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President Pardons Jailed Ranchers

By Mark Anderson

President Donald Trump on July 10 signed presidential pardons for 76-year-old Dwight Hammond and his son Steven, 49—the embattled Oregon ranchers who suffered gross injustices after they were forced to serve consecutive prison terms despite being found innocent by a jury of the most serious charges. Their jailing eventually spurred the respected Bundy ranching family to protest the men’s plight at the Malheur nature preserve.

“The evidence at trial regarding the Hammonds’ responsibility for the fire was conflicting, and the jury acquitted them on most of the charges,” a White House statement said. “Justice is overdue for Dwight and Steven Hammond, both of whom are entirely deserving of these Grants of Executive Clemency.”

The Hammonds, sentenced to five years in 2012 for that conviction, became the focal point of ranchers and others who oppose the federal government’s notoriously wasteful and costly mismanagement of mas-



This photo of the Hammond family shows Steven (second from left) and Dwight (fourth from left, now 76 years old) before they were put in prison for setting controlled fires on public land on which they graze their livestock. A statement from the White House said in part: “Justice is overdue for Dwight and Steven Hammond, both of whom are entirely deserving of these Grants of Executive Clemency.” We at AFP agree.

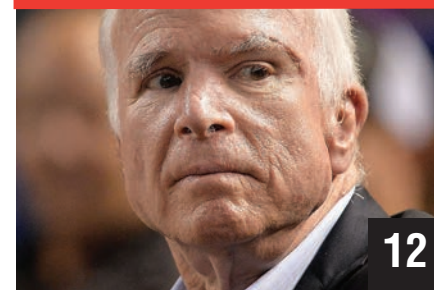
sive tracts of Western lands to which it claims “ownership.” While mainstream media have simplistically claimed “they had set a series of fires on their ranch that spread to federal land,” in reality, the Hammonds started a “backburn” on their grazing

land in Harney County, Ore. The controlled burn was lit, without malicious intent, to mitigate the impact of a totally separate fire on adjacent federal land that was headed their way.

In response to the Hammonds’ jailing, protesters, including the sons of famed Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy, occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Harney County in early 2016. The mainstream media were quick to call it an “armed standoff.” However, the only use of firearms came when one of the occupiers, soft-spoken Robert LaVoy Finicum, died with his hands in the

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President Did the Right Thing in Pardoning Ranchers

Right before AFP went to press this week, we found ourselves struggling to find something positive to report on. We had been going over the reporter assignments in a quick editorial meeting, and it looked like everything we were focusing on was bad news. The stories we had so far involved America's middle class struggling despite positive economic indicators, young white Americans mostly giving up on having children in the United States, and continuing censorship of important books, such as author Michael Collins Piper's *Final Judgment*. At the end of the day, by our count, we had page after page of downbeat news.

But then a miracle happened.

On July 9 and 10, President Donald Trump handed us two wonderful gifts.

The first, as the world knows now, was Trump announcing his new Supreme Court pick, Brett Kavanaugh. Looking at the man's background and past rulings, Kavanaugh appears to be a fair, constitutionally minded judge, but what settled it for us was the experts repeatedly likening him to the late, great Antonin Scalia. Kavanaugh will make a positive addition to the nation's highest court, giving it a conservative slant—a win as far as we're concerned.

And then there was Trump's second gift this week: his presidential pardon of Dwight and Steven Hammond, the father and son ranchers in Oregon whose unjust jailing in 2016 spurred the 40-day protest at the Malheur wildlife refuge, most notably involving several members of the Cliven Bundy ranching family.

At the time, AFP dedicated considerable editorial space to the unfolding events in Oregon. The story should have been fairly simple. The

Hammonds had been charged with setting fires on and around land that the Bureau of Land Management maintained for American taxpayers. The Hammonds did not dispute the charges, instead arguing that they saved thousands of acres by creating controlled burns that stopped rampaging wildfires. In the initial trial, a jury of their peers sympathized with them but said they had technically broken the law and found them guilty. They were sentenced to lenient jailtime—six months for the father, Dwight, and one year for the son, Steven. That should have been the end of the story, but, rather than let it go and move on to real crimes, the federal government under President Barack Obama wanted to make a point and appealed the ruling. The feds then got a federal judge to slap outrageous five-year prison sentences on the two men.

The whole ordeal was a truly terrible story that evoked memories of previous tragedies such as those perpetrated against the families of Gordon Kahl in Medina, North Dakota and Randy Weaver in Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

Unable to sit by and allow this to happen, dozens of good, patriotic Americans traveled to Oregon to take a stand against the absurd sentencing of the Hammonds, peacefully occupying a federal wildlife preserve to make a statement. But at the end of the 40-day protest, Arizona rancher and land rights activist Robert LaVoy Finicum was killed by a trigger-happy state trooper, multiple good Americans were dragged through the court system by out-of-control federal officials—costing them hundreds of thousands in legal fees—and wrongfully imprisoned.

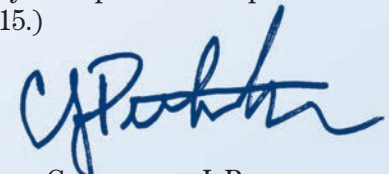
To add insult to injury, these patriotic citizens were vilified by every mainstream media outlet, consistently portrayed as dangerous terrorists.

Despite all this, there was a happy ending. When the dust finally settled, the jailed demonstrators had been freed, and the prosecutors were exposed for lying and withholding evidence that cast doubt on the charges. This made it obvious for all to see that the U.S. government was determined to crush any inklings of freedom being nurtured by patriotic Americans out West, many of whom have been living on and working the same lands for almost 100 years.

It was a hard-fought victory for the freedom activists, but the Hammonds remained in prison—that is until Trump recognized the injustice and pardoned them.

We couldn't be happier to hear the news that the Hammonds are finally free, but what is more important here is that the Trump administration has done a good job reining in the out-of-control federal bureaucrats in the western parts of the United States, who've been jailing and even killing American citizens for the crime of growing food and raising livestock for the rest of the country to consume.

For all the bashing Trump gets in the mainstream media, he is—for the most part—doing some real good for this country—one more thing for all of us to be thankful for in this nation—one still trying to recover from decades of anti-American globalist policies conceived and implemented by the avaricious plutocracy. (See more about why Trump has the kleptocrats shivering on page 15.) ★



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News You May Have Missed

Good News

Ivanka Trump, daughter of and senior advisor to President Donald Trump, was on Fox Business on July 1 to discuss the state of the U.S. economy: "I think one of the tremendous opportunities that we're seeing because the economy is so strong is that people who have been out of the workforce are coming back off the sidelines. . . ." According to the latest economic indicators, she's right. Since Trump has taken office, the number of 16- to 64-year-olds working has risen to 74% in June. That's up from an average of 73% in 2016, representing almost 3.4 million more adults who have entered the labor force.

Will She or Won't She?

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has been ramping up her public appearances and her fundraising appeals in recent weeks, leading some to speculate that she's plotting a rematch with President Donald Trump. According to recent reports, Mrs. Clinton has been appearing at celebrity events and soliciting donations for "causes." The *New York Post* recently reported that, in the last month alone, Mrs. Clinton invoked her super PAC five times, saying it was working hard to fight Trump.

Trump's Numbers Skyrocketing

While the mainstream media was busy hammering President Donald Trump for a supposed immigration crisis that his administration really had nothing to do with—Trump officials were simply following immigration laws passed by Congress unlike previous administrations—it should come as no surprise that the American people saw right through the fake news. According to national polls, Trump's approval ratings have gone up despite all of the negativity in the cable news. Currently, Trump has a 90% approval rating among Republicans and a 47% approval rating among independents and Democrats.

Banning Freedom

Left-wing social-media company Facebook recently blocked a local Texas newspaper from posting the text of the Declaration of Independence, claiming it constituted "hate speech." The *Liberty County Vindicator* had posted excerpts from the document on its Facebook page in the days leading up to the Fourth of July holiday, but Facebook flagged the postings, removing them from the page. Facebook later apologized, but the damage had already been done.

Mueller's Criminal Leaker

Key documents, which the Justice Department was forced to release on July 6, confirm that one of the top prosecutors working under special counsel Robert Mueller arranged meetings with journalists

in 2017 to leak information about the investigation into former Trump advisor Paul Manafort. The documents show that Andrew Weissmann set up a meeting with law enforcement officials and four reporters with the Associated Press in order to discuss the case. Manafort's lawyers had been seeking the documents for some time. They argue that Weissmann tainted the probe by leaking secret grand jury details, false information, and classified materials from the meeting.

Most Corrupt

In a recent interview with ABC News, President Donald Trump's attorney, Rudy Giuliani, painted special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election as totally corrupt. "This is the most corrupt investigation that I've ever seen," he said. "I've never seen an investigation with texts from FBI agents, now seven of them, that have such extraordinary bias against a person." Giuliani was referring to texts from FBI agents, including the chief Russia investigator, that show political bias against the president.

Voting Rights for Non-Citizens?

Just in time for the upcoming midterm elections this year, Boston's city council is contemplating handing voting rights to non-U.S. citizens living in the country legally, according to the *The Boston Globe*. Council president Andrea Campbell has called a hearing to discuss the issue with the aim of figuring out how to make city elections "more inclusive" for the 200,000 foreign-born residents of the city.

PC Police Run Amok

The organization behind a prestigious book award has decided to remove the name of author Laura Ingalls Wilder from the award because of the manner in which she described native Americans in her books. The Association for Library Service to Children gives out the "Laura Ingalls Wilder Award" yearly to authors whose work has made a lasting impact on the world of children's literature. Now, the group is changing the title of the award to "The Children's Literature Legacy Award." Ms. Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie* books are a staple of countless American childhoods. Apparently the group objected to characters saying things like, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian," as well as romanticizing themes of a growing America as well as manifest destiny.

Another Poisoning in UK

Another British citizen has been exposed to a military-grade nerve agent that was developed by the Soviet Union. This time, unlike in the previous cases, she has died. The woman, identified as Dawn Sturgess, fell seriously ill earlier this month after exposure to Novichok, the same chemical substance

that put former Russian double agent Sergei Skripal, his daughter Yulia, and a police detective in the hospital last March. Another man, Charles Rowley, was also exposed to the nerve agent last Saturday. So far, at least five people have been exposed to Novichok in recent months. With no evidence, the UK initially pinned the poisonings on Russia, but now even ardent Russia-haters are wondering who is really behind the attempted killings.

No Chemical Weapons

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has finally issued its interim report on allegations that the Syrian government had used chemical weapons in Douma, Syria on April 7. According to the report, no nerve agents or their products were detected in the environmental samples or in the plasma samples taken from alleged casualties. The only things they did find were explosive residues and various chlorinated organic chemicals from two sites. The mainstream media in the U.S. repeatedly made claims that the Syrian military had used chemical weapons including possibly sarin gas against Syrian civilians and terrorist fighters seeking to overthrow the Syrian government. With no evidence, President Donald Trump ordered the U.S. military to bomb Syria, striking military targets.

Fall of Globalism

UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson was the second top official to resign from Prime Minister Theresa May's office, the other being "Brexit" Secretary David Davis. Prime Minister May had been working with Brussels to sabotage the Brexit. Shortly before quitting, Davis told reporters: "My fear is they'll take what we've offered already and then demand some more. We're giving too much away, too easily and that's a dangerous strategy." Brexit refers to the impending withdrawal of the UK from the European Union. On June 23, 2016, 51.9% of UK citizens voted to leave the EU. Since then, the UK leaders, working in cahoots with the globalists, have done everything they can to undermine the will of the people.

Good Gun Control

An armed neighbor in Atlanta is being praised for coming to the rescue of a pregnant pizza delivery driver, when she was attacked and robbed on June 20. The good samaritan told local news that he caught the suspects beating the woman. He then pulled out his gun. "One of them turned around and had a gun in his hand," Dennis Madaris told reporters. "He didn't back down, [so] I told them, 'Drop [the gun] before I drop you,' and they threw the gun down and all three of them took off." "They tried to kill her the way they beat and kicked her in the stomach. She is eight months pregnant," her aunt told reporter Aungelique Proctor. Two 16-year-olds have been arrested. A third suspect is still being sought.

Neo-Bolsheviks Hassle ICE Agents

• Antifa hooligans harass immigration officers trying to arrest violent illegal aliens

By John Friend

Protests have erupted in dozens of U.S. cities across the nation in response to President Donald Trump's commonsense approach to combating the plague of illegal immigration, demonstrating how America is becoming increasingly polarized politically and culturally.

In many of the protests, radical leftist activists have blockaded or otherwise obstructed the entrance into federal facilities, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers, as well as blocked major roads, intersections, and thoroughfares around the country. Vandalism has been reported as well. Early last week, the Republican Party's headquarters in Nebraska was attacked overnight by vandals, who spray-painted "ABOLISH ICE" on the building in downtown Lincoln, the state capitol. Radical open-borders activists threw a brick through the office's main window as well, shattering the glass and causing roughly \$1,200 worth of property damage, according to the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

In San Diego, a city on the front lines of the immigration debate, open-borders activists from across the country met in Chicano Park, a hotbed of leftist extremists, for a two-hour rally early last week, followed by a march through the city's downtown streets. Some of the marchers blocked the entrance to the Edward J. Schwartz Federal

Building, demonstrating the lawless nature of the open-borders activists, who routinely flaunt the law and engage in acts of political terrorism, sabotage, violence, and vandalism in the name of their ideology. Leftist activists also rallied in downtown Los Angeles and other major cities in California, home to countless illegal immigrants and open-borders activists.

In another incident that happened earlier this year, residents of a neighborhood in Oakland, Calif., protested a raid carried out by ICE. Believing the agents from ICE were detaining illegal immigrants, the radical leftists tried to block law enforcement from doing their jobs. What they didn't know was that ICE was in the process of arresting criminals, who had been accused of operating a child-sex-trafficking ring.

The foolish demonstrators reportedly picketed the agents and wrote in chalk on the ground, "We love our neighbors" and "Oakland PD [police department] is a disgrace," as the agents and police officers detained the suspects behind a child prostitution ring.

In the wake of the hysterical and incredibly dishonest mainstream media coverage of the alleged plight of illegal immigrants, who are dishonestly portrayed as having their families "ripped apart" by federal immigration officials, a coordinated campaign was launched to protest detention facilities, including ICE centers, in an effort to disrupt the lawful activities of federal immigration enforcement officials. The hashtag #AbolishICE has been used to rally social media users to the



Sen. Gillibrand wants ICE abolished.

cause, and activist groups from a variety of leftist organizations have organized demonstrations, rallies, and protests across the country. In many cases, protesters are openly calling for the termination of any form of border enforcement and a destruction of the sovereignty of the United States.

Certain progressive Democratic politicians, who are increasingly playing a more prominent role in the Democratic Party, have also taken up the #AbolishICE mantra, indicating their support for open borders and the destruction of American sovereignty.

"I believe that [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] has become a deportation force . . . and that's why I believe you should get rid of it, start over, reimagine it, and build something that actually works," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) recently stated in an interview with CNN. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio expressed similar sentiments, telling New York public broadcasting radio station WNYC that he believed ICE should be abolished entirely.

The #AbolishICE protests have come largely in response to President Trump's so-called "zero tolerance" policy on illegal immigration, a straightforward, commonsense approach to enforcing America's federal immigration laws requiring all individuals who cross the border illegally to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The aptly named fake news media, working in conjunction with radical leftist activists, have distorted the narrative in an open attempt to destroy America's borders and demonize the brave men and women courageously attempting to enforce federal immigration policy despite so many obstacles. ★



Antifa, a violent, neo-Bolshevik terrorist group, disseminated a list identifying more than 1,500 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to its followers. The information was easily gleaned from the occupational networking organization LinkedIn. Above, antifa members gathered in Terry Schunk Plaza in Portland, Oreg., in June, are ready for mayhem

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Leftists Continue War on Cops

• Democrats choose mayhem over law & order by jumping on “Abolish ICE” bandwagon

By Patrick J. Buchanan

“No Borders! No Nations! No Deportations!” “Abolish ICE!” Before late June, these were the mindless slogans of an infantile left, seen on signs at rallies to abolish ICE [the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency], the agency that arrests and deports criminal aliens who have no right to be in our country.

Now, however, “Abolish ICE!” was no longer the exclusive slogan of the unhinged left. National Democrats were signing on.

Before his defeat in New York’s 14th Congressional District, Joe Crowley, fourth-ranked Democrat in the House, called ICE a “fascist” organization.

After Crowley’s rout by a 28-year-old socialist who called for killing the agency, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. declared ICE to be “a cruel deportation force (that) we need to abolish.”

Cynthia Nixon, a candidate for governor of New York, described ICE as a “terrorist organization . . . terrorizing people who are coming to this country. . . . We need to abolish ICE.”

Ms. Nixon, a star of the cancelled television series “Sex and the City,” castigated the men and women of ICE as terrorists at St. Paul and St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Manhattan. One wonders what the pastor thought of this Christian message.

On June 29, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio joined the clamor: “We should abolish ICE.”

Over the last weekend in June, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, (D-Mass.) signed on: “President Trump seems to think that the only way to have immigration rule is to rip parents from their family (and) treat rape victims and refugees like terrorists and to put children in cages.”

What ICE does is “ugly” and “wrong,” said Warren. “We need to rebuild our immigration system from top to bottom starting by replacing ICE with something that reflects our morality.”

Wisconsin Democratic Congressman Mark Pocan plans to introduce legislation to do exactly that—abolish ICE.

President Donald Trump describes this latest liberal campaign as social and political insanity: “You get rid of ICE you’re going to have a country that you’re going to be afraid to walk out of your house.” What is going on here?

Democrats, having just gone through the worst week in memory for progressives, are in imminent danger of losing it altogether.

In the first week of July, the Supreme Court ruled that not only is the Trump travel ban constitutional, government unions have no right to ex-



Once again Democrats are siding with illegal aliens, jumping on the “abolish ICE” train.

tract “agency fees” from workers who do not wish to support the union.

Such fees violate the First Amendment rights of government workers not to promote policies or ideas in which they disbelieve.

Then came word that Justice Anthony Kennedy, the “swing vote” on the Supreme Court who was crucial to the decisions that established abortion, homosexuality, and same-sex marriage as constitutional rights, will be stepping down.

Panic ensued. “I’m scared. You’re scared. We’re all scared,” says Sen. Warren in a video her campaign has released.

On Bill Maher’s television talkshow, leftist film director Michael Moore called for a million citizens to surround the Capitol to prevent a vote on Kennedy’s successor. How Moore’s million-man march proposes to get into Mitch McConnell’s Senate chamber was left unexplained.

The Democratic Party has lost its way and will not rebound until the numbers of their core constituents—illegal aliens, welfare-state supporters, abortion proponents, gender-benders, violent leftist agitators, and race baiters—overwhelm the normal Americans who actually vote. Its decision to side with illegal aliens against hardworking ICE agents is one case in point.

At a fundraiser in Berkeley, Calif., Barack Obama tried to calm his terrified minions: “All these people that are out here kvetching and wringing their hands and stressed and anxious and constantly watching cable TV and howling at the Moon, ‘What are we going to do?’ Their hair is falling out.”

But liberal elites making fools of themselves is a less serious matter than the savage slanders Democrats are hurling at the 20,000 men and women of ICE who are daily protecting us and our country. ICE, after all, was established to prevent another 9/11, when [allegedly] real terrorists, some of whom had overstayed their visas, massacred 3,000 innocent people, most of them Americans.

This vilification of ICE, writes Deputy Director Thomas D. Homan, represents both an injustice and an act of ingratitude:

“Since September 2016, ICE has arrested nearly 5,000 criminal aliens in New York—individuals with a criminal conviction in addition to their violation of immigrant laws. Many of these arrests were conducted at large in the community, which ICE is increasingly forced to do due to sanctuary policies in the state that prevent us from taking custody of criminal aliens in the secure confines of a jail.

“Governor (Andrew Cuomo) supports these policies at the expense of the safety of the very same communities he took an oath to protect.”

Whatever one may think of Trump’s policy of “zero tolerance” of immigrants who break into our country, for elites to smear the 20,000 men and women who risk their lives to keep us safe, as “terrorists” and “fascists,” is an especially egregious form of liberal ingratitude.

What is it in the DNA of the left that it is always ready to enlist in any new war on cops?

The issue of 2018: Should we, or should we not, abolish ICE and embrace the progressive alternative of open borders? ★

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U.S. Policies in Latin America Stupid

• President voices desire to force regime change in Venezuela via U.S. military might

By Philip Giraldi

It is the first time in my lifetime that opening up the morning newspaper is something like an adventure. Last week I learned that the Donald Trump White House had considered a military intervention in Venezuela to remove the admittedly dystopic and despotic government of President Nicolas Maduro. For those who are not following developments in the Southern Hemisphere closely, the Venezuelan “Bolivarian” government is an odd mixture of South American old-style communism based on an aggressive populism that promotes class warfare. Political demonstrations over the past year protesting the deteriorating economy and the threat to what remains of the country’s democracy have been suppressed by violence initiated by heavily armed police in which dozens died. The National Assembly, which is controlled by the political opposition, is being ignored by Maduro, who is ruling by decree. Since he controls the security apparatus there is no one to tell him what he cannot do.

Venezuelans, sitting on huge oil reserves, are starving, unemployed, plagued by hyperinflation not seen since post-World War I Germany, and fleeing the country in the hundreds of thousands. Credit both internationally and domestically has vanished and foreign companies that had set up shop in the country, which refuses to allow them any longer to repatriate their profits, have fled, meaning that consumer goods once readily available have disappeared from the shelves.

So Venezuela is indeed a basket case and a growing problem for neighbors in South America, but the ones who are suffering most are the Venezuelans themselves, who, one would think,



NICOLAS MADURO

should be the most likely candidates for removing their own government. Not so, according to President of the United States and Leader of the Free World Donald Trump, who, according to the reporting from advisers who actually sat in on the meeting, suggested that there might be a military solution to the problem, i.e., the United States should intervene to restore order and “democracy.” This discussion apparently took place nearly a year ago when the violence in Venezuela

President Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela is in charge of a socialist country with much national potential. Unfortunately, it is struggling economically. Recently President Trump suggested perhaps the U.S. ought to invade and oust Maduro.

reached such a level that it appeared to be threatening to turn into something like a civil war in the country.

According to Associated Press, “As a meeting last August in the Oval Office to discuss sanctions on Venezuela was concluding, President Donald Trump turned to his top aides and asked them an unsettling question: With a fast unraveling Venezuela threatening regional security, why can’t the U.S. just simply invade the troubled country? The suggestion stunned those present at the meeting. . . .”

Trump’s aides reportedly discussed with him the dangers inherent in such a proposal, mostly in terms of costing support of Venezuela’s neighbors, who are already behind punitive sanctions to isolate Maduro’s regime and have been swamped with a refugee crisis. Intervening would also revive unpalatable memories of American incursions in various Latin American countries in the 20th century.

But Trump persisted in his support of a military incursion as a possible option, citing relatively recent Reagan-era interventions in Panama and Grenada as success stories. He also mentioned the possibility of an armed response in a press conference on the following day, a comment that predictably produced a wave of support inside Venezuela for Maduro.

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behind the scenes in neighboring Ecuador. As president of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, who is now retired from office, was generally remembered as a good leader for the Ecuadorian people, a vocal critic of Washington's policy in Latin America, and, more particularly for his support of WikiLeaks's Julian Assange. Since his replacement, Correa has been targeted by the Washington establishment as an enemy and there has been considerable pressure on his successor, Lenin Moreno, to bring Correa to trial for alleged crimes.

Moreno, a former Correa ally, has been currying favor with Washington by blocking Correa from being able to run again for the presidency. He has also turned on Assange, the Australian journalist who has for six years been residing in the Ecuadorian embassy in London under diplomatic protection arranged by Correa.

Moreno wants to revoke the asylum granted to Assange and has prevented him from continuing his journalistic activity by confining him to a tiny part of the building with only limited access to the outside world. Assange has gone from being a guest to being a prisoner in the embassy, and there is concern that he will shortly be expelled from the building, which will result in his immediate arrest by the British and his extradition to the United States where he would face life in prison.

Correa understood clearly that Moreno viewed him as part of the problem. Realizing that he and his family were in danger, he moved to Belgium, but an Ecuadorian court has now asked the Belgians to detain Correa on fabricated criminal charges and extradite him back to Ecuador for trial.

So far, the Belgians have not complied with the Ecuadorian demand, but if Washington gets behind it and quietly nudges Brussels, anything can happen. And, of course, the real story is Assange. Think what one might about Assange's line of work, he is a legitimate journalist. He received information from whistleblowers and anonymous sources that he published when it was clear that the authorities and politically powerful were behaving illegally or unethically. He did not personally steal classified information and there is even some suggestion that WikiLeaks took care not to publish material that was damaging to individuals personally. Exposing political corruption in entities like Hillary Clinton's campaign was, however, considered to be fair game, just as it should be.

Assange has been declared guilty without a trial by both the U.S. media and the inside-the-Beltway chattering class in the United States, and his conviction in what might pass for a court of law is a certainty. Ecuador appears to be willing to do what it can to help the process along.

Trump has indicated his belief in Assange's guilt and stated his desire to "do justice." The unprincipled response is one with the stated desire to invade Venezuela to sort things out.

Simple responses, all having to do with laying on punishment. That is what the foreign policy of the United States has become. ★

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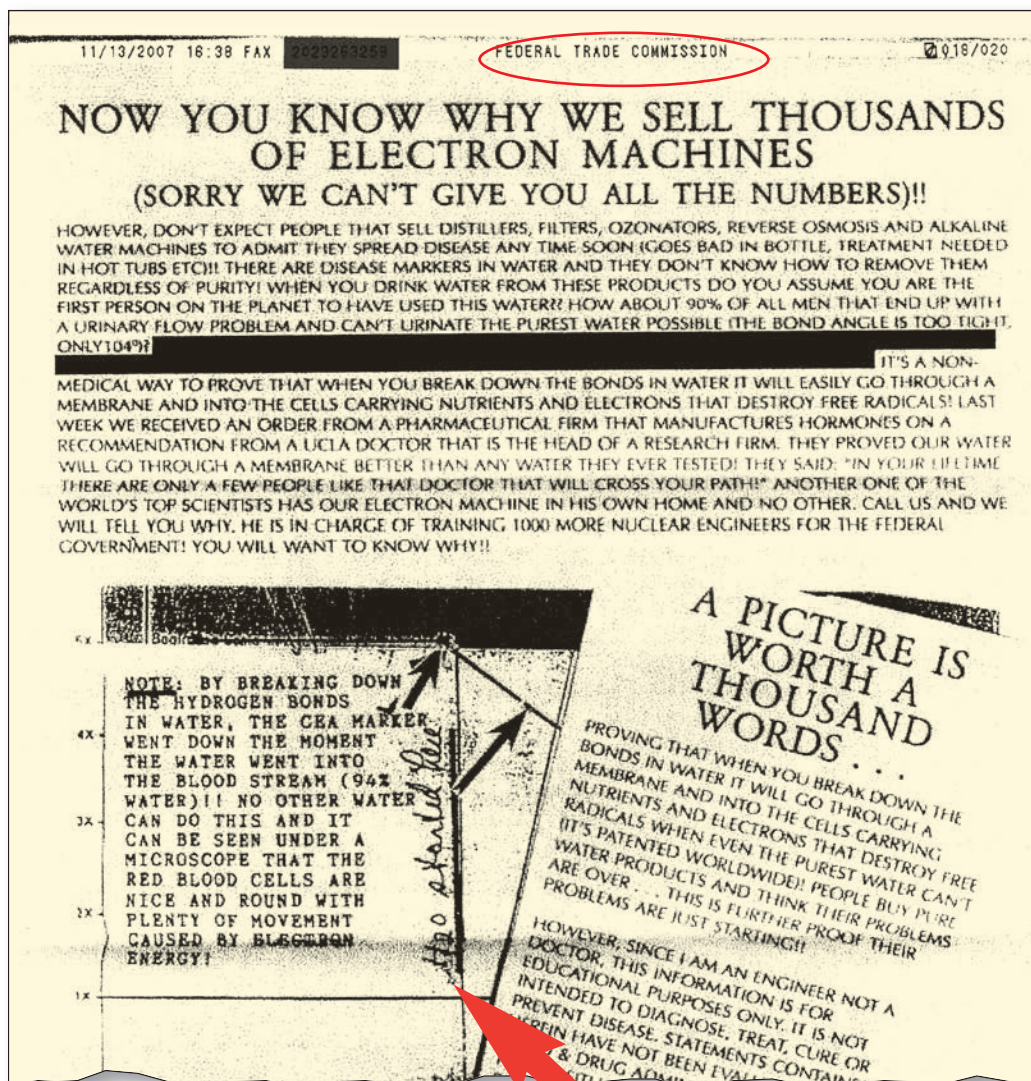
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By John Ellis

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Virtually all Americans have plastic **phthalates** in their bodies because our food is wrapped in plastic with long contact time like bottled water, filters and plastic distillers running boiling water into plastic collection jugs for years ... even causing breast cancer, baby boys with undeveloped sex organs and female characteristics!

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A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

As a kid, I lived at the top of Paine Avenue in New Rochelle, NY. Nearby was the Thomas Paine Cottage. A musket ball hole in the wall of the home reminded visitors that Paine was embroiled in major controversy in his life. Fortunately the assassin’s musket ball missed.

My great aunt (Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover ... a book by Harry B. Barrett) was repeatedly mentioned in wartime dispatches for her heroism and “valor in the face of the enemy.” She was presented a certificate by King George V. Unfortunately, women at the time were ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross.

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As a youngster, I remember all the sewing machines and their many friends at my grandmother’s house sewing thousands of pre-die cut clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters. Carrie is most famous for her speech before Congress that resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote in 1920!

As I listened to DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE eulogize my father to an overflowing congregation in New Rochelle, I thought about increasing the lifespan of people like my Godfather, DR. JAMES E. WEST, Chief Boy Scout Executive from 1907-37, who helped thousands of youngsters discover a positive direction in life along with Norman Rockwell, who we all knew and loved, hired by Dr. West for *Boy’s Life Magazine*. Some of my friends were even used as models for illustrations in *The Saturday Evening Post*.

Dr. Peale always came to our family gatherings with his “Power of Positive Thinking” that has had a positive impact on millions of lives including Joel Osteen and President Trump!

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I was greatly influenced by all these selfless people and decided that I, too, wanted to help people. But that did get me in trouble ...

During Vietnam, I could have saved many more lives when I owned Precision Switch Corp. Port Chester, New York and my Resident Military Inspectors asked me about a company producing parts for Nuclear Submarines like the *Thresher* and *Scorpion*. I said “they will sink to the bottom of the sea”!

My warnings were ignored and I was proven correct by two ensuing, horrible submarine disasters, but I couldn’t stop them because, after finding a blueprint error, I faced a Military Tribunal for Breach of Contract because I refused to put lives at risk until the fatal flaws were corrected. My warnings were ignored!

Later, I went to the Choate School, 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. You see, Navy submariners and Air Force members—including myself (at 14)—had radium tipped rods inserted into their nasal cavities to treat hearing problems, ear infections, sinus trouble and shrink adenoids. Decades later serious health problems developed for many of these men, including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors.

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As AFP readers know, the U.S. government was never really interested in helping Vietnam vets with Agent Orange poisoning or detoxifying the U.S. servicemen who returned from Iraq after being exposed to depleted uranium and other toxic chemicals. Instead, the government told them there was nothing wrong!

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McCain Behind Targeting of Tea Party

• Shocker: It was Arizona Republican, not President Obama, who urged weaponizing IRS

By Dr. Ed DeVries

Remember when Obama weaponized the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to target tea-party and other conservative and nationalist groups following the 2010 midterm and 2012 general elections? Many of us at the time postulated that the real criminal mastermind was not Obama but Republican Sen. John McCain (Ariz.). Come to find out, we were right.

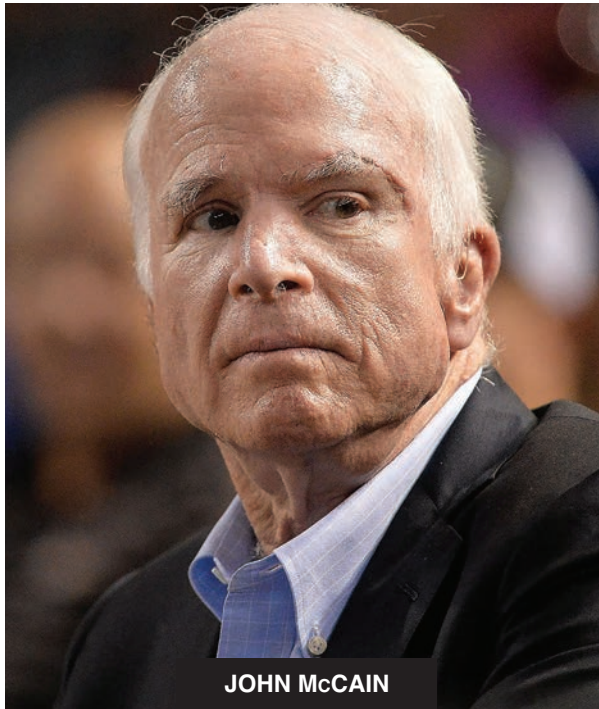
Judicial Watch, a conservative legal watchdog group, is now in possession of documents, obtained from the IRS through a Freedom of Information Act request, proving that it was McCain's staff urging the Obama administration to use the IRS to target tea-party and other political opposition groups that were threatening both the Democrat and Republican Party establishments.

In the full notes of an April 30, 2013, meeting, McCain's high-ranking staffer Henry Kerner recommends harassing non-profit groups until they are unable to function. Kerner tells IRS Director Lois Lerner, Steve Miller (then chief of staff to the IRS Commissioner), Nikole Flax (IRS Office of Appeals), and other IRS officials, "Maybe the solution is to audit so many that it is financially ruinous."

In response, Ms. Lerner responded that it is her job to oversee it all.

The Judicial Watch report goes on to add:

Henry Kerner asked how to get to the abuse of organizations claiming section 501 (c)(4) but designed to be primarily political. Lois Lerner said the system works, but not in real time. Henry Kerner noted that these organizations don't disclose donors. Lois Lerner said that if they don't meet the requirements, we can come in and revoke, but it doesn't happen timely. [Veteran IRS



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executive] Nan Marks said if the concern is that organizations engaging in this activity don't disclose donors, then the system doesn't work. Henry Kerner said that maybe the solution is to audit so many that it is financially ruinous. Nikole [Flax] noted that we have budget constraints. Elise Bean suggested using the list of organizations that made independent expenditures. Lois Lerner said that it is her job to oversee it all, not just political campaign activity.

When Judicial Watch reported on this meeting in 2013, McCain issued a statement decrying "false reports claiming that his office was somehow involved in IRS targeting of conservative groups."

The IRS had blacked out the notes of the meeting in documents obtained by Judicial Watch back in 2013, but the redacted portions were discovered in the notes attached to subsequent docu-

ments recently released by the agency. So why did the supposedly "conservative" McCain ask the Obama administration to target "conservative groups" and why did the Obama White House play along? Obviously both the GOP "establishment" and Donkey "establishment" were being challenged by tea party candidates. Primaries were no longer a shoe-in for establishment-selected candidates of either party. Power was being confronted. The party elites were willing to do whatever it took to eliminate the challenges to their political power. We were not surprised when the Obama Department of Justice announced in October 2015 that it was dropping its investigation into the IRS, Ms. Lerner, and the unlawful weaponizing of the IRS against conservative groups. We were, on the other hand, shocked when the Republican-led congressional inquiry into the matter was also dropped. But now we know why. The GOP leadership was just as guilty in the matter as the Democrats. Continued investigation would have only made the existence of their "Uniparty" all too obvious. So now we know that the Republicans and Democrats worked together and mutually benefitted from the weaponizing of the IRS and the targeting of the tea party and oppositional politics as far back as 2010. Add to that our previous understanding that Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.), Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and a cancer-ridden McCain—drug into the congressional chamber from what was then thought to be his death bed—were leading the Uniparty in opposition to President Donald Trump's effort to kill ObamaCare. Overlay this Machiavellian power play against the latest understandings of how McCain dispatched another member of his staff, David Kramer, to act as go-between and facilitator for the Christopher Steele dossier used against then-candidate Trump. The dossier was the foundation of the entire Mueller, Russia-collusion phony investigation. With Mueller, a Republican, and two Democrats, FBI Director James Comey and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, working together, the Uniparty is on display again. ★

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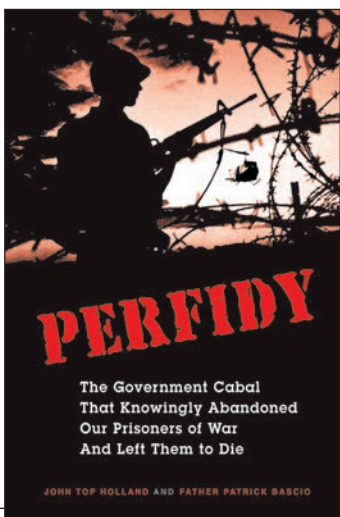
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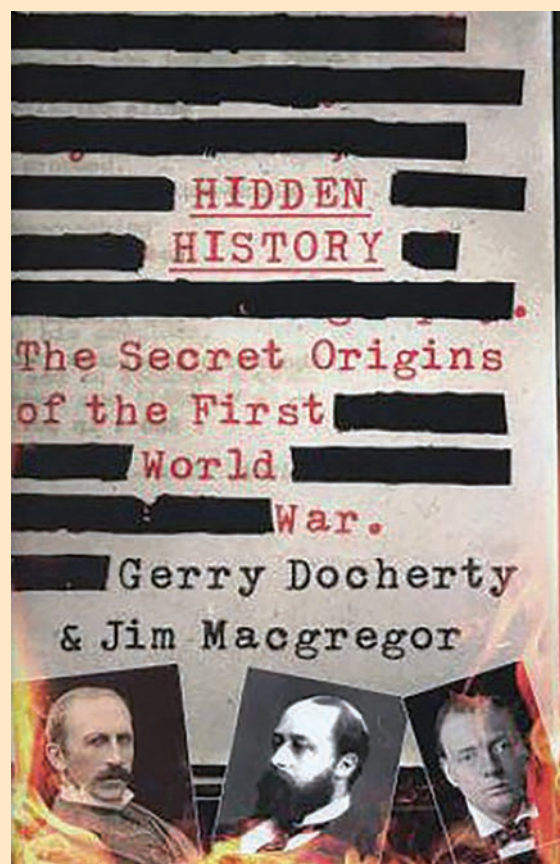


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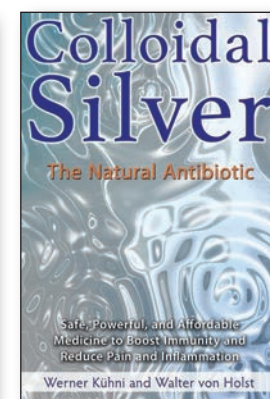
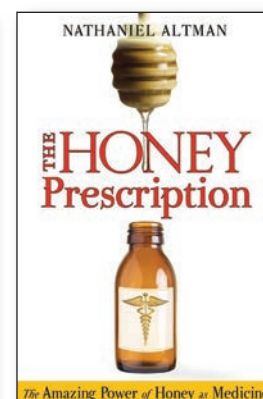
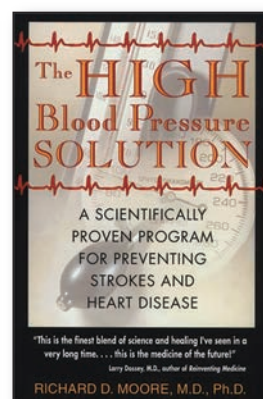
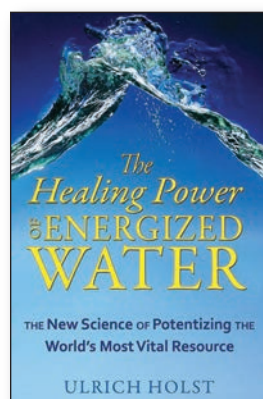
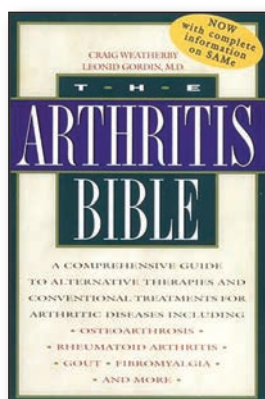
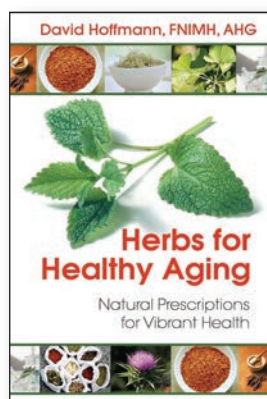
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Is the President Undermining the Bilderberg World Order?

By Mark Anderson

The Trilateral Commission (TC), when it last met in November, buried an item in its UK conference summary that finally confirms what the Bilderberg group meant by its June 2018 discussion topic, “The Post-Truth World.” The statement laid to rest considerable speculation that had been festering about that topic—to the point where reporters on the ground at this year’s Bilderberg meeting in Italy, such as Canadian alternative reporter Dan Dicks of *Press for Truth*, felt compelled to ask departing, tight-lipped Bilderbergers exactly what that topic means.

Bilderberg’s trusty sidekicks in the TC—the two Rockefeller-anointed groups share several members and topics—have unwittingly provided the answer.

“Lies, hypocrisy, and flattery have always attended public life; alternative facts and fake news have been part of politics and journalism for centuries,” the TC’s summary explains about this topic, meaning that the post-truth world has both political and journalistic components.

The summary then explains the rest of the topic’s meaning: “But many now believe that we are living in a post-truth age, with nationalists and populists using new forms of propaganda to win adherents to their cause—and threatening the liberal establishment with a tide of deceit.”

And the political actor seen as the chief agent behind the potential destruction of “liberal democracy” is, not surprisingly, Russia.

“Russia’s campaign is centrally orchestrated [and] ongoing, and aims to sow doubt over key components of democracy, such as free elections and the independence of the media. Russia makes active use of social media, as well as other forms of mass communication,” the TC also noted.

NWO IN DECLINE

There’s more. A July 5 article in the Bilderberg-adjointed *Economist* magazine and a little-discussed paper by the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., among other articles and speeches published over the last year, reveal an intensifying opposition in elite circles to Trump and his pronouncements and policies, amid widespread worries that Trump is trumping the liberal world order altogether.

The degree of the elite’s opposition strongly suggests that what one might call the post-WWII “Bilderberg world”—which saddles nation-states with the multi-billion-dollar public costs of multilateral trade and military alliances and privately sets policies outside constitutional confines—is lurching toward the losing side of history.

Accused war criminal Henry Kissinger, shown at Bilderberg’s Italy meeting in June, is still making it to the group’s secretive annual gatherings, despite his advancing age. He’s among the veteran globalists worried that President Trump may be parting ways with the “Bilderberg world order.”

At first, the fear was that Trump was kicking to the curb key pacts and institutions, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the Paris Climate Agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and the World Trade Organization (WTO). He already has basically dumped the first two, is reworking NAFTA, and is highly skeptical of the WTO, but now the entire post-war transatlantic alliance itself is seen by its architects as being imperiled.

With central banks as its foundation, the alliance’s chief economic building blocks were designed at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944 to further centralize banking and trade systems. Then, Bilderberg, starting in 1954, helped nurture



Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (left) is shown skulking into Bilderberg 2018 in Italy.

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the European Union (EU) into existence for political centralization purposes.

The transatlantic “liberal order” is the sum of all the parts, with “liberal” meaning the emancipation of economics and politics from the control of individual nation-states and their peoples.

Those who oppose this order are reviled as “illiberal,” “anti-modern” and “populists,” all of which are essentially expletives in the language of “globalese.” Populism is always chalked up as mere reactionary anger toward the downside of globalization, when, in fact, populism is a worldview with ideas of its own, especially regarding crafting laws and regulations to put the interests of Main Street over those of Wall Street.

Fear of the liberal order’s demise is especially evident in the above-noted *Economist* article. “The mood before the NATO summit in Brussels on July 11 and 12 is poisonous,” the July 5 *Economist* piece trembled. “As President Donald



Trump accuses the Europeans of bad faith and of failing to pull their weight, they accuse him of crass vandalism. A second summit, between Vladimir Putin and Mr. Trump in Helsinki on July 16, could produce the once-unthinkable spectacle of an American president treating his Russian opponent better than he has just treated his allies.”

Most interestingly, *The Economist* added: “Even if the two summits pass off without controversy . . . [t]he Western alliance is in trouble, and that should worry Europe, America, and the world.”

GLOBALIST MANIFESTO

Agreeing with *The Economist* that the entire “liberal world order” hangs in the balance, 12 German Marshall Fund authors wrote a document called “In Spite of It All, America: A Transatlantic Manifesto in Times of Donald Trump—a German Perspective.” The writers included Deidre Berger of the American Jewish Committee in Berlin, Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, with the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Anna Kuchenbecker and Rudinger Lentz, both of the Aspen Institute’s Berlin branch, and Daniela Schwarzer of the German Council on Foreign Relations.

“The liberal world order with its foundation in multilateralism, its global norms and values, its open societies and markets—is in danger,” this gaggle of globalists scribbled. “The order is being challenged from various directions and sources: Rising powers strive for influence; illiberal governments and authoritarian regimes are ascending; anti-modern thinking is gaining traction and influence even within Western democracies. . . .”

The group concluded that Germany, for its part in the transatlantic alliance as a core EU member, must find the limited areas where it can work with Trump without pushing populist buttons.

Other than that, Trump, from their vantage point, has so upset the liberal order that the writers called for taking a deep breath and going into virtual hibernation until Trump is either voted out in 2020 (unlikely, in their view) or is termed out in 2024. ★

White Deaths Exceed Births

• Shocking demographic statistic surprises political analysts

By John Friend

A recent report published by demographers from the University of Wisconsin and University of Texas at San Antonio has reached some startling conclusions: More white Americans are dying than are being born, a trend that will likely continue and even increase in the years to come.

The report found that “more non-Hispanic whites died than were born in 26 states” in 2016, more than at any other time in U.S. history. Nationwide, white deaths exceeded white births overall, a first in U.S. history. The report warns that “more states are likely to experience” this same exact trend in the near future, as whites continue to be displaced and replaced in a country that was once overwhelmingly white. The demographic changes will no doubt profoundly impact America’s politics, not to mention its overall cultural, social, and economic composition.

The stark demographic changes have surprised many leading demographers and political analysts, who anticipated the changes happening much more slowly.

“It’s happening a lot faster than we thought,” Rogelio Sáenz, a demographer at the University of Texas at San Antonio and a co-author of the report, stated following the publication of the report, expressing his shock at the overall demographic trend in American society.

The report identified a number of factors that directly correlate to the startling demographic trend. According to the authors of the study, a major decline in fertility—particularly among white women—has played a critical factor in the changing demographics, especially since the Great Recession that began a decade ago.

“Some 500,000 fewer babies are being born annually now than had pre-recession fertility rates been sustained,” the report noted. “And, nearly 2.1 million more women of prime childbearing age are childless than would be expected.”

Yet another factor identified in the study is the increasing rate of mortality among the white population, particularly those aged 30-59. This increase of mortality has been significantly driven by so-called “deaths of despair,” which include drug-induced deaths, accidental drug overdoses, suicides, and alcohol-related deaths, all of which have impacted the white demographic in America particularly severely.



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In short, whites are not having children—or at least not as frequently as they did in previous generations—and more whites are dying from unnatural deaths largely driven by despair, desperation, depression, and an uncertain future.

The authors note that the increasing decline in the white demographic in the United States has significantly contributed to “the larger racial/ethnic shifts occurring in the U.S. population.”

“As white natural increase has diminished, the share of the U.S. population that is white has declined from 79.6% in 1980 to 61.3% in 2016,” according to the report. “Census Bureau projections suggest that the white population will begin to decline in absolute numbers between 2030 and 2040, and that by 2050 whites will constitute less than half (47%) of the U.S. population.”

The report comes at a time when immigration to the U.S.—both legal and illegal—continues largely unabated, despite President Trump’s efforts to place restrictions on certain migrations to the U.S. and his overall attempt to crack down on illegal immigration. ★

UK Man Charged With Hate Crime for Defending Family

By John Friend

A 67-year-old magistrate and real estate developer in the United Kingdom has been arrested for suspicion of a racially motivated assault after he defended his home and family from intrusion by an armed gang of thugs. While it does not explicitly identify the race of the armed attackers in any of the UK reports on Stringer, it is assumed that they were all black men.

Nigel Stringer, who had been a magistrate in the UK for 26 years before resigning to pursue a private prosecution against the would-be attackers, was enjoying the company of his wife and three children at their fabulous \$2 million, 40-room home in Morningthorpe, a small village just outside Norwich in the English countryside. Three cars unexpectedly arrived at the residence and a group of armed men confronted Stringer, apparently as a result of a dispute with a tenant Stringer rents to.

Stringer immediately called the police to report the incident, he explained to news and commentary website “Daily Mail.” “I told the operator we were under attack,” he said. “I could see at

least three men running between the trees. One had a weapon which looked like a crossbow. The others had steel bars.”

Another man began pounding on the glass front door with what appeared to be a firearm, prompting Stringer to defend his home and family. He grabbed what was available to him—a child’s hockey stick—and confronted the potential invader. “My son told me he had seen a gun,” Stringer explained to the “Daily Mail.” “I went outside, and I kept shouting loudly at him to leave and that the police were on the way. I used my hands and the stick to push him away from the house. He kept punching and kicking me. I was by that time bruised, bleeding, and utterly exhausted.”

While confronting the intruder, Stringer saw other men approach another side of his home surrounded by hedges, with the men encouraging their fellow assailant to “slog” Stringer—a slang term for violently hitting a person. According to Stringer, the intruders were using racially charged language during the attempted home invasion, and he did as well while attempting to fend them off.

“I had no strength left, I only had my voice and I tried to find the most shocking words to shout, thinking that if they came through that hedge we could be killed,” Stringer stated. “There was nobody there to save us; we were alone. I merely flung their

own words back at them. I am not racist.”

The intruders eventually retreated to their vehicles, with one of the men also calling the police to tell them he had been assaulted and racially abused. When police did arrive, Stringer and his son were arrested under suspicion of a racially motivated assault while the intruders were briefly questioned at the gate to Stringer’s home. None were arrested and a trespassing investigation into their actions has been dropped.

“This should be a warning to all homeowners that not only are the police unable to protect us; they will actually arrest innocent homeowners who protect themselves, even against an armed and dangerous gang,” Stringer told “Daily Mail.”

According to a Norfolk Police spokesperson, Stringer “remains under investigation,” and a file has been turned over to the Crown Prosecution Service. In order to pursue criminal charges against the intruders, Stringer had to resign as a magistrate and privately pursue the matter. Coming from a family of police officials, Stringer has not been deterred.

Referring to his family, he told the “Daily Mail” that they “would all turn in their graves to know that modern political correctness caused my son and I to be taken from our home for defending our family.” ★

Economic Outlook Good for the Rich

• But for struggling lower- and middle-class families, American dream out of reach

By S.T. Patrick

With the future of middle-class wealth flailing in mid-air, Americans are now wondering when, if at all, their incomes will be enough to pay the escalating costs of living. As the American business landscape becomes ever more corporatized, those seeking entrepreneurship via the traditional “mom-and-pop” stores may have finally hit more than a glass ceiling; they now face a brick wall. The current deck of economic cards appears carefully stacked against the average American in a way it has never been, historically.

A recent report of the National Low Income Housing Coalition detailed just how bleak the prospect of minimum wage employment is in America.

“A full-time worker earning the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 needs to work approximately 122 hours per week for all 52 weeks of the year, or approximately three full-time jobs, to afford a two-bedroom rental home at the national average fair market rent,” the report detailed. “The same worker needs to work 99 hours per week for all 52 weeks of the year, or approximately two and a half full-time jobs, to afford a one-bedroom home at the national average fair market rent.”

The report, titled “Out of Reach,” placed the 2018 national housing wage at \$22.10 per hour for a two-bedroom home and \$17.90 for a one-bedroom home. The income numbers are based upon the federal suggestion that no more than 30% of a household’s gross income should be spent on a mortgage or rent with utilities. The reason that so many American families are currently “making it” at lower income levels is because they are overspending on housing and turning to credit or public aid for other expenses.

The minimum income levels needed to fulfill the 30% standard vary by state. The highest is Hawaii at \$36.13 per hour. The lowest is Arkansas at \$13.84 per hour.

To combat the rising costs of living, many families are now cohabitating with other households within their extended families. What is gained in total gross income is lost in attention paid to the children, the private time needed to gel as a family unit, and a rise of emotional stressors aggravated by the economic realities of their situations.

While the path out of poverty was once paved with college degrees, the value of a college education has also dwindled of late. In 1980, approximately 12 million Americans attended universities, a sharp rise from the 8.5 million college students in 1970. In 2016, college students numbered close to 20 million. The emphasis placed on going to college as the only path to success has



Although the average consumer says he wants to support local mom-and-pop stores, the reality is that, in many instances, they have to shop at Walmart and bigger chain stores because they need desperately to save money.

caused a supply-and-demand conflict within employment pools. Being a college graduate is no longer special to an employer; it is now the norm. For employers looking to keep payroll costs low, being overeducated and overqualified can even be a hindrance to a personnel department.

The rise of the big-box super-retailer is the easy answer to the demise of mom-and-pop stores question. What has not garnered enough attention is the responsibility of consumers in these decisions. While it is true that chains such as Walmart and Home Depot can now serve as their own distributors, thus cutting costs and eliminating most supply problems, the converging of middle-class employment into fewer, larger companies also gives the corporate giants more control over base salaries. With decreasing competition in payroll, middle- and lower-class incomes can stay as low as the law will allow them to remain.

The consumer has a responsibility in the rise of the big boxes and the death of mom-and-pop. Every dollar a consumer spends is a vote. In fact, more important than a vote dropped in a ballot box, dollars vote either for change or for the maintaining of a worsening status quo which will affect those same consumers. Consumers prefer the streets of their small towns and urban centers lined with cute, independently owned specialty stores. The psychological impact is that of believing you live in Norman Rockwell’s America. The challenge comes when the consumer stares admiringly at those same

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What is the consumer’s responsibility in the worsening income disparity gap?”

stores as they drive past them on the way to a Target store on the edge of town.

The unholy alliance between universities and corporations feeds the economic beast that keeps the thumb on the shrinking middle class. Universities and colleges teach skills and advertise job placement so that their graduates can leave their institutions to work 35 years for a corporate giant. It was the idea that an American could create his or her own idea and develop that into a profitable business that used to be the backbone of entrepreneurship. Today, entrepreneurs are defined more and more as those “independent” businesspeople who franchise stores and services from large corporations.

Psychologically, it may be that Americans have already lost the battle. Many of the same overworked, underpaid employees vehemently defend the system as a “free market” while receiving their menial annual raises. The \$16,000-per-year employee now defends the right of the multimillion-dollar CEO to be enriched even further because the employee has been taught by talk radio that that’s the definition of freedom. In small towns, the workers have for decades been conditioned to believe that \$12 an hour is “good money” because the other businesses in town—usually fast food and big box retail—are paying \$8.25.

In his book *Survival of the Richest: How the Corruption of the Marketplace and the Disparity of Wealth Created the Greatest Conspiracy of All**, author Donald Jeffries writes: “In nature, it may be that the fittest survive, but in America, and the rest of the world, it is the rich that set the rules, control every contest, and invariably prevail. For the poor, it’s ‘ours is not to question why.’ The world loves a winner, and nothing says winning like great wealth. The rich control everything, every law, every tradition, and every aspect of our civilization proves it.” ★

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'Never Trumpers' Never Coming Back

• Examining the historic blunders that doomed the party of Reagan and Bush II

By Patrick J. Buchanan

With never-Trump conservatives bailing on the GOP and crying out for the party of Pelosi to save us, some painful truths need to be restated. The Republican Party of Bush I and II, of Bob Dole and John McCain, is history. It's not coming back. Unlike the Bourbons after the Revolution and the Terror, after Napoleon and the Empire, no restoration is in the cards.

It is over. The GOP's policies of recent decades—the New World Order of George H.W. Bush, the crusades for democracy of Bush II—failed, and are seen as having failed. With Trump's capture of the party they were repudiated. There will be no turning back.

What were the historic blunders? It was not supporting tax cuts, deregulation, conservative judges and justices, or funding a defense second to none. Donald Trump has delivered on these as well as any president since Reagan.

The failures that killed the Bush party, and that represented departures from Reaganite traditionalism and conservatism, are:

First, the hubristic drive, despite the warnings of statesmen like George Kennan, to exploit our Cold War victory and pursue a policy of permanent containment of a Russia that had lost a third of its territory and half its people.

We moved NATO into Eastern Europe and the



The blunders of recent GOP administrations will spell the end of the party as we know it.

Baltic, onto her doorstep. We abrogated the ABM treaty Nixon had negotiated and moved defensive missiles into Poland. John McCain pushed to bring Ukraine and Georgia into NATO, and even to send U.S. forces to face off against Russian troops. Thus we got a second Cold War that need never have begun and that our allies seem content to let us fight alone.

Europe today is not afraid of Vladimir Putin reaching the Rhine. Europe is afraid of Africa and the Middle East reaching the Danube. Let the Americans, who relish playing empire, pay for NATO.

Second, in a reflexive response to 9/11, we invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, dumped over the regime in Libya, armed rebels to overthrow Bashar

Secret Empires: How the American Political Class Hides Corruption & Enriches Family & Friends

Peter Schweizer has been fighting corruption—and winning—for years. In *Throw Them All Out*, he exposed insider trading by members of Congress, leading to the passage of the STOCK Act. In *Extortion*, Schweizer uncovered how politicians use mafia-like tactics to enrich themselves to the utmost. And in *Clinton Cash*, he revealed the Clintons' massive money machine and sparked an FBI investigation.

Now he explains how a new corruption has taken hold, involving larger sums of money than ever before. Stuffing tens of thousands of dollars into a freezer has morphed into multibillion-dollar equity deals done in the dark corners of the world.

An American bank opening in China would be prohibited by U.S. law from hiring a slew of family members of top Chinese politicians. However, a Chinese bank opening in America can hire anyone it wants. It can even invite the friends and families of American politicians to invest in can't-lose deals.

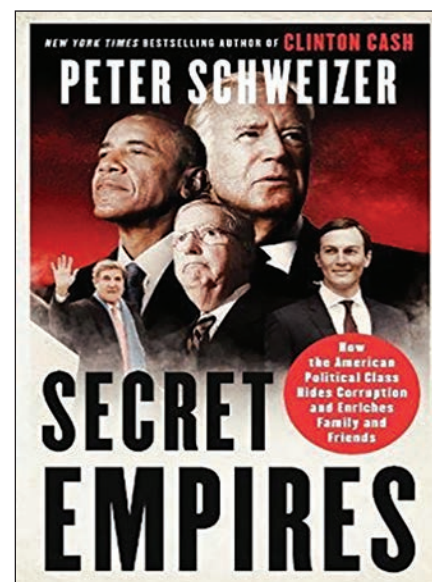
President Donald Trump's children have made front pages across the world for their dicey transactions. However, the media has barely looked into questionable deals made by those close to Barack Obama, Joe Biden, John Kerry, Mitch McConnell, and lesser-known politicians who have been in the game much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

In many parts of the world, the children of powerful political figures go into business and profit handsomely, not nec-

essarily because they are good at it, but because people want to curry favor with their influential parents. This is a relatively new phenomenon in the United States. But for relatives of some prominent political families, we may already be talking about hundreds of millions of dollars.

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Assad in Syria, and backed Saudi intervention in a Yemeni civil war, creating a humanitarian crisis in that poorest of Arab countries that is exceeded in horrors only by the Syrian civil war.

Since Y2K, hundreds of thousands in the Middle East have perished, the ancient Christian community has all but ceased to exist, and the refugees now number in the millions. What are the gains for democracy from these wars, all backed enthusiastically by the Republican establishment?

Why are the people responsible for these wars still being listened to, rather than confessing their sins at second-thoughts conferences?

The GOP elite also played a crucial role in throwing open U.S. markets to China and ceding transnational corporations full freedom to move factories and jobs there and ship their Chinese-made goods back here, free of charge.

Result: In three decades, the U.S. has run up \$12 trillion in merchandise trade deficits—\$4 trillion with China—and Beijing's revenue from the United States has more than covered China's defense budget for most of those years.

Beijing swept past Italy, France, Britain, Germany, and Japan to become the premier manufacturing power on Earth and a geo-strategic rival. Now, from East Africa to Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean, and from the South and East China Sea to Taiwan, Beijing's expansionist ambitions have become clear.

And where are the Republicans responsible for building up this potentially malevolent power that thieves our technology? Talking of building a Reagan-like navy to contain the mammoth they nourished. Since the Cold War, America's elites have been exhibiting symptoms of that congenital

blindness associated since Rome with declining and falling empires.

While GOP grass roots have begged for measures to control our bleeding southern border, they were denounced as nativists by party elites, many of whom are now backing Trump's wall.

For decades, America's elites failed to see that the transnational moment of the post-Cold War era was passing, and an era of rising nationalism and tribalism was at hand.

"We live in a time," said U2's Bono this week, "when institutions as vital to human progress as the United Nations are under attack."

The institutions Bono referenced—the UN, EU, NATO—all trace their roots to the 1940s and 1950s, a time that bears little resemblance to the era we have entered, an era marked by a spreading and desperate desire of peoples everywhere to preserve who and what they are.

No, Trump didn't start the fire.

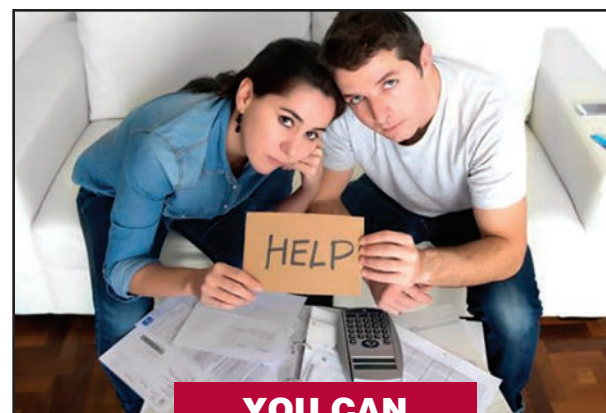
The world was ablaze with tribalism and was raising up authoritarians to realize nationalist ends—Xi Jinping, Putin, Narendra Modi in India, Recep Erdogan in Turkey, Gen. Abdel el-Sisi in Egypt—before he came down that escalator.

And so the elites who were in charge when the fire broke out, and who failed to respond and refused even to recognize it, and who now denounce Trump for how he is coping with it, are unlikely to be called upon again to lead this republic. ★

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The United States of Obama

- Expect to see a lot of schools, streets, monuments “Obamafied”

By Dr. Edward DeVries

The now three-year ongoing nationwide purge of all things “Confederate” has once again favored the previous occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Barack Obama was a child of questionable birth and parentage, abandoned by his father and raised by his grandparents. His journey from his humble birth, to the Ivy League, through Chicago politics, and eventually, to the White House is one of those truth-is-stranger-than-fiction stories that will continue to be told for as long as there is a country to tell it in.

But the election of Donald Trump is probably all of the proof required that the majority of Americans would happily forget Obama, if only they could. And that’s all but impossible for Southerners, given the fact that his name keeps popping up on signs and structures throughout the South. To add insult to injury, most of the signs and structures on which his name is appearing were originally named in honor of Confederate heroes, the revered ancestors of nearly three-quarters of the population.

The latest such memorial to be Obamafied is J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School in Richmond, Va. On June 18, the local school board ordered, over the vocal objection of the community, the swap of the Confederate general’s name with that of Obama. Even the kids, about 95% of whom are black, voted to call their school “Northside Elementary.” What does it say when even the black kids didn’t want their school named after the man who was the nation’s first black president?

The same thing happened in 2017 in Jackson, Miss., where school officials ignored the voices of their community and renamed the President Jefferson Davis Magnet School after Obama.

In 2015 in Florida, a segment of Old Dixie Highway was renamed President Barack Obama Highway. That name change also was decided by lib-



eral politicians against the will and voice of the community as expressed at numerous meetings. Floridians can thank Riviera Mayor Thomas Masters for driving the change. He claimed the name of Jeff Davis “still invokes memories of racism and slavery in the Old South.”

As more and more Confederate names are stricken across the nation, the Obama “legacy” grows. His name now adorns 18 schools, 13 streets, a mountain peak, and even 12 species (reportedly the most biota named for any president).

Obama is on the fast track to catch and surpass former presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, who currently lead the way among recent presidents with structures, roads, memorials, and other landmarks named after them. The only other modern figure who can compare is the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The black icon has over 800 things bearing his name.



You just never know where a new statue of Obama or a street named for him might pop up next.

Why do some presidents’ names wind up seemingly everywhere and others do not?

It helps to have advocates in your corner like Jackie Kennedy, who made it her mission to see JFK’s name memorialized after his assassination in 1963.

Also, to be considered, are questions of achievement, popularity, and historic significance. Obama’s “legacy” on foreign and domestic matters is still very much up for debate. And as was stated above, the election of Trump was pretty much the nation’s electoral rejection of anything and everything Obama. But there’s no question that he remains well-liked among the Democratic leadership. They are the ones putting his name on the top of the list every time anything named after a Confederate comes up for renaming.

Another point in Obama’s favor is that he retired young and still makes public appearances. This means that one of the ways you’ll get Obama to come give a talk in your neighborhood is if you name something after him. For example, the Richmond school board, by changing the name of their school to Barack Obama Elementary, has not only gotten rid of a name that honors a Confederate war hero but has also improved the district’s chances of an ex-presidential visit.

Since all of the push to rename “Confederate” things is supposed to be in combat of “white supremacy,” whatever that is, there is recently no shortage of things to rename for the obviously not-white Obama. In other words, for Obama, he’s in the perfect time and place in our nation’s developing history. As a result, whether we like it or not, we are probably going to be reading his name on the sides of buildings, and on our children and grandchildren’s diplomas, for a very long time. ★

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Trump Pushes for POW/MIA Recovery from North Korea

By S.T. Patrick

While the rancorous debate of partisanship and the ideologies of war and peace have dominated the political environment throughout the last century, Americans have remained generally united around the plight of their prisoners of war (POWs) and those missing in action (MIA). The gains that President Donald Trump and American diplomats can make now will be mostly symbolic. Over 70 years have passed since World War II, 60 years since the Korean War, and over 40 years have gone by since American forces left Vietnam. Yet the Trump White House has made gains with North Korea and seeks to further their efforts to clarify POW/MIA information elsewhere.

In April, Trump declared a national prisoner-of-war recognition day. Critics had not forgotten that, while campaigning in Iowa in 2015, Trump negatively responded to the labeling of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) as a “war hero.”

“He’s not a hero,” Trump said. “He was a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren’t captured, okay? I hate to tell you that.”

Despite the verbal gaffe, Trump just weeks ago secured the remains of approximately 200 POWs and MIAs missing after the Korean War. The continuing effort to account for the human effects of the Korean War is part of improving relations between both Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as well as between North and South Korea. The recent Singapore summit between Trump and Kim has been credited with the thaw in relations, but there is much work still to be done.

THOUSANDS LEFT BEHIND

U.S. military data show that the remains of around 5,300 Americans who fought in the Korean War could still be in North Korea. The other 2,400 POWs and MIAs from the war could be located in South Korea or China, or their remains may have been unrecovered. The North Korean government had already given back the remains of 340 Americans since 1990.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) shows that over 82,000 Americans are still missing from World War II through the Gulf Wars. According to the DPAA, over 41,000 of those missing are considered lost at sea.

While what will mostly ever be recovered are remains of dead POWs and MIAs, a declassified intelligence report obtained by Mark Sauter and John Zimmerlee, authors of *American Trophies: How American POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China, and Russia by Washington’s “Cynical Attitude,”* show that as recently as the 1990s, Americans were being held captive in China,

Trump’s efforts to secure the remains of U.S. soldiers is part of improving relations between the U.S. and Kim.

North Korea, and the former Soviet Union.

“When most Americans think of pressing issues with Beijing, Moscow, and Pyongyang, topics such as cybersecurity, trade, and arms proliferation come to mind,” wrote Sauter and Zimmerlee. “But for families across the nation, the most important issue is one rarely discussed by government and media—the fate of Americans left, dead or alive, in North Korea, China, and the former Soviet Union.”

China has been less cooperative than North Korea. A 2008 U.S.-China agreement to open Chinese military archives was supposed to provide answers regarding POWs and MIAs. It has not. China cites “classification issues” that have prevented the sharing of POW and MIA information with the United States. China refused to share the information, and American diplomats have not risked the potential backlash that could occur by pressing them on the issue.

When the Pentagon studied its own Defense Department’s POW search efforts, what it found was troubling.

“The Pentagon’s effort to account for tens of thousands of Americans missing in action from foreign wars is so inept, mismanaged, and wasteful that it risks descending from ‘dysfunction to total failure,’” the internal Pentagon study said.

Any remains returned to the U.S. will be flown to a laboratory near Hickman Air Force Base in Hawaii, where they will undergo extensive forensic anthropology, odontology, and DNA testing.

Families have not yet been notified regarding specifics of the recent recovery of remains. Robert Downes, the president of the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs, echoes the sentiments of many POW and MIA families who are hopeful, yet cautious.

“But we’ve seen this before,” Downes told Reuters. “And that was words on a paper and promises made, so now we have to see action.”

Closure is the final step of grief, and, for many of those families who saw their sons and brothers go to war in Korea, they have waited decades for a closure that can only come with answers. ★

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Tennessee Gathering Triggers Leftists

• American Freedom Party, Council of Conservative Citizens hold joint conference

By Jacob Tyler

DICKSON, TENN.—A multinational roster of activists, intellectuals, and icons of the dissident right addressed a gathering of nearly 150 patriots and liberty-loving Americans the weekend of June 15-17 at the Nationalist Solutions Symposium. The event was the first large-scale conference of its kind that is jointly sponsored by the American Freedom Party (AFP) and the Council of Conservative Citizens (CofCC).

The speakers addressed topics dealing with virtually every aspect and nuance of the plight of white Americans in the long war of nationalism versus globalism and included scholarly heavyweights such as Dr. Virginia Abernathy, a professor emeritus of psychiatry and anthropology at Vanderbilt University and author of numerous books on the subject of immigration, Dr. Adrian Krieg, the prolific author of numerous books dealing with the conspiratorial machinations of the globalist agenda on multiple fronts throughout history, Dr. Kevin MacDonald, professor emeritus of psychology at California State, author, and editor of *The Occidental Observer*, and Dr. Tomislav Sunic, a former Croatian diplomat, university professor, and author of numerous widely circulated books.

Other speakers included Dr. Michael Hill, leader of the southern nationalist activist organization League of the South, Bill Johnson, head of the American Freedom Party, Earl Holt, head of the Council of Conservative Citizens, and Tom Kawczynski, the town manager of Jackman, Maine, who made headlines recently as one of the latest First Amendment casualties in postmodern America after being fired from his position, despite his stellar job performance, when some of his right-leaning political views were noticed on his Twitter account.

Foreign nationalist organizations sharing common goals in the cause against globalism were represented at the event as well. Dominic Lüthard was in attendance with a delegation from his organization, the Swiss Nationalist Party, as a featured speaker, and Makoto Sakurai spoke on behalf of the Japan First Party.

The event was organized for the AFP and CofCC by Rick Tyler, a pastor and 30-plus year veteran of right-wing activism and the man behind the “Make America White Again” billboard that made international news a little over a year ago. Tyler is also this writer’s father.

According to Tyler, his aspirations for the conference were for it to function as a sort of intellectual “Unite the Right” that would bring individuals and organizations from across the right-wing spectrum together to fellowship and



From left to right above, some of the speakers and organizers of the joint American Freedom Party and Council of Conservative Citizens conference held at Montgomery Bell State Park in Tennessee included Pastor Rick Tyler, philosopher and historian Tom Sunic, American Freedom Party president Bill Johnson, right-wing activist Jamie Kelso and nationalist philosopher Dr. Kevin MacDonald.

discuss not just the problems being faced by traditionalists but tangible solutions as well.

By all accounts from dozens of attendees, speakers, and conference staffers, the event was very successful in that regard—not merely because it boasted an impressive turnout for any event, let alone a first outing, but a high-octane speaker roster and numerous movement persons of interest in attendance.

This writer met and spoke with Don Wassall, creator of the “Caste Football” website and publisher of *The Nationalist Times*. I also saw representatives of THE BARNES REVIEW, the historical revisionist journal, and representatives of the fast-growing, international conservative publishing powerhouse Arktos.

It is worth noting the heightened levels of security at the Montgomery Bell State Park venue. Conference organizers worked closely with local police to ensure a safe event for all attending. Around 100 law enforcement personnel were deployed on the scene, and the protest organized by the local “anti-fascist” faction Jam City Antifa was completely segregated from conference attendees. As if to attempt to lessen the accusations commonly made by leftists that the police are in league with the right, the area in which they were cordoned off with metal barricades was underneath the shade of trees, and multiple porta-potties had been placed inside the enclosed area. Numerous mounted police officers patrolled the

area on horses, snipers were positioned on the roof of the conference center, and every single person, even conference attendees, walked through metal detectors outside the front door every time they entered and exited the building.

The whole scene was actually quite surreal, offering a glimpse into what a police state really looks like, dramatically offsetting the otherwise serene setting of the secluded natural retreat. On the other hand, that the police and Tennessee government would take such measures in the wake of Charlottesville, Va. to keep antifa and Black Lives Matter activists separate from conference attendees could certainly be argued to be a tacit admission on the part of officialdom that these groups truly are terrorist organizations, violently opposed to free speech when such timeless principles do not align with their communist agenda.

As would be hoped to be accomplished by such a show of force by the state, the event transpired without a single incident or disruption from its detractors.

Predictably, the SPLC ran a hit piece on the symposium. In customary fashion, the article played fast and loose with the facts and copiously utilized the usual buzzwords and *ad hominem* attacks against the attendees and speakers. ★

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Trump Does Good: Pardons Ranchers

(Continued from page 1)

air in a hail of gunfire from state police and federal agents when he exited the driver's seat of his vehicle at a police roadblock, while en route to a diplomatic meeting with area law enforcement.

Cliven Bundy, who became a focal point on the long, hard road he and scores of other ranchers have had to travel to expose and resist the overreach of the federal "landlord," reacted to the news of the Hammonds' clemency, telling AFP: "This is a great day for America, a great day for the ranchers in Oregon, and a great day for the Bundy family."

Bundy explained: "The Bundy family didn't have any vested interest in the Hammonds, except that they were ranching neighbors. My son Ammon called on local, county, state, and federal officials [about the Hammond's plight]. Not one would respond to his call. President Trump is the only man

"They weren't just happy to put Ammon in jail and to murder LaVoy. They wanted to ruin people's lives."

in these governments who responded to Ammon's call and found the federal government's criminal justice system was unjust."

He continued: "The Hammonds sacrificed their ranch and money to attorneys and paid the federal government thousands and thousands of dollars, and LaVoy Finicum lost his life. The federal government cost my son Ammon \$15 million. He had two thriving businesses; the federal government stepped in and told the people he was doing business with to stop doing business with Ammon. They weren't just happy to put Ammon in jail and to murder LaVoy. They wanted to ruin people's lives."

Cliven summarized, "Shame on you, America, for allowing this to happen, and thank you, President Trump, for trying to make things straight."★

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Russia Critical to ISIS Defeat

• Once U.S. stopped double-dealing, end of terrorists assured

By Richard Walker

The last stronghold for radical Islamic terrorists in Syria will soon be surrounded. When it falls, Syria will be back in the hands of the government led by President Bashar al-Assad following a seven-year war in which Russia has played a critical role.

According to Patrick Cockburn of *The Independent*, who has proved to be the most reliable commentator on the war, the final push against ISIS will be on their last stronghold of Hajin where they have 5,000 fighters and many suicide bombers. Just as in Mosul they are dug in for a long siege, but they will lose. They will soon be encircled by the Iraqi Army, Hezbollah, and Iranian militias, the Syrian army with Russian airpower and the U.S. and its Kurdish allies. Like Mosul, Hajin will fall, and there will be many casualties because ISIS is preventing civilians from leaving.

There is a possibility the secretive leader and founder of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, contrary to reports that he is dead, may be hiding in Hajin.

By all accounts on the ground, U.S. military involvement in Syria is being scaled back in a clear recognition that a deal has been struck with the key players—namely the Assad government, Russia, and Turkey—to clear the country of the international players who helped make it such a bloody conflict.

Requests for new American weapons from the Kurdish militias in Syria, who have been fighting ISIS alongside American special forces, have been ignored. That alone signals Washington understands the regime change game is over, and Assad's government will continue to run the country, this time

with a powerful ally in Russia, and with Turkey content to accept that outcome as the status quo. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who may well be president for life as he consolidates his political control over his nation, has decided his fate is better served by establishing closer ties to Moscow than to Washington and NATO.

President Donald Trump's closeness to Vladimir Putin has also changed the stakes in Syria, with Washington wisely indicating it no longer has a military stake in Syria. That would have been an unthinkable position to adopt under the Bush-Obama administrations. It is a stark fact that Russian intervention in Syria changed the dynamics of the war and helped significantly in the defeat of ISIS and its affiliates.

The real losers appear to be Israel and the Sunni Arab states like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Jordan. They, with the West, not only supported the arming and training of ISIS and the al Nusra Front but also encouraged the overthrow of Assad.

The conflict began in earnest in 2012, following violent events during Arab Spring protests in 2011. There is little doubt that an international coalition, with Washington and Riyadh leading the way, saw an opportunity to unseat Assad, a long-held objective of Washington neocons going back to the Bush-Cheney era.

By 2013, the CIA had a \$500 million budget to train fighters but only managed to train 60, who never fought the enemy. The main training of Islamic militias, including ISIS, took place in Turkey, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, and NATO arranged for weapons to be airlifted to Iraq to train Kurdish forces for Syria. Turkey, however, learned to its cost that it had done a deal with the devil when ISIS bombed the Istanbul airport. It then turned on ISIS.

But the factor that altered everything when de-



Most people believe Donald Trump still holds Vladimir Putin in high regard. But Trump's political enemies at home and abroad are worried that the two may be able to improve relations between the U.S. and Russia. After all, there are huge vested interests in maintaining confrontation between the two powers.

feat was staring the Assad government in the face and all it held was its capital, Damascus, was the decision by Putin to commit Russian forces to Syria. Russia had a base on the Syrian port city of Tartus and realized that, if the West succeeded in unseating Assad, the Tartus base would be lost and ISIS would end up running Syria. That would create a danger at Russia's backdoor.

The rest is history.

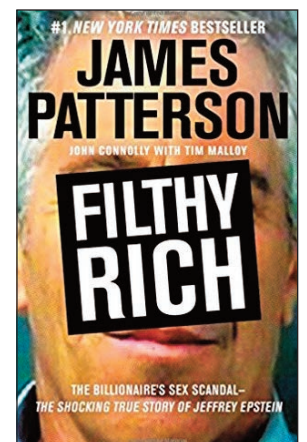
Russian military advisers as well as Russian air and sea power transformed the Syrian army into a formidable fighting force.

The success against ISIS and the arrival of Trump in the White House ensured that the Russian plan to restore Assad to power would have success. ★

Richard Walker is the pen name of a former N.Y. news producer.

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Blame Deep State for New Superweapon

• Russian scientists wed massive nuclear bomb with torpedo technology, artificial intelligence

By Dave Gahary

What seemed like a new détente on the horizon between the United States and Russia from Donald Trump's campaign promises of warmer relations has all but devolved into a new Cold War.

As the aggressive tactics of the warmongering neocons infesting Washington, D.C. push the superpowers toward an inevitable military confrontation, President Vladimir Putin's Russia is preparing for the conflict with a weapon so threatening it has some U.S. nuclear weapons experts shaking in their hazmat suits.

A new book is sounding the alarm about Russia's new weapon. *Poseidon: Russia's New Doomsday Machine* is by Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, an expert in nuclear weapons, weapons of mass destruction, electromagnetic pulse (EMP), and cyber warfare and a former award-winning Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) analyst on the professional staff of the House Armed Services Committee.

Pry sat down with this newspaper for an exclusive interview.

Code-named "Poseidon" by the Russians—and "Kanyon" by the CIA—this new "doomsday machine" is a nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed, unmanned (i.e., drone) underwater vehicle (i.e., a really big torpedo) capable of traveling thousands of

miles to strike an enemy's (i.e., the U.S.) coastal targets by detonating a thermonuclear bomb underwater, which would create nuclear tsunamis and spread radioactive fallout.

In fact, six months ago, the U.S. Nuclear Posture Review admitted that Poseidon can "defeat U.S. anti-submarine capabilities by speed, stealth, and elusiveness, to deliver a 100-megaton warhead [10,000 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb], by far the most powerful nuclear weapon in existence."

Although Pry believes Poseidon can deliver on its promises of coastal destruction, he thinks its true purpose is something more strategic.

"During the Cold War," he began, "the Soviet Union achieved the ability to destroy our ICBMs, our long-range missiles in their silos, our bombers in their bases, and our submarines in port. But they couldn't figure out a way to get our ballistic missile submarines that were on patrol at sea. And many analysts, including myself, think the only reason that we didn't get a nuclear World War III is because the Soviet Union couldn't figure out how to get those ballistic missile submarines that were on patrol at sea."

Pry explained that during the Cold War the U.S. had up to 40 ballistic missile submarines, while today there are only 14 *Ohio*-class ballistic missile submarines, with only half of those operational.

"Our sea-based nuclear deterrent," he explained, "the only leg of the triad that's still really survivable, is down to seven ballistic missile submarines, so this is a great opportunity for the Rus-

sians to finally take out that last survivable leg of the triad."

Poseidon is also equipped with artificial intelligence (AI)—to evade and defeat anti-submarine warfare systems, how and when to track ballistic missile submarines, and when to detonate itself—something that scares Pry.

"It's the first time that a nuclear superweapon has been married to artificial intelligence," he said.

As we've seen lately, AI can err—fatally—evidenced by self-driving cars.

"Do you want your fate and the fate of your children and grandchildren to be dependent upon an artificially intelligent doomsday machine, with a 100-megaton warhead trolling the world's oceans based on a piece of Russian software?" Pry rhetorically asked.

Pry is also worried about another nightmare scenario: EMP, basically a lightning strike that fries all the electronics in the blast radius.

"Another purpose is to loft a 100-megaton warhead into space and detonate it in outer space over North America," he said. "It would take out all of the 48 contiguous states, most of Canada, and a big chunk of Mexico, and put us—literally and figuratively—into the Dark Ages." ★

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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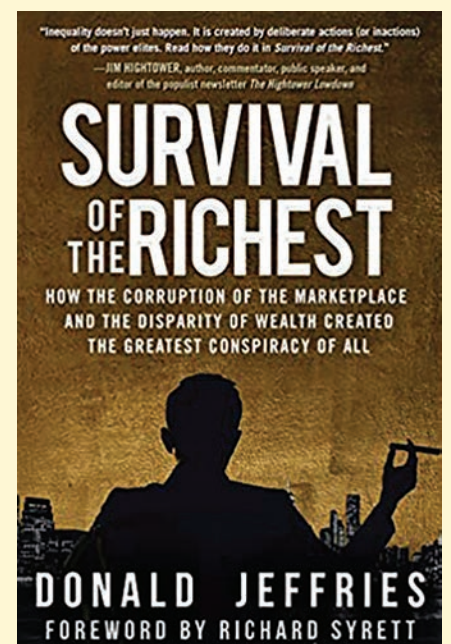
How the Corruption of the Marketplace and the Disparity of Wealth Created the Greatest Conspiracy of All

Here's a fresh look at economic inequality in America. *Survival of the Richest* scrutinizes how the collective wealth of America has been channeled from the poor and middle class into the hands of a few elitists. American industry has been gutted, with wages and benefits stagnant or reduced, thanks to disastrous trade deals, outsourcing, and the crippling of unions. The Occupy Wall Street movement, and the presidential campaigns of both Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, reveals how more and more people who are struggling understand that the system is

rigged against them. While Americans have been trained to direct their scorn at welfare recipients and the poor in general, a tiny handful of plutocratic elites have profited on an unfathomable scale through corporate welfare and other perks. Unimaginable salaries and bonuses for the 1%, contrasted by layoffs and reduced pay for the majority of the workforce, along with increasing calls for austerity measures and lowered standards of living, have become the "new normal" in America. Author Donald Jeffries argues that this record economic inequality is more than an

unintended consequence of globalism. In *Survival of the Richest*, he shows how the consolidation of wealth may well prove to be the greatest conspiracy of all. *Survival of the Richest* (hardback, 280 pages, \$25 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S.) is available from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call AFP toll free at 1-888-699-6397 to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET or visit our online shop at www.AmericanFreePress.net to order via the Internet. (Email us at Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net for foreign S&H.)

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Americans Should Be Able to Sue the TSA for Assault

It was reported recently that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has created a list to track so-called “troublesome passengers.” If this is true, why can’t American citizens do the same or even sue TSA agents, who are especially troublesome, like the ones who harass kids and little old ladies in airport security lines?

By Dr. Ron Paul

When I was in Congress and had to regularly fly between D.C. and Texas, I was routinely subjected to invasive “pat-downs” (physical assaults) by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). One time, exasperated with the constant insults to my privacy and dignity, I asked a TSA agent if he was proud to assault innocent Americans for a living.

I thought of this incident after learning that the TSA has been compiling a “troublesome passengers” list. The list includes those who have engaged in conduct judged to be “offensive and without legal justification” or disruptive of the “safe and effective completion of screening.” Libertarian journalist James Bovard recently pointed out that any woman who pushed a screener’s hands away from her breasts could be accused of disrupting the “safe and effective completion of screening.” Passengers like me who have expressed offense at TSA screeners are likely on the troublesome passengers list.

Perhaps airline passengers should start keeping a list of troublesome TSA agents. The list could include those who forced nursing mothers to drink their own breast milk, those who forced sick passengers to dispose of cough medicine, and those who forced women they found attractive to go through a body scanner multiple times. The list would certainly include the agents who confiscated a wheelchair-bound three-year-old’s beloved stuffed lamb at an airport and threatened to subject her to a pat-down. The girl, who was at the airport with her family to take a trip to Disney World, was filmed crying that she no longer wanted to go to Disney World.

The TSA is effective at violating our liberty, but it is ineffective at protecting our security. Last year, the TSA’s parent agency, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), conducted undercover tests of the TSA’s ability to detect security threats at airports across the country. The results showed the TSA staff and equipment failed to uncover threats 80% of the time. This is not the first time the TSA has been revealed to be incompetent. An earlier DHS study found TSA screenings and even the invasive pat-downs were utterly ineffective at finding hidden weapons.

The TSA’s “security theater” of treating every passenger as a criminal suspect while doing nothing to stop real threats is a rational response to the incentives the TSA faces as a government agency. If the TSA puts up an appearance of diligently working to prevent another 9/11 by inconveniencing and even assaulting as many travelers as possible, Congress will assume the agency is doing its job and keep increasing the TSA’s budget. Because the TSA gets its revenue



Dr. Ron Paul believes the TSA should be abolished and passenger security returned to the airlines.

from Congress, not from airline passengers, the agency has no reason to concern itself with customer satisfaction and feels free to harass and assault people, as well as to make lists of people who stand up for their rights.

Congress should end the TSA’s monopoly on security by abolishing the agency and returning responsibility for security to the airlines. The airline companies can contract with private firms that provide real security without treating every passenger as a criminal suspect. A private security firm that assaults its customers while failing to detect real dangers would soon go out of business, whereas the TSA would likely have its budget and power increased if there was another attack on the United States.

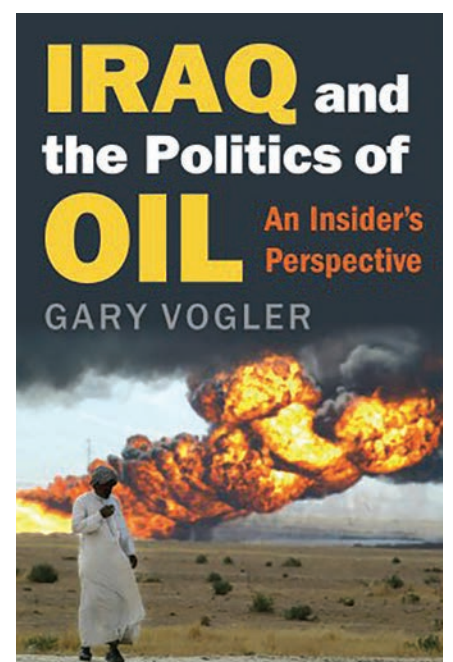
If shutting down the TSA is too “radical” a step, Congress should at least allow individuals to sue TSA agents for assault. Anyone who has suffered unfair treatment by the TSA as a result of being put on the “troublesome passengers” list should also be able to seek redress in court.

Making TSA agents subject to the rule of law is an important step toward protecting our liberty and security. ★

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

Iraq and the Politics of Oil

There was an oil agenda when the U.S. went to war in Iraq in 2003—what the agenda was is revealed in this book. Was the Iraq war really about oil? As a senior oil advisor for the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance (ORHA) and briefly as minister of oil, Gary Vogler thought he knew. But while doing research for a book about his experience in Iraq, Vogler discovered that what he knew was not the whole story—or even the true story. The Iraq war did have an oil agenda underlying it, one that Vogler had previously denied. This book is his attempt to set the record straight. *Iraq and the Politics of Oil* is a fascinating behind-the-scenes account of the role of the U.S. government in the Iraqi oil sector since 2003. Vogler describes the prewar oil planning and the important decisions made during hostilities to get Iraqi oil flowing months ahead of schedule. He reveals how, amid the instability of 2006, the fixing of the Baiji Refinery contributed significantly to the success of the oil sector in the Sunni part of northern Iraq during and after the surge. Vogler gives us an expert insider’s view of the largest oilfield auctions in the history of the international oil industry and massive increases in oil production. But under the successes so deftly chronicled here, a darker political narrative finally emerges, one that reaches back to the decision to go to war with Iraq. Uncovering it, Vogler revises our understanding of what we were doing in Iraq, and exposes a heretofore unknown element: Israel’s need for vast supplies of cheap oil. Hardback, 318 pages, \$29 plus \$6 S&H inside the U.S. from AMERICAN FREE PRESS, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu, 9-5 ET.



UK Admits Role in Torture

• But journalists say much still being hidden about U.S. program

By Richard Walker

Two damning UK parliamentary reports on British intelligence involvement in a U.S.-led torture program post-9/11 may not have revealed the full story. British journalists, who have been lied to for years by their own government about the role of the British intelligence services MI5 and MI6 in the U.S. rendition and torture of detainees, are not convinced the latest reports provide the public with the truth about the scale of the U.S. program as well as Britain's guilt in it.

The rendition program refers to a secret U.S. program that was carried out in the early 2000s under the Bush administration. Individuals, who were suspected of being involved with international terrorist groups, were kidnapped by U.S. and foreign intelligence agents, taken to secret "black sites," and subjected to torture.

Since then a number of innocent people have come forward to sue the U.S. government over the program, including Libyan citizen Fatima Boudchar, who, along with her husband, was taken by CIA agents to Thailand and brutally tortured in 2004. At the time, Ms. Boudchar claims she was pregnant, but, just before she gave birth, the U.S. sent her back to Libya.

Peter Beaumont of *The Guardian* and *The Observer* newspapers, who peppered his government for years about torture allegations and was told that British intelligence services did not do torture, was incensed when one of the reports confirmed that British intelligence officers supplied lists of questions for 232 detainees they knew were in the U.S. torture program, and in a further 198 cases MI6 received information from detainees being held at secret sites. On at least three occasions, British intelligence staff witnessed torture.

Beaumont and other journalists suspect this is merely the tip of the iceberg. The parliamentary committees investigating the British role on torture were denied access to interview officers from MI6, the overseas service, and MI5, the internal security apparatus.

According to Beaumont, the consistent British authorities' line over the years that British intelligence had clean hands was "a bloody lie." He summed up the journalistic position which, in many respects, echoed the views taken by the staff of AMERICAN FREE PRESS for years:

"The answers given to journalists at *The Ob-*

server over the years, as well as colleagues at *The Guardian* and those at other news organizations, as they investigated these allegations, were rotten with untruth and evasion."

The latest reports clearly lay blame for torture and rendition at the door of the U.S. in the post-9/11 world, and it should surprise no one that redactions were made in the reports at the insistence of Washington, more than likely the CIA. That fact alone raises suspicion that even the British are not free to tell the whole story. Still, the very fact that the reports tend to lay the majority of the blame for rendition and torture at Washington's door offers Britain some cover.

There was no cover from Ian Birrell at *The Mail on Sunday*, who had seen first-hand evidence of British involvement in torture long before these parliamentary reports admitted it. He was quick to remind his readers that days after the overthrow and tortuous assassination of Muammar Qaddafi in Libya he had gained access to the ransacked British embassy in Tripoli and made a startling find.

"I even came across a 39-page dossier sent by British intelligence—marked 'UK Secret'—packed with proposed questions for rebel leaders who were victims of an illicit rendition operation mounted with the help of MI6 to return them to Libya," he wrote. "This discovery came in September 2011."

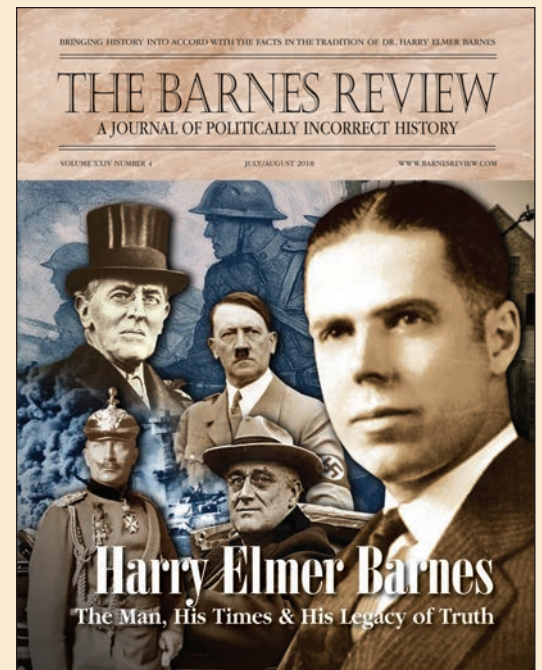
Birrell summed up his response to the sudden British government admission about

the British role in torture: "This goes beyond diplomatic incompetence. Our political masters sanctioned grotesque deeds that stained UK democracy and assisted actions of revolting cruelty. That it has taken until now for Britain to face up to its misdeeds has added insult to injustice for those individuals who paid the price in blood, pain, and suffering for our leaders' inhumanity."

The reaction of British journalists has not been echoed by their counterparts in the U.S. where the parliamentary reports have received little media attention. The scale of the U.S. torture and rendition program post-9/11 was considerable. There is still little information about what occurred at black sites in which unknown numbers of detainees were tortured. The cost of the program is also a mystery. It would have required very large budgets and massive resources, including a fleet of rented private jets as well as doctors, to support a rendition strategy that moved suspects to classified sites across the globe and to countries that used torture on America's behalf.

Until much of that is made public, the scale of the torture program will not be fully known. ★

Terror suspects were kidnapped, taken to secret "black sites," and brutally tortured.



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Suppression of Piper's JFK Book Exemplifies 'Media Dishonesty'

• Worse, JFK researchers too scared to touch *Final Judgment*

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

I began studying the JFK assassination in 1975. As a 16-year-old student at Pewaukee High School in Wisconsin, where then-librarian Charlotte Smith directed my attention toward such interesting and controversial authors as Immanuel Velikovsky, Erich Von Daniken, and Kurt Vonnegut, I was open to ideas outside the usual orbit. So when a friend invited me to Mark Lane's talk on the JFK assassination years ago, my response was, "Mark who?" and then, "Sure, why not?"

Lane changed my life by presenting a convincing case that the Warren Commission was wrong: The president had been killed in a high-level coup d'état. The preposterous story of the "magic bullet" causing seven entry-exit wounds in two men, and the fact that *Life* magazine had reversed the frames of the Zapruder film to produce the illusion of a forward head snap supporting the official story that JFK had been shot from behind, amounted to a convincing prima facie case of establishment complicity.

During the days, weeks, and years after Lane's talk I read extensively on the case. The upshot

was that Lane's "American coup" hypothesis was confirmed beyond a reasonable doubt. But the question of the identity and motives of the coup plotters was not so easily resolved.

In 1979 I published an article in the University of Wisconsin-Madison student newspaper summarizing evidence of CIA involvement in the assassination. Before the article was published (but after I had submitted it to numerous outlets) a

Because Piper's book proves the Mossad to be the missing link in the JFK assassination, most everyone is scared to even mention it.

self-described "CIA assassination team member" showed up uninvited for dinner at the student housing co-op where I lived. This odd young woman claimed she had a CIA chip implanted in her brain, and that her job was to conduct reconnaissance against potential CIA assassination targets. When I recounted the bizarre coincidence to my favorite journalism professor, John McNelly, his response was blunt: "Kevin, they are messing with you."

It wasn't until the mid-2000s, when I got interested in 9/11 and noticed the obvious role of Zionists in that event, that I sat down to read Michael Collins Piper's *Final Judgment*. I had been marginally aware of the existence of Piper's book for years, but for various reasons—including being busy earning a Ph.D. in an unrelated field, and noticing that the JFK research community didn't seem to think that much of Piper—I had steered clear of it.

I quickly discovered that Piper had marshalled a strong case for Israel playing a key role, perhaps even the lead role, in the JFK assassination. Yet many leading JFK experts were strangely resistant to admitting this.

In 2007 I interviewed University of California professor Peter Dale Scott, a leading figure in both JFK and 9/11 studies and the main popularizer of the term "deep state." The interview was broadcast live on RBN radio. Piper called in to the show and asked Scott what he thought about Israel's role in the JFK assassination. Scott hemmed and hawed, saying (in essence) that he wasn't convinced by the evidence assembled in *Final Judgment*. Since that evidence struck me as very strong, I wondered whether Scott's discomfiture with Piper was driven by conscious or unconscious fear of "going there" and risking the kinds of attacks that would surely plague him if he endorsed Piper's thesis.

Since Piper's untimely death in 2015, the stature of his work in general, and *Final Judgment* in particular, has continued to rise. Some of the best



MICHAEL COLLINS PIPER

minds of our time now recognize that Piper's JFK work is indispensable.

Dr. Laurent Guyénot, the French historian and author of *From Yahweh to Zion*, is one of the key figures driving the resurgence of interest in *Final Judgment*. Guyénot shows that the methods apparently used by Zionist plotters of the JFK and RFK assassinations are a standard modus operandi that the same forces have used in dozens of other operations. *From Yahweh to Zion* puts the Kennedy assassinations in historical perspective, not only in terms of 20th and 21st century Zionist covert operations, but also in light of a larger history stretching back 2,500 years.

Another intellectual heavyweight promoting Piper's work is Ron Unz, publisher of the indispensable alternative media digest *Unz Review*. Unz, who has done graduate work in theoretical physics at Cambridge and Stanford universities, recently published "American Pravda: The JFK Assassination: Part 1: What Happened? and Part 2: Who Did It?" In that two-part series, and in a radio interview with me, Unz argues that the "most extreme" example of media dishonesty surrounding the JFK assassination is the suppression of Piper's *Final Judgment*—not just by the mainstream and alternative media, but also by most of the JFK research community.

After spending 43 years (intermittently) researching the JFK assassination, I wholeheartedly agree. ★

Michael Collins Piper's massive 740-page *Final Judgment: The Missing Link in the JFK Assassination Conspiracy* is available in a handy two-book set for only \$40 plus \$6 S&H in the U.S. exclusively from AFP's BOOKSTORE.

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Patriotism in Sports: A Warlike History

• Defense Department places sports fans on frontlines of social programming effort

By S.T. Patrick

On Aug. 14 and Aug. 20, 2016, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sat on the bench during the national anthem. No one seemed to notice. These were pre-season games and Kaepernick was not slated to play in either. It was not until the Aug. 26 pre-season game that anyone seemed to notice. Jennifer Lee Chan of Niners Nation tweeted a photo of the anthem. Though the photo barely shows Kaepernick on the bench—it was not the photo’s intention—journalists began asking questions. The ensuing firestorm earned comments from former and current presidents, former and current athletes, celebrities, and Americans who do or do not like sports at all. While the public dialogue quickly devolved into a “patriotism vs. free speech” debate, questions still existed about the true history and nature of patriotism in sports.

Through the onset of the seventh-inning stretch in the first game of the 1918 World Series, the crowd had remained solemn. Though the series was a battle of powerhouse clubs—the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox—the nation had been embroiled in its first year and a half of World War I. The despair level was reportedly high until a military band took the field and played “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The song was then a patriotic tune, but it would not become the national anthem until 1931. The crowd response began with a player removing his cap. The team followed, and then the sing-along escalated into a roar of applause when the final line ended. By the third game, it had been moved to pre-game festivities. It was clear that the song riled up a crowd in wartime.

The Star-Spangled Banner did not stay in baseball after World War I ended. It was not until World War II that the national anthem became a permanent fixture of Major League Baseball. Along with the propagandizing of cartoons, films, and advertising, sports became a medium during which patriotic fervor could be sold, especially during times of war.

The rise of American football brought patriotism in sports to a new level. Academics of sport have long noticed the clear ties between football and war. In football terms such as “field general,” “trenches,” “formation,” “blitzing,” “bombs,” and “battle” are common. The overt “war” can still be heard on national broadcasts. Today, the national anthem at NFL games is accompanied by honor guards, oversized flags, and flyovers.

Sports historian and anthropologist Orin Starn of Duke University has attributed a distinct reason to the onslaught of patriotism in football.



The National Football League (NFL) contracted with the Department of Defense to use its athletes and fans as promotional tools for a perpetual war state. By financing grandiose expressions of symbolic patriotism with items such as field-sized flags (above), the Pentagon believed the return on investment would be defined by an increase in recruitment from its mostly conservative fan base. When athletes rebelled, the NFL owners fanned the flames of conflict among fans, thus leaving itself and the DOD clear.

“Though patriotism in sports has escalated, we have to wonder, is it for real?”

“There’s kind of a sacred bundle between football, war, and American identity,” according to Starn. “In football, you see patriotism on steroids. . . . The NFL is the most conservative of sports leagues in terms of the ‘America-first’ ethos promoted by its owners.”

The NFL took advantage of its clientele. A 2014 survey detailed the demographics of the average NFL fan. The league discovered that its fans are overwhelmingly white, male, older than 45, and politically conservative. It is the same audience that most positively reacts to the Pavlovian symbols that accompany patriotism—songs, flags, ribbons, colors, pendants, medals, uniforms, and military hardware.

NFL owners were also more than willing to contract with the Department of Defense (DOD) to manufacture even larger displays of national pride. A 2015 report showed that the DOD had paid 14

NFL teams a total of \$5.4 million from 2011 to 2014 to run “Hometown Heroes” segments featuring local vets on Jumbotron, display field-sized flags, and amp up the national anthem ceremonies. While critics called it “paid patriotism,” the Pentagon called it a “valuable recruitment tool.”

The Pentagon admitted that the funds were spent to recruit and not to simply honor its veterans in a friendly atmosphere. The Senate investigated the contracts and found that the DOD had signed 72 contracts with professional sports teams in football, baseball, hockey, and soccer. The practice of “paid patriotism” has since been banned by Pentagon officials.

When patriotism in sports is self-admittedly a government-funded endeavor used by the defense department to recruit bodies for a permanent war state, how can a society become so rancorous and defensive when athletes or fans decide to exercise their First Amendment right to protest? The NFL realized it had a fan base that could be propagandized; then they accepted millions of dollars to do just that. Other professional sports leagues followed.

Patriotism is a love of ideals, not symbols that produce cheers—or tears. The far left and the far right have both seen those ideals chipped away by the same apathetic center that defies athletes, lauds pop culture figures, and follows the leader when pre-recorded music begins playing over loud speakers in stadiums. The admiration for the documents that founded America is the same admiration that is felt in those who use them to protest. ★

Radical Leftists Disrupt Patriot Prayer Gathering

• Americans should support Unmasking Antifa Act of 2018



Joey Gibson, the leader of the Patriot Prayer group, should be commended for the way he and his followers handled themselves in Portland. Despite being cursed at and having bottles, “cherry bombs,” and other dangerous items thrown at them, they only responded with force when it was obvious a member of their group was in imminent physical harm.

the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both,” the bill reads.

AFP will follow this bill closely, and we encourage readers and supporters of the newspaper to contact their elected representatives regarding this bill. Antifa and other radical leftist activists have openly flaunted the laws of this country and have engaged in political terrorism brazenly with little to no punishment.

As we reported in the previous edition, five antifa members who were witnessed assaulting a Trump supporter at a rally in Berkeley, Calif. last year were acquitted on all charges. This type of open defiance of the law and outrageous assaults on our constitutional rights cannot be tolerated. ★

By John Friend

Far-left neo-Bolshevik rioters, known as “antifa,” effectively shut down yet another legally permitted event organized by a pro-American organization in Portland, Ore. in late June, marking the second time antifa terrorists have successfully interfered with the free speech of their political adversaries in the Rose City this year. This time, however, it didn’t go so well for the radical leftist group, as members of the conservative group defended themselves after antifa members threw firecrackers and other objects at them.

Members of Patriot Prayer, an organization led by Joey Gibson, a controversial right-wing figure who is running for the U.S. Senate in Washington, organized the legally permitted rally, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 30 in downtown Portland. When members of Patriot Prayer began to assemble and start their march, antifa rioters, who had gathered nearby, began throwing projectiles and engaging in violent confrontations with the young, conservative activists. Portland police eventually stepped in and declared the assembly a riot and shut down the event.

According to local reports, at least four people were taken to the hospital for injuries sustained during the riot, and one police officer was hospitalized. Amateur video footage taken during the violent melee shows countless antifa rioters throwing firecrackers—some capable of blowing off a hand or blinding someone should it explode near the victim—and other projectiles at members participating in the march organized by Patriot Prayer, with many masked antifa members brazenly confronting American citizens attempting to

exercise their First Amendment rights. Video shows at least one antifa activist suffering a retaliatory blow, causing him to collapse to the pavement, after he attempted to attack a marcher with a truncheon.

Throughout the 2016 presidential campaign and in the aftermath of President Donald Trump’s electoral victory, radical leftist activists have engaged in what can only be described as political terrorism on an unprecedented scale. Masked rioters have successfully shut down conservative events that were legally organized and permitted by state officials in countless locations, as demonstrated once again in Portland.

In June, Rep. Daniel Donovan (R-N.Y.) commendably introduced H.R. 6054, Unmasking Antifa Act of 2018. The bill has received little media attention, and thus far has only been introduced in the House. The basic text of the bill imposes strict penalties on individuals attempting to interfere with the rights granted to all U.S. citizens according to the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Without this legislation, antifa members can simply show up, start a riot, and get demonstrations they don’t agree with shut down.

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USS *Liberty* Survivor Sick of Betrayal

As a survivor of the murderous attack on our great ship *Liberty* on June 8, 1967, I must say, as a member of the American Legion and the USS *Liberty* Veterans Association, I am sick of this knife being put in our backs [AFP's July 2 & 9 edition]. The American Legion is covering up for the Zionist murderers rather than standing up for American heroes. This is disgusting.

PHILLIP F. TOURNEY
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One United Language

Should we amend the Constitution to make English America's one official national language? Such an amendment would not compromise the rights of foreign immigrants in America to use their indigenous Old World languages in various private contexts and situations. But America needs one language by which to unite America's many diverse nationality groups when making official government communications.

No other language besides English could possibly unite the Hispanic, the Arab, the Chinese, the Russian, the Greek, and the Malaysian, for example. In every country of the world, there exist at least a few people who can speak English. This is not true of any other major world language. The Sun long ago set on the British empire, but it has never set on the English language.

English would serve to facilitate communication between different levels of government and the citizenry-at-large. Unfortunately, there are so many different nationalities now living in America that equal protection of law under the Constitution's 14th Amendment on this issue is at least impractical, if not impossible. We need one official national language to unite us all.

LAWRENCE K. MARSH
Maryland



From Day One

[In reference to AFP's article titled "Antifa Hounded Him to His Grave" in the June 4 & 11 edition] Charlottesville has been demonized from day one. Characterizing the demonstration as something it wasn't by the media enabled these people to victimize and harass [Andrew Dodson] and many others. Those of us who know better—anybody who has looked into it—knows Charlottesville was not about white supremacy. Maybe if we had spoken up and added our voices to the president's, this could have been prevented. It makes me ill to think that this is exactly what antifa wanted!

The raw, blunt, painful truth is the only thing we have that works. When we are quiet, out of fear of retaliation, we are making the enemy stronger.

Be brave for the men like Dodson, who did nothing to deserve what is being done to them. We cannot remain silent while we

watch them die. This is going to be my son, your son, brother, or grandchild tomorrow. Must we wait until then to care or to act?

TERRY
California

Behind Illegal Immigration

In 1917, the Immigration Act was passed. Four years later, the national quota system was enacted. Three years after that, immigration policy was handed to Congress in accordance with article 1, section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution. In 1921, qualitative and quantitative restrictions were implemented on immigration. These are provisions for application for aliens to seek entry only. Under that system, the greatest nation in the world was developed. No authority was provided for open borders.

Democrats want illegal aliens to increase their political base. The Republicans, who receive large campaign donations from corporations that want a steady flow of cheap labor, will support them.

Many pro-illegal-alien protesters in the United States originally came from Mexico. A number of Mexicans here have vowed that they will take over and rule this country. That is treasonous. The national controlled media is trying to sell the dumbed-down public on allowing illegal aliens entry. Patriots need to stand up for America and our Constitution.

ELMER SHULTS
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Mob Rule Precedent

There is a growing trend in America for mob-rule Democrats to block interstate expressways to advance their "the world owes me a living" political agenda. It's typical of the sick left to punish the innocent for their gain.

The latest example of this is Rev. Jessie Jackson, in concert with the notorious left-

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wing Roman Catholic Fr. Michael Pflieger, threatening to block the busy Dan Ryan Expressway, running north and south into Chicago's central business district.

On July 7, Chicago authorities allowed them to do so thanks to the capitulation of moderate Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Originally, the Illinois State Police, which patrols the Ryan Expressway, sent Jackson and Pflieger a letter stating that people who walked on any part of the expressway "will face arrest and prosecution." Jackson and Pflieger tore up the letter at a press conference.

These Democrat mobsters have the minds of criminals in that they think their criminal misconduct trumps the lawful conduct of thousands of expressway motorists. Any "inconvenience" Jackson and Pflieger cause trapped motorists is of no consequence to them. Of course, their cause is "so noble," protesting the high level of violence in the ghetto area adjacent to the Ryan Expressway.

In 2017, Chicago experienced 1,000 carjackings. The clearance rate on murder, or the percentage of how many murders have been solved, plummeted to a catastrophic 17%. The governor had to plead to get extra troopers to patrol the Chicago interstates due to the dramatic increase in shootings on the expressways.

Yes, the Jackson and Pflieger mob leaders are blind to the fact that, by their lawless examples, they have contributed to Chicago's lawless reputation, including being a "sanctuary city" and America's most corrupt city, according to a study by the University of Illinois.

The "Chicago way" model is what mob-rule Democrats seek to impose on the whole country, as Chicago politician Barack Obama attempted in the White House, thereby doubling our national debt, leaving a huge list of problems for the Trump administration to fix.

In Chicago, with the complicity of Gov. Rauner, mob-rule leaders Jackson and Pflieger have been allowed to set a precedent that will have serious civil-order consequences for years to come.

The 2018 mid-term election and the 2020 presidential year election should be used to ensure the "Chicago precedent" doesn't spread to the whole country.

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‘Want to Make Uncle Sam Fall Madly in Love With You?’

All you have to do is . . . *nothing!*

We’ve got a surefire way you can make Uncle Sam one happy guy, and all you have to do is *nothing*. By doing *nothing*, you give the government more power, and lots more of your estate. In return, Uncle Sam becomes just like one of the family, and as such, becomes your happiest heir when you pass on!

Just follow these five simple steps to make sure Uncle Sam gets a big, fat portion of the things you have worked so hard for your entire life:

1 Don’t worry about your will or trust. Without a will or trust, the court will get to decide how to disburse your assets. Of course, the court doesn’t know you have stepchildren you’re fond of, or that you want to remember a few of your favorite charities in your will – and the court doesn’t care.

2 Don’t worry about your will or trust. Without a will the court will select someone to handle your estate during probate. Even if you would have selected a close friend to have this responsibility, the court won’t know that and won’t care.

3 Don’t worry about your will or trust. If you have minor children for whom guardianship is important, guess what, the court will pick the guardian for you. This means you can sit back and relax—the court will decide who should take care of your kids.

4 Don’t worry about your will or trust. The estate tax dollars that your government could collect will be used for, well, anything the government chooses. Just think what a few of your favorite charities—those you’ve been supporting during your life—could do with that money.

5 Don’t worry about a will or trust. Your heirs will be grieving after you are gone. Why not saddle them with the added responsibility of figuring out your affairs, and what decisions you might have made;

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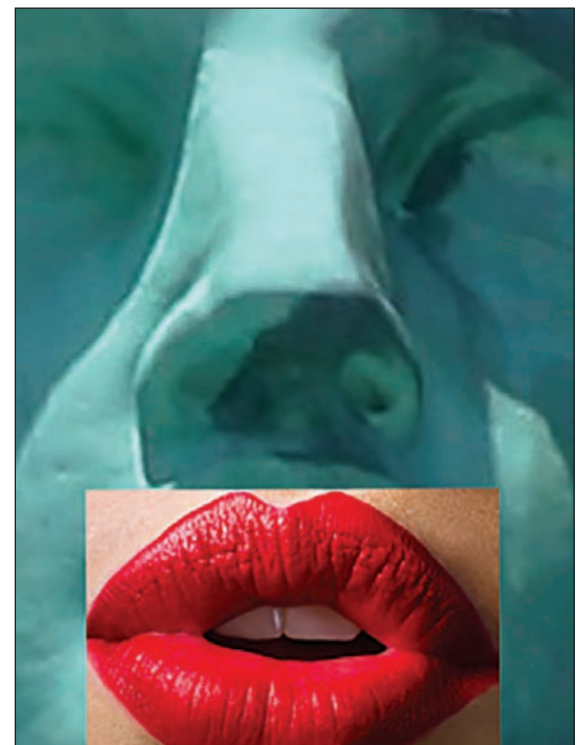
because now they will just have to guess?

Pardon the irony, but have we made our point? These are some darn good reasons why you *should* write your will. We at the FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT and AMERICAN FREE PRESS urge you not to subscribe to the idea that you, your family, and the charities you care about are better off if you pass without a will. Don’t continue to put off the minor inconvenience of making a will. The peace of mind will be worth the time you spend on getting your will done.

Let Uncle Sam take care of himself. Your family will be thankful. Your favorite charities will be thankful.

By the way, we’ve heard on more than one occasion that some of you are a little nervous about meeting with an attorney. But an attorney who specializes in wills and estate planning is the right person to seek out because they can help you accomplish your goals.

We can also send you some information on writing a will and, if you like, ways you can include the FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST



AMENDMENT, AMERICAN FREE PRESS and your other favorite charities in your plans.

Writing a will is too important to delay. It’s important for you, your heirs, and for AMERICAN FREE PRESS and the FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT. Contact us today.

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