it ran full-page ads against liberal advocacy groups, attacked the Occupy Wall Street movement for being anti-Semitic, and criticized individual congressmen for not being sufficiently pro-Israel. In 2013 the group came out against the proposed appointment of Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense because he had once mildly criti-

New pro-Israel lobbying groups are springing up like bitter herbs. One GOP-focused pressure group is headed by swimsuit model Elizabeth Pipko. Pipko's grandfather, Mark Klionsky, was a well-connected Soviet-born artist who painted portraits of Golda Meir, Armand Hammer, and Elie Wiesel, to name just a few.

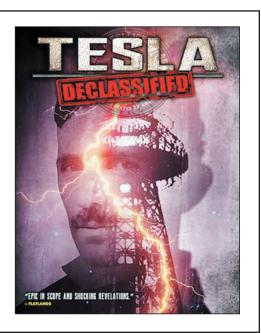
cized Israel.

The recent controversy over comments critical of Israel and its lobby made by newly elected Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) has sparked a wave of pro-Israel activism in and around Congress. At the end of January a new political group was formed by several prominent veteran Democrats, "alarmed by the party's drift from its longstanding alignment with Israel." The new group, which is calling itself the Democratic Majority for Israel (DMI), will support Democratic Party candidates who "stand unwaveringly" with the Jewish state.

The group, which is headed by Mark Mellman, a leading Democratic Party pollster, already has some "substantial" funding from the usual Jewish Democratic Party donors and it is interested in assisting potential candidates who are unambiguously supportive of Israel because of "shared values" and its contribution as "one of America's strongest allies." The website promises: "We will work to maintain and strengthen support for Israel among Democratic leaders including presidential and congressional candidates as well as with the grassroots of progressive movements. We are committed to doing so because we recognize that America's relationship with Israel, the sole democracy in the Middle East, is a mutually beneficial one based on shared values and shared interests.'

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Due to the fact that the common values and interests are difficult to identify—as they hardly exist and Israel is neither an ally nor a democracy—it might be tough sledding to convince skeptics of the actual value of the relationship for Americans. Instead, one suspects that the group will rely on the usual appeals to tribal or religious sentiment and citations of the holocaust coupled with threats of anti-Semitism leveled against those who question the formula. In reality, DMI, which will be active in state primaries, will likely create incentives through development of a funding mechanism for potential candidates who are enthusiastic about Israel while withholding funds from those who are not.

And there will be opposition to the snake oil DMI is selling, not only from Omar. She and Palestinian-American Rashida Tlaib of Michigan both support

the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, and there are also a number of other new congressmen who will not hesitate to criticize Israel when it uses lethal force against Palestinian demonstrators. There are also reports that Democratic Party-declared presidential candidates Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Beto O'Rourke, Pete Buttigieg, Kirsten Gillibrand, Jay Inslee, and Julian Castro have all confirmed they didn't attend the AIPAC conference

this year, possibly linked to a call by the leading progressive grassroots organization MoveOn for a boycott. Opinion polls also indicate that Democrats who sympathize more with Israel than with the Palestinians is at an all-time low of 19%.

Another new bipartisan pro-Israel political action committee was also launched in March in Washington. Pro-Israel America is headed by two former senior AIPAC staff members, Jonathan Missner and Jeff Mendelsohn. It is intended to provide political donations to candidates from either major party who adopt pro-Israel positions. On its initial list, it endorsed a total of 27 candidates—14 Democrats and 13 Republicans—all of whom have demonstrated a willingness to support pro-Israel legislation in Congress.

The list predictably includes Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.); Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), the majority leader in the House; Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas), the Foreign Affairs

Committee's ranking Republican.

A press release from Pro-Israel America composed by Mendelsohn stated its mission: "The best way to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship is to elect pro-Israel candidates to Congress, and that requires political action from the thousands of Americans who care deeply about this issue."

The Pro-Israel America website, which is still under construction, will reportedly encourage small donations to political campaigns, unlike the usual practice of bundling to create large contributions. Potential donors will be able to go to the website, evaluate candidates based on their pro-Israel credentials, and then contribute directly to their campaigns.

Finally, there is a third new online group called Jexodus, headed by a swimsuit model named Elizabeth Pipko, that is trying to convince Jewish

> voters to leave the Democratic Party and become Republicans because the GOP is now the party of Israel. It is hard to argue with that, as President Donald Trump has now moved the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem and recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, while Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has declared that God elected Trump to save the Jews from Iran. There will likely be even more concessions to Netanyahu in the lead-up to America's own upcoming elec-

tion in 2020.

Jewish activists

are concerned that

the Israel lobby has

lost its iron grip on

D.C. policymakers.

All of the pro-Israel groups taken together constitute a veritable political juggernaut that seeks to advantage Israel and benefit it directly without regard for the damage done to American democracy and to actual U.S. interests. They should rightly be seen as organizations that regard their loyalty to the United States as negotiable, but they try to obfuscate the issue by claiming, wrongly, that there exist compelling reasons why Israel and the U.S. should continue to be best friends.

As Americans increasingly begin to appreciate how Israel is in fact a serious liability, that line will not continue to sell very well, no matter how many congressmen and tame journalists are bought and no matter how many new groups pop up like mushrooms funded by Jewish billionaires. Change is coming.

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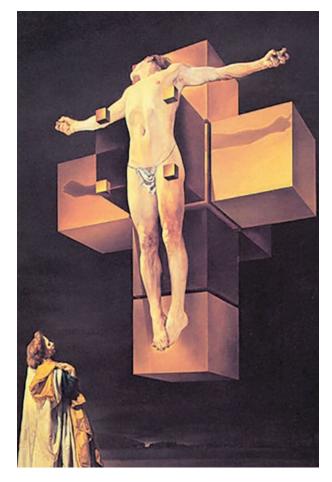
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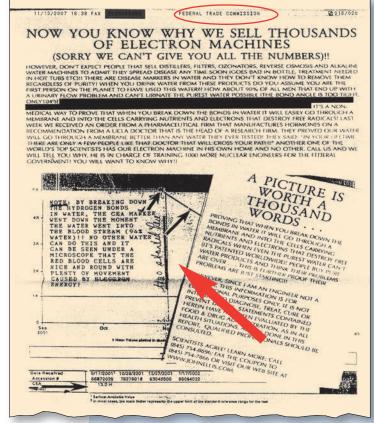
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## Does Assange's Arrest Mean He'll Face Charges in the U.S?

• Questions arise over free speech, journalistic credentials

#### By S.T. Patrick

s he screamed, "This is unlawful. I am not leaving," a bearded, disheveled Julian Assange was dragged from the Ecuadorian embassy where he had resided under asylum since June 2012. Assange, the founder and director of WikiLeaks, was immediately taken to a central London police station before pleading not guilty in court on a 2012 charge of failing to surrender. District Judge Michael Snow quickly found Assange guilty and rushed him to Southwark Crown Court for sentencing.

Assange faces up to 12 months in a British prison, but a more immediate concern for attorney Jennifer Robinson is his possible extradition to the United States, where an awaiting conspiracy to commit computer intrusion (hacking) charge carries a maximum of five years in prison.

"It's called conspiracy. It's conspiracy to commit journalism," a representative of Assange said outside of the British court, adding, "There is no assurance that there will not be additional charges when he is on U.S. soil."

CNN later reported that Department of Justice (DoJ) officials do intend to bring additional charges against Assange.

Assange, an Australian national, had entered the Ecuadorian embassy under asylum when the UK's Supreme Court ruled that he must be extradited to Sweden to face charges of sexual molestation, sexual coercion, and rape. Assange contended that the charges were "without basis." Swedish prosecutors dropped the molestation and coercion charges in 2015; the rape charge was dropped in 2017. Ecuador had withdrawn asylum last week, which allowed its ambassador to legally invite Scotland Yard into the embassy to arrest Assange.

Assange had been at odds with Ecuador's President Lenin Moreno for over a year. According to Moreno, the tipping point was the WikiLeaks release of Vatican documents in January. Ecuador had "reached its limit on the behavior of Mr. Assange," Moreno said. "This and other publications have confirmed the world's suspicion that Mr. Assange is still linked to WikiLeaks and therefore involved in interfering in internal affairs of other states."

Ecuador's decision to withdraw asylum had come on the heels of a WikiLeaks accusation that the embassy had been involved in an "extensive spying operation" against Assange. Ecuador had also recently denied an accusation that it was planning to expel Assange.

At right, Julian Assange gives the thumbs up signal from behind the textured glass of a police van on the way to a British court. The United States wants Assange extradited to the U.S. so the Justice Department can punish him for revealing so much damning information on the way the U.S. military conducts war.

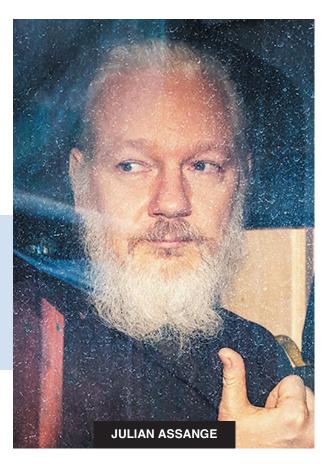
The U.S. extradition request and the pending charges behind it specifically relate to the Justice Department claim that Assange conspired with the currently jailed Chelsea Manning to hack into classified U.S. government computers. The charges are very narrow so as to try to escape the debate over whether Assange and WikiLeaks are entitled to freedom of the press protections.

Who gets protected under the freedom of the press? U.S. law is intentionally vague regarding press freedoms. The freedoms apply to all citizens

Extending special constitutional protections to journalists would force the courts to decide who is and isn't a journalist.

and are litigated on a case-by-case basis. Extending constitutional protections to a specific group of people called journalists would force the courts to decide who is and who isn't a journalist.

Glenn Greenwald of news website "The Intercept" wrote: "To begin with, the press freedom guarantee of the First Amendment isn't confined to 'legitimate news outlets'—whatever that might mean. The First Amendment isn't available only to a certain class of people licensed as 'journalists.' It protects not a privileged group of people called 'professional journalists' but rather an activity: namely, using the press (which at the time of the First Amendment's enactment meant the literal printing press) to inform the public about what the government was doing. Everyone is entitled to that constitutional protection equally: there is no cogent way to justify why the *Guardian*, ex-DoJofficials-turned-bloggers, or [national security



blogger] Marcy Wheeler are free to publish classified information but Julian Assange and WikiLeaks are not."

Kathleen Parker, writing for *The Washington Post* and defending the profession of establishment journalism, wrote, "The difference between someone like Assange publishing whatever leaks and lands in his lap and, say, the *Post*, which published the leaked documents known as the 'Pentagon Papers,' is mostly a lot of worry and process. . . . He is not, after all, a journalist, despite his claiming to be, because he isn't accountable to anyone. No filters, no standards."

Blogger Caitlin Johnstone noted that WikiLeaks has won six awards for journalism since 2011, though she also believes the "journalist-or-not" argument is a false debate.

"The claim that Assange is 'not a journalist' is both an irrelevant red herring and a self-evident falsehood," wrote Johnstone. "It is made not by people with an interest in maintaining a small and specific linguistic understanding of what the word journalism means, but by people who want to see Julian Assange imprisoned by the same government which tortured Manning because he made them feel emotionally upset. It's a fact-free argument made entirely in bad faith for inexcusable motives: the desire to see a journalist imprisoned for telling the truth."

The U.S. has until June to present its legal argument for extradition to the UK. Until then, the public debate over Assange, Manning, the definition of journalism, leaking classified information, and the role of the growing "citizen journalist" movement will impact the public and political debate nationally.

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## Real Purpose of Assange Indictment

#### • U.S. government wants to make sure nobody exposes its crimes ever again

#### **By Paul Craig Roberts**

et's be sure that we understand that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is not charged with anything related to Russia or Russiagate or even with breaking a law. Assange is charged with being in a conspiracy with whistleblower Chelsea Manning "to commit computer intrusion." The charge is not that Assange succeeded in hacking a government computer and obtaining classified information. It merely says that Assange discussed the possibility with Manning and had an intention to hack a computer. Most likely, even this non-crime is an invention of prosecutors instructed to indict Assange in the absence of any evidence. It is all that they could come up with.

It is impossible to respect the indictment. It is the product of evil, and the evil indictment is a direct assault on the First Amendment. Those who have brought this false charge have violated their oath to protect the Constitution from enemies abroad and at home. It is the enemies at homewho we have to be concerned about, as it is these enemies who have power over us.

If the U.S. government had any evidence that Assange actually hacked a government computer, he would be charged with that. But as there is no evidence of an actual crime, the corrupt American prosecutors and a stupid and manipulated grand jury rolled out the conspiracy charge. A conspiracy is when a couple of people planned a bank robbery but didn't do it. In other words, they thought about it and talked about it. Therefore, a conspiracy existed although nothing really happened.

Prosecutors and courts have corrupted the actual law to the point that a person can be arrested for considering a crime. In other words, "thought crimes" already exist. They are called "conspiracies." Now that they have machines that they claim can read our minds, if you think about murdering someone, you can be arrested for "conspiracy to commit murder."

Another example is when two or more people talk about getting some narcotics and having a high evening but instead watch a movie and go to bed. They could be charged with "conspiracy to obtain illegal narcotics."

This is the type of charge for which Assange faces extradition to Washington.

Why? The answer is that the criminal, petty, and vindictive U.S. government wants to get revenge on Assange for publishing documents leaked to him, allegedly by Manning—but we don't have any proof of that, either, other than a coerced admission from a tortured person—that reveal U.S. war crimes and deception of allies, and to shut down the First Amendment so that the government's crimes can never again be revealed by journalists. This is Washington's way of solving

the whistleblower problem.

The charge against Assange has nothing to do with the leak of the emails that revealed how Hillary Clinton stole the Democratic presidential nomination from Bernie Sanders. Computer experts such as William Binney have proven that the Democratic emails were downloaded on a thumb drive, not hacked over the Internet. Most likely the Democratic National Committee (DNC) employee who leaked the incriminating emails is [Seth Rich] who was mysteriously shot down in the street in an unsolved murder that Hillary and the DNC most certainly do not want solved.

The British government, a vassal of Washington, arrested Assange inside the Ecuadoran embassy in London on the pretext that he was wanted for skipping bail.



This arrest is the end result of the British, in compliance with Washington's orders, seizing Assange in response to a request from a Swedish prosecutor who was put up to renewing the investigation of Assange and requested Assange's extradition to Sweden for questioning.

According to law, extradition requires a formal charge or indictment against the person whose extradition is requested. It is outside the law to extradite people for questioning. The extradition request was doubly troubling as Assange while in Sweden had already been questioned by prosecutors who found that there was no case against him. No charges were ever filed against Assange, and the investigation was closed.

The media and crazed feminists have lied

through their teeth for years that Assange used his political asylum to escape rape charges. Even non-media, such as Russian English language media, have repeated this disinformation.

There were never any rape charges against Assange. What happened is this: Two Swedish women took Assange into their beds in their homes and had consensual sex with him. No condom was used. The women or one of them wanted Assange to take a test so she could be reassured that he had no disease that could be sexually transmitted. Assange foolishly refused. The woman went to the police to see if Assange could be coerced to take the test. Out of this came the investigation that was closed without charges. Assange was free to leave Sweden.

He foolishly went to the UK, Washington's prime puppet state. Once there Washington prevailed on a female Swedish prosecutor to reopen questioning of Assange.

No real reason was ever given for the female Swedish prosecutor to reopen the questioning. One possible reason is Washington's money. It was clear to Assange's lawyers that the extradition request was a trick to get him back in Swedish hands so that he could be handed over to Washington. Assange fought the extradition, but a corrupt British court complied with Washington and ruled that Assange could be extradited for questioning even though there were no charges against him. This ruling shocked everyone who thought British judges had integrity.

Seeing what was coming, Assange sought and was granted political asylum by Ecuador and fled his British house arrest to the Ecuadoran embassy in London

Eventually the Swedish feminist prosecutor who attempted to reopen the investigation of Assange consented to question him in the embassy with the result that she closed her investigation. This ended all excuses for the UK to hold Assange for Sweden. As there was no charge, Assange was not guilty of violating bail. Without a charge there is no bail. That is the way the law used to be before the corrupted British courts undermined the law and dishonored British justice.

The U.S. and UK governments refused to honor Assange's political asylum, just as the Soviet government refused to honor the political asylum that the United States gave to Hungarian Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty, who ended up living in the U.S. embassy in Hungary for 15 years. At least the Soviets had more integrity than to arrest the cardinal inside the U.S. embassy. But the British are devoid of integrity. The only concern of the British government is to obey Washington. They all hope for the 60 million pounds that is Tony Blair's reward for supporting Washington's Iraq invasion.

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## Measles Hysteria Hits U.S.

#### By Mark Anderson

ecent commentary on the current reported measles outbreak from health-care professionals and government officials, blasted across the major media nearly nonstop, amounts to virtual hysteria, with unvaccinated people being singled out on the basis of utterly biased reporting. While public confidence in vaccine safety is decreasing, public debate is being essentially forbidden. Now, police-state measures threatening fines and quarantine of those refusing vaccines are rising, with persecution of the unvaccinated already happening in some places.

In Rockland County, N.Y., where 186 cases of measles in its population of about 329,000 have been logged since Oct. 2018, the health commissioner announced anyone who "is unvaccinated, has a laboratory-confirmed case of measles, has been identified by a health investigation as being exposed to measles, and is under age 18 will be issued an order to essentially stay at home for up to 21 days." Parents or guardians who fail to comply with this order are threatened with a \$2,000 fine per day.

In New York City, where an outbreak among ultra-Orthodox Jews that started in the fall when a child returned from Israel contagious with measles, Mayor Bill de Blasio declared a "public health emergency" and issued an executive order mandating vaccination in the neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Queens affected by the outbreak. Anyone who has not been vaccinated against measles or cannot show evidence of immunity could face a \$1,000 fine.

"Unvaccinated people are being blamed all over the place and people [in reaction] are actually starting to get the vaccine even if they're older" out of fear, Joe Martino, host of the YouTube-based news show "Collective Evolution," recently observed. He points to a *USA Today* video production titled, "How the anti-vax movement brought the measles back from near

extinction." The video description states: "Outbreaks across the U.S. have forced officials to declare emergencies. Why are we starting to see the rise of these outbreaks? It dates back to the antivax movement."

The video states, "[I]n some places, parents can be fined \$500 or spend 6 months in jail for not vaccinating their kids. In one New York county, unvaccinated kids are banned from appearing in any public place. . . . The World Health Organization reported that people who chose not to vaccinate are a global health threat."

USA Today blames the decreasing compliance with measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination requirements on research by Dr. Andrew Wakefield published in *The Lancet* in 1998, which it calls "one of the most serious frauds in medical history."

Martino and fellow journalist Arjun Walia, however, note that mass media and pro-vaccine institutions have long misrepresented that Wakefield, a gastroenterologist, firmly linked the MMR vaccine to autism in his published, peer-reviewed findings. In fact, they explain, Wakefield simply proposed a connection between gastro-intestinal issues and autism and noted the possibility of an MMR vaccination linkage. Wakefield clearly stated that more research is needed, yet he lost his medical license, and his reputation was, and continues to be, irreparably smeared worldwide.

While *USA Today* doesn't note any of the many other developments suggesting the measles vaccine either isn't effective or actually causes the very illness it's supposed to prevent, parents choosing not to vaccinate can point to many studies. For instance:

- An American Journal of Public Health 1991 study cited an early-1988 outbreak of 84 measles cases at a Colorado college where over 98% of students had documentation of "adequate" measles vaccinations—which is above the "herd immunity" threshold.
- In a 2011 outbreak, during which unvaccinated people were demonized, a study from New York City's Bureau of Immunization of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene "actually

#### Measles: Facts & Myths

The mainstream media has omitted some important facts about measles & vaccinations.

traced the measles outbreak to a vaccinated individual who had been twice vaccinated, and they concluded that the measles may occur in vaccinated individuals and secondary transmissions from such vaccine individuals is documented," as Walia explained, noting these were just two of dozens of studies that exist.

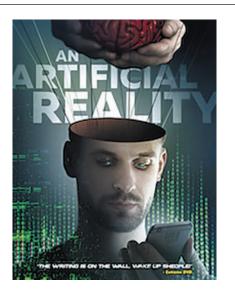
• In support of recent legislation (H.B. 1638) in Washington state, biochemical engineer Brian S. Hooker, who has published multiple papers on the issue of ineffective vaccines, addressing a House committee, said: "There's a problem with measles in Washington... but it's not low vaccination rates. It's actually high rates with a vaccination product unable to provide lifetime immunity or vigorous maternal protection to infants during their first year of life."

Alternative health practitioner Brian David Andersen, of the Tri Vortex Institute in Palm Desert, Calif., recalled that the measles has always been one of those maladies "that you get once in childhood, stay home a few days from school, and then you're naturally immune." He added, "All that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and other vaccine skeptics really want are impartial, rigorous studies to fully determine vaccine ingredients and find out, once and for all, if the vaccines actually work and are worth all the expense and the risks they create."

"The whole 'anti-vax' movement is really moving up and they're pushing back with fear," he told AFP, referring to the medical establishment's reaction—with multi-billions of dollars at stake. Perhaps this explains the alarming encroachment of the "medical police state" in places like New York City and California, where longstanding exemptions from vaccination requirements are being revoked, and "non-compliant" parents are being threatened with fines and incarceration. ★

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## Sex Change Kids Admit: 'We Made a Mistake'

#### By Tilton Adler

aking and un-making decisions is a constant in life. As free-thinking adults, we base our decisions on the information, knowledge, and experience we've gained over many years. However, for a growing number of 13- to 24-year-old "transgender" individuals, un-making some decisions is easier said than done. Enter the upside-down world of "de-transitioning."

De-transitioning is defined as changing back to one's original biological gender after having become a transgendered person.

Some estimates purport 17% of individuals who identify as transgender during their teenage years will eventually transition back to their biological gender, often doing so only after they have started dangerous hormone blocking therapies and irreversible medical treatments.

Increasingly, psychiatrists and medical doctors are writing prescriptions for testosterone and estrogen, hormone blockers that can have a permanent effect with the first dose, especially for children.

Doctors are taking the "affirmative approach," which is to say they are blindly accepting a child's naïve belief that they are "trans," without any real psychological evaluation or clinical observation. Children are being trusted to make life-altering decisions for themselves regarding the chemistry of their bodies years before they are trusted to vote, join the military, or even buy alcohol.

One result of this reckless acceptance is that those same 13-year-old kids are now 22-year-old adults and are deciding they aren't transgender after all. With their body's hormones a wreck and their emotional state fragile, we have a generation left in biological limbo. What long-term effects the puberty-blocking hormones will have is yet to be determined. Will reproductive abilities be lost? Will these individuals' behavioral and emotional development be altered? The question of the role government should or shouldn't have in preventing doctors from prescribing such drugs to patients under the age of 18 is just beginning to be debated.

Another issue plaguing the parents and families of teens questioning their own gender is known as Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria (ROGD)—kids who grew up perfectly content with being a boy or a girl until they became obsessed with stories on the Internet of people "fixing their problems" by deciding they are transgender. Psychologist Dr. Lisa Littman defines this developing epidemic as, "A type of late-onset gender dysphoria where the development of gender dysphoria is observed suddenly during or after puberty in a young adult who would not have met criteria for [transgender] in childhood."

These adolescents convince themselves they are transgender only after watching countless hours of YouTube videos in which their "transgender" peers use phrases like, "I've found the real me," or, "I finally fit in somewhere."

The teenage years are difficult and full of self-doubt and are the years in which we try on many hats. Are we athletic or poetic? Are we shy or outgoing? Are we comfortable in our own skin, or do we wish we were physically different? It is an essential time in life during which we begin to figure out who we are.

One thing psychologists know about ROGD is that it's seldom a permanent condition. In many

cases, teens are expressing themselves as transgender more as a way to be part of a fad than as a life-long commitment. Acting on this fad or transient condition when young then leads to—you guessed it—de-transitioning as they age. Many of the choices we make at age 15 are not right for us as we mature, and fortunately, many such teenage choices do not have lifelong impact. Changing our gender is not one of those choices, however.

Many see society's growing fascination with the tiny portion of our population who identify as transgender as a passing trend. We may know people who are grappling with gender issues but most of us do not. Yet never before has the Internet had such a monstrous hook in our youth, and they are acting on these social pressures in growing numbers. It is difficult but important to realize the difficulty this generation faces now; how much more difficult will it be when, a few years from now, they realize their decision to transition was made as a still-foolish teen based on nothing more than very convincing propaganda? As they come to this realization and choose to de-transition, let this be a time of supporting the un-making of decisions.

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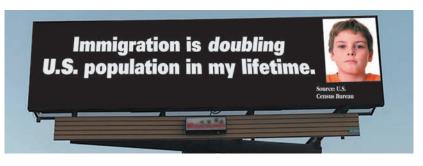
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## The Unhappy Anniversary of Obama's Affordable Care Act

#### By Dr. Ron Paul

arch marked nine years since the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (popularly known as Obamacare) became law. Obamacare's proponents promised that the law would reduce costs, expand access, and allow us to keep our doctors if we liked our doctors. The reality has been quite different.

Since Obamacare was enacted, individual health insurance premiums have more than doubled while small businesses have been discouraged from providing health insurance benefits. The increased costs of, and decreased access to, healthcare are a direct result of Obamacare's mandates—particularly the guaranteed issue and pre-existing condition mandates. Another costly mandate forces most plans to cover "essential health benefits." This mandate is why postmenopausal women must pay for contraceptive

The increase in health insurance premiums has not helped those who like their doctors and want to keep their doctors. Instead, patients' choices of providers are restricted to ever-narrower networks. As leading healthcare scholar John C. Goodman observed, the result is that a cancer patient from my hometown of Lake Jackson, Texas who obtains insurance through Obamacare's exchanges cannot get treatment at nearby MD Anderson, one of the country's top cancer treatment centers. If healthcare were a true free market, insurance companies would compete for the business of cancer patients and others with chronic conditions by developing innovative ways to give them the best care at an affordable price.

Sadly, few in Congress support free-market healthcare. The Democrats are divided between progressives who want to repeal and replace Obamacare with "Medicare for all," the latest euphemism for single-payer healthcare, and establishment Democrats who want to save Obamacare by spending more money on subsidies for individuals and insurance companies.

President Donald Trump has made some regulatory changes that make it easier for individuals to find affordable insurance. He has also recently called on Republicans to renew efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare. Most Republicans reacted to the president's call the way Dracula reacts to a crucifix. These Republicans are terrified of the issue because they believe their halfhearted attempts to enact phony repeal bills cost them control of the House of Representatives in 2018.

Trump himself does not actually want to repeal all of Obamacare. He just wants to repeal the "unpopular" parts. However, because the popular parts include many of Obamacare's most destructive mandates, even if Trump gets his way, Americans will continue to suffer with low-quality, high-cost healthcare.

Any system combining subsidies that artificially increase demand with regulations and mandates that, by raising costs, artificially limit supply inevitably results in shortages, rationing, and lower quality. Therefore, no matter how much Democrats spend or how many "reforms" Republicans enact, Obamacare and other types of governmentcontrolled healthcare will never "work."



If President Donald Trump gets his way, Americans will continue to suffer with low-quality, high-cost healthcare in perpetuity.

Instead of ignoring the issue, trying to prop up Obamacare, or implementing a single-payer plan, Congress should restore individuals' control over healthcare dollars by expanding healthcare tax deductions and credits, as well as Health Savings Accounts.

Expanded charitable deductions could help ensure those who need assistance can obtain privately funded charitable care instead of relying on inefficient government programs.

Before Medicaid and Medicare, doctors routinely provided charitable care, while churches and private charities ran hospitals that served the poor. Individuals are more than capable of meeting their healthcare needs and providing for the needs of the less fortunate, if the government gets out of the way.

Ron Paul, a former U.S. representative from Texas and medical doctor. continues to write his weekly column for the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity, online at www.ronpaulinstitute.org.

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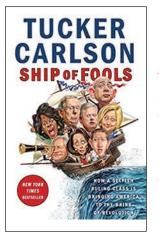
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### Lack of Pact With Mexico Means Heavy Asylum Requests for U.S.

• Mexico is shunning its international obligations

#### **By Mark Anderson**

here are unsubstantiated claims that Central Americans, especially those from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, are subjected to persecution, assaults, murder etc. in such a consistent manner that they have no choice but to uproot and flee their home countries in droves. Yet, rather than obtaining sanctuary in Mexico in order to remain close enough to home to return should the need arise, they instead risk their lives and the lives of their children crossing some 1,900 miles of often forbidding Mexican territory to enter the United States.

So why don't they seek asylum in Mexico if they need immediate relief from persecution? And if they're seeking asylum in the U.S., what happened to the Hague Convention and Protocol, which has long required that refugees leaving a presumably violence-torn home country must seek asylum in the first non-hostile country that they enter?

Dan Cadman of the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington-based think tank, shared his views on the matter.

"The problems are multiple, but the answer is yes, the International [Hague] Convention and Protocol still requires people seeking safe haven to ask [for asylum] in the first country at which they can reasonably do so," he informed this writer.

However, legalistic meddling and liberal interpretations of the convention have made the rules pliable.

The way that convention has been codified into U.S. law by Congress used slightly different

The Hague Convention says that refugees leaving a "violence-torn" home country must seek asylum in the first non-hostile country they enter.

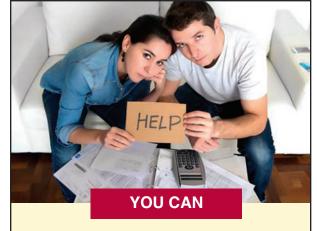
wording, which, as lawyers and legalists argue, levies an expectation on the U.S. to entertain the requests for asylum," he said.

He went on to explain that the key to solving the problem is for the United States to enter into a bilateral agreement with Mexico to require America's southern neighbor to honor its obligations under the convention in the manner that Canada does.

"Despite the fact that Mexico is also a signatory to the Convention and Protocol, we have no bilateral agreement with Mexico—as we do with Canada—to make them live up to their obligations," Cadman continued.

Thus, the core problem is the absence of such a pact with Mexico, which is aggravated by liberal courts and activist lawyers gaming the sys-

"There are a lot of progressive activists in the country these days-including on the benchand this is the interpretation that they choose to focus on," Cadman summarized, referring to the expectation that the U.S., with its overly generous welfare system serving as a beacon, is the place to which asylum seekers must travel.



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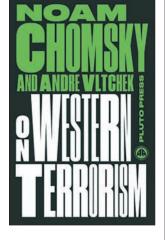
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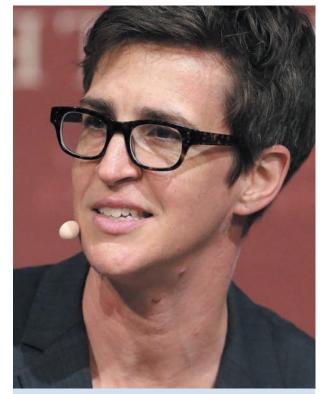
• Even left-leaning viewers realize the charges against Trump were fake news

#### By Donald Jeffries

hile the establishment left desperately awaited the release of the full report issued by special counsel Robert Mueller, in the hopes of an imaginary smoking gun being discovered, an increasing number of Americans are turning off mainstream media. Both CNN and MSNBC, the television networks most vociferously pushing the absurd Russian "collusion" theory, experienced their second lowest ratings of the year in early April, according to Nielsen research. CNN has fallen behind the likes of Home and Garden TV and children's network Nickelodeon in daytime ratings.

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, perhaps the loudest voice in the state-run media howling about President Donald Trump conspiring with the Russians, lost half a million viewers just in the first week after the conclusions of the Mueller probe were reported. Her show has fallen an alarming 34% from the same point last year. Fox News, widely considered the television network fairest to Trump, has solidified its dominance in the ratings, and widened its lead on their more "liberal" counterparts throughout the Mueller investigation.

While mainstream television's ratings are sinking rapidly, and establishment newspapers and magazines continue to go the way of the dinosaur, the public's confidence in the press is dropping as well. A new poll by the Morning Consult revealed that, even among Democrats, faith in the biggest "liberal" media organs such *The New York Times*,



Is the American public catching on to the fact that what the mainstream media presents is nothing but fake news propaganda? Rachel Maddow, for instance, has seen her ratings drop precipitously recently. After going on for months assuring her listeners Trump "colluded" with Russia, his exoneration led to an on-air crying jag. Even leftist viewers, however, weren't forgiving so easily for lying to them so blatantly.

NPR, CNN, NBC, and ABC dipped from July to December 2018, a time period when Russian "collusion" was front and center for all those outlets. The release of this poll came less than a month after Mueller's probe concluded there was no evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

In September 2018, a joint Knight Foundation and Gallup Poll found that public trust in the mainstream media had fallen to an all-time low. A majority of those surveyed said they had lost faith in the media in recent years, with 30% reporting that they expected this loss of faith to be permanent. The Trump effect was obvious; when people were asked why they didn't trust the media, 45% cited inaccuracy, bias, and "fake news." In an earlier 2018 poll, it was revealed that among highprofile institutions, public trust in newspapers and television news was lower than for any except Congress. The gap between liberals and conservatives is immense here; recent polls have shown that while 51% of Democrats trust mass media, only 14% of Republicans do.

The mainstream media has certainly done nothing over the years to earn the public trust. In 1990, CNN featured a seemingly terrified reporter Charles Jaco, covering a scud missile attack live from Iraq. What would subsequently be revealed, through video leaked by CNN staffers, was the fact Jaco was on a sound stage, complete with fake palm trees in the background. He could be seen clowning around with staff members before the "attack," during which he dramatically donned a gas mask. Since CNN never publicly acknowledged or apologized for this serious breach of journalistic ethics, is it any wonder they cava-

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**CNN viewers were stunned to learn** that "journalist" Chris Jaco—who donned a gas mask to protect himself against a "poison gas attack"—wasn't really reporting live from the frontline of Iraq during the 1990 Gulf War. He was actually on a soundstage with fake palm trees in the background simulating the entire event.

lierly dismiss the potential lawsuit against them by the family of young Nicholas Sandmann?

In a more recent example, longtime smiling pixie "journalist" Katie Couric was caught with her pants down, as producers used extremely deceptive editing in a 2016 documentary she narrated on gun control. *Under the Gun* featured what appeared to be speechless members of a Virginia gun rights group, who couldn't provide a coherent response to Couric's grilling about background checks. In fact, audio was later released that demonstrated these same "speechless" progun advocates had explained their position coherently and thoroughly, but their words had simply been edited out. Documentary producer Stephanie Soechtig issued a familiar justification, stating, "My intention was to provide a pause for the viewer to have a moment to consider this important question before presenting the facts on Americans' opinions on background checks. I never intended to make anyone look bad and I apologize if anyone felt that way." The multi-millionaire talking head Couric backed her up, saying, "I support Stephanie's statement and am very proud of this film."

During the media-driven Trayvon Martin case a few years back, MSNBC was caught editing audio tape between George Zimmerman and a police dispatcher, in an overt effort to turn innocuous conversation into something "racist."

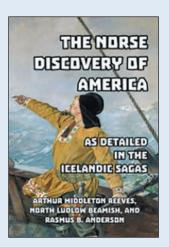
In addition to this kind of outright deception, mainstream media outlets continue to push impossible official narratives to explain every significant event that happens around the world.

The fawning, pro-establishment tilt of our mainstream media became more apparent than ever during the Mueller probe, as "journalists" abandoned all pretenses towards objectivity and openly demanded that "something be done" about Trump. Their crusade to get the full Mueller report released represents a sole exception to their historical support for the suppression of government documents from the public.

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## Democrats Shamed by Black Conservative

• Candace Owens says "hate hearings" really about "fear-mongering, power & control"

#### By John Friend

n April 9, the House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.), a fierce critic of President Trump, held a rather Orwellian hearing focusing on hate crimes and the rise of white nationalism in America. Once again, the mainstream political establishment made perfectly clear its utter disdain and contempt for white Americans who hold positive, pro-white perspectives by deriding and slandering such ideas as "bigoted" and "hateful."

Unsurprisingly, not a single pro-white advocate was invited to speak to the committee. Instead, a variety of social justice advocates, including a representative from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the president of the Equal Justice Society, made appearances before the committee in order to denounce the alleged "threat" of white nationalist ideology and the spread of "hate" on social media platforms and other sectors of the Internet, which many witnesses before the committee insisted has been facilitated and even encouraged by President Donald Trump.

"White supremacists in the United States have experienced a resurgence in the past three years, driven in large part by the rise of the alt-right," Eileen Hershenov, the senior vice president of policy for the ADL, proffered in her prepared remarks before the committee. "There is also a clear corollary, as our research shows, to the rise in polarizing and hateful rhetoric on the part of candidates and elected leaders," Hershenov noted, referring to Trump.

Hershenov went on to hype the alleged threat of rightwing violence, dubiously arguing that socalled white supremacists have been responsible for "more than half of all domestic extremist-re-



lated murders in the past 10 years."

"So, there is a crucial need for this hearing, focusing on white nationalism—not because other types of extremism aren't dangerous, but because we as a society, our laws, and our elected leaders have not focused sufficiently on the rising threat of white supremacy," Hershenov declared before moving on to discuss the role social media has played in allowing "hate to spread."

Facebook and Google, two of the largest Internet companies, which own other large social media platforms including Instagram and YouTube, also had representatives at the hearing and insisted they are doing everything in their power to prevent the spread of "hate" and "white supremacist" ideology on their platforms.

Conservative commentator Candace Owens blasted the "hate hearings" on Capitol Hill, telling those in attendance that the event was not about white nationalists or racism but really about the Democrats' desire to keep brown people in perpetual fear and victimhood.

"There is no place for terrorism or hate on Facebook," Neil Potts, public policy director for Facebook, stated in his testimony before the committee. "We remove any content that incites violence."

Facebook recently announced a new policy to ban any sort of "praise, support, and representation of white nationalism and white separatism" on its platform, which this newspaper reported on at the time.

Perhaps the most interesting and reality-based testimony came from Candace Owens, a young black conservative who serves as communications director for Turning Points USA, which seeks to advance conservative causes on college campuses across America. In her explosive testimony, which went viral on social media in the aftermath of the hearings, Owens blasted Democrats and their fear-based political strategies, which she powerfully argued have been used so effectively to keep blacks and other minorities down.

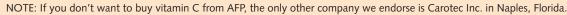
"We're hearing [terms like 'white nationalism'] sent around today because what they want to say is that brown people want to be scared, which seems to be the narrative that we hear every four years ahead of a presidential election," Owens stated in her testimony.

She went on to note some of the real problems facing the black community in America today, including poor education and test scores, rampant criminality and violence, abortion, and

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single-parent families, problems that, according to Owens, have been fostered by policies promoted by Democrats—not white nationalists.

"The hearing today is not about white nationalism or hate crimes; it's about fear-mongering, power, and control," Owens insisted. "The goal here is to scare blacks, Hispanics, gays, and Muslims, helping [Democrats] censor dissenting opinions . . . helping them regain control."

Owens went on to argue that the statistics being used to allege an increase in white nationalist violence are being manipulated for political gain by Democrats, while actual instances and threats of violence coming from the radical left and antifa groups are being downplayed and ignored.

"If they actually were concerned about white nationalism they would be holding hearings on antifa, a far-left violent white gang who determined, one day in Philadelphia, that I, a black woman, was not fit to sit in a restaurant," Owens said. "They threw water at me, they threw eggs at me, and the leftist media were silent on it."

In a sane world, hearings would be held on the groups and organizations engaging and promoting political violence, which largely emanates from the radical left. Leftwing political violence and hate speech has largely been ignored by the political and media establishment, which constantly focuses on alleged rightwing extremism and violence that is often mischaracterized, distorted, or outright fabricated.

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## Michigan Falls for SPLC Trap: Labels Good Groups 'Haters'

#### By Mark Anderson

lected in 2018, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel (D) has put together a "hate crimes unit" that compiles data and mainly targets those accused of committing so-called hate crimes against "the LGBTQ [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer] community." She's heavily relying on the discredited Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) to help her office define which groups are "hate" groups. The intent, according to both government and media sources, is to increase the documentation and prosecution of hate crimes while also targeting "incidents" of hate.

Ms. Nessel is a married lesbian and former Wayne County assistant prosecutor who's working with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights in this crusade. She is using SPLC data to focus on a particular region of Michigan where, it's alleged, there's a stronger-than-usual concentration of "hate" organizations.

"These groups range in the ideological extremes from anti-Muslim, to anti-LGBT, to black nationalist and white nationalists," Michigan Department of Civil Rights Director Agustin Arbulu said in an official statement, which added that the lower peninsula's "thumb" area is seen as a hotbed of supposed hate.

"Particularly of concern, over one half of the [31] identified groups are located east of U.S.-23 between Flint and Ann Arbor," Arbulu specified.

Yet, this crusade goes even further. Arbulu's department, in coordination with the attorney general's office, is going so far as to create "a process to document hate and bias incidents that don't rise to the level of a crime or civil infrac-

tion," as noted in *The Detroit News*.

In other words, something as harmless as philosophically or politically disagreeing with certain "minority" groups deemed worthy of extra protection by the state is being monitored and logged. This means that Michigan is trying to discredit, pathologize, and potentially criminalize certain beliefs, primarily if not solely conservative, constitutionalist, or Christian beliefs. In due course, this could result in a "thought crimes" dragnet.

The SPLC—whose scandal-ridden founder, Morris Dees, was recently fired and whose overall leadership is mired in corruption, as detailed in AFP's last two editions—claims Michigan is home to 31 hate and extremist organizations—which is "an uptick from the 28 [the SPLC] reported in 2017," according to *The Detroit News*.

Ms. Nessel's office announced that "active hate and extremist groups in Michigan" from 2017 to 2018 had increased "by more than 6%."

Two of the 31 accused Michigan groups are the American Freedom Law Center in Ann Arbor, accused of being anti-Muslim, and the Church Militant/St. Michael's Media in Ferndale, labeled as being "hateful" of LGBTQ people.

In correspondence with this writer, St. Michael's Media spokesperson Christine Niles responded: "Church Militant categorically rejects the label of 'hate group' imposed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a radical leftist outfit whose aim seems to have morphed into attacking prolife, pro-family organizations. We are deeply concerned that the Michigan attorney general's office is launching its hate crimes task force using the SPLC's list to investigate groups like ours."

In a news release, the American Freedom Law Center announced it has filed a civil rights lawsuit "accusing Michigan of roundabout discrimi-



It's hard to believe after the SPLC was exposed as a misogynistic and racist organization, but people like Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel (left) are still relying on the SPLC as a source to determine which groups are "hateful."

nation" in this matter. The law center is "going after Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and state Department of Civil Rights Director Agustin Arbulu" because they are "waging an unjust crusade against the law center."

Michigan, adds the complaint, "is unfairly targeting the law center due to its inclusion on the Southern Poverty Law Center's list of local hate groups."

The American Freedom Law Center says its mission "is to fight for faith and freedom through litigation, education, and public policy programs. The strength of our nation lies in its commitment to a Judeo-Christian heritage and moral foundation and to an enduring faith and trust in God and His Providence."

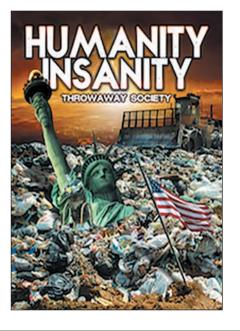
Other groups among the 31 named by the SPLC are: American Guard (statewide, "general hate"), The Creativity Movement (statewide, "Neo Nazi"), the Daily Stormer (statewide, "Neo-Nazi"), and the Foundation for the Marketplace of Ideas (Clinton Township, "White Nationalist").

Bill Mohr, chairman of the U.S. Taxpayer's Party (a.k.a. Constitution Party), remarked that the attorney general's crusade "is not receiving the kind of news coverage that it deserves." He added that newly elected Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) "issued an executive order forbidding any discrimination against the LGBTQ crowd."

Mohr told this writer he has been contacting state Sen. Eric Nesbitt (R), among others, "to try and get even one senator to disavow or counteract the executive order," but to no avail, as of this writing. ★

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## Chicago Hate Crime Insanity

#### By John Friend

hicago has officially filed a civil complaint against Jussie Smollett, an actor who orchestrated a fake hate crime "attack" against himself in January with the help of two Nigerian brothers who were his friends, it was recently reported.

The city is seeking damages and repayment for expenses, including substantial police overtime, relating to its investigation and handling of the purported hate crime committed against Smollett.

Smollett originally alleged that he had been violently attacked in the middle of the night in Chicago by two white men wearing President Donald Trump's signature "Make America Great Again" hats. The attackers purportedly yelled racist and homophobic slurs at Smollett, according to his original story, and even placed a noose around his neck during the attack.

Following an official investigation, it was determined that Smollett had faked the entire attack. In March, a grand jury announced 16 felony charges against the actor, all relating to filing a false police report and disorderly conduct. The charges were later dropped by Kimberly Foxx, the Cook County state's attorney, who argued that the felony charges were not warranted and that Smollett had made amends for his crimes.

"After reviewing all of the facts and circumstances of the case, including Mr. Smollett's volunteer service in the community and agreement to forfeit his bond to the City of Chicago, we believe this outcome is a just disposition and appropriate resolution to this case," Foxx's office noted in an official statement following the decision to drop all charges against Smollett.

"I promised to spend my office's finite resources on the most serious crimes in order to create communities that are both safer and fairer," Foxx argued at the time.

Her office's decision to drop the charges drew extensive criticism from both local officials and at the national level.



Actor Jussie Smollett is officially being sued by the city of Chicago, which is trying to collect the 1,800 man hours wasted on investigating the Hollywood actor's fake hate crime he paid others to commit.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson were both harshly critical of Foxx's decision to drop the felony charges against Smollett.

"He did this all in the name of self-promotion," Emanuel said, referring to Smollett. "This is a whitewash of justice. A grand jury could not have been clearer. Where is the accountability in the system?"

Emanuel went on to note that Foxx's decision "sends a clear message that if you are in a position of influence and power, you'll get treated one way and other people will be treated another way."

In a March 28 tweet, President Trump declared that the FBI and Justice Department would be reviewing the "outrageous Jussie Smollett case in Chicago," before describing the entire situation as "an embarrassment to our nation."

Now, the city is officially seeking damages from Smollett, including repayment for the 1,800 or more hours of overtime accrued by Chicago police officers who investigated the case. The city estimates the costs associated with overtime pay were at least \$130,000. The civil complaint filed against Smollett is seeking "the full measure of damages allowed under the false statements ordinance," according to Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for the law department of the City of Chicago.

Attorney Mark Geragos, who is representing Smollett, has repeatedly insisted that his client will not be "intimidated" into repaying the city and that city officials, including Emanuel and the police commissioner, owe Smollett an apology "for dragging an innocent man's character through the mud."

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## Kentucky Teen Continues Quest for Justice

• Catholic student Nicholas Sandmann unafraid to challenge world's biggest fake news outlets

#### **By Donald Jeffries**

he impending legal battle between a Catholic teenager from Kentucky and the most powerful mainstream media outlets in the country is about to heat up. Attorneys Lin Wood and Todd McMurtry have already filed lawsuits for \$250 million against *The Washington Post* and for \$275 million against CNN. Other establishment press outlets, hateful celebrities, and Native American elder Nathan Phillips will face legal repercussions as well.

The lawyers for Nick Sandmann, the teen who was confronted by Phillips and maligned as a "racist" in the national media, have posted a powerful new two-minute video, "Nick Sandmann vs Media Giants," under the hashtag #ReformOur-Media. It begins, "The Washington Post, owned by the richest man in the world, led the print media's false attacks against Nicholas's reputation. CNN led the broadcast media's charge. . . . Both recklessly spread lies about a minor to advance their own financial and political agendas."

The video accuses the *Post* and CNN of having "doubled down on their reckless lies" in spite of the clear evidence revealed by raw video footage of the incident. In the new video, the state-run media is accused of propagating "lies that will forever haunt and endanger the life of an innocent young man, lies that further divided our nation. How long will we allow these media giants to tear at the fabric of our lives to further their own agendas? Will they ever be held accountable?" The



**Every truth-loving American** should be supporting teenager Nick Sandmann's stand against the fake news media, which unfairly smeared him and his family. He is doing what no one—regardless of age—has had the guts to do: force the fake news media to admit they are race-baiting liars.

video closes by declaring that the embattled 16-year-old from Covington High School "has taken a stand for himself and for you," and vows that his attorneys "will not be stopped until these goliath corporations are held accountable for their lack of journalistic integrity. Until then, no one's reputation is safe."

Attorney Wood points out that his young client "did absolutely nothing wrong. If they can get

away with this against a 16-year-old boy then we're all at risk."

McMurtry recently told Fox Radio that next to be sued are NBC, the Associated Press, HBO and its obnoxious talk show host Bill Maher, who smarmily declared on a Jan. 27 broadcast, "I don't blame the kid, the smirking kid. I blame lead poisoning and bad parenting. And, oh yeah, I blame the f\*\*king kid. What a little p\*\*ck. Smirk-face! Like that's not a d\*\*k move at any age to stick your face in this elderly man's. . . ."

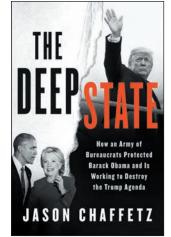
Wood tweeted out in response, "Bill Maher falsely accused Nick Sandmann of sticking his face in 'this elderly man's face.' He vilified Nick by using obscene profanities to describe a 16-year-old. HBO counsel wrote, 'Any effort to pursue a claim against HBO or Mr. Maher would be frivolous.' I disagree. Do you?"

McMurtry continued, "But right now we're

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looking very carefully at NBC, AP, HBO. And again, HBO is primarily because they carry Bill Maher's disgusting comments about Nicholas Sandmann. So those probably are the next three defendants."

This writer interviewed McMurtry on the March 15 "I Protest" radio program. McMurtry explained how he became involved in the case after watching the outrageously biased and inaccurate mainstream media coverage and horrifying personal attacks on the underage Sandmann.

McMurty said that they chose to sue *The Washington Post* first because, "They were really the first news organization to go from Twitter into the media realm. They went from social media to media." Regarding CNN, McMurtry stated, "We sued them second because they are, in our view, the largest media organization that did the most damage . . . there's up to 450 million households worldwide that have CNN."

McMurtry stood by Sandmann, explaining that "he was put in a difficult situation and I think he behaved perfectly."

In terms of the media blasting the teenager for his "smirk," which evokes comparisons to George Orwell's "facecrime" from 1984, McMurtry maintained that "he was vilified for that. I think that is the definition of Orwellian."

To date, those who defamed Sandmann and his fellow classmates at Covington Catholic High School have been reticent to apologize or accept responsibility for their inaccurate reporting. *The Washington Post* reluctantly acknowledged, in terms of its initial coverage, that "Subsequent reporting, a student's statement, and additional video allow for a more complete assessment of what occurred, either contradicting or failing to confirm accounts provided in that story."

Attorneys Wood and McMurtry called the response "arrogant" and said that the newspaper "did not have the integrity to unequivocally admit its negligent and reckless violations of fundamental journalistic standards documented by its complete failure to investigate the incident at the National Mall before publishing lies about a child." CNN's tepid response noted it had "reported on a newsworthy event and public discussion about it, taking care to report on additional facts as they developed...."

President Donald Trump, as always busy on Twitter, tweeted out his support for the lawsuits with "Go get them, Nick. Fake News!" ★

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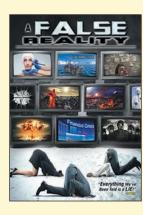
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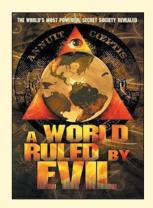
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## Israeli Prime Minister Dictating American Foreign Policy on Iran

#### By Richard Walker

ashington's policy of pleasing Israel has continued unabated with a State Department decision to sanction Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps by declaring it a terrorist organization.

It was an unprecedented move, representing the first time the U.S. applied a foreign terrorist organization tag to another country's army. The decision was not considered a wise one by some senior U.S. military figures. It was opposed by Russia, China, and many of America's NATO allies, especially Turkey. It may well complicate and place at risk American forces in the region after Iran retaliated by branding the U.S. Central Command a terrorist group, similar to ISIS.

The State Department announcement was applauded by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other hawks, including National Security Adviser John Bolton. It had the characteristics of yet another gift to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, coming as it did at the time of his re-election victory. It also followed a recent decision by President Donald Trump to approve Israel's illegal occupation of the Golan Heights, which is rightfully Syrian territory according to international law.

While this latest move was clearly designed to satisfy Israeli demands by piling even more sanctions on Iran, it stood in stark contrast to Washington's diplomatic love affair with North Korea, a nuclear state that poses a significant risk to South Korea and the large U.S. military contingent stationed there.

Turkish President Recep Erdogan, who has been a vocal critic of Israel's interference in the affairs of the Middle East, condemned the U.S., saying it risked destabilizing the region. It is not the first time he has taken issue with Washington's Middle East interventions. In 2018, Erdogan described U.S. sanctions against Iran as illegal, a position supported by the UN, and made it clear

he would not abide by them.

Turkey happens to be a major trading partner with Iran and imports a lot of its oil. It is likely Erdogan will not recognize the latest Washington penalties, nor will Russia, China, and the EU, all of which have been opposed to Washington's increasing determination to punish Iran since Trump took office. Most European nations believe the developing U.S. strategy was demanded by Netanyahu and the warmongers in his cabinet that favor a war with Iran. Some experts have hinted that the anti-Iran posture of the State Department was the outcome of a secret pact between Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner and his close friend, Saudi leader Mohammed bin Salman.

Sanctions against Iran have never proved effective and have only hurt the Iranian people, whom Washington claims to care about it. They have become deeply resentful of a U.S. policy that risks conflict, seeing it as one influenced directly by Washington neocons linked to Tel Aviv.

George Galloway, a former British parliamentarian for 30 years, described the State Department's decision as a "dangerous escalation" that will further sour relations between the Trump White House and our allies, especially in Europe.

"It is the equivalent of declaring the U.S. Marine Corps a terrorist organization, though with much less justification given that Iran hasn't invaded another country for centuries. Washington's description of Iran as 'expansionist' is enough to make a horse laugh given the worldwide projection of U.S. bases and military hardware around the world—and around Iran," Galloway added.

The bottom line is that Iran does not pose an existential threat to the United States or to a nuclear-armed Israel, which has one of the most formidable arsenals in the world. Instead, it has a young, vibrant population that most surveys have shown would like better relations with America. That cannot happen while Netanyahu uses Iran as a political punching bag and the Saudis promote anti-Iran sentiment through lobbyists who purchase support in Congress. Sanctions do not



**Israel Prime Minister** Benjamin Netanyahu appears to be dictating Trump's Iran policy.

hurt the Iranian military. The latest ones will embolden religious hardliners in Tehran and in the upper ranks of the Revolutionary Guard Corps.

For those of us who have watched Trump try to fulfill his campaign promises to withdraw America from Middle East conflicts, it is puzzling that he keeps being dragged back into the region by allies, especially the Saudis and the Israelis. It should be clear to him that a war with Iran is something both those allies in particular would like, but it would be disastrous for the region and for America. It could create a firestorm across the Middle East and drag in Russia, which is an Iran ally.

Trump has handed off a lot of Middle East policymaking to Kushner, a family friend of Netanyahu and bin Salman. The Saudi-Israel nexus has also been promoted by neocons from both parties in Congress and especially by National Security Advisor John Bolton. It may be time for Trump to seize the reins of Mideast policymaking and talk personally and directly with Iran, as he has done with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

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## Where Bibi and Trump's Interests Clash

#### By Patrick Buchanan

n April 8, President Donald Trump designated the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) a terrorist organization, the first time the United States has designated part of another nation's government as such a threat.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council responded by declaring U.S. Central Command a terrorist group. With 5,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 2,000 in Syria, often in proximity to Iranian units, this inches America closer to war.

Why did we do it? What benefit did the U.S. derive? How do we now negotiate with the IRGC on missile tests?

Israel's Bibi Netanyahu took credit for Trump's decision, tweeting, "Once again you are keeping the world safe from Iran aggression and terrorism. . . . Thank you for accepting another important request of mine."

Previous "requests" to which Trump acceded include moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, declaring Jerusalem Israel's eternal capital, closing the Palestinian consulate and cutting off aid, and U.S. recognition of the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967, as sovereign Israeli territory. What Bibi wants, Bibi gets.

One hopes his future requests will not include a demand that we cease dithering and deliver the same "shock and awe" to Iran that George W. Bush delivered to Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

With Bibi's election win earlier in April, his fifth, the secret Mideast peace plan Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner has been laboring on these last two years is likely to be unveiled. Yet it is hard to see how Jared's baby is not stillborn.

Bibi is not going to accept a Palestinian right of return to Israel, or a sharing of the Holy City with a Palestinian state ruled by a successor of Yasser Arafat. And as Bibi fought Ariel Sharon's withdrawal of the 8,000 Jewish settlers from Gaza, he is not going to order the removal of tens of thousands of Jewish settlers from homes on the West Bank. Indeed, on the eve of his reelection, Bibi promised Israelis he would begin the annexation of Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

As for Trump, he is the most popular man in Israel. And he is not going to force Bibi to do what

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Bibi does not want to do and thereby imperil his major political gains in the U.S. Jewish community. And, given the indulgence of the progressive wing of the Democratic Party for BDS, the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction movement, and the divisions among Democrats over Netanyahu's expansionism, the president's pro-Israel stance has proven a political winner for the Republican Party.

But while a U.S. war with Iran may be what Bibi wants, it is not what America wants or needs. Consider what 20 years of U.S. wars in the Mideast have cost this country, as China has stayed out of the region and pushed its power and influence into Asia, Africa, and Europe.

A U.S. war with Iran may be what Bibi wants, but it's not what America wants or needs. 20 years of U.S. wars in the Mideast have cost us much.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban have regained control of more territory than they have held since 2001, and they are negotiating with the Americans for a withdrawal of our remaining 14,000 troops. Cost of the Afghan war: 2,400 U.S. dead, 32,000 wounded, \$1 trillion sunk, and the U.S. on the precipice of a potential strategic defeat.

So dreadful has become the five-year Yemeni civil war between Iran-backed Houthi rebels and the Saudi-backed regime they ousted, the House and Senate have invoked the War Powers Act and directed Trump to terminate U.S. assistance for the Saudi intervention.

In Libya, where a U.S.-led NATO intervention overthrew Col. Muammar Qaddafi in 2011, a renegade general now controls two-thirds of the country and is mounting an assault on Tripoli. American soldiers and diplomats fled the capital

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In Syria, President Bashar al-Assad, with the support of Russia, Iran, and Hezbollah, defeated the U.S.-backed rebels years ago. The Syrian Kurdish militia we partnered with to crush ISIS have been designated as terrorists by the Turks, who promise to annihilate the Kurds if they try to return to homes along the Turkish border.

As for Turkey itself, President Recep Erdogan says he will take delivery this summer of a Russian-made S-400 air and missile defense system.

Go through with that, says the U.S., and we will cancel your order for 100 F-35s. The justified U.S. fear: Russia's S-400 system will be tested against America's most advanced fifth-generation fighter, the F-35. If Turkey does not cancel the S-400, a NATO crisis appears imminent.

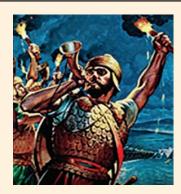
In Iraq, where 5,000 U.S. troops remain, the government has both pro-U.S. and pro-Iran elements in Baghdad, and mutual designation of the IRGC and USCENTCOM as terrorist organizations can only present hellish problems for America's soldiers and diplomats still in that country.

Bottom line: Though Bibi and National Security Advisor John Bolton may want war with Iran, U.S. national interests, based on the awful experience of two decades, and Trump's political interests, dictate that he not start any more wars.

Not a single Middle East war this century has gone as we planned or hoped. ★

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While I do believe that sanctions do trickle down to the innocents in a country so affected, I also do believe that size matters. Sanctioning a medium to small country does do harm to the people of such country, but sanctions applied against communist China are meant to slow down and/or restrain China's economy enough to keep them from gaining a military edge over us.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** 

Ping Pong diplomacy was good for its time in that it opened China up to world economics, but China has used its new economics, not to befriend us, but to compete with us and ultimately to weaken us. So, sanctions are needed against China even though they hurt the innocent people there because the stakes are just too high.

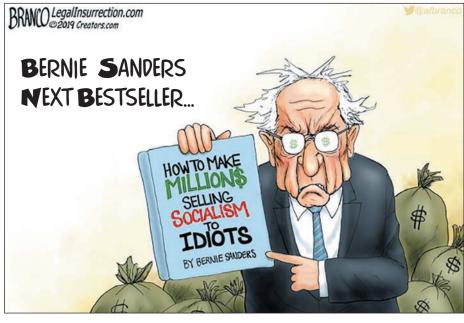
North Korea is also a nuclear power, and it has delivery systems. This makes North Korea a country which we are forced to sanction. President Donald Trump has openly stated that North Korea would be ripe for economic development if it got rid of its nukes. He's using both sanctions and carrots. The rest is up to the fat man in North Korea.

GARY GRELLA Via email

#### PC Police Eat Their Own

[In AFP's article, "PC Police Eat Their Own" in the April 8 & 15 issue of AFP] just a small correction. I am not and never have been a member of WoLF [the Women's Liberation Front]. Thanks!

MEGHAN MURPHY
Canada



(Correction: In Issue 15&16 we stated that Meghan Murphy "has been outspoken within the Women's Liberation Front (WoLF)." Ms. Murphy, a Canadian writer and journalist, who informed us she has never been a member of WoLF, is founder of the radical feminist blog and podcast "Feminist Current." She holds a BA in women's studies and a master's degree in gender, sexuality and women's studies from Simon Fraser University in British Colombia.—Ed.)

#### SPLC a Bunch of Racists

"A current employee told CNN that blacks are frequently passed over for promotions." Two weeks before Morris Dees was fired in disgrace, longtime SPLC [Southern

Poverty Law Center] Outreach Director Lecia Brooks quit the company and was airbrushed from the SPLC website immediately after 15 years of service.

Brooks, who is black and gay, actually held two directorships at the SPLC simultaneously, something none of her white colleagues ever accomplished. Despite wearing two director hats concurrently for more than a decade, Brooks was never listed among the company's highest paid officers on IRS Form 990 tax forms, even when salaries listed dipped as low as \$70,000 per year.

Those who were or are listed include Dees and Richard Cohen, other directors, fundraisers and even the company secretary. All pull down six-digit salaries and all are white.

RICHARD KEEFE Ohio

#### Thanks for the Fair Review

Thank you for the fair review of our historic Q-book. I am a co-author/spokesperson for our brave collaborative book team. History will be the judge and our only goal is to support our wonderful president of the United States and to "make America great again"—WWG1WGA [where we go one we go all].

ROY DAVIS California

(The book, *QAnon: An Invitation to The Great Awakening*, is available from AFP's Bookstore for \$25 plus \$4 shipping and handling. Send check, cash, or money order to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Ave, Unit 406, Upper Marl-



boro, Md. 20774. To charge, please call 1-888-699-6397 toll free, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET.—Ed.)

#### What if QAnon Is for Real?

I have never seen so much effort to destroy a president the way everyone is trying to do to Donald Trump. It makes one wonder why they are so afraid of him. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have done so much illegal stuff, yet no one dares to investigate them. Why not pick a crime that they have done and investigate it? They sell 20% of our uranium to our enemy, and no one cares about it at the mainstream media. U.S. Ambassador to Libva Christopher Stevens is killed and no one investigates. But we are worried about whether or not Trump spoke to Vladimir Putin?

There are two sets of laws. Once everyone realizes that this is a twotiered justice system, us "nobodies" below the rich and powerful may decide not to abide by the law anymore.

The left needs to give us more credit. We see right through them, as we know that they are the worst hypocrites on the planet. Every time they lose, they want to change the rules.

As for QAnon, we regular folks pray that this is all true. What if he is right? It would be the biggest news story ever, and the mainstream media has been lying to the American people.

STEVE STOUT Via Email

#### Didn't Like the Four DVDs

I just finished four DVDs offered in AFP—"A False Reality," "A World Ruled by Evil," "Aliens at the Pentagon" and "One World Agenda: The Illuminati." Too much disinformation, and none mentioned Israel.

TOM HANRAHAN New York

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