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IMMIGRANT CARAVAN A PUBLICITY STUNT

Band of illegal immigrants entering the United States called “propaganda ploy” designed to test U.S. resolve



By Mark Anderson

The much-ballyhooed “caravan” of Central Americans, which recently arrived at the Mexico-California border in several buses seeking asylum, looks to be nothing more than a publicity stunt that has been artificially inflated in size and scope for purposes of political agitation.

“This is a provocation to get publicity and excite other migrants . . . so they can do the same thing,” Roger Ogden told AFP by phone May 1, after sharing his video footage and photographs with AFP. “It’s also done to make our government look weak and helpless.”

The retired naval engineer and videographer has been watching the caravan for over a month now from the U.S. border in southern California.

Ogden cited the well-publicized San Diego beach area where aging metal border fencing ends at the water’s edge. He said that “several hundred” people did gather there on the Mexican side around the time that the mainstream media announced the arrival of the so-called caravan. Mainstream and amateur video footage showed that the fence was breached—evidently by a combination of “caravaners” and migrants from nearby parts of Mexico. Some of the more agile among them were able to climb the fence to the other side.

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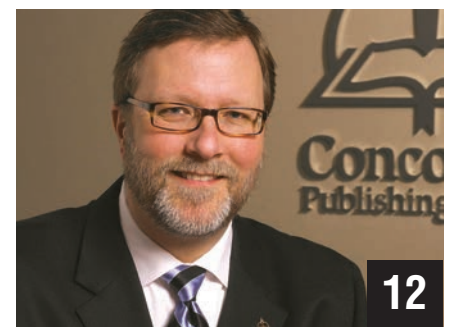
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Either Everyone Has Free Speech or They Don't

On April 17, at around five o'clock in the evening, it was announced that Barbara Bush, the wife of President George H.W. Bush, had passed away. It didn't take long in the 24-hour news cycle before the mainstream media was lionizing the former first lady, discussing at great length her time in the White House. Several media outlets went off script, though, in search of something to be upset over, and they found it: A California college professor, who few people had ever even heard of, had taken to the Internet just after the Bush family announced Mrs. Bush's passing to denounce her.

"Barbara Bush was a generous and smart and amazing racist who, along with her husband, raised a war criminal," Randa Jarrar, an English professor at California State University at Fresno, had posted on her personal page to the social media website Twitter.

By the next day, even more media outlets were piling it on, picking up the comments penned by the nobody-teacher and making considerable hay out of it. Ms. Jarrar then threw gasoline on the fire by trying to defend herself in a series of profanity-laced Internet posts.

This editor is not that old. I still remember a time before the age of the Internet when crass

comments like the ones made by Ms. Jarrar were simply ignored rather than shouted around the world in a blatant attempt to manufacture outrage.

Whatever one may think of the Bush family matron, the correct response to Ms. Jarrar should have been, "Who cares what you think?" Instead, multiple news outlets ran with the story, prompting a small but very vocal crowd of Internet-obsessed individuals to demand Ms. Jarrar's head.



RANDA JARRAR
Deserves free speech, too.

It took a week, but the university's president, Joseph Castro, eventually got around to making a statement that, no, Ms. Jarrar would not be fired, because she posted to her personal account. He did cover his backside with the now-standard rider that her comments were "disgraceful," but, he added, she "was acting in a private capacity and speaking about a public matter on her personal Twitter account." He concluded that, "This private action is an issue of free speech and not related to her job or tenure. Therefore, the university does not have justification to support taking any disciplinary action."

So why even bring this incident up if Ms. Jarrar, who was an insignificant person before she took to the Internet to rant about a deceased first lady, was never disciplined for her outburst? The case is important because the college in

question—Ms. Jarrar's employer—actually did the right thing unlike so many schools, private corporations, and government agencies in America today.

Free expression should not be a partisan issue. You either support it, or you don't—even for conservatives. So long as the speech or the writings do not break any laws, such as advocating violence or constituting harassment, there is no "yes, but" when it comes to Americans and their God-given right to think and speak freely.

This remains a critical issue in this country, one we have written about extensively. In this week's edition of AFP, we hit it again with writers John Friend and Dave Gahary featuring recent incidents that did not turn out as well as Ms. Jarrar's case.

Too many intelligent, opinionated people on the left and the right in this country are being fired, disciplined, smeared, or blackballed simply because their views are outside what the self-appointed gatekeepers of acceptable speech consider to be the "mainstream."

The list is growing every day, and it's a sad reflection of the decline of this once great nation when people are punished for expressing their views on any subject. ★

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News You May Have Missed

NRA Has Major Windfall

According to Federal Election Commission filings, the National Rifle Association's (NRA) Political Victory Fund raised \$2.4 million in March, the largest fundraising haul for the pro-Second Amendment rights group in over a decade. Many of the donations were under \$250 and came from retirees. Before March's windfall, donations to the NRA had tripled in February. The NRA pulled in almost \$800,000 in donations in February, compared to \$250,000 for January.

Good Gun Control

Despite what the mainstream media tells you, the defensive use of a gun happens more often in the United States than gun crimes. According to a previously unreported study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are nearly 2.5 million defensive gun-use situations per year. The study question was asked as part of the agency's annual "Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System" conducted in 1996, '97, and '98.

Biased Courts

President Donald Trump regularly paints courts as biased and political, specifically blasting the Ninth Circuit in the West, where some of his immigration policies have been shut down. Trump has been attacked for saying this by legislators and the media, who claim he is undermining the U.S. legal system. A new study by Associated Press (AP) actually substantiates Trump's views, however. In an analysis of rulings by 40 federal district court and appellate judges concerning Trump's ban on travelers from mostly Muslim countries, AP found only one judge nominated by a Democratic president has backed Trump's ban. Republican nominees, however, have allowed a broader view of presidential power and rejected limits on the executive orders. Trump's travel ban is now in its third format and is currently under consideration by the Supreme Court.

Governor Stands up for Heritage

Alabama's Gov. Kay Ivey released a campaign ad defending a bill she signed last year designed to protect the state's Confederate monuments. She denounced demands to remove monuments as "politically correct nonsense." The Alabama Memorial Preservation Act blocks local governments from removing monuments or renaming public schools that have existed for more than 40 years. Ivey said: "We can't and shouldn't even try to change or erase our history. We must learn from our history." Her campaign ad drew heavy criticism from liberals but support from conservatives.



Friends and admirers of Anthony Hervey wave Rebel flags at his funeral in Oxford, Miss.

Suspicious Death

Was Anthony Hervey murdered in Mississippi for being a black conservative? Some people think so. He was an outspoken advocate for the Confederate flag and Southern heritage and often wore a Confederate uniform to honor the blacks and whites who fought for the rights of their homeland. Hervey wrote the 2006 book, *Why I Wave the Confederate Flag, Written by a Black Man: The End of Niggerism and the Welfare State*. He urged fellow blacks, as a point of honor, to refuse "white gifts" and affirmative action. "It's degrading," he said. Hervey, 49, was driving home on a state highway outside of Oxford when a car full of young men pulled alongside his car and began yelling insults. They caused Hervey to swerve and lose control of the SUV, which flipped over, killing him.

South Carolina Ponders Re-Secession

GOP solons in the Palmetto State introduced a bill in April to open up secession talks should the federal government attempt to confiscate legally owned guns. H 5217 provides: "The general assembly shall convene to consider whether to secede from the United States based upon the federal government's unconstitutional violation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution if the federal government confiscates legally purchased firearms in this state." The bill has been sent to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Town Scraps U.S. Constitution

The much-feared gun grab is here. Residents of Deerfield, Ill. were given 60 days to surrender their "assault weapons" or face a ruinous fine of \$1,000 per day for each gun. Criminals will not obey the law, and law abiders will be outgunned by hoodlums. The good guys can keep only shotguns, .22 rifles, and revolvers. Residents have been ordered to either sell their guns, surrender them to the sheriff or start paying the astro-

nomical fines. Of course, the ordinance is blatantly unconstitutional, making it legally null and void, but it may well cause civil disobedience, police action, and turmoil until it is repealed.

Bungled Attack on Syria

The U.S. attack on Syria on April 13 may have been a failure, according to reports. A Russian briefing notes 103 U.S. cruise missiles were sent against eight targets (the U.S. claims only three targets), but 71 of the missiles were intercepted (shot down). "A few years ago, in response to the pleas of our Western partners," said a Russian spokesman, "we refused to sell Syria our S-300 systems. Considering what [has now happened], we are going to reconsider this, and not just for Syria, but other countries as well. . . . We believe this attack had nothing to do with a chemical false flag, but [was] a reaction to the success of Syria in liberating its territory from international terrorism." The Pentagon contends that nearly all of the U.S. missiles hit their targets.

Ethnostates in U.S.?

Malik Shabazz, president of Black Lawyers for Justice, demanded on April 21 that President Donald Trump either provide reparations for negro slavery or designate Florida as purely for African-Americans. The former chairman of the New Black Panther Party made the demand in a speech at the National Black Men's Convention at Lafayette Square Park across from the White House. He said: "We must have reparations, full compensation for the theft of our land [whatever that means], the theft of our bodies, the theft of our people from Africa, the theft of our dignity, the desecration of our souls decade after decade after decade after decade after decade."

Nuclear Test Fail

Earlier this year, a group of Chinese scientists warned that the North Korean nuclear test site in its northern mountain range was on the verge of collapse. Following that, Japan's "Asahi" TV network reported that more than 200 North Koreans had died when a tunnel collapsed at the test site. Now, *The South China Morning Post* reported that North Korea's mountain nuclear test site has completely collapsed, putting China and other nearby nations at risk of radioactive exposure. Two separate groups of Chinese scientists studying the issue confirmed this fact to the news outlet. According to the *Post* report, a group of researchers found that the most recent blast tore open a hole in the mountain, which then collapsed upon itself. A second group concluded that the breakdown created a "chimney" that could allow radioactive fallout from the blast zone below to rise into the air.

New book from TBR tries to decipher who built—and when and why—the enigmatic megalithic structures of America’s northeast . . .



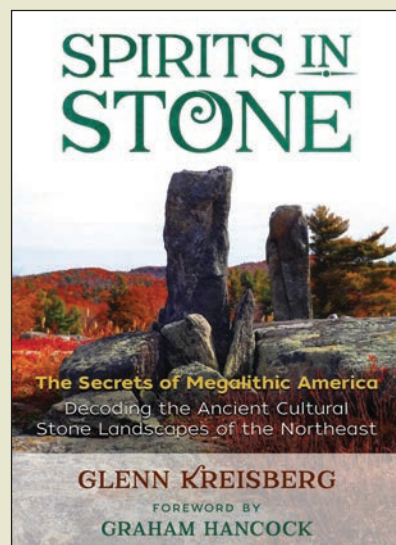
Spirits in Stone

The Secrets of Megalithic America

Decoding the Ancient Cultural Stone Landscapes of the Northeast

In this comprehensive guide to hundreds of lost, forgotten and misidentified megalithic stone structures in northeastern America, Glenn Kreisberg documents many enigmatic formations still standing across the Catskill Mountain and Hudson Valley region, complete with functioning solstice and equinox alignments. Sites include the Wall of the Manitou, Devil’s Tombstone and Overlook Mountain. *Spirits in Stone* is a groundbreaking study of ceremonial stone landscapes in northeast America and their relationship to other sites around the world.

Kreisberg provides a first-person description of the “Wall of the Manitou,” which runs for 10 miles along the eastern slopes of the Catskill Mountains, as well as narratives about related sites that include animal effigies, reproductive imagery, calendar stones, enigmatic inscriptions and evidence of celestial alignments. Using computer software, he plots the trajectory of the Hammonasset Line, which begins at a burial complex near the tip of Long Island and runs to Devil’s Tombstone in Greene County, New York. He shows how the line runs at the same angle that marks the summer solstice sunset from



Montauk Point on Long Island and, when extended, intersects the ancient copper mines of Isle Royal in Upper Michigan. He documents a several-acre area on Overlook Mountain in Woodstock, New York, with a grouping of very large, carefully constructed lithic formations—including cairns, perched boulders and effigies—that together create a serpent or snake figure, mirroring the constellation Draco. He demonstrates how this site is related to the mysterious Serpent Mount in Ohio and reveals how all of the vast, interlocking sites in the northeast were part

of an ancient spiritual landscape based on a sophisticated understanding of the cosmos, as practiced by ancient inhabitants of the Americas.

While modern historians consider these sites to be colonial-era constructions, Kreisberg reveals how they were used by the ancients to communicate religiously with the spirit world and may be remnants of a long-vanished civilization.

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Radicals Continue Assault on Arpaio

• Sheriff Joe endures withering attack by ultra-liberal court judges despite pardon

By Mark Anderson

The notoriously ultra-liberal U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has ordered the hiring of a special prosecutor to challenge former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's effort to have his contempt-of-court conviction vacated. While the private attorney who will act as special prosecutor hadn't yet been named as of this writing, this appellate decision, issued April 17, stems from a coalition of left-leaning groups targeting Arpaio in the wake of the longtime lawman's announcement that he's running for a U.S. Senate seat.

One would think the sequence of events that started with *United States of America v. Joseph M. Arpaio* and ended with a "criminal contempt of court" conviction against him—based on the claim that he ignored a federal court order telling his sheriff's department to stop engaging in "racial profiling" when rounding up suspected illegal immigrants—would have sufficiently placated his foes.

However, given their simmering rage about Arpaio's work as sheriff over more than two decades in Arizona to help enforce immigration laws—and the fact that President Donald J. Trump pardoned Arpaio prior to sentencing—the groups Project Democracy, Free Speech for People, the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center, and the Coalition to Preserve, Protect, and Defend intervened because the federal government "abandoned its prosecution" of Arpaio, as a Project Democracy spokesperson told "Talking Points Memo" online.

According to the Ninth Circuit's summary of its April 17 decision:

"Arpaio was referred for criminal contempt on Aug. 19, 2016. The United States prosecuted Sheriff Arpaio and obtained a conviction on July 31, 2017. On Aug. 25, 2017, President Donald J. Trump pardoned Sheriff Arpaio, noting that [his] sentencing was 'set for October 5, 2017.'"

"On Aug. 28, 2017, Sheriff Arpaio moved for two forms of relief. First, [he] moved 'to dismiss this matter with prejudice.' Second, [he] asked the district court 'to vacate the verdict and all other orders in this matter, as well as the sentencing on Oct. 5.'"

"The district court granted Sheriff Arpaio's first request. On Oct. 4, 2017, the . . . court dismissed with prejudice the action for criminal contempt." [A late-filed request for the appointment of counsel to challenge the dismissal was denied—Ed.]

"But on Oct. 19, 2017 the . . . court denied Sheriff Arpaio's second request to vacate his conviction and refused to grant 'relief beyond dismissal with prejudice.'" [Arpaio filed a notice of appeal the same day—Ed.]



Former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was pardoned last year by President Trump after Arpaio was convicted of criminal contempt of court, is being targeted by judicial hitmen in California.

by the United States on appeal."

However, the third judge, Richard Tallman, in a principled dissent, noted: "Arpaio effectively conceded his guilt by accepting the pardon, and there is no need for more investigation," adding that the coalition of groups who filed briefs requesting a special prosecutor didn't even try to conceal the actual objective of their request—to challenge the pardon itself.

"[T]he constitutionality of the president's pardon is not at issue in Arpaio's current appeal; the denial of Arpaio's motion for vacatur [vacating] of his conviction is," Tallman continued. "The request is inappropriate."

According to the court record, he added: "[O]ur appointment now of a special prosecutor to advance a litigating position different from that pursued by the United States Department of Justice makes it appear as though we are appointing another prosecutor because we have prejudged the case and disagree with the government's position. In light of this appearance of judicial bias, we should respect the government's position and remain impartial on the matter."

MacArthur Justice Center School of Law attorney David Shapiro was "shocked" that federal prosecutors agreed with Arpaio, although Shapiro said he's "pleased with the Ninth Circuit's decision to uphold the rule of law and appoint a private attorney," the *Tucson Sentinel* reported.

Jack Wilenchik, an attorney for Arpaio, is worried that, irrespective of the law, a special prosecutor would feel compelled to argue against his client. He also feels that calling for a special prosecutor to challenge the pardon is politically motivated.

"The courts are supposed to be neutral, they're not supposed to . . . when they think the prosecutor isn't doing everything they want to get done . . . appoint a new one," Wilenchik commented.

Wilenchik agreed with Tallman, saying the decision "is very consistent with the narrative that the Ninth Circuit is a very liberal-leaning court."

Meanwhile, the mainstream media, which rarely mentions that Arpaio's department was deputized by the federal government to assist in immigration enforcement, persistently simplifies the issue as "racially profiling Latinos" while ignoring or distorting Arpaio's side of the story and his impressive record battling illegal border crossings of people and contraband. ★

Ultra-liberal forces are determined to make sure Arpaio's conviction is not vacated, despite a pardon.

From there, "The United States responded that it 'does not intend to defend the district court's order from Oct. 19, 2017. Instead, the government intends to argue, as it did in the district court, that the motion to vacate should have been granted.'"

Moreover, the plaintiff (the U.S.) "took no position on whether the court should appoint counsel to make any additional arguments."

But along came the coalition of litigants who, under Rule 42, managed to get Ninth Circuit Judges A. Wallace Tashima and William A. Fletcher to rule in their favor. The Ninth Circuit's summary states: "In Rule 42(a)(2)'s most common application, the district court appoints a special prosecutor to investigate and try a criminal contempt when the government declines to perform that function."

The summary goes on to say, "Independent of any authority under Rule 42(a)(2), we [the appellate court] have inherent authority to appoint a special counsel to represent a position abandoned

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States Plot to Sell Your Assets to Elite

• Arizona, Connecticut among states willing to sell public assets to banker billionaires

By S.T. Patrick

Who owns the Arizona state capitol building? Former state Rep. Chad Campbell (D-Phoenix) isn't exactly sure. He isn't alone. It's a problem plaguing many states now since legislators began selling off state properties to bankers and Wall Street speculators in an effort to keep from going bankrupt.

In the aftermath of the 2008-2009 recession, states began the process of selling off taxpayers' properties to private investors. The transactions produced the quick influx of capital that states needed to satisfy under-funded pensions and soften the sting of budget deficits, after which the states would then lease the properties at a guaranteed profit for the property manager in a "sale/leaseback" deal.

Then-Gov. Jan Brewer (R-Ariz.) spearheaded a move that ended with the sale of the state capitol, state archives, state fairground, a prison, and a hospital. The original revenue for the sale of the bonds was \$82 million (\$735 million of total property). It would have been difficult to shake the hand of the buyer after the purchase was made; the deeds to the Arizona properties are held by a U.S. bank that serves as trustee for the investors, who then receive a portion of the annual lease payments. However, only 15.5% of the shares were acquired by individual investors. The remaining shares were bought by Wall Street magnates underwritten by Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Citigroup, Barclays, and Merrill Lynch.

"We have no idea who owns these buildings," Campbell told the "Huffington Post." "They are basically commodities."

One thing is for sure: The belief that the 50 state houses are "houses of the people" has been rendered antiquated by the state governments themselves.

Connecticut and its capital, Hartford, now find themselves in the same unenviable position as Arizona and Phoenix in 2009. Connecticut's fiscal health has been crippled by escalating under-funded pensions and growing deficits. Hartford, like many other urban centers, is attempting to save itself before it drowns and becomes the next Detroit. Hartford avoided bankruptcy in 2017, only because the state legislature assisted the capital city with a bailout.

Oak Street Real Estate Capital LLC, a Chicago-based private equity real estate firm, has offered Connecticut lawmakers a sizeable \$2 billion deal to buy state office buildings, healthcare facilities, transit-related properties, and any other assets the state is willing to sell. In exchange, Oak Street would be guaranteed a 7.25% initial return with an-



GOV. JAN BREWER

While governor of Arizona, Jan Brewer supported selling off state buildings and assets in an effort to fund pensions and other state financial obligations, believing her state was going bankrupt. Brewer, for one, regretted the sell-off of the state capitol, and looked in vain for a way to reverse her mistake.

West could soon succumb to the bankers who have controlled the Atlantic skylines of the east coast for over a century.

The Midwest and the West are not immune to the influence of Wall Street's biggest banks. In 2014, *Mother Jones* magazine documented Wall Street's increasing interest in farmland.

In 2016, "Global Research," a Canadian website that critically reports on trends in globalism, showed that the problem of limiting private resources is not just relegated to land. A group of Wall Street mega-banks and elitist multibillionaires, or "Water Barons," are now buying up water sourcing centers at unprecedented prices. A partial list includes T. Boone Pickens, George H.W. Bush, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Allianz, Deutsche Bank, and the Blackstone Group.

By 2012, Brewer, with a healthier Arizona economy, had come to a point of regret over the sale of the state capitol. She urged lawmakers to send her a bill that would cover funding for the buyback, but some lawmakers resisted, pointing to \$24 million in penalties if the bonds were bought back early. Brewer was stuck with her 2009 decision after making what critics have called "perhaps the greatest drunken eBay transaction of all time" and "one of the more embarrassing anecdotes of government malfeasance."

The sale of government property to private equity firms is not just an issue of incompetence. It is much more insidious than that. Efforts are already under way to herd America's ever-growing population into the cities. An increased use of eminent domain has taken the opportunities for private property ownership away from individuals. As the federal and state governments amass large quantities of land, their Wall Street donors and relatives salivate at the prospect of legally guaranteed profit. The state lands, the farm lands, and the water are now targeted by billionaires. When will they also control the air?

For the people, it is a total loss. For those who manipulate and dwindle individual liberties for sport and gain, it is another notch in the belt for the survival of the richest. ★

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Over 84% of Nevada is owned by the federal government. Alaska, Utah, Oregon, Idaho & Arizona round out the top six.

nual rent hikes of 1.5%. Connecticut's sale/leaseback deal would earn \$1 billion each for both the state government and Hartford.

At one time, former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a similar plan that was later nixed by successor Jerry Brown.

The U.S. government already owns an incredible amount of land throughout the West. Nevada has the least privately owned land. Over 84% of the Silver State is owned by the federal government. Alaska, Utah, Oregon, and Idaho round out the other states where the federal government is the majority land owner. Arizona is number six at over 48%. Connecticut, at 0.4%, contains the fewest square miles owned by the federal government. If the federal government follows the trend of state governments in raising revenue, the

DNC Sues Trump Campaign, WikiLeaks, Russians Over Alleged Election Meddling

- Move seen as last-ditch effort to explain away Hillary's devastating 2016 election loss

By John Friend

Roughly two weeks ago, the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the main organizational body that governs the Democratic Party, filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit in federal district court in Manhattan against the Trump campaign, the Russian government, and WikiLeaks, the whistleblower organization headed by Julian Assange, alleging conspiracy to disrupt and manipulate the 2016 presidential election in an effort to favor Donald Trump.

The DNC and other top Democratic officials—including former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton herself—have long argued that Russia colluded with top players in the Trump campaign, including the president's sons and top advisers, to advance his presidential ambitions and sway the election in his favor. Trump and his supporters have consistently downplayed and rejected the allegations, while the DNC and other Democratic leaders have doubled down on their



HILLARY CLINTON

Poor Hillary Clinton: She just can't admit that she lost the 2016 presidential election fair and square. Both Hillary and the DNC know better, but it is not stopping them from blaming others for their failure.

narrative, culminating in the recent civil suit.

The DNC's 66-page complaint argues that the Trump campaign worked with the Russian government to undermine Clinton's candidacy, and that individuals connected to Russia's military and intelligence establishment hacked the computer networks of the Democratic Party and disseminated secret information stolen from its servers.

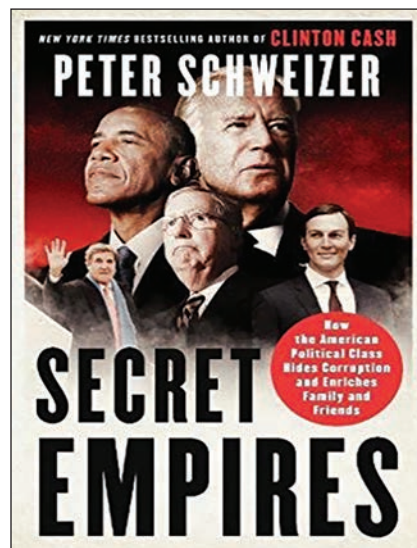
"During the 2016 presidential campaign, Russia launched an all-out assault on our democracy, and it found a willing and active partner in Donald Trump's campaign," Tom Perez, the DNC chairman, said in a statement announcing the civil lawsuit. "This constituted an act of unprecedented treachery: the campaign of a nominee for president of the United States in league with a hostile foreign power to bolster its own

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How the American Political Class Hides Corruption and Enriches Family and Friends

hire anyone it wants. It can even invite the friends and families of American politicians to invest in can't-lose deals.

President Donald Trump's children have made front pages across the world for their dicey transactions. However, the media has barely looked into questionable deals made by those close to Barack Obama, Joe Biden, John Kerry, Mitch McConnell, and lesser-known politicians who have been in the game much longer.

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DNC Chairman Tom Perez still insists that it was WikiLeaks, Russian hackers, the Russian government, and the Trump campaign that cost Hillary Clinton the 2016 election.

chance to win the presidency.”

The DNC argues in the civil complaint that the “illegal conspiracy inflicted profound damage” upon its organization, negatively impacting its ability to raise funds and campaign effectively. The suit alleges that the “conspiracy” resulted in the organization losing over \$1 million and also resulted in many of its employees experiencing personal attacks leveled against them.

“The timing and selective release of the stolen materials was designed to and had the effect of driving a wedge between the DNC and Democratic voters,” the suit argues, referring specifically to the alleged hack of the DNC’s computer systems, purportedly done by agents working in collusion with the Russian government. “The release of stolen materials also impaired the DNC’s ability to support Democratic candidates in the general election. While no suit can ever fully redress the harm that the illegal conduct exacted, the DNC brings this lawsuit to seek the full measure of relief under the laws of the United States.”

Trump and his top advisers have dismissed the allegations, with the president regularly referring to the concocted and fabricated narrative as “a hoax” and “fake news” designed to undermine his presidency while making excuses for the failures of the DNC and, in particular, the Clinton campaign.

“This is a sham lawsuit about a bogus Russian collusion claim filed by a desperate, dysfunctional, and nearly insolvent Democratic Party,” Brad Parscale, Trump’s campaign manager, said in response to the lawsuit. “With the Democrats’ conspiracy theories against the president’s cam-

paign evaporating as quickly as the failing DNC’s fundraising, they’ve sunk to a new low to raise money, especially among small donors who have abandoned them.”

In mid-March, House Republicans working on the House Intelligence Committee found no evidence that President Trump or any of his top advisers and supporters colluded with the Russians.

In addition, after more than a year, Robert Mueller, the special investigator tasked with looking into possible ties between the Trump campaign and the Russian government, has yet to charge anyone with actual collusion.

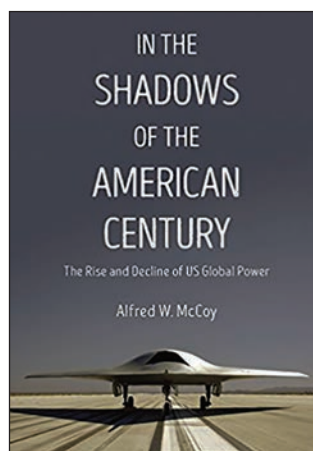
The DNC lawsuit appears to be yet another attempt to discredit Trump and undermine his agenda, as well as cover for the failed campaign of Mrs. Clinton.

“The DNC’s lawsuit amounts to doubling down on its fixation of blaming Russia for the Democratic Party’s monumental 2016 loss, at a time when it’s essential to remedy the failed approaches that were major causes of Hillary Clinton’s defeat in the first place,” Norman Solomon, a left-leaning author and director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, recently argued in a powerful critique of the DNC and Democratic Party. “Instead of confronting its fealty to Wall Street or overall failure to side with working-class voters against economic elites, the Democratic National Committee is ramping up the party leadership’s 18-month fixation on Russia Russia.” ★

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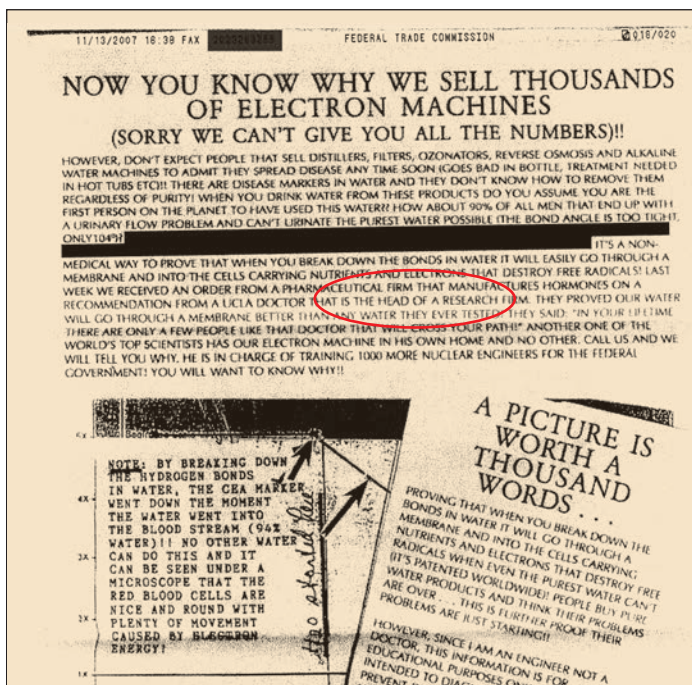
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Above, this fax was sent from the Federal Trade Commission back to John Ellis in 2007, showing that they were aware of his scientific claims yet could not refute them!

combines politics (friend of Clinton then Trump) and bad "health advice" profits into an art form with fringe M.D.'s promoting a plastic distiller when the FDA informed mothers NOT to boil plastic baby bottles! This is all part of a "water scam alert" network with the same greed and fraud mindset that sunk our submarines including a delicensed MD (lost 40 lawsuits even using FTC/FDA legitimacy) and a fired Vietnam turncoat professor in Canada that disparages our Vietnam Veterans with NO DEGREES IN THIS FIELD! At 25, I had Top Secret Security Clearance as a Douglas Aerospace Engineer. How about a SECURITY CLEARANCE? On the contrary, Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover about my grandmother (World War I and World War II) and a JohnEllis.com brochure about her friends that included CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT (19th Amendment: Women's Right to Vote), American Red Cross Founder CLARA BARTON and her cousin SUSAN B. ANTHONY!

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adenoids. However, decades later serious health problems developed including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors!

As a result, I went to the Choate School Wallingford, Conn. where an old chemistry book inspired me to release the measurable energy in water to 30 TIMES the energy in ordinary water and save my own life (JohnEllis.com videos)! A child in Chemistry class also proved that! Thousands were treated near the submarine base in New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine with this new-found energy (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests) but after Vietnam, they didn't want to help veterans and it continues today as Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) also discovered as late as 1994 ... even after ONE MILLION CIVILIAN RADIUM TREATMENTS, there was little interest in helping even Agent Orange victims!

Instead of helping them—like a Jan. 27, 1992 *Washington Post* article: "10,000 people per day say this water cures anything including cancer!" (we are allowed to quote)—"News and Health" magazines use fringe MDs to sell products that cause cancer! Editor and Health Pioneer: "I feel wonderful taking 70 vitamins a day!" before dying on TV while another overdosed on iodine (both from Toxic Overload!) like the Anabolic Steroid inventor who died at 63 (below) ... which is why I gave up the discus!

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I am not new to controversy: In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew

Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: "I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!"

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Google: Christianity Must Be Censored

• Internet giant says popular Lutheran publisher's faith-based advertising is bad for business

By Dave Gahary

Concordia Publishing House (CPH) is the publishing arm of the 2 million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a conservative denomination that rejects ordaining women, abortion, and homosexual marriage. Founded in 1869, CPH is the oldest publishing company west of the Mississippi River and the world's largest distinctly Lutheran publishing house. According to its website, it publishes "the world's most widely circulated daily devotional resource," printing and distributing over 850,000 copies quarterly, and its children's books have been published in the millions of copies. But none of this matters to the world's most visited website, Google.com, who has refused to do business with CPH.

CPH president and CEO Dr. Bruce G. Kintz explained in a Facebook post: "Google ads will no longer accept anything related to the cph.org domain. They stated the reason is because of the faith we express on our website. [A CPH associate] was told, as an example, that things like our Bible challenge on our [Vacation Bible School] webpage would clearly need to come down before they could consider us for ads."

Google uses its AdWords division to bring in almost 100% of its revenue. It also owns censor-crazy YouTube, which has recently banned thousands of online videos on "controversial" topics like the "Holocaust" and school shootings, top-



DR. BRUCE KINTZ

ics that have the potential of threatening the powers-that-be.

This newspaper's website has been the target of YouTube's censors, who took particular interest in audio interviews this reporter has done about the many anomalies of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, which many believe did not unfold the way the government-mainstream-media complex has presented. In fact, AFP's YouTube page has been scoured and purged of all interviews that present an alterna-

Concordia Publishing House (CPH) CEO Dr. Bruce G. Kintz has been told by Internet giant Google that they will not be doing business with CPH any longer. Google said it might use CPH's ads, but only if they remove—for starters—CPH's Vacation Bible School Internet page. Financially, Google's decision threatens the Christian group.

tive view of Sandy Hook. The most recent one removed simply discussed the results of a court case involving a parent of one of the victims and researcher Wolfgang Halbig, the school safety consultant at the center of the campaign to get more answers from government and school officials about what happened there.

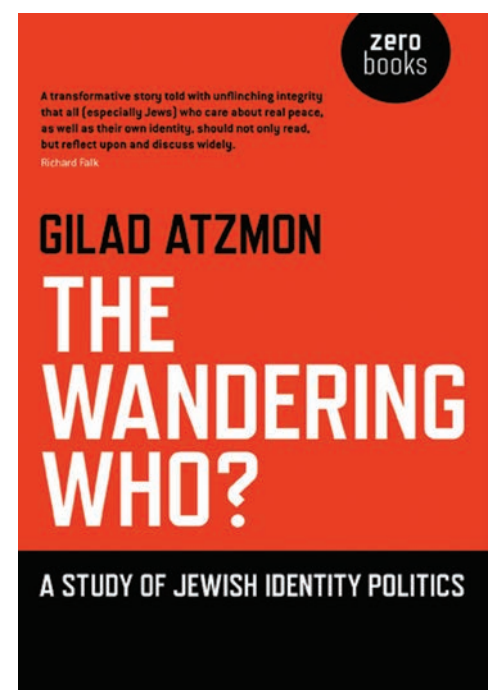
Google, however, is itself not free from controversy. It is the target of criticism over "privacy concerns, tax avoidance, antitrust, censorship, and search neutrality." Its mission statement, "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful," had as its unofficial slogan, "Don't be evil," which if it wasn't so pathetically ironic might be funny. In 2015, "Don't be evil" was replaced by "Do the right thing," another laughable phrase.

Google informed CPH on April 23 that all the publishing house's ads were "disabled due to a violation of Google's policy for advertising based on interests and location."

Specifically, the type of ads targeted are known as "remarketing" ads. As explained in a post on the CPH website, entitled "Concordia Publishing House Responds to Google Disabling

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of Faith-Based Advertising,” these type of “ads reach out to individuals who have made a decision to visit a CPH webpage. Google defines this as showing ads to people who’ve visited your website or used your mobile app. When people leave your website without buying anything, for example, remarketing helps you reconnect with them by showing relevant ads across their different devices.”

On their website, under the “Prohibited categories” heading, Google AdWords spells out what is verboten, which they consider “legally or culturally sensitive”:

Alcohol; gambling; clinical trial recruitment; restricted drug terms; users under 13; personal hardships; health; negative financial status; relationships; commission of a crime; abuse and trauma; imposing negativity; identity and belief; sexual orientation; political affiliation; political content; trade union membership; race and ethnicity; religious belief; marginalized groups; transgender identification; sexual interests; birth control; non-family safe and adult content.

The Internet is, primarily, a tool to get information and products, as is illustrated in the top 20 keywords that demand the highest costs per mouse click: “insurance; loans; mortgage; attorney; credit; lawyer; donate; degree; hosting; claim; conference call; trading; software; recovery; transfer; gas/electricity; classes; rehab; treatment; cord blood.” Keywords refers to words that are used most often in searches to find products or information.

After their ads were rejected, CPH contacted Google and was told “remarketing ads based on religious beliefs was not allowed.” CPH then requested a manager review this decision, which was denied, and were told the only way to bring the ads “into compliance” was to remove all “faith-based content.”

Soon after, a Google AdWords representative explained, “the disapproval resulted from the fact that the items in the ad and on the CPH website refer to Jesus and/or the Bible.” If CPH removed all references to Jesus or the Bible, their ads would be reinstated.

Kintz wasn’t amused.

“[W]e are not willing to sacrifice our beliefs to comply with Google’s requirements,” he said in a statement. “It’s no secret that society is becoming increasingly hostile to the Christian faith. This increasing hostility makes our mission of proclaiming that faith through the books, Bibles, and curriculum that we produce all the more important. We will continue to proclaim the faith because we know without a doubt that the Word of the Lord endures forever.”

The way Google treated CPH is all the more incredible and disgusting knowing that in the U.S., the largest advertising market in the world, most Americans are exposed to around 4,000 to 10,000 advertisements each day, mostly revolving around the three Ss: sex, stocks, and sports.

Hey, Google! Let us see all the ads out there, and let us decide. Do the right thing. ★

Dave Gahary, a former submariner in the U.S. Navy, prevailed in a suit brought by the New York Stock Exchange in an attempt to silence him. Dave is the producer of an upcoming film about the attack on the USS *Liberty*. See the website erasingtheliberty.com or call (850) 677-0344 for more information.

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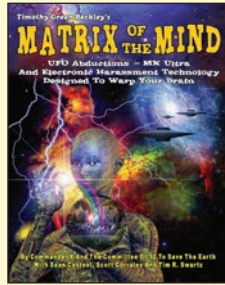
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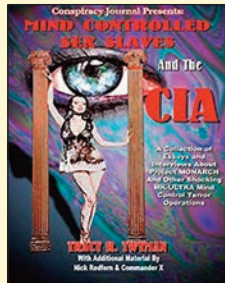
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Even Leftists Losing Free Speech

• Anti-Trump activist blogger punished for expressing thoughts on seeing “two men kissing”

By John Friend

Free speech and the First Amendment continue to be attacked and undermined in America, as college professors, university students, and regular American citizens who espouse politically incorrect or in any way “controversial” opinions face professional and social punishment for their speech.

This newspaper has brought to light countless cases of right-leaning or conservative individuals being targeted for their speech and political views: college students under fire for sympathizing and being active with conservative organizations, a former town manager forced out of his position as a direct result of statements on his personal blog and political convictions, a young high school teacher terminated for a pro-white podcast she hosted as a private citizen.

This reporter has direct experience with this tyrannical phenomenon. In the fall of 2015, I was forced out of my position working for a local municipal government in San Diego County as a result of my personal blog and contributions to this newspaper as well as to THE BARNES REVIEW



JOY REID

Leftist commentator Joy Reid recently saw her commentary column canceled by editors of “The Daily Beast” website because, years ago, she expressed her belief that some people do not like to see two homosexual men kiss. Other traditionally liberal commentators have been sacked for making politically incorrect statements, as well.

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In recent weeks, incredibly, even left-wing liberals are finding themselves in the crosshairs of the enforcers of political correctness, which should be as alarming as any right-leaning individual being targeted by the thought police.

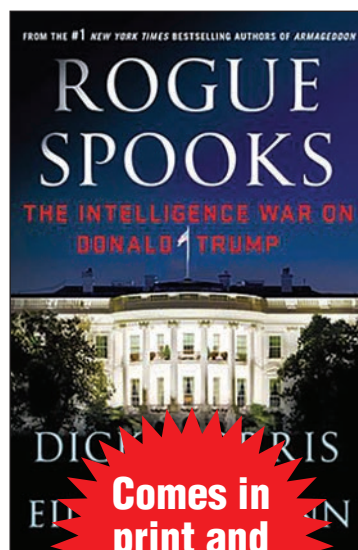
A prime example is the recent case of Joy Reid, a former columnist for news and commentary website “The Daily Beast” and an avowed anti-Trump propagandist. Reid was recently suspended by “The Daily Beast,” a bastion of left-wing news and views, after it was revealed she allegedly made a number of “homophobic” remarks on her personal blog over a decade ago. Noah Shachtman, the executive editor of the website, made the announcement last week.

“We’re going to hit pause on Reid’s columns,” Shachtman wrote in a memo released to em-

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ployees of “The Daily Beast.” “As you’re well aware, support for LGBTQ rights and respect for human dignity are core to ‘Daily Beast.’ So we’re taking seriously the new allegations that one of our columnists, Joy Reid, previously wrote homophobic blog posts during her stint as a radio host.”

Shachtman indicated that a full investigation is being launched into her “controversial” remarks, but for now the columnist was being suspended.

“Obviously, this is a difficult situation,” he stated. “We’ve all said and done things in our lives that we wish we hadn’t done. We deserve the room to grow beyond our past. But these allegations are serious enough that they deserve a full examination.”

What did Ms. Reid write in her blog that was so horrendous? She said that some straight people do not like to see gay men kiss. That’s it. She never said she believes homosexuality is wrong. She didn’t even say she dislikes gays, yet the PC police sought to take her down anyway.

In recent years, other liberals and left-leaning individuals—including two professors in particular—have been targeted for their personal political views, resulting in their termination. Kathy Dettwyler, a former anthropology professor at the University of Delaware, was fired after public outcry resulting from controversial comments she made about Otto Warmbier, a college student who died shortly after he returned to the United States following captivity in North Korea. Ms. Dettwyler

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described the young college student as a “spoiled, naive, arrogant, U.S. college student” who got “exactly what he deserved.” The University of Delaware chose not to renew the controversial professor’s contract following the remarks, which gained national attention at the time.

Additionally, Lisa Durden, a former adjunct professor at Essex County College in New Jersey, was terminated last summer following her controversial appearance on Tucker Carlson’s popular nightly news program that airs on Fox News.

During her appearance, Ms. Durden defended the Black Lives Matter movement, denounced “white privilege,” a Marxist concept, and even argued that whites should be excluded from certain black-only events. Ms. Durden was promptly terminated following the television appearance, with the college stating it is affirming “its right to select employees who represent

the institution appropriately and are aligned with [its] mission.”

The First Amendment was designed to protect controversial speech, but the founding fathers could not have been expected to predict just how easily free speech could be stifled today.

The targeting of left-leaning professors, students, and activists for their controversial—and often misguided—political views is as deplorable as the targeting of right-leaning individuals for their controversial views. ★

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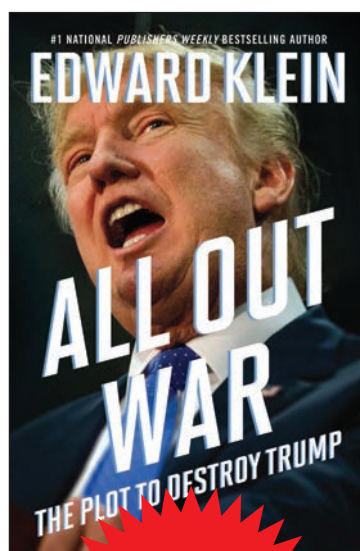


Liberal educator Lisa Durden was fired by her bosses at Essex County College after she stated her strong opinions about “white privilege,” and her belief that whites should be allowed to be excluded from black-only events, specifically an all-black Memorial Day celebration sponsored by the group Black Lives Matter.

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Honest Reporter Smear

• UK journalist who exposed Western duplicity in Syria attacked by mainstream

By Mark Anderson

Elements of the mainstream press weren't content to try and prevent British independent journalist Vanessa Beeley from speaking in Switzerland to the Geneva Press Club (GPC) back on Nov. 28. Intense pressure, applied to cancel her speech because her work contradicts the standard media narrative about the civil war in Syria, mainly came from United Nations staffers in Geneva and the organization Reporters Without Borders. But thanks to GPC President Guy Mettan's dedication to free speech, Ms. Beeley was allowed to deliver a powerful, highly revealing 16-minute speech.

In the wake of that triumph, however, Ms. Beeley has been reeling from fresh mainstream media (MSM) attacks against her—still cheap, but much more aggressive and widespread as the MSM pulls out all the stops to try and defame Ms. Beeley's on-the-ground work in Syria that has exposed Western treachery in backing terrorist forces.

These forces, typically portrayed by the MSM as being comprised of noble “rebels” spearheading a “resistance” to take “their” country back, include elements of America's old 9/11 nemesis al Qaeda, along with al-Nusra and other terrorist outfits, hell-bent since 2011 on toppling Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, according to Ms. Beeley's research and that of others who've cooperated with her on the ground.

The MSM's latest attack originated at the UK's



VANESSA BEELEY

The Times, owned by notoriously crooked media mogul Rupert Murdoch. The first salvo came in the April 14 edition, which carried five articles for its anti-Beeley broadside. The lead article, entitled, “To say Douma attack was staged is to enter an Orwellian world,” is a decidedly deceptive screed that ignores the valid reverse view: To insist Syria bombed its own people without proof, and justify more war over it, is to enter an Or-

The official assault on candid British journalist Vanessa Beeley—and anyone who supports her truthful journalism—continues unabated. She has irked the powers that be by revealing the forces the West is backing in Syria are nothing more than terrorist groups and that the recent “chemical attack” on civilians in Syria was a false-flag op.

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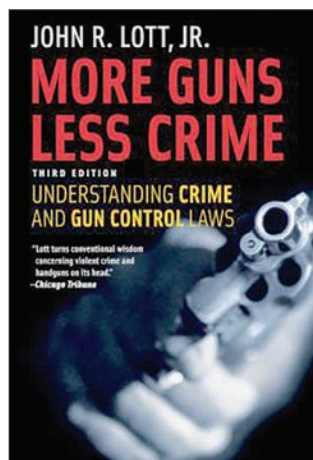
The article noted that Stirling University digital journalism professor Idrees Ahmad received a “letter of complaint against him” and was “baffled to see it written on University of Sheffield-headed paper. The authors were members of a recently formed organization—the Syria, Propaganda and Media (SPM) group—whose stated aim was to ‘facilitate research with respect to the . . . war in Syria.’”

The letter objected to Dr. Ahmad “criticizing an article written by Tim Hayward, an Edinburgh professor of political theory,” who was among the letter's signatories. *The Times* exploited this academic controversy to lambast Hayward because he “had argued on his blog that ‘independent investigators’ such as Vanessa Beeley, a pro-Assad journalist in Syria, should be given a ‘fair hearing.’”

“Among her beliefs,” *The Times* trembled, “are that the White Helmets,” which the article calls “a volunteer rescue group in Syria,” are “terrorists and that President Assad has not carried out chemical attacks.” The state-allied newspaper

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added, “After reading Professor Hayward’s article, Dr. Ahmad used Twitter to call it ‘illiterate Islamophobic drivel,’ describing the professor [Hayward] as ‘an eccentric best known for his disgraceful conspiracy theories aimed at exonerating Syria’s murderous regime.’”

The Times added: “Piers Robinson, another key SPM member” (Sheffield professor of political journalism) accused Dr. Ahmad of ‘bringing the university into disrepute.’”

The Times continued that much of SPM’s concern is based on its “apparent reliance on blogs and activists who purport to report the truth from the ground in Syria. Data analysis carried out on behalf of the White Helmets shows that Ms. Beeley’s claims that chemical attacks in Syria were staged have been repeated and promoted by Russian networks to spread disinformation. . . .”

Then *The Times* lamented: “Her tweets on the White Helmets make her one of the most influential online figures circulating content about the group,

according to two data analyst outfits, Graphika and Hoaxy. Graphika found that Twitter bots linked to Russia had promoted anti-White Helmet tweets to as many as 56 million people worldwide. Members of SPM, including 10 British academics . . . have retweeted such content numerous times.”

Soon, the state-owned BBC, a critic of state-supported media like “Russia Today” that forgets its own heavily state-supported existence, weighed in. An April 19 article referring to the alleged April 7 chemical-weapons attack on the Syrian city of Douma, which is said to have killed around 40 people at the hands of the government, noted:

The Syrian government and its key ally, Russia, say the incident was staged. But the U.S.,

UK and France—who support the opposition to Mr. Assad—say they are confident that chlorine and possibly a nerve agent were used. Despite the uncertainty about what happened in Douma, a cluster of influential social media activists . . . seized on a theory being floated by Russian officials and state-owned media outlets that the attacks were “staged” or were a “false flag” operation, carried out by jihadist groups . . . in order to put the blame on the Assad government and provide a justification for Western intervention.

Ms. Beeley told AFP that Assad has been defending his country from a vicious Western-backed operation that clandestinely trained and armed terrorist foot soldiers. She said that when government forces finally freed the city of Aleppo last year, the MSM distorted and misreported the obviously positive outcome, which adversely influenced public opinion and Western foreign policy.

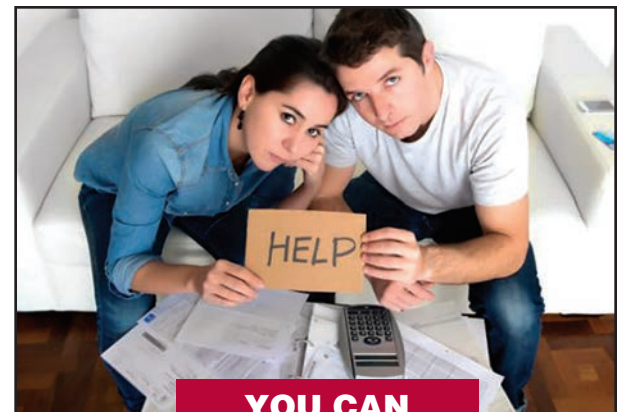
Brighter days beckon, however. A special “Media on Trial” event May 27 in Leeds, UK will

feature in-depth discussion and evidence about the Syrian situation while showcasing MSM lies about it, including its coverup of apparent clandestine UK funding for the White Helmets.

Speakers will include Ms. Beeley, former Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.), professors Hayward and Robinson, Mr. Henningsen, former UK ambassador to Syria Peter Ford, and independent researcher Robert Stuart, who exposed “irregularities” in the BBC’s “Panorama” episode called “Saving Syria’s Children.” His exposé “encouraged film producer and writer Victor Lewis-Smith to tear up his BBC contract in disgust,” event organizers noted in a story posted on their website “www.mediaontrial.uk.” ★

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'No Criticism of Israel' Bill Passes in South Carolina

By Dave Gahary

South Carolina, the first U.S. state to pass legislation barring it from doing business with companies that boycott Israel—which became the legislative template that has since passed in 23 other states—has passed a law that makes it illegal to criticize the Zionist state of Israel.

"Israel's biggest supporter in a U.S. state legislature," South Carolina state Rep. Alan D. Clemmons (R), who spearheaded the boycott law in 2011, was the primary sponsor of South Carolina House Bill 3643, which defines anti-Semitism for the Palmetto State's colleges and universities, sure to place a chill on free speech in those halls of higher learning.

The bill requires South Carolina's colleges and universities to use a State Department definition of "anti-Semitism"—the basic outline of which was first created by an Israeli minister—when investigating alleged civil rights violations on their campuses.

The State Department definition has its roots in 2004, when pro-Israel groups were successful in promoting federal legislation creating a "special envoy and State Department office to monitor anti-Semitism," over the objections of some State Department officials, who stated it was unnecessary. After the office was established, one of these "special envoys," Hannah Rosenthal, "unilaterally adopted the new, Israel-centric definition in 2009," according to an article by Alison Weir on her website "If Americans Knew."

The two-page definition "was never intended to be used to limit speech on college campuses," but "was written for European data collectors to have a guide for what to include and what to exclude in their reports," according to Kenneth S. Stern, who helped write the definition. It at-

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New definition makes any statements critical of the state of Israel, even when factual, "anti-Semitic."

tempts to serve as a guide to identify "anti-Semitic" behavior, like "making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective—especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions."

Caroline Nagel, a University of South Carolina professor, lamented that the bill "would shut down legitimate debate on South Carolina campuses about policies of the state of Israel and would equate criticism of Israel with anti-Jewish racism."

Over a year ago, on March 9, 2017, H.B. 3643 passed by a margin of 103-3 in the South Carolina state House of Representatives, following a passionate speech on the House floor by Clemmons, a Mormon, who has traveled to Israel four times and has met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as well as with extremist Israeli settlers.

The bill had a push from the spate of threats to Jewish Community Centers, which had the fake news media blaming "right-wing Christians" with absolutely zero evidence, and attorney and Rep. Jerrold Nadler accusing Trump's supporters for the alleged threats.

Before the smoke cleared, laws were passed,



and books were banned, it was revealed that a 19-year-old dual U.S.-Israeli citizen was responsible for threatening "2,000 different institutions around the world, including the Israeli embassy in Washington, the Israeli consulate in Miami, schools, malls, police stations, hospitals, and airlines."

H.B. 3643 languished for over a year until the South Carolina Senate approved the bill by a 37-4 vote, utilizing a "parliamentary maneuver" to ram it through.

According to Charleston's *The Post and Courier*, on April 12, the "senators used the state's \$8 billion budget . . . to give new life to two stalled bills that define anti-Semitism and require the state to certify local governments are enforcing federal immigration laws and not creating so-called sanctuary cities."

"Inserting the language into the budget," explained *The Post and Courier*, "gives them a second chance at becoming law—although, technically just for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The budget will move to a joint House and Senate committee, which will "hash out the differences in their plans." South Carolina's governor has already endorsed H.B. 3643 and said he will sign it into law. ★

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Mainstream Caught Pushing Fake News About Firing at FBI

- Elites wrongly insist Donald Trump behind firing of McCabe

By Dr. Edward DeVries

When the news broke that the FBI's Inspector General's Office was recommending the Justice Department file criminal charges against former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe—who was fired in March for allegedly misleading FBI officials about his role in media disclosures about the Hillary Clinton probe—network television and mainstream news outlets mainly ignored the major development.

A report from the Office of the Inspector General, released on April 19, confirmed that McCabe had in fact misled federal investigators on four separate occasions by insisting that he did not approve the leak, which was apparently intended to rebut rumors that McCabe had told FBI agents to “stand down” from their investigation of the Clinton Foundation. Investigators also found that McCabe's account of his dealings with then-FBI director James Comey's account do not match that given by Comey in sworn testimony before Congress.

While the report does not mean McCabe will face an indictment, it does indicate that the inspector general believes that there is sufficient evidence that McCabe committed a crime. Usually, a report such as this one would result in a criminal investigation. In McCabe's case, the potential charges include lying to the FBI and perjury.

After the report was released, on Thursday evening, April 19, “NBC Nightly News” completely ignored the story. Thursday's “CBS Evening News” carried the story, but the segment was over in just 42 seconds. ABC's “World News Tonight” had the longest coverage of the story on Thursday evening. They went 20 seconds longer than CBS—one minute and two seconds.

On Friday morning, April 20, NBC's “Today Show” barely mentioned it, giving only nine seconds of coverage to the story, just a single sentence.

At the top of the 7:30 a.m. ET half-hour of the “Today Show,” during a so-called news segment scripted to promote the release of former FBI Director James Comey's salacious new book, *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership*—in which he leaks the content of private conversations between himself and newly inaugurated President Donald Trump—co-host Hoda Kotb briefly added this line about the legal trouble for Comey's one-time deputy, McCabe: “This as federal prosecutors weigh whether or not to prosecute disgraced former FBI Deputy Director An-



drew McCabe for misleading investigators.”

The same “Today Show” allotted five times the airtime, 50 seconds, to a fan learning Beyonce's dance moves.

But at least the “Today Show” covered the story, even if only for nine seconds. “CBS This Morning” basically skipped it, except for a two-second blip in the broadcast's “Eye Opener” video montage at the top of the program acknowledging the criminal referral.

That morning's “Good Morning America” segment on the matter was a little longer, but still lasted only 49 seconds—less time than the “Today Show” gave to Beyonce's dance moves.

“Good Morning America” co-host Robin Roberts asked ABC's justice correspondent, Pierre Thomas, about the criminal referral. Fellow host George Stephanopoulos then sought comment from legal analyst Dan Abrams, who warned: “I think that's a dangerous situation for Andrew McCabe. . . You know, Andrew McCabe needs to be concerned.”

If it were really such a “dangerous situation,” why didn't the self-described news program park on the subject for more than 49 seconds?

This reporter's guess is that the TV networks have not wanted to touch the McCabe story because it harms their narrative of trashing the president over the “Russia investigation.”

Even when mainstream media outlets have begrudgingly acknowledged the FBI official's downfall, it has been with the bare minimum amount of coverage, with their emphasis on downplaying the news or even suggesting that the criminal McCabe is a victim rather than a crooked cop and possible traitor. ★

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Beware the Ides of May

• May shapes up to be dangerous month for America

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

The Ides of March—March 15—was a bad day for Caesar. But this year, it is May 15 that portends trouble for the empire and the world. Consider the events lining up for that week. On May 12, President Donald Trump is expected to kill the Iran nuclear deal, ratcheting up Middle East tensions to the breaking point. If Trump does kill the deal, as French President Macron says he will, the Iranians will undoubtedly pull out and start enriching uranium again, as is their right under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Iran is a signatory in good standing of the NPT, unlike the rogue state of Israel with its hundreds of nuclear weapons. When Iran follows Trump out of the nuclear deal, Israel will start screaming, “Bomb Iran!” And Trump, who listens to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, may or may not be able to resist being led by the nose into yet another huge, unwinnable Zionist war.

Another monumental Mideast provocation will follow two days later: the opening of the U.S. embassy in occupied Jerusalem. This move would be Trump’s open declaration of war on the world’s 1.8 billion Muslims. Jerusalem has been administered by Muslims essentially ever since Islam existed. It is in many ways the true spiritual capital of the Islamic world. Every Muslim on Earth worthy of the name would willingly die to defend Jerusalem from the Zionists.

If the U.S. endorses the Zionist claim to Jerusalem by opening an embassy there, America will suddenly be considered a legitimate target by

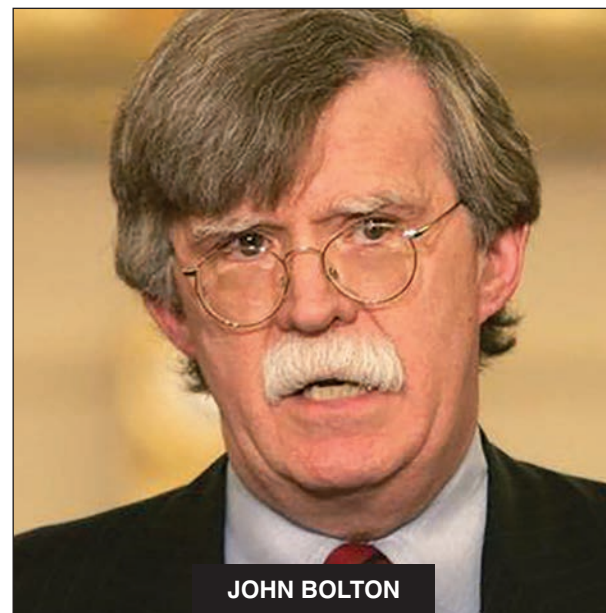
billions of people—including many Christians, who correctly recognize Zionism as Antichrist.

Then the following day, May 15, the Palestinians’ Great Return March will culminate with hundreds of thousands of Palestinian concentration-camp inmates trying to walk, unarmed except with bolt cutters to snip the barbed wire, back to their stolen homes. The genocidal Zionists will undoubtedly massacre hundreds or even thousands of unarmed people, as they are in the habit of doing. The Zionists have already shot many dozens of people dead and wounded more than 5,000 for the crime of congregating to protest too close to the border.

This series of three massive provocations leading up to May 15 will pit Israel and the nations it secretly controls against the Palestinians and their billions of supporters all over the world. The Palestinians’ major state supporter, Iran, has dozens of military installations in Syria, as well as a battle-hardened ally, Hezbollah, next door in Lebanon. Russia, a supporter of Iran and a major force in Syria, risks being drawn into this imminent conflict.

What makes this situation especially dangerous is that the War Party seems to actually want to draw the Russians in. After a recent fake gassing in Douma, Syria on April 7, the neoconservatives—including National Security Advisor John Bolton and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo—as well as a great many liberal armchair warriors, were pushing Trump to bomb Syria in a major way—a way that would have killed Russian troops and forced the Russians to sink the U.S. ships that sent the missiles, as Russian leader Vladimir Putin has promised to do.

The psychopaths pushing for World War III



JOHN BOLTON

Had President Trump taken the advice of new National Security Advisor John Bolton and bombed Russian troops in Syria, World War III might have already started. As it was, a majority of U.S. cruise missiles may have been shot down before reaching their targets, thanks to new Russian anti-missile tech.

would like nothing better than a “new New Pearl Harbor”—9/11 being the old New Pearl Harbor. They know that getting the Russian military to sink U.S. ships is a great way to rally the American people for war. The false flaggers blew up the USS *Maine* in 1898, orchestrated the sinking of the *Lusitania* in 1915, orchestrated the treasonous Pearl Harbor eight-point-plan in 1941, plotted to sink ships in Operation Northwoods (1962), and staged the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964.

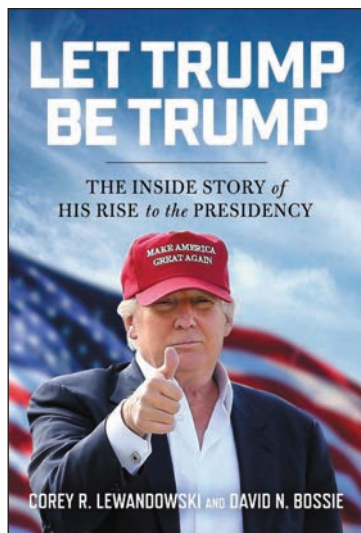
Will they do it again come mid-May? ★

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Let Trump Be Trump: The Inside Story of His Rise

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No Evidence of Chemical Attack

• Hague hears evidence that alleged gas attack blamed on Assad never happened

By John Friend

More evidence and eyewitness testimony has been presented regarding the alleged “chemical attack” purportedly carried out by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s government in early April demonstrating that the entire narrative—concocted largely by the so-called Syrian “White Helmets” and other forces hostile to the Syrian government—was and remains fake news designed to justify Western military intervention in the region.

In late April, eyewitnesses and survivors of the events that unfolded in Douma, a suburb of Damascus in the Eastern Ghouta region that has been the scene of a power struggle between armed terrorist groups attempting to overthrow Assad—many of which are backed by Western military and intelligence agencies—and the Syrian military, presented testimony at The Hague that undermined the narrative blindly disseminated by the Western media and political establishment.

“We were at the basement and we heard people shouting that we needed to go to a hospital,” Hassan Diab, an 11-year-old resident of Douma who was present during the purported “chemical attack,” explained to reporters at The Hague. “We went through a tunnel. At the hospital they started pouring cold water on me.”

Douma and the entire Eastern Ghouta region are known for their extensive underground tunnel systems, which are used to transport goods, people, and weapons in the ongoing Syrian civil war. Following an extensive bombing campaign carried out by the Syrian military on rebel and terrorist-held areas in Douma, many local residents experienced respiratory problems including smoke inhalation. Syrian “White Helmets” insisted a chemical attack had taken place and began filming the residents who were seeking medical treatment at the hospital. The “White Helmets”—anti-Assad so-called medical aid workers backed by the West—began shouting that a chemical attack had taken place and began spraying residents at the hospital with water hoses, causing chaos and panic and implanting a false narrative that a chemical attack had indeed taken place.

“There were people unknown to us who were filming the emergency care. They were filming the chaos taking place inside, and were filming people being doused with water,” Ahmad Kashoi, an administrator at a medical emergency center in Douma that treated local residents, explained to reporters at The Hague. “The instruments they used to douse them with water were originally



During a Hague press conference on the Douma chemical attack, organized by Syrian and Russian officials, information was introduced by the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation. The Russians claimed that the fake video the world saw in the media was produced by the adversarial White Helmets in a hospital in Douma.

used to clean the floors actually. That happened for about an hour. We provided help to them and sent them home. No one has died. No one suffered from chemical exposure.”

The traumatic footage that emerged from Douma, captured and released exclusively by the “White Helmets” and other groups hostile to the Syrian regime, was presented uncritically by the Western press and blindly accepted by virtually the entire Western political establishment, including President Donald Trump’s administration, resulting in U.S.-led airstrikes on Syrian targets.

Halil al-Jaish and Muwaffak Nasrim, medical workers in Douma, also testified at The Hague, insisting that none of the patients they assisted showed any legitimate signs of exposure to chemical weapons. All of the patients, the medical workers explained, showed signs of respiratory problems, including smoke inhalation and dust asphyxiation, as a direct result of the Syrian military strikes in the area targeting rebel forces.

Russian Col. Gen. Sergey Rudskoy, the chief of the main operational directorate of the Russian General Staff, announced that the Organization

for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons found no evidence that chemical weapons were stored or manufactured at the Barzeh research center in Damascus, which was targeted by airstrikes in the aftermath of the alleged “chemical attack” in Douma.

“Immediately after the attacks, many people who worked at these destroyed facilities and just bystanders without any protective equipment visited them,” Rudskoy explained. “None of them got poisoned with toxic agents.” Had chemical weapons actually been stored or manufactured at this research facility, those who worked there and lived in the area would surely have been exposed to toxic chemical agents.

Rudskoy also stated that the Syrian air defense systems, which were sold to the Syrian regime by the Russians, performed spectacularly, destroying 46 of the cruise missiles launched by the U.S., the UK, and France during the recent airstrikes.

Meanwhile, in recent testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Secretary of Defense James Mattis stated that the U.S. will expand its role in Syria, leading to conflicting policies espoused by the Trump administration. Trump has often indicated he wishes to withdraw U.S. forces from Syria, stating recently U.S. forces would be “coming home relatively soon,” but that America would leave a “strong and lasting footprint” in the embattled country.

“Right now we are not withdrawing,” Mattis told Congress. “We are continuing the fight. We are going to expand it and bring in more regional support. This is the biggest shift we’re making right now.” ★

Iranians Have Kept Up Their End of the Nuclear Bargain

By Richard Walker

According to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors, Iran has honored its commitments to the 2015 nuclear deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, known as the JCPOA, but a stroke of President Donald Trump's pen could signal its end or lead to a unilateral U.S. withdrawal from it.

Such an outcome was first promised by Trump as an election pledge, even though he knew that such a move could lead to Iran resuming its earlier efforts to build a nuclear bomb, thereby destabilizing the Middle East and inviting a major war. Such a war would be applauded by Israeli hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his allies in the Saudi Royal Family, and Zionist elements on Capitol Hill.

On the other hand, Russia, China, Germany, Britain, and France, which also signed the JCPOA to end Iran's nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions, might well choose to stick with the deal and encourage Iran to do so, too.

The EU has called on all sides to ensure the deal is protected. EU chief Federica Mogherini has pleaded with Washington to preserve it for the sake of security, arguing that it is working as planned. Her view is supported by most experts who believe the deal, which took two years to negotiate, represents a major diplomatic achieve-

ment. The White House disagrees, claiming it has been a disaster and that the Iranians have been cheating. IAEA inspectors who have conducted strict inspections of Iran's nuclear sites have shown that claims of cheating have been bogus. The inspections have been the most thorough and strict ever undertaken by the IAEA.

Forgotten in the media coverage of ongoing threats by Trump to scrap the deal is the fact that it was supported in 2015 by a UN Security Council vote of 15-0. That confirms those determined to jettison it would have to overturn a majority UN Security Council vote. China and Russia will not let that happen.

On April 27, the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced that it was encouraging all signatories to the JCPOA to "honor and safeguard it." That followed a similar commitment from the Kremlin with a spokesman pointing out that the deal was a product of "meticulous and intense diplomacy," and there is no alternative to it. One of the interesting elements of the Kremlin statement was its insistence that Iran's "stance" on the JCPOA was critical in any consideration of it. In other words, those like Trump or France's Macron who mused about negotiating a new arrangement could not do so without Iranian approval. Such an approval will not be forthcoming. Iran's leaders have said they will not allow a word of the nuclear deal to be altered.

Lost in much of the media speculation about the future of the deal is that Iran has kept its commitments even though it has not benefited that



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much financially, given all the hype in the West about what the deal would do for its economy. That can be explained in part by Trump's public threats to wreck the deal, a move that has dissuaded international banks and companies from doing business with Tehran.

From the day it was negotiated, the deal was threatened by Netanyahu and his backers on Capitol Hill. It was also vehemently opposed by the Saudis, who have Trump's ear. Some Israeli intelligence chiefs, however, have disagreed with Netanyahu, pointing out that the Iranians have honored their side of the bargain, thereby making it impossible for them to build a nuclear weapon for at least 20 years.

In a move not mentioned in Congress or in the mainstream media, *The Jerusalem Post* recently lambasted Trump for his stance on the deal in language that was startling.

"This reality is clear, even to former critics of the deal. Trump's bombastic rhetoric is not backed up with fact: There is no case in which unilateral withdrawal serves U.S. interests," reported the *Post*.

Those familiar with Middle East politics know that White House opposition to the nuclear pact is ultimately aimed at weakening Iran's influence in the region. It is a strategy applauded by Israel and the Saudis. Russia, Iran's ally, is watching events carefully and has been negotiating secretly with Iran to boost its missile defenses.

North Korea will no doubt have been studying the Iran issue, wondering if it could ever trust Washington to be a reliable broker in a nuclear deal. However, if North Korea were to give up its nukes, it would continue to pose a major threat to its neighbors because of its massive arsenal of short range missiles that could obliterate South Korea and strike Japan. The issue of that arsenal does not appear to have been on Washington's agenda. ★



One of the few positive things that President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry did while in office was to craft a nuclear agreement with Iran. Thus far, according to international inspectors, Iran has lived up to every stipulation in the agreement, yet Mr. Trump wants to scrap the deal. Why risk war?

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Trump's Foreign Policy Scorecard

By Philip Giraldi

As Donald Trump is currently embarking on a 90-day agenda that has major foreign policy implications for the Koreas and Iran in particular, it is perhaps a good time to reflect on what has been accomplished, or otherwise, in his first 15 months in office.

French President Emmanuel Macron, having recently completed a state visit to Washington, reportedly has described the Trump program as “a strategy of tension,” which seeks to make adversaries uncertain of what the next step by the United States will be in an effort to obtain concessions that might not otherwise be likely.

It might be argued that the “strategy of tension” has worked with regard to North Korea, which might be considering détente with Seoul as an alternative to an attack by the United States. And Trump might even be right when he declares that previous U.S. presidents failed in their duty to strike a deal with Pyongyang. North Korea has long sought an end to the Korean War, which is still in armistice status, but its “unacceptable” condition has been that it should include a pledge of non-aggression from Washington, which successive administrations have refused to agree to lest their hands be tied if the North were to again become aggressive. And it would be conditional on the U.S. withdrawing its forces from the peninsula, knowing that once they are gone they will never return, so some might regard the North Korean overtures as little more than a trick to force the United States to depart before resuming business as usual by the hardline communist state.

Even giving Trump credit for positive developments in Korea, however, it is far from clear that it was part of some kind of strategy, as the White House team has been largely dysfunctional while the president's grasp of the niceties of international interrelations appears to be minimal.

Iran is another clear case where “tension” is being applied to compel the Iranians to give up their ballistic missile developments to supplement their participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action to downgrade their nuclear energy program. The decision on whether the United States will withdraw from the agreement will likely be made in the next 10 days, and the signs coming out of White House meetings with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Macron are unfavorable regarding continued U.S. participation. Iran will likely dig in its heels, and there is a real possibility that it will consider a nuclear weapons program plus a functional delivery system to defend itself against the U.S. and nuclear armed Israel. There will be no coercion of Iran, which will actually fight hard using all its resources to resist an American effort at regime change.

And then there are Afghanistan and Syria.



Above, North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un shakes the hand of South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the 2018 Winter Olympics. Much of the credit for the possibility of an easing of the ongoing tensions on the Korean peninsula can go to Donald Trump. But just as much blame can be pinned on Trump for not basing his military and political decisions in the Mideast strictly on what is in America's best interests.

Afghanistan consists of doubling down on the mistakes made in that country since 2001, in the unfortunate belief that they can be corrected. Afghanistan will require some kind of settlement with the Taliban, which currently *de facto* controls more than half of the country, and which will have to become a partner in government like it or not. As the country is not a vital interest to the United States, extrication of U.S. forces after arranging for some kind of governing formula is the appropriate solution. Taking whatever steps are necessary to escape from a quagmire is acceptable.

Syria is Trump's reversion to the same bad policies that resulted in Iraq, leading to the creation of ISIS among other consequences, not to mention a cost estimated to be \$5 trillion. Syria, like Iraq, is a neocon exercise in delusion. Israel wanted Iraq to become a weakened state divided into ethnic and religious groups, a situation that still prevails in a country that is Shi'a dominated yet contains powerful Sunni and Kurdish regions that challenge the reinstatement of a national identity. Israel also wants the same for Syria, and the United States is complying by trying to create separate security zones that will not only include a large part of the country to the east along the Euphrates River and also to the north, but will also incorporate Syria's oil production region, sharply diminishing the central government's income. The formula will not work even though Israel and many in Washington are pushing hard for it.

The fundamental problem is that the United States under Trump persists in believing, as did the former Clinton Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, that the U.S. is the “essential nation” that

is able to “see far” and provide leadership for the rest of the world. This kind of thinking is bollocks, as the British are accustomed to saying. The United States foreign policy is driven by special interests, the most prominent of which is Israel and its supporters, in its attempt to remake the Middle East. Can anyone doubt at this point that the world, as well as the United States itself, would be far better off now if it had not invaded in Afghanistan and decided to stay there to fix it, if the U.S. had not invaded Iraq in 2003, and if the Bush and Obama administrations had not been driven by hubris to continue the process in Syria, a drama without any end in sight?

So on balance, Trump might actually deserve an “A” on North Korea, if it turns out that his form of intervention actually brought about some kind of resolution to a problem that has been festering for 65 years. But he deserves a “D” on Afghanistan, which is a classic case of democracy-building gone crazy and an “F” for both Syria and Iran, which are reflective of Israeli desires rather than actual American interests.

There is still time to fix what is going wrong, but it depends on an understanding of what “America first” should actually mean, which is that the demands of hegemonistic foreign clients should no longer guide U.S. policy. Israel should be told that if it wants to attack Iran it should go right ahead, but it should not expect the United States of America to be joining in the effort. ★

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Will Generation Zero Take Stand Against Perpetual Warfare State?

By S.T. Patrick

Fifty years ago, on April 23, 1968, discontented Columbia University students gathered on the central plaza of the Ivy League campus to protest the Vietnam War. This was not just another party-protest. Within a week, over a thousand students had occupied five buildings (“liberated zones”) and the president’s office. The entire school had been closed, and the dean had been held hostage.

There had been rumors that the school was about to build a gymnasium in a nearby public park. Even more disconcerting, student Bob Feldman had made an interesting discovery while conducting research in the International Law Library. He found that Columbia had an institutional tie to the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), a weapons research think tank used by the Department of Defense.

The fiery mood in the country had been sparked. Campuses from coast to coast were already smoldering with the flammable fumes of revolution. President Lyndon B. Johnson had recently deepened U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia by signing National Security Action Memorandum the day after JFK’s funeral.

Well before young men were being called into the military by number, fear of an upcoming draft had spread throughout the country. It was a motivating factor behind the public protests across America. Mounting deaths were also a motivating factor, as can be imagined. A lack of presidential leadership and a willingness to expand the war into Cambodia and Laos led to even more protests in the 1970s.

There were ways a young man could qualify for a deferment. He could enroll in a college or university (e.g., Bill Clinton and Donald Trump), he could join the National Guard (e.g., George W. Bush), or he could be married with children (e.g., Dick Cheney, who married and quickly had a child after using his four years of college deferments). Some risked fugitive status by fleeing to Canada, and many illegally burned their draft cards and refused to go.

The wealthy were more apt to engage in any one of these options, as well as to pay a doctor to vouch for a “condition” that exempted the draftee. The result was that the poor, uneducated, and very young were drafted and sent to the killing fields of Nam.

The generation of the late 1960s was labeled “The Awakened Generation” by author Kirkpatrick Sale. As America today finds itself dropping bombs on Syria, playing geopolitical chess with Kim Jong Un, and renegotiating the Iran deal, we have to wonder if awakened, young activists still exist outside of rare isolation?

It was John F. Kennedy who said, “Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to

Human beings must put an end to perpetual war before it puts an end to all of us.

mankind.”

Is any cautionary language about war coming from our leaders today, or have threats become the contemporary language of diplomacy? The answer lies, to be sure, in the recent appointment of warhawk John Bolton to the position of national security advisor.

Several cultural and sociological factors have impacted the disease of apathy that has infected today’s generation, a group of teens and young adults that could properly adopt the name “Generation Zero”—zero ideas, zero causes, zero concerns, zero drive, zero identity, and zero ambition to change any of it.

This generation has an immense opportunity to effect change. They are the most technically proficient generation to date. They can organize a flash mob in an hour, gather a global group of gamers in minutes, and share moment-by-moment emotions across the Serengeti plains of social media. What they cannot seem to do is care. A pouty-faced emoji, unfortunately, does not have the same societal impact as occupying five buildings in the heart of New York City.

This is the most entertained generation in history, yet they are the most easily bored and the most prone to aggressively and publicly tout their depression. The same technological advancements that gave them such immense opportunities have also taken from them the yearning to solve problems. The search for answers has evolved by decade from “Do something about it!” to “Google it!”

The announcement that there would be no more draft calls for Vietnam was made in January 1973. President Gerald Ford later went so far as to end mandatory selective service registration, a decision that would be overturned by President Jimmy Carter. Since Vietnam, there has been no draft. There have been no prosecutions for disobeying the Military Selective Service Act since 1986. Two generations have never seen their friends involuntarily conscripted for service in places they cannot find on maps. The fear of a draft has thus subsided. While still needlessly high, the number of annual military casualties have dwindled since Vietnam due to the rise of video-game warfare and war conducted from command centers miles or continents away. Without fear or fright for friends and loved ones, the



Young people today will march against guns, free speech for conservatives, Wall Street and politicians they don’t like, but far too many (and their parents) are fine with the military being asked to aid and abet the killing of thousands of people in far-off lands.

sense of urgency has gone, as well. The men and women who now make up the military branches are those who have chosen that lifestyle and its attendant risks as careers.

Moreover, the deep-state public relations machines have won. In a world transitioning to a normalcy that is increasingly Orwellian, we are being brainwashed into believing that war is the only means by which peace can be waged. The warhawks insisted it was a mistake for President George H.W. Bush to stop U.S. troops from conquering Baghdad in 1991. We were told—and many believed—defeating Saddam Hussein was saving Iraqi babies and ending terrorism. We were asked to hang yellow ribbons rather than make anti-war signs.

The U.S. public was the wind that voluntarily swept President George W. Bush into Afghanistan to avenge our painful losses after 9/11, an avenging that has still not ended nearly 17 years later. The vast majority of the public now claps and cries as soldiers walk through airports, instead of pleading with them not to aid the enrichment of covert black operators, opium lords, and global security conglomerates.

Our government has made it America’s mission to dethrone dictators so that we can rethroner another dictator more supportive of U.S. goals, until, of course, he stands up to us, in which case we dethrone him. This is the permanent warfare state, and it is unclear if the teen/young adult generation—or their parents, Generation X—notices. But should it be that hard to convince a generation that war is destructive, that killing for corporations is wrong? They were babies or toddlers when the World Trade Center fell. But it may be a bleak future as war becomes the new normal. ★

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Gender Indoctrination Made Mandatory

• School children forced to attend “sexual orientation” classes, watch X-rated movies

By Dave Gahary

The U.S. state that brought this country the mandatory vaccine has another treat in store for the helpless citizens of the Golden State: mandatory gender orientation classes, i.e., LGBT indoctrination programs. LGBT, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, is a sort of movement that utilizes a so-called “human sexuality spectrum,” whose purpose is to alleviate the “stress” some confused individuals have about their gender when they feel they do not fit into “one of society’s provided labels,” i.e., male and female.

A March 29 memo was sent, to address mounting concern, from the general counsel of the Orange County Board of Education—the sixth most populous county in the U.S. with 622 public schools serving 496,747 students—to the parents of kids in school:

... the California Healthy Youth Act does not allow a parent to excuse their child from instruction that discusses gender, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation when the instruction does not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions. In addition, the courts have held that parents do not have the constitutional right to override the determinations of the state legislature or the school district as to what information their children will be provided in the public school classroom. Therefore, parents do not have a constitutional right to excuse their child from portions of the school curriculum that they find objectionable.

Simply put, parents who have chosen to opt their children out of objectionable and offensive “sexual education” teachings that violate their faith are not allowed to do so any longer.

Fox News personality Todd Starnes reached out to the school district, and a spokesperson “confirmed the authenticity of the memorandum,” stating parents are still allowed to teach their chil-



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dren their beliefs in their own home.

The Family Research Council (FRC), a U.S. conservative Christian nonprofit charity classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) as an anti-gay hate group—which motivated deranged Floyd Lee Corkins II to attack the FRC’s Washington, D.C. headquarters—was not amused.

“You mean you’ll let us make the decisions when our kids are home? How thoughtful,” FRC wrote in a commentary on their website.

FRC summed up this horrendous decision by Orange County by stating, “. . . thanks for supplying the kids—we’ll handle the brainwashing.”

“Allow me to be blunt,” Todd Starnes wrote. “The idea that parents do not have the constitutional right to determine what is best for their child is downright evil. Yes, evil. Our nation’s public schools have turned into indoctrination centers by a gang of radical, sex and gender revolutionaries. Our education system has been

Popular talk show host Todd Starnes says that denying parents the right to opt out of parts of the public school curricula they find offensive is “evil.” He was referring to Orange County, California’s determination that parents can’t prevent their kids from participating in “gender orientation” classes.

taken hostage.”

This disaster for parents in California was followed by Virginia’s West Albemarle County High School District showing explicit sex videos to 14-year-old girls on April 13, scenes so explicit they cannot be described in this family newspaper. The videos were summarized by Liberty Counsel, the tax-exempt legal firm representing the parents of the girls, also listed by the SPLC as an anti-LGBT hate group:

As part of the presentation, the students were shown two different YouTube videos describing sexual acts in graphic detail. Both videos contained crude colloquial terms for genitalia. One video, entitled “Male Pleasure!” contained discussion and images of how to provide sexual pleasure to males. The other video, entitled “How to Help Her Orgasm,” also went into graphic detail regarding female sexual pleasure. The producer of the videos served on the ACLU’s board of directors for three years and works with Planned Parenthood. The videos are sponsored by and contain multiple advertisements for the website of a seller of pornography and sex toys.

Liberty Counsel’s suit claims that the presentations were likely felony violations of state and federal laws protecting minors, “including a ban on abusing children, encouraging them to engage in sex acts or perform sex acts.”

Given the classroom time taken from teaching the basics to spend indoctrinating children, a recent announcement from the Department of Education is made even more outrageous. In 2017, only 35% of American public school eighth-graders were proficient in reading and 33% were proficient in math. In urban schools such as Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore, and Fresno, only 7%-14% were proficient in math and 5%-7% were proficient in reading.

Given the pathetic state of American students’ understanding of the three Rs, why are public schools “teaching” students about gender orientation and how to have sex rather than focusing on reading and math?

It’s beyond time to go back to the basics in our public schools. ★

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Left to right above: Preacher Cecil Williams and Jim Jones. While building his ministry in San Francisco, Jones was alleged to have engaged in extensive financial fraud and the torture and abuse of children, but the local media discredited those bringing the accusations. Center photo: Dan Mitrione. It has been alleged that Mitrione, who worked in the U.S. embassy in Brazil, was Jones's handler. Top right: San Francisco Police Chief Charles Gain and Jones in San Francisco in the 1970s.

Was Jim Jones an American Spy?

- Cult leader's travels to Cuba, Brazil in 1960s alleged to be intelligence missions

With the 40th anniversary of "The Jonestown Massacre" coming later this year, AFP continues the three-part series on the Reverend Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple, and the massacre/mass suicide that took over 900 lives in the jungles of Guyana. This is part two of three.

By S.T. Patrick

By the end of the 1950s, the Reverend Jim Jones had grown his Peoples Temple to over 2,000 members. Considering this was the Cold War-era Midwest in a period long before the rise of mega-churches, Jones's openly socialistic congregation was a surprising yet phenomenal success.

Jones was riding a meteoric rise as a pastor. Therefore, his actions in February 1960 become all the more curious and suspicious.

Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Che Guevara, and their 26th of July Movement had overthrown the CIA-Mafia puppet Fulgencio Batista in Cuba. In their first year, they were already countering incursions and bombings from U.S.-supported exiles working out of Miami. Vice President Richard Nixon was lobbying for and overseeing the formulation of a plan that would end with the Kennedy-era Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961. From 1959-1963, Cuba was arguably the hottest epicenter of the Cold War.



REV. JIM JONES

In the midst of this political whirlwind, Jones inexplicably decided to travel to Havana. According to witness Carlos Foster, who met with Jones in Cuba, Jones was attempting to locate families willing to relocate to Indianapolis as part of a Peoples Temple recruitment project. Foster

also claims Jones was scouting Latin American locations for potential extension centers.

Jones biographers, such as Tim Reiterman, disagree that the main purpose of the Cuban excursion was evangelism.

Reiterman reported that Jones later showed off photos from his Cuban trip. One such picture featured a mangled pilot lying lifeless in the wreckage of a plane crash. Jones had also claimed that he had met some Cuban leaders, and he showed a picture of himself with a fatigue-clad man that looked similar to Fidel Castro.

Jim Hougan, the author of the three-part "Jim Jones, Dan Mitrione, and the Peoples Temple," which can be read on "JimHougan.com," was more pointed when assessing Jones's photographic travelogue.

"Pictures of that sort could only have been of interest to Castro's enemies and the CIA," Hougan wrote.

Under the guise of scouting safe places in case of a nuclear apocalypse, Jones then traveled to Brazil in 1962. En route, Jones stopped in Guyana, which was still a British colony. Jones learned of another mass suicide story that had long been a part of Guyanese history.

While in Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro, Jones socialized with American expatriates and Brazilians who were rabid anti-communists. Hougan compares Jones's time in Brazil to Lee Harvey Oswald's time in New Orleans in 1963.

Jones was not alone in Brazil. Dan Mitrione was serving at a post within the U.S. consulate. Many, including Hougan, believe Mitrione was an intelligence handler for Jones dating back to their

time in Richmond, Ind.

According to Jones, the emotional effects of the John F. Kennedy assassination led him back to Indiana in late 1963. What he returned to was a congregation whose attendance had dissipated to less than a hundred parishioners. Mainstream chroniclers of Jonestown have posited that Jones was sightseeing and gallivanting through Latin America, taking in the culture as an uber-tourist. Meanwhile, the church he had worked so hard to build—and the church so tied to what he professed as his true ideology—was all but dismantling without him. This has led revisionists to further contend that there was some covert mission that guided the travels of both Jones and Mittrione.

Again using nuclear war as a reason for mobility, Jones returned to Indiana briefly, only to move the Peoples Temple to northern California, outside of Ukiah. Unlike the anti-communism he had professed in Brazil, he again turned to “apostolic socialism” in his sermons. Jones’s dogma becomes quite confusing at this point, as he begins publicly preaching against Christianity, the King James Version of the Bible, and God.

Within five years, Jones’s popularity had grown, and he had opened Peoples Temple branches in the center of the FBI’s COINTELPRO heartland—San Francisco, San Fernando, and Los Angeles. Templars also became more active in California politics. Their support was vital to San Francisco Mayor George Moscone’s win in 1975. In turn, Moscone appointed Jones as the head of San Francisco’s Housing Authority Commission.

The Peoples Temple had found a large following in the Golden State. They had also found allies in assemblyman Willie Brown, Gov. Jerry Brown, Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally, Harvey Milk, Walter Mondale, and Rosalynn Carter.

While California brought Jones and the Peoples Temple more notoriety, it also attracted more scrutiny. When an exposé in *New West* magazine criticized Jones and the Temple, the reverend could see that his house of cards was about to crumble. Journalist Marshall Kilduff would allege physical, emotional, and sexual abuse inside the Peoples Temple. It was time to flee California and the United States, altogether.

In the summer of 1977, Jones and his most influential members decided the time had come for what would be a final pilgrimage to the place where they believed they would be most free—Guyana. ★

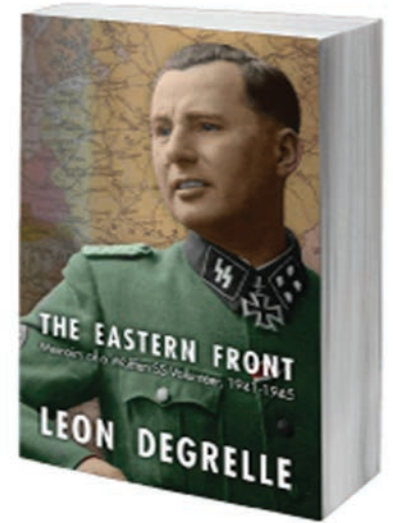
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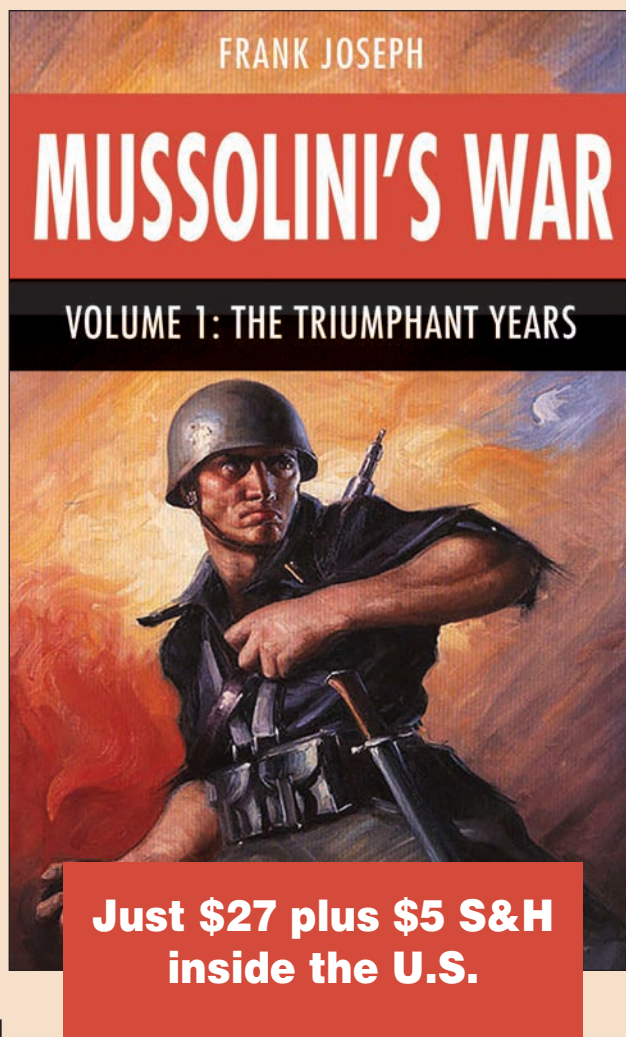
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But a closer examination by historian and author Frank Joseph of original, often neglected, recently disclosed materials presents an entirely different picture. They shine new light, for example, on Italy's submarine service, the world's greatest in terms of tonnage, its boats sinking nearly three-quarters of a million tons of Allied shipping in three years' time. By mid-1942, Mussolini's navy had fought its

way back from crushing defeats to become the dominant power in the Mediterranean Sea. Contrary to popular belief, Mussolini's *Fiat* biplanes gave as good as they got in the Battle of Britain, and Italy's Savoia-Marchetti *Sparrowhawk* bombers accounted for 72 Allied warships and 196 freighters sunk. On June 7, 1942, infantry of the Italian X Corps saved Rommel's 15th Brigade near Gazala, in North Africa, from otherwise certain annihilation.

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Pros and Cons of Fasting Explored

• Diminishing your food intake has surprising benefits for careful fasters

By John Tiffany

Fasting—fad or science? Fasting in general, and something called intermittent fasting in particular, are emerging trends in the health-conscious community. But fasting is no fad, since people have done it for health and spiritual reasons for at least thousands of years. Pythagoras extolled its virtues, as did Hippocrates and Plutarch. Plato said he fasted for greater physical and mental efficiency. Aristotle also fasted, and Galen and Avicenna prescribed fasts for their patients.

Animals abstain from eating when they are sick; when health returns, appetite returns—and humans have the same instinct. Millions of years of evolutionary adaptation have ensured our bodies are very capable of storing energy resources and drawing on them when food supplies are scarce. It has been said that fasting awakens the body's own inner physician. And, unlike medicine, fasting is free—one reason why your own physician may not prescribe it.

In 1971, a 27-year-old, 456-pound man referred to as “Patient A.B.” was advised to stop eating altogether for a short stint. He responded so well to it he decided to continue and wound up fasting for more than a year—382 days. He suffered little or no untoward effects, ingesting only



Skipping breakfast, maybe lunch, and maybe not eating at all for a whole day now and then is fine and probably will do most people good, but please consult a doctor before starting any fasting program.



The idea that human beings need three big meals a day every day of the week is a myth.

yeast, vitamins, and non-caloric fluids, and lost 276 pounds.

A prolonged fast, while highly beneficial, is a serious matter, involving going three or more days and nights eating nothing at all, then slowly, over five days or more, transitioning back to your normal diet, starting with just barley water the first day. A prolonged fast allows you to enjoy the full benefits of ketosis and autolysis, making it the golden grail of the fasting world.

Intermittent fasting is much easier to undertake, and can be used as an introduction to fasting. It can be as simple as skipping breakfast—abstaining from food starting with the end of dinner the day before. You can then work up to also skipping lunch, so that you eat one meal a day (no snacks, of course). Another style of intermittent fasting has you eating some days and fasting other days.

Some fasters do not abstain from all food but ingest small amounts of low- or no-calorie foods and drinks while fasting.

But what does science say?

A growing body of research suggests intermittent fasting works just as well as dieting for folks who want to lose weight—and many people find it easier to stick with this approach, since it allows windows of time when you don't have to restrict your eating. Some nutritionists who previously advised against skipping meals have changed their minds, influenced by new research. Registered dietician Katherine Tallmadge said, “We in the nutrition community always thought it was bad [to skip meals], but based on my experience and these studies combined, I think it's great.” She now recommends a

variation of intermittent fasting to a small minority of her clients.

A problem arises for some who use intermittent fasting as a temporary thing—there's a risk you could gain all the weight lost back unless you can stick to a maintenance diet plan afterward. Of course, you don't need to worry about that if you make intermittent fasting a permanent lifestyle.

Fasting results in a drop in your blood sugar, for which the body compensates by drawing on your sugar stores, first in your liver, then in your muscles. Eventually your body turns to burning up your fat supply, leading to weight loss and a state called ketosis, because the fats are turned into chemicals known as ketone bodies.

Cancer cells need high levels of sugar and tend to die when blood sugar is low.

There is evidence fasting actually leads to the formation of new brain cells—which at one time was believed to be impossible. It also leads to detoxification and a condition called autophagy, in which the body tears down old and damaged cells and organelles, including mitochondria, and builds new, more efficient ones.

Skipping breakfast, maybe lunch, and maybe not eating at all for a whole day now and then is fine and probably will do most people good. However, be cautious of going overboard with fasting. There is a potential for significant lean tissue losses when full fasting days are more frequent than once or twice per week.

If you take medications for diabetes and/or high blood pressure, these require expert management when initiating a fast of more than 24 hours to avoid significant health risks. ★

Time for America to Finally Dump Fed

The Federal Reserve defends its independence, and no one seems to question it. In the 1800s, there were periodic bank “panics” resulting in a few over-extended bank failures, taking their depositors with them, the last one being in 1907. The bankers wanted a flexible money supply to eliminate panics, but also for many other advantages.

The Federal Reserve Bank’s charter was assembled by a group of crooked politicians, crooked government officials, and crooked bankers in 1910. They wanted monopoly control of the banking system, control of the interest rates, the ability to print money, and to effectively get the U.S. off the gold standard. The bankers also wanted the ability to siphon off a portion of Americans’ assets through inflation. The bankers campaigned very hard in an attempt to convince Americans that this proposal would benefit America.

They managed to get it through Congress but had to recruit Woodrow Wilson from Princeton to run for president, while running Teddy Roosevelt as a third-party candidate to draw enough votes from the Republicans to get Wilson elected president. President Wilson was dumb enough to sign it into law in 1913.

When the government has a budget deficit, it auctions off U.S. treasuries to cover the deficit. However, if the Treasury does not sell it all, the Fed prints the difference. This increases the money supply and causes inflation, but the Fed also gets the treasuries that the government did not sell,



which further increases the national debt. The Fed slowly sells off its treasuries, pockets huge profits, and uses the money to fund the campaigns of politicians that will do their bidding.

They strongly support wars because wars produce large budget deficits. When the Fed causes major problems in the banking system they run to the government to bail them out with taxpayer money from the FDIC.

The Fed’s direction of the economy has been so poor that I can hardly recognize my country anymore. The Fed’s charter must be canceled.

H.H. JAMJYAN
Rhode Island

Premeditated Murder

In regard to AFP’s article titled “Reno Responsible for Waco Massacre” [in the March 26 and April 2 edition] the tell-tale sign of this government-directed massacre was when local law enforcement revealed that the Branch Davidians posed no threat and assisted them with a local drug case.

When apprised that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) was going to raid the Davidians’ living quarters, local law enforcement suggested that they talk to David Koresh.

BATF never did that, and this sug-

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gests they already knew what they were going to do. It was simply premeditated murder of adults and children.

MARK GIVENS WEATHERLY
Georgia

Good Gun Control

A few years ago, just seconds after my husband drove away from our home, I heard someone trying to break into the house. I immediately yelled, “Leave, or I will shoot!” And that is exactly what the would-be intruder did. He left.

To this day, I believe that the threat of a firearm saved myself and four youngsters. It was a known fact that we had guns, so the intruder obviously took me seriously when I yelled at him.

The Lord was good to me that day, and, following this, we never had any other problems. Who knows what could have been had I not had a gun and the courage to use it if I had to.

JOYCE E. THOMPSON
Arizona

Way Too Many Wars

Patrick Buchanan is not 100% correct in his column, “Too Many Wars. Too Many Enemies” [published in AFP’s Feb. 26 and March 5 issue]. Right now, we are seeing a minor skirmish, but the press is not going to see war coming. When will WWII come?

How Many in ‘Caravan’ Are Central American Refugees?

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caravan of migrants from Central America have walked across Mexico to get to the U.S., claiming that many in the group were fleeing political persecution. Ogden, however, questioned the origins of the migrants.

“I don’t think that many of them were Central American refugees at all,” Ogden said. He emphasized that the “caravan” is political theater—a combination of nearby migrants and some from Central America co-mingling to advance a propaganda war.

He pointed out that protest signs and banners had been already prepared, as it would be cumbersome for scores of people traveling on foot, in buses, and even atop trains to drag along unwieldy signs all the

way from Central America.

Ogden also pointed out that many of the arrivals were surprisingly well-groomed and cleanly dressed for supposedly having just endured the 2,000-mile journey from Central America to Tijuana to turn themselves in to customs in the U.S. and seek asylum.

Referring to a local Fox News report, Ogden noted: “It shows file footage of migrants [on top of] ‘the Beast’ train, but then shows fresh-looking women and children arriving in Tijuana on a comfortable chartered bus.”

A California spokesman for the group Fight Sanctuary State—whose Laotian wife got a green card and strictly followed U.S. citizenship-qualifying rules—told that same Fox News affiliate: “We support legal immigration, but if you want to come over and un-

dermine our system and break our laws, you’re not welcome. They should have to prove their [need for] asylum, prior to getting to the border, and we shouldn’t let them in unless they’ve done that.”

The Department of Homeland Security announced: “DHS continues to monitor the remnants of the ‘caravan’ of individuals headed to our Southern border with the apparent intention of entering the U.S. illegally. A sovereign nation that cannot—or worse, chooses not—to defend its borders will soon cease to be a sovereign nation. The Trump administration is committed to enforcing our immigration laws—whether persons are part of this ‘caravan’ or not.” ★

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When the mainstream press says war is impossible, that's when a massive war is about to start. It will be after Donald Trump's second term. It may be a few more decades, as these things are hard to predict. The war over Islam looks to be it.

With the Islamic invasion of Europe well in progress, [Turkish President Recep] Erdogan encourages larger family sizes in this fifth column. With far below replacement rates of native Europeans' birth rates, math predicts an Islamic Europe.

Erdogan clearly sees what is happening. He is also greatly helped by Western feminism and political correctness. I would guess this will not last forever, though. A massive war is virtually a certainty.

There is a point I disagree with. A culture will have no problem maintaining itself even with a population collapse as long as it is not subjected to population replacement by outside invaders. This is not Europe's case.

Another hidden issue is fracking. This practice is going to lead to

decades of cheap oil, which is already putting pressure on Saudi Arabia. The question is, will Saudi Arabia stay together or collapse like Iran did?

JAMES MAXWELL
Colorado

Playing the Race Card

It was no surprise that the first black mayor of St. Paul, Minn. would insert the race card into his inaugural address earlier this year, a political ploy to solidify support from his voter base. Melvin Carter III cited the word "slave" found in the seldom-sung third verse of our 308-word national anthem, "no refuge could save the hireling and slave."

Here's what Carter said: "We cannot ignore the painful reminder, written into our anthem's third verse, of just how deeply injustice is rooted in the American tradition. . . . Our national freedom song is an ode to slavery."

The truth is, Francis Scott Key was inspired to pen the line after Ameri-



can patriots were negotiating the release of a fellow American held prisoner aboard a British warship bombarding Fort McHenry day and night in 1814. Hireling and slave were common expressions applied to any British-held captives (slaves), who were used to man Britain's 19th-century global maritime dominance. The second British invasion in 1812 occurred 36 years after our founding fathers formulated our freedoms in 1776.

As English essayist Alexander Pope wrote, "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

EVERETT C. DEHMER
Minnesota

Stuck the Wrong Pig

Pat Buchanan's article "The West's Fatal Delusions" in AFP's March 12 and 19 issue was right on the money. I especially liked your reference to Winston Churchill and his Yalta remarks about the devil incarnate, Stalin. Churchill must have had a few

cocktails by then to complement his cast-iron conscience, because he could surely remember his many refusals of German offers to ally against the common enemy, Russia. Thank Dunkirk. He was overheard later telling Roosevelt, "I believe we may have stuck the wrong pig."

Keep up the good work. Your articles are spot on.

EDMOND J. CHEVALIER
Florida

Keep Up the Good Work

I can't even imagine working in your business today—never knowing which billionaire is coming after you next. Hang in there for America.

FRED MILLER
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