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BUNDY HIT AGAIN

• DOJ appeals ruling, wants land-rights protesters jailed

By Mark Anderson

Former federal prosecutor Larry Klayman, founder of Judicial Watch and Freedom Watch, issued a press release earlier in August on behalf of his client, Cliven Bundy, vowing to fight a Department of Justice appeal of a judge's dismissal of the case against Bundy for his role in the spring 2014 protest against federal land tyranny in Nevada.

In January, U.S. District Judge Gloria M. Navarro dismissed conspiracy charges against Bundy, his two sons, and fellow protestor Ryan Payne after finding prosecutors violated federal law and unjustly failed to share with the court evidence favorable to the defendants. Later, on July 31, Judge Navarro rejected the prosecutors' request to reconsider her dismissal of the case.

"The court's finding of outrageous government conduct was not in error," Judge Navarro wrote in her 11-page ruling in late July, reports *The Oregonian*. "On the contrary, a universal sense of justice was violated by the government's failure to provide evidence that is potentially exculpatory."

Despite this, federal prosecutors



CLIVEN BUNDY

are trying again to go after the Bundys, hoping that in a third trial they will be able to take down the famed Nevada rancher.

"My client and friend Cliven Bundy is confident that the Ninth Circuit will affirm Judge Navarro's dismissal," Klayman said.

The government's case was "based on prosecutorial misconduct," Klayman added. "That the prosecutors who committed and furthered this gross prosecutorial misconduct would now seek to file a notice of appeal underscores that my once proud alma mater, the U.S. Department of Justice, has become the Department of Injustice."

A longtime observer of the Bundy saga, KSDZ-FM radio host Jim Lambley of Gordon, Neb., told AFP on Aug. 20 that he believes a serious effort on the part of the federal government to pry open this case again could lead to even more, and worse, revelations of federal misconduct—including the possibility that an alleged letter could surface—rumored to have included a chilling "kill list" that armed federal agents had compiled and that the list included the names of women and children.

"The federal judge dismissed the case in part to save the feds further embarrassment," added Roger Roots, who attended nearly every day of the lengthy trial.

"It's at least conceivable the Ninth Circuit could override Judge Navarro and force a new trial, but think of how ridiculous it would be. You get your case dismissed, it's thrown out but two years later, you get a call from your lawyer saying you're looking at life in prison—again." ★

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Leftist Media Purposefully Polarizing America With Fake News

The mainstream media, which is dominated by far-left-wing voices, has really been showing its true colors lately. No longer interested in reporting the facts, let alone the most important news of the day, they're now openly working to further polarize the country by promoting lie after lie, rumor after rumor in a pathetic attempt to titillate viewers and readers at the expense of reality.

Take the recent tragedy of the murder and possible sexual assault of Mollie Tibbetts. Anyone who watches the news or reads the major newspapers will see that they are actually referring to the man who kidnapped and murdered young Miss Tibbetts as an "undocumented immigrant" who was employed by a top GOP donor rather than what he truly is: a sadistic killer.

For example, CNN has been relentlessly publicizing the tragedy for the past 24 hours, but instead of painting a comprehensive portrait of the killer by letting Americans know he was an illegal alien, who had been skirting U.S. law for nearly a decade, they led with the following in one of their more recent reports, "The man accused of pursuing and killing 20-year-old Mollie Tibbetts had worked four years at an Iowa dairy farm based on false identification. . . ." It wasn't for another five paragraphs that the reader actually learns the murderer, Cristhian Bahena Rivera, was an illegal alien.

MSNBC, perhaps the most biased news organization out there next to Fox News, didn't

even have the brutal murder of Miss Tibbetts on the front page of its website. This editor had to search their site for a brief news item, which led with, "The man accused in the murder of Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts is in court now for his first appearance. This after President Trump brought up the case at his rally last night." In the captions under a video segment, MSNBC never even tells readers that Rivera is in the United States illegally but poses the question, "Will President Trump try to use the murder of Mollie Tibbetts to push immigration reform?" You have to suffer through a four-minute screed by commentator Don Lemon to eventually find out that Rivera is "an undocumented immigrant," which explains why Trump would be referring to the tragedy to call for immigration reform, in the first place.

It would be different if this were an innocent mistake or just sloppy journalism, but it's not. It is a concerted effort to hide details from the American people to keep them ignorant of the current situation in the United States.

And it is not just about immigration.

Look closely at John Friend's article this week on the violent, radical leftist group antifa. John makes a compelling case that the mainstream media is intentionally concealing the violence perpetrated by this group in order to keep Americans unaware of what is going on. They are denying Americans critical information so as to push through an agenda, which, at its heart, defends liberal policies and sabotages more conservative views.

Think about it for a second. If Americans

knew that some illegal aliens do commit heinous crimes while their elected officials intentionally ignore the very laws that would have saved the lives of American citizens like Miss Tibbetts, Americans would rise up in one voice to demand that Congress fix this country's broken immigration system.

Likewise, if they knew that the radical left—not "white supremacists"—routinely commits the vast majority of politically motivated violent acts in this nation, what would that do to the fake news that America is awash in haters?

Sadly, most Americans remain ignorant of these facts, believing that CNN, NBC News, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*—just to name some of the most influential news outlets in this country—are objectively trying to get Americans the most important news of the day.

The good news is, more and more Americans are waking up, and, every day that goes by, the average working man is increasingly turned off by the leftist bias in the mainstream media. This is surely a good thing for AMERICAN FREE PRESS. We pride ourselves on bringing our readers the simple truths that are never shaped by billionaire owners or left-wing agitators. Read this week's issue to see exactly what we mean. ★



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News You May Have Missed

Peace Not War

According to a new poll by Gallup, 58% of Americans believe it is more important to improve relations between the United States and Russia, while only 38% of respondents believe the U.S. should take “strong diplomatic and economic steps” against Russia.

Real Hate

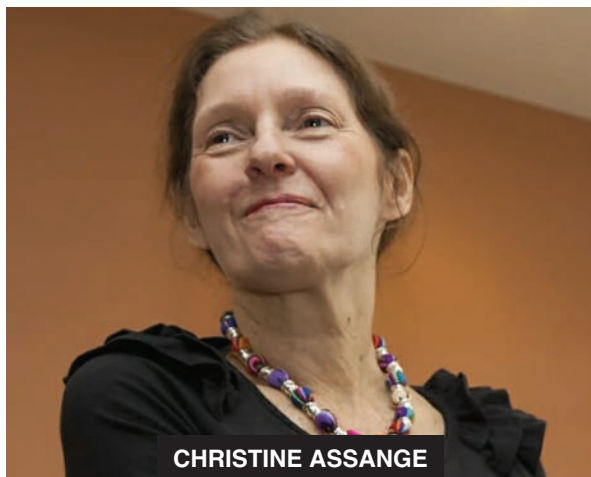
At the Department of Justice’s July 30 Religious Liberty Summit, Attorney General Jeff Sessions blasted the Southern Poverty Law Center and its penchant for smearing individuals and organizations. “We have gotten to the point where courts have held that morality cannot be a basis for law,” he said, “where ministers are fearful to affirm, as they understand it, holy writ from the pulpit, and where one group can actively target religious groups by labeling them a ‘hate group’ on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs.”

Whoops

On Aug. 18, the mainstream media went into full tantrum mode after they learned that earlier that week Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Fugitive Operations Team officers had detained a man in southern California while he was taking his pregnant wife to the hospital for a scheduled cesarean section. The media quickly filled the airwaves with reports about the travesty of justice only to later find out that the man in question, Joel Arrona-Lara, 36, is wanted by Mexican authorities for murder. Lara was arrested at a gas station in San Bernardino.

Shooting the Messenger

The Internet went crazy in mid-August after Christine Assange, the mother of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, tweeted and then deleted what many believe to be a suggestion that murdered Democratic Party staffer Seth Rich “leaked docs proving corruption.” AFP has repeatedly reported on the case about Rich and his possible connection



CHRISTINE ASSANGE

to infamous emails and other documents that were stolen by the Democratic Party in the run-up to the 2016 presidential election. Ms. Assange was responding to the question, “Why did Julian publish damning docs against Hillary at such a crucial time, which gave Humpty Dumpty Trump the upper hand?” She replied, “It’s the duty of media to inform citizens about corruption.” She added, “A #DNC #Bernie supporter disgruntled with rigging leaked docs proving corruption. What should WikiLeaks have done? Hold on to them till after the election to advantage #Hillary? You are shooting the messenger!”



RUSSIAN ROBO-COP

Future of War

The Russian military recently unveiled a terrifying 4.5-ton bulletproof robot called Igorek that can walk and hold weapons in its giant claws. The “Star Wars”-style robot is made by famed gun maker Kalashnikov and was on parade at the 2018 Army Fair just outside Moscow. The robot has space in a cabin for soldiers to sit and operate. It can hold and move objects with its claws, including weapons. The pilots are protected from bullets, debris, and any other dangerous object behind armored glass and a metal encasement.

Mystery Israeli Money

Buried at the bottom of a court document filed by Special Counsel Robert Mueller on Aug. 17 is a reference to a mysterious \$10,000 cash payment made to former Trump presidential campaign adviser George Papadopoulos. Mueller’s court filing does not make specific reference to the individual, but news and commentary website “The Daily Caller” reports that the payment had nothing to do with Russia. Instead, it was made by an Israeli businessman named Charles Tawil, who gave Papadopoulos the cash during a meeting in an Israeli hotel room in July 2017. The money was supposedly for work Papadopoulos did in securing a Mideast oil deal. Papadopoulos said he gave the money to an attorney and will be using it to pay a

fine that is expected to be levied against him by the court. Papadopoulos has been charged with giving false statements to the FBI.

Land Thefts Begin

The South African government has begun seizing land from white farmers throughout the country. Local South African newspaper *City Press* reports that two game farms worth millions of dollars were the first to be targeted for unilateral seizure after negotiations with the owners to purchase the properties broke down. The current seizures were reportedly initiated to test the ability of the government to take land under existing laws, which the ruling African National Congress has previously stated is allowable if the move is “in the public interest.” The plan is to seize productive white farms and turn them over to black cronies of the current government. This all comes as the South African government announced it was amending the country’s constitution to specifically allow for the government’s theft of land without compensation.

Another Needless Death

The search for Mollie Tibbetts, the 20-year-old Iowa student who disappeared while jogging in Brooklyn, Iowa, came to a terrible end on Aug. 21 when illegal immigrant Cristhian Bahena Rivera, 24, led police to Miss Tibbetts’s body, which was hidden in a cornfield. Video captured by a home security system showed Rivera following Miss Tibbetts, and, when police found Rivera, he admitted



MOLLIE TIBBETTS

confronting her and assaulting her before stuffing her body into the trunk of his car. He has been formally charged with murder. According to the local sheriff, Rivera had been in the area for four to seven years. Breitbart News reports that the central Iowa county where the murder took place had provided sanctuary to illegal aliens up until the governor of the state banned the practice. Police say they have no idea why Rivera kidnapped and killed Miss Tibbetts, but authorities speculate she may have been raped before she was murdered.

Even Liberals Are Not Safe from Putsch Waged by Politically Correct Radical Left

By John Friend

Readers of this newspaper are no doubt aware of the stifling effects of political correctness and radical leftist ideologies on college campuses and major universities in America today. In an era of “safe spaces,” “trigger warnings,” and an increasing unwillingness of students, professors, and administrators to honor the cherished principals of free speech and thought—foundational principles of the university education system—those bold enough to think for themselves and question the prevailing political and intellectual consensus often find themselves at the mercy of unhinged mobs of radical leftists and cowardly university administrators.

Just ask Bret Weinstein, a former professor at Evergreen State College in Washington state, who is better suited than most to attest to the state of free speech, free intellectual and political inquiry, and political correctness that prevails on college campuses across the United States today. Weinstein, who resigned from Evergreen State along with his wife, Heather Heying, in September 2017 following controversy surrounding his criticism of a popular demonstration on campus and his wife’s support for his criticism, has served as a witness to the free speech crisis prevalent on so many college campuses today. To this day, the accomplished evolutionary biologist, who also happens to be a liberal, has been unable to find a job at a major university simply because he stood up to the PC police at his college.

In the early spring months of 2017, Weinstein, a popular biology professor and a staunch “anti-racist,” sparked controversy when a private email he had sent to other college faculty critical of the “Day of Absence” demonstration was published online.

The “Day of Absence” demonstration is an annual event at Evergreen in which non-white students and faculty are encouraged to meet off campus for workshops focusing on diversity, inclusion, and other leftist ideals. In 2017, the demonstration was tweaked slightly, and white students, faculty, and staff at the college were asked to leave campus for the day to protest their supposed “white privilege.” Weinstein took issue with the proposed demonstration and explained his reasoning to fellow faculty and staff.

“On a college campus, one’s right to speak—or to be—should never be based on skin color,” Weinstein stated in the email, which was later leaked and published online, causing outrage in radical leftist circles on campus.



BRET WEINSTEIN

In late May 2017, groups of students upset with Weinstein’s letter and his criticism of the revised “Day of Absence” demonstration showed up at his classroom to admonish the professor. The students essentially shut down Weinstein’s class, disrupting the professor and his students, and demanded that he either apologize for his alleged “racist” email or resign from the college. Video of the students confronting and protesting Weinstein surfaced online, generating national headlines. Throughout the confrontation, Weinstein attempts to calmly and respectfully engage in a dialogue with the student protesters, who rudely ignore his pleas for a discussion by shouting the professor down, cursing at him, and demanding he resign.

“We don’t care what terms you want to speak on. This is not about you,” one student shouts at Weinstein during the confrontation. “We are not speaking on terms—on terms of white privilege. This is not a discussion. You have lost that one.”

The student protesters eventually left and barricaded themselves in the college library, finding refuge in the Trans & Queer Center/Unity Lounge on campus before outlining a list of demands that were later presented to college administrators. Incredibly, rather than defend and support one of their most popular and well-respected professors, Evergreen State College administrators and leaders caved in to the radical student

Evolutionary biologist Bret Weinstein, who is liberal, was forced to resign from his position at Evergreen College because he stood up to a racist event that was enabled by the administration, which told white people to stay home from college on a particular day.

protesters’ demands.

Weinstein and Heying later resigned from the college after filing a \$3.85 million tort claim in July 2017. The claim contended the college failed to “protect its employees from repeated provocative and corrosive verbal and written hostility based on race, as well as threats of physical violence,” according to reports at the time. The couple settled with the college, which agreed to pay the couple \$450,000 directly and \$50,000 to the couple’s attorney.

“In making this agreement, the college admits no liability, and rejects the allegations made in the tort claim,” Evergreen State administrators wrote in an email to students and faculty shortly after the agreement was reached with Weinstein and Heying. “The educational activities of Day of Absence/Day of Presence were not discriminatory. The college took reasonable and appropriate steps to engage with protesters during spring quarter, de-escalate conflict, and keep the campus safe.”

Many supporters of Weinstein and Heying were outraged at the college’s handling of the situation. Weinstein testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, highlighting his experience at Evergreen State and exposing the tyrannical left running rampant on college campuses today who demand everyone abide by their leftist ideals or face suppression.

“Is there a free speech crisis on college campuses?” Weinstein rhetorically asked during his testimony before the House. “One can certainly make that argument, but that portrayal is at least as misleading as it is informative. What is occurring on college campuses is about power and control—speech is impeded as a last resort, used when people fail to self-censor in response to a threat of crippling stigma and the destruction of their capacity to earn.”

Since his resignation, Weinstein has joined the “Intellectual Dark Web,” a phenomenon this paper has reported on in previous editions. Weinstein has continued to stand up for intellectual freedom and freedom of speech, despite the hysterical left and their calls for censorship. ★

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Police Use Social Media to Snoop

• Trial in Memphis alleges cops set up fake accounts to spy on left and right

By Dr. Edward DeVries

On his Facebook page, “Bob Smith” described himself as a “Protestant, anarchist, protester, and activist from Fayette County” who was “left of Bernie.” His “likes” included “Bernie Sanders, the Southern Poverty Law Center, I Love Being Black, and Red & Black Anarchists 2.”

Documents released by the City of Memphis in response to an ACLU lawsuit show that its police department has been systematically using fake social media profiles to surveil activists and that it has kept dossiers and detailed PowerPoint presentations on dozens of Memphis-area activists along with lists of their known associates.

It turns out that “Bob Smith” was a Memphis PD Facebook trap that began friending left-leaning activists as early as August 2015, according to a report by “The Appeal,” which had obtained screenshots of conversations from activists who had interacted with the “Bob Smith” Facebook account. The profile was used to gain their trust and acquire information about local organizing efforts.

One activist who received a friend request from “Smith” identified himself as Tim Ryan from Fayette County. Two months later he was charged with “criminal trespass” at a Black Lives Matter meeting where the undercover agent provocateurs who, as “Bob Smith,” had encouraged him to attend the event, were waiting for him.

Another local activist who had been in regular communication with “Bob Smith” was Keedran Franklin, organizer of the Memphis Coalition of Concerned Citizens and Memphis Black Lives Matter. He began to suspect “Smith” when he realized that, at local demonstrations he had discussed online with “Smith,” he was “the first person to be arrested,” according to his attorney, Scott Kramer. Attorney Kramer is also claiming that his client is being harassed by Memphis PD officers who are “sitting outside his office in unmarked cars waiting for him to leave.” Kramer also claims that “officers, who Franklin has never met, come up to him in public places and address him by name, ‘just to let him know’ that they [the officers] all know who he is.”

The lawsuit between the ACLU and the Memphis Police Department has also revealed that the largest Black Lives Matter page on Facebook actually belongs to a white, middle-aged man in Australia.

While the ACLU is only pursuing the police department’s spying on left-leaning activists and groups, evidence has also surfaced that the police have used the same strategies to surveil over 30 community organizations including a local university’s student union, Food Truck Sunday, the



National Council of Churches, faith-based groups like Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, a number of local businesses including FedEx, the region’s largest employer, the county school district, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Council of Conservative Citizens.

This is not the first time that the Memphis Police have been caught spying on citizen activists. Their ongoing history of doing so goes back to the 1960s when the city was caught spying on Vietnam War protesters, city sanitation workers, the civil rights movement, and the personal activities of several associates of Dr. Martin Luther King. By 1976, the city’s “Domestic Intelligence Gathering Unit,” established by Mayor Henry Loeb III, had amassed a budget of more than \$1 million a year (over \$4 million today). That same year, University of Memphis student Eric Carter, who was active in anti-war organizing, discovered that his roommate was actually an undercover Memphis PD officer collecting information on his activities. A lawsuit by the ACLU against the City of Memphis followed, which resulted in a 1978 judgment against the city.

Memphis entered a consent decree in 1978 when it was revealed that cops had secretly created an entire division dedicated to surveilling citizens who hadn’t committed any crimes and then attempted to destroy the evidence of their surveillance at a city-owned incinerator. At the conclusion of that matter, the court ordered the city to refrain from surveilling or spying on citizens with relation to their political beliefs. It read

According to documents released by the City of Memphis in response to an ACLU lawsuit, the Memphis PD has been systematically using fake social media profiles to surveil activists and keeping dossiers on dozens of Memphis-area activists in violation of a decades-old agreement. The city of Memphis says it’s nothing to worry about.

in part: “The City of Memphis shall not, at any lawful meeting or demonstration, for the purpose of chilling the exercise of First Amendment rights or for the purpose of maintaining a record, record the name of or photograph any person in attendance.”

Now, 40 years later, the court has determined that the city’s current social media and Internet-based undercover operation, including creating fake social media accounts to find the friends and associates of political activists, violates the 1978 agreement against spying on protesters. U.S. District Judge Joe McCalla issued a 35-page order in which he said the city resumed spying after cops witnessed protests in other states and when Black Lives Matter began staging demonstrations to remove Confederate statues in Memphis. This spying, according to McCalla, violates at least part of the 1978 consent decree, specifically the part that barred the gathering of political intelligence. The trial began Aug. 20, and it will determine how many provisions of the decree have been violated by the city and what the appropriate punishment should be.

The city argues that their Internet-based surveillance techniques are not bound by the 1978 consent decree and that the ACLU and McCalla’s interpretation is “out of step” with the realities of modern policing. Memphis PD spokesperson Bruce McMullen said they were “not aware” of officers waiting outside of Franklin’s office and that “the consent decree was drafted before the Internet—before smartphones, body cameras, or any type of digital cameras. . . . MPD’s observance of posts made on social media is consistent with best practices of law enforcement agencies across the country and is nothing more than good police work.”

Memphis PD may call it “good police work”; this writer calls it an ever-growing and increasingly brazen police state. ★

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Ban on Popular Internet Host an Onslaught on Free Speech

• Attack on “Infowars” spurs partisan debate, harms free expression

By S.T. Patrick

In what may prove to be the best possible situation for Infowars and Alex Jones as brands, fiery talk show host Jones and his content have been banned from Facebook, Apple podcasts, YouTube, Stitcher Radio, Spotify, LinkedIn, and Pinterest. After Apple removed the podcasts because it “doesn’t tolerate hate speech,” downloads of the Infowars app on the iPhone app store reportedly skyrocketed.

Twitter has chosen to piecemeal its censorship. It has recently applied a one-week tweeting ban to Infowars and Jones. When the piling on began, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey defended not banning Jones and Infowars altogether.

“The reason is simple,” Dorsey said. “He hasn’t violated our rules.”

While Twitter’s decision may just be a slower, more careful path that leads to an eventual full ban, Dorsey was correct that these sorts of bans should emanate from guidelines that are unemotional. The domino effect that occurred once the bans began also signaled some sort of permission and empowerment that began with the Facebook ban. The smaller multi-national social media corporations followed the lead of their Big(ger) Brother.

Immediately after the bans were enacted, the debates became discombobulated. Mimicking any current dialogue on the Trump administration, the political right became angered and wanted revenge as the political left became celebratory with the glee of a conquering tribe. Those two reactions are the only ones Americans seem to exhibit since the 2016 presidential election. The reactions oscillate between the two camps in accordance with the latest Trump tweet, administrative policy announcement, or Mueller indictment.

Talk radio and partisan cable news have created a political environment steeped in absolute equality rather than ideology. If a Republican politician is criticized for opening a dialogue with a former enemy, the self-assigned duty of conservative talk radio hosts is to provoke the indignation of its audience by giving three examples of a Democrat engaged in the same action without such public criticism. When a liberal cable news network is criticized for its blatant partisanship, the response of its supportive viewers will be to point out the coverage bias of the conservative network. In the former, the pros and cons of opening the dialogue is secondary to pointing out hypocrisy. In the latter, a serious examination of one network is ignored while the other network exists. Pointing out hypocrisy is the contemporary way to absolve an

Agree or disagree with Alex Jones, he does not deserve to have his opinions censored.

organization or an ideology from moral, political, sociological, and environmental wrongs.

The Infowars and Jones bans should have instantly spurred two national discussions: the right and responsibility of social media companies (based on communication of beliefs and ideologies) to censor those same ideas and the right of a private company to serve only consumers it chooses while banning others.

Leftists and mainstream Republicans who have defended Jones have been clear to point out that they don’t like him or don’t listen to him. This near-mandatory preface to the support of free speech also stems from a confused political environment where to back a concept or an idea is synonymous with backing the person, and to attack a concept or idea is to attack the person. In a political discussion that is open and honest, discussion of free speech could and should be had without having to detach oneself from any support of Jones.

MIT professor, self-proclaimed anarchist, and free-speech activist Noam Chomsky wrote, “What I’ve seen of what he does is outrageous, but unlike many civil libertarians here and especially in other countries, I don’t think that the right way to deal with ‘hate speech’ and crazed fabrications is to ban them; rather, to confront them, and to seek and confront the reasons why anyone pays a moment’s attention to them.”

The power of the people certainly resides in its ability to freely consume or avoid entertainment or information. Before begging for censorship from opinions that may offend or anger, one should exercise the power button on the technology that serves as the conduit. Turn off the television, change the radio station, un-follow the page on Facebook, and refuse to subscribe to a Jones podcast on iTunes.

Censorship feeds some psycho-emotional need to be right. If an entity is censored, the opponents of that entity feel validated in their ideologies. But what if the slippery slope argument is legitimate



ALEX JONES

and all ideologies are at risk when one is at risk?

In discussing the pressure being put on some retailers such as Amazon not to carry some controversial books, Joseph Green, a free-speech purist who hosts “JoeGreenJFK.com,” wrote about the value of the better alternative books in 2016. “But we cannot have those books if we deny people the right to think, and write, in the public sphere. It is the cost of doing business in a free republic.”

Political science professor Joseph Uscinski told Global News, “The big corporations and the big government have censored (Jones’s) ideas. It’s only going to make them more alluring.”

The effects of the Jones censorship are multi-layered. Will Jones have to tone down the screaming, frothing, and crying that emphatically dramatizes what can sometimes be good anti-authoritarian questions? Do the censorship’s effects on downloads of the Infowars app encourage Jones to go further? Will a real discussion be had regarding the relationship between liberal big tech CEOs and conservative consumers? Do the divisions caused by censorship debates take away attention from the violations of privacy rights, worker exploitation, and sexism that have plagued big tech?

The banning of Jones and Infowars can be explained away as an opening salvo to ban rabid Trumpism. A scarier, more worrisome explanation may be that it is the first open door to Euro-style censorship of ideas that many find offensive and uncouth. If either liberals or conservatives allow big tech companies to become the arbiters of those bans, everyone’s voice becomes a little more silent with every axe that falls. ★

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Censorship Always Targets Truth

• The campaign to rid the nation of so-called “fake news” is fake news in itself

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

A rising tide of censorship is drowning what is left of liberty on these shores. The censors target people on both the left and right. They claim they are just trying to stop “fake news,” but they lie. The real impetus of censorship is always the same: to cover up the truth.

The witch hunt against Alex Jones is a case in point. The mainstream media campaign against Jones would have you believe that they want to silence Jones due to his allegedly false and defamatory statements.

Has Jones ever made false and defamatory statements? Perhaps. He has certainly spread misinformation about Islam and Muslims. His fact-checking is not always what it should be, nor is the portrait of national and global events he paints entirely accurate.

But there is a simple legal remedy for false and defamatory statements: the libel courts. Jones is currently being sued for libel by individuals who say he defamed them by misrepresenting their connection to the December 2012 events at Sandy Hook Elementary. If they can prove that Jones’s statements were false and damaging, and that he should have known that they were false, they will prevail in court.

But the mainstream media (MSM) campaign against Jones, which has gotten him banned from Facebook, YouTube, and other platforms, does not abide by the rules of American jurisprudence or the First Amendment. Nor is it motivated by any genuine concern about Jones’s faults. This horrendous, illegal, unconstitutional censorship campaign is going after Jones for one reason and one reason only: because Jones tells too much truth about certain sensitive issues that the mainstream is charged with covering up.

Every MSM attack on Jones charges him with spreading “9/11 conspiracy theories.” What they leave out is the fact that these theories—which blame neocons not Muslims for 9/11—are true. As



BONNIE FAULKNER

Jones has repeatedly stated, 9/11 was an “inside job,” in the same way that a bank heist assisted by insiders is an inside job. In the case of 9/11, the neocon insiders helped the “bank robbers”—Israel—pull off the attack.

The MSM is dominated by Zionists. It includes plenty of Operation Mockingbird CIA assets. These people are charged with covering up the truth of 9/11. As the audience for alternative media like Jones and AFP grows, while the MSM audience shrinks, the truth about 9/11 and other explosive issues has been steadily leaking out. The censorship campaign against Jones is part of the larger campaign to plug those leaks by taking down the alternative media.

It isn’t just conservatives like Jones who are being censored and silenced. In Berkeley, Calif., home of the 1960s Free Speech Movement, left-leaning radio host Bonnie Faulkner has been banned by KPFA radio, flagship of the Pacifica Radio Network.

Left-leaning radio talk show host Bonnie Faulkner (among others on both the left and right) has been targeted for her outspoken, opinions on the events of Sept. 11, 2001, the Holocaust and mass school shootings. Rather than censor her, however, the mainstream need only prove she is wrong, if it can.

Kevin Cartwright of KPFA management recently announced: “After an avalanche of negative calls and emails from listeners about the airing of views of a holocaust denier, climate change denial and casting the Parkland mass shooting survivors as crisis actors. [sic] KPFA cannot defend this content. Please direct all comments to KPFA’s comment line at comments@KPFA.org or 510-848-6767 ext. 622.”

Cartwright’s illiterate statement (please learn to write complete sentences!) toes the MSM propaganda line: He pretends that the “avalanche of calls and emails” was driven by concern that Ms. Faulkner’s show sometimes includes guests who make false statements about current or historical events. The reality is precisely the opposite: The “avalanche” was orchestrated by Israeli government pressure groups who hate Ms. Faulkner not because of any untruths uttered on her show but because so many of her guests tell the truth about Israel and its crimes, including the 9/11 false-flag operation.

If a guest on Ms. Faulkner’s “Guns and Butter,” or any other radio show, makes false statements, the remedy is simple and obvious: Bring on another guest to expose the lies and explain what the truth is and how we know it is the truth. Free and unfettered debate is the only context in which truth can emerge.

The current MSM moral panic over “fake news” is really a panic over “true news.” It is the scandalous truths—that 9/11 was a neocon-Zionist inside job, that Robert Mueller is a serial coverup criminal and deep state operative, that Jeffrey Epstein’s Israeli pedophile/blackmail ring has compromised America’s top leadership, that Bill Clinton is a Jeffrey Epstein client and credibly accused serial rapist, that the CIA is the world’s biggest drug dealer, that our elections are fake spectacles controlled by rigged voting machines, that America’s best leaders are assassinated by the deep state, and so on—that are the problem.

Censors never fear lies. They only fear truth. ★



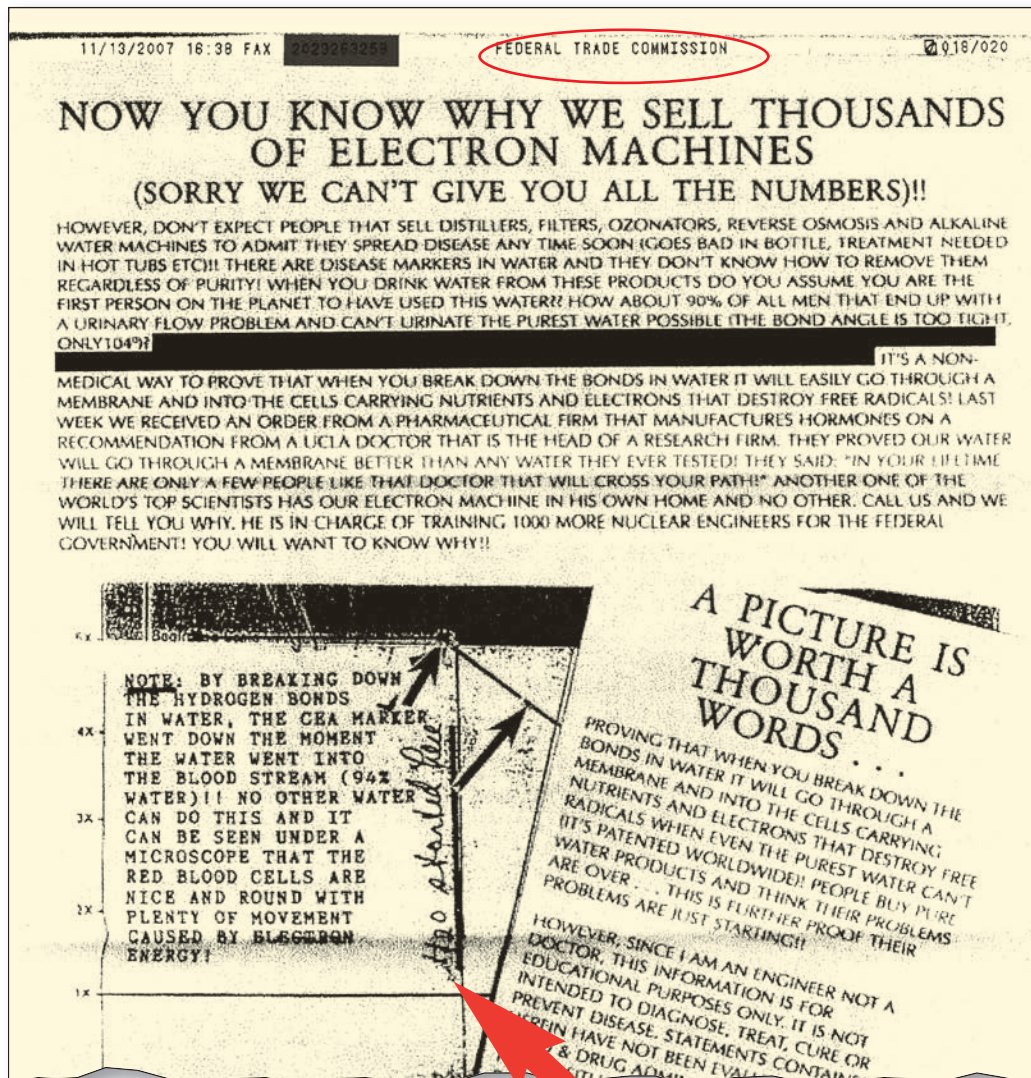
“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”
—George Orwell

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If Only They Would Have Listened to My Health Warnings!

By John Ellis

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Yes some doctors are still promoting plastic water distillers when the FDA informed mothers years ago NOT TO BOIL plastic baby bottles because this method leaches phthalates into the water or milk!

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.

Later, my grandmother moved to Rochester, NY and befriended SUSAN B. ANTHONY and American Red Cross Founder CLARA BARTON. There are hundreds of letters and pictures, in-

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cluding one of the ambulances my grandmother donated (before we entered WWII), encouraged by her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, who moved around the corner from her in New Rochelle.

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 Constitu-

tion 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.

Thousands were treated near the submarine base in New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests), but most ignored my warnings.

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!

ANOTHER WARNING IGNORED!

In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: “I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!” There is a long list of Olympic friends who are dead because they were “FDA Approved.” I was right then about anabolic steroids and I am right now about viruses and disease!

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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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Donald Trump Not the First Conspiracy Theory President

• Other inquisitive men have occupied the White House

By Donald Jeffries

President Donald Trump has excited independent-thinking Americans with his seeming fondness for what the mainstream media reflexively calls “conspiracy theories.” Trump used terms familiar to conspiracy researchers everywhere during his 2016 presidential campaign. His repeated jabs at “globalists” and “globalism” were especially noticeable. His “America first” slogan hadn’t been heard on a political stage since a movement by that name lobbied against the U.S. entering World War II. Because of this, the establishment cringed at the term, and compared Trump and his followers to Nazis.

Even before his presidential campaign, Trump questioned the murky facts about Barack Obama’s past, for which he was smeared as a “birther.” He boldly declared, in a national television interview, that “[Obama] may not have been born in this country.” In another speech, he stated, “The people that went to school with him, they don’t even know who he is.” After Loretta Fuddy, who had verified what many considered to be a fraudulent birth certificate for Obama, died in a December 2013 plane crash, citizen Trump tweeted out, “How amazing, the state health director who verified copies of Obama’s ‘birth certificate’ died in plane crash today. All others lived.”

Trump has long spoken about the obvious links between vaccines and autism, even mentioning the subject in the Republican presidential campaign debates. He also jokingly associated Ted Cruz’s father with Lee Harvey Oswald. He noted that many people doubt the official version of Vince Foster’s death, although, in typical

Trump fashion, he would go on to name the man who led the cover-up in the Foster case as his nominee to the Supreme Court. He questioned the phony nature of the official unemployment figures, although, again, he brags about those same figures now. In 2012, citizen Trump called global warming a “hoax.” Trump went on Michael Savage’s radio show and openly questioned the official story of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s strange death. He was clearly aware of the dubious details, noting that Scalia’s face “is a pretty unusual place to find a pillow.”

Regarding the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Trump has said the government “did know it was coming . . . they did have advance notice.” Trump early on remarked about how there must have been powerful explosives in the World Trade Center buildings.

He even alluded to the 2001 death of then Congressman Joe Scarborough’s young, attractive aide Lori Klausutis, whose body was found in his Florida office. After a typically petty November 2017 feud with the *Morning Joe* host, Trump tweeted out, “And will they terminate low ratings Joe Scarborough based on the ‘unsolved mystery’ that took place in Florida years ago? Investigate!”

While no other president has ever been as conspiratorial-minded as Trump—at least in public, anyway—there have been other “conspiracy theorists” in the White House. John F. Kennedy, before becoming the victim of the highest-profile conspiracy of the 20th century, gave a wonderful speech in 1961 in which he declared, “We are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy.” He was speaking of the communists, but his words can be interpreted, and have been interpreted in a much broader sense. Kennedy, of course, famously vowed to “splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds.” In 2017, WikiLeaks would use



this well-known quote as the password to decrypt its latest release of CIA documents.

Noted JFK assassination researcher David Lifton, author of the book *Best Evidence*, claimed that Ronald Reagan was keenly interested in the JFK assassination, and, in fact, regularly kept a stack of books on the subject on his nightstand. During his presidential campaign, Reagan blasted Jimmy Carter and the fact that “19 key members of the administration are or have been members of the Trilateral Commission.” Reagan would predictably install Trilateralists like CIA Director William Casey and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in his cabinet, not to mention selecting Trilateralist and Council of Foreign Relations stalwart George H.W. Bush as vice president.

According to Bill Clinton’s Associate Attorney General Webb Hubbell, upon entering the White House, he was instructed by Clinton: “I want you to find the answers to two questions for me. One, who killed JFK? And two, are there UFOs?” Clinton would famously declare at a press conference, in the midst of all the furor created by Oliver Stone’s 1991 film *JFK*, that he was satisfied that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone. Clinton doesn’t seem to have done anything to ferret out the truth about UFOs, either.

Although he almost certainly knows better, Trump would publicly state that he believed Oswald shot Kennedy. And despite bragging repeatedly about doing so, he would delay the release of still-classified JFK assassination documents until 2021.

Kennedy, of course, was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. Reagan was the victim of an unsuccessful assassination attempt shortly after entering office. Trump has received more threats than all other presidents combined. Will history repeat itself? ★

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More than one president could be characterized as a conspiracy theorist. John F. Kennedy was convinced the CIA was running secret operations behind his back. Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton were interested in UFOs and Ronald Reagan cited the power of the Trilateral Commission.

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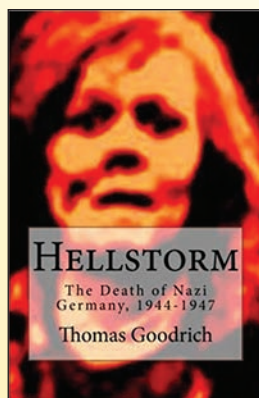
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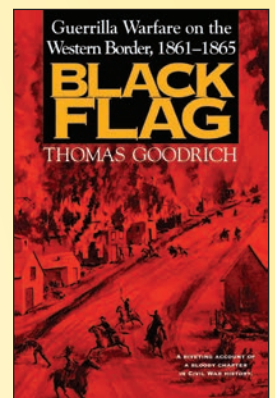


Black Flag

Guerrilla Warfare on the Western Border, 1861-1865—A Riveting Account of a Bloody Chapter in Civil War History

BY THOMAS GOODRICH

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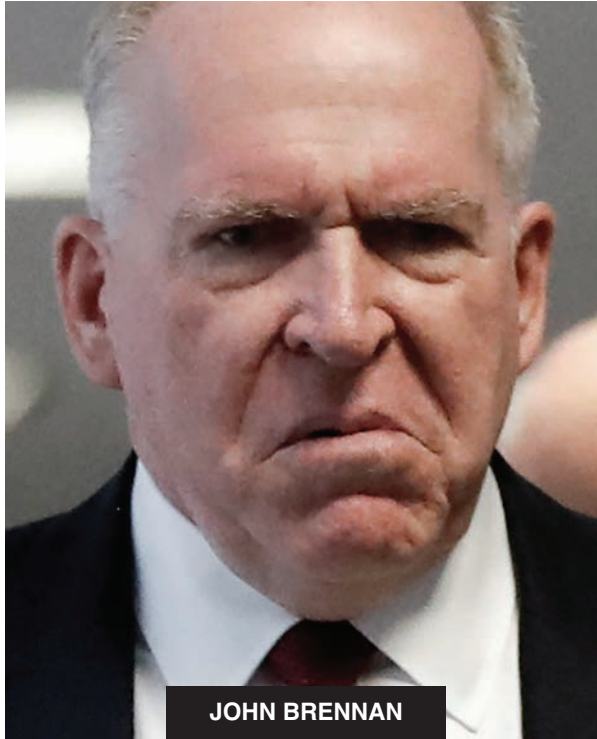
• Former CIA director's security clearance should have been pulled long ago

By Philip Giraldi

It is quite amazing to watch how the mainstream media and alleged “former senior intelligence officials” are rallying around to defend ex-CIA Director John Brennan, who has had his security clearance taken away by President Donald Trump. It is the usual bit of pretentiously high-minded blather that makes one cringe, considering the questionable track records of the loudest voices being raised to defend a man who actually has no need for a clearance and who, quite possibly, abused his office by working with the Hillary Clinton team and foreign intelligence services to dig up dirt on Trump during the election campaign. Brennan appears to have also been party to an attempt to delegitimize the president-elect even before he took office, in the latter days of the Barack Obama administration.

Consider for a moment how, back in 2013, John Brennan, then Obama's counterterrorism advisor, had a difficult time with the Senate Intelligence Committee explaining some things that he did when he was still working at CIA. He was predictably attacked by some senators concerned over the expanding drone program, which he supervised, over CIA torture, for the kill lists that he helped manage, and regarding the pervasive government secrecy, which he surely condoned to cover up the questionable nature of the assassination lists and the drones.

But the area that is still murky regarding Bren-



JOHN BRENNAN

nan relates to what exactly he was up to in 2016 when he was CIA director and also, quite possibly, simultaneously working hard to help Hillary become president. In May 2017, his appearance before Congress was headlined in a *Washington Post* front-page featured article as Brennan's explosive testimony just made it harder for the GOP to protect Trump. The article stated that Brennan, during the 2016 campaign, “reviewed intelligence that showed ‘contacts and interaction’ between Russian actors and people associated with the Trump

Ex-CIA chief John Brennan is crying foul because his security clearance was recently pulled by President Trump. But the fact is, Brennan quite possibly abused his office by working with the Clinton team to dig up dirt on Trump during the election campaign.

campaign.” *Politico* was also in on the chase in an article entitled “Brennan: Russia may have successfully recruited Trump campaign aides.”

Brennan, an ambitious man with a checkered history who was strongly disliked by his peers at CIA, appears to lack either a moral compass or any sense of restraint. He was still going after Trump well after the election, playing a part in the notoriously salacious Steele dossier, which was surfaced in January just before the inauguration. The dossier included unverifiable information and was maliciously promoted by Brennan and others in the intelligence and law enforcement community. And even after Trump assumed office, Brennan proved to be unrelenting.

The May 2017 testimony by Brennan included this statement: “I encountered and am aware of information and intelligence that revealed contacts and interactions between Russian officials and U.S. persons involved in the Trump campaign that I was concerned about because of known Russian efforts to suborn such individuals. It raised questions in my mind whether or not Russia was able to gain the cooperation of those individuals.”

The testimony inevitably raises some questions

Survival of the Richest

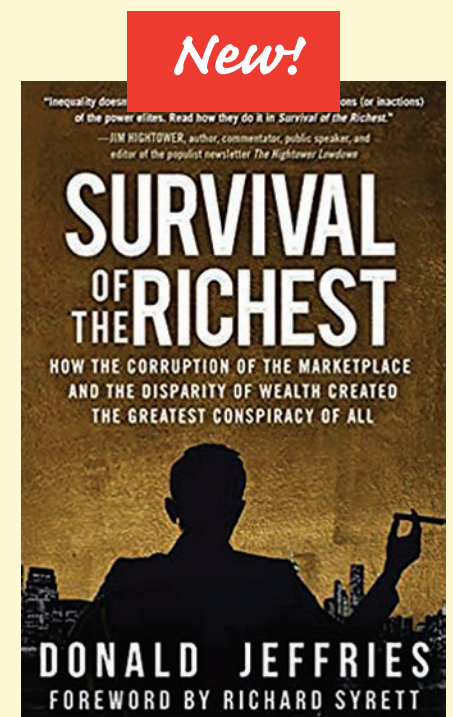
How the Corruption of the Marketplace and the Disparity of Wealth Created the Greatest Conspiracy of All

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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about just what Brennan was actually up to. First of all, the CIA is not supposed to keep tabs on American citizens, and tracking the activities of known associates of a presidential candidate should have set off warning bells, yet Brennan clearly persisted in following the trail. What Brennan did not describe, because it was “classified,” was how he came upon the information in the first place. We know from *Politico* and other sources that it came from foreign intelligence services, including the British, Dutch, and Estonians, and there has to be a strong suspicion that the forwarding of at least some of that information might have been sought or possibly inspired by Brennan unofficially in the first place. But whatever the provenance of the intelligence, it is clear that Brennan then used that information to request an FBI investigation into a possible Russian operation directed against potential key advisers if Trump were to somehow get nominated and elected, which admittedly was a longshot at the time. That is how Russiagate began.

More recently, Brennan has attacked Trump for congratulating President Vladimir Putin over his victory in Russian national elections. He said that the U.S. president is “wholly in the pocket of Putin,” definitely “afraid of the president of Russia,” and that the Kremlin “may have something on him personally. The fact that he has had this fawning attitude toward Mr. Putin . . . continues to say to me that he does have something to fear and something very serious to fear.” And he then administered what might be considered the *coup de main*, saying that the president should be impeached for “treasonous” behavior after Trump stood next to Putin of Russia at a news conference in Finland and cast doubt on the conclusion of the intelligence agencies that Moscow interfered in the 2016 presidential election.

Trump’s decision to pull Brennan’s clearance attracted an immediate tweeted response from the ex-CIA director: “This action is part of a broader effort by Mr. Trump to suppress freedom of speech & punish critics. It should gravely worry all Americans, including intelligence professionals, about the cost of speaking out.” He also added, in a *New York Times* op-ed, that “Mr. Trump’s claims of no collusion [with Russia] are, in a word, hogwash.”

But hogwash aside, these claims that Trump is a recruited Russian agent or is being blackmailed by the Kremlin are serious, and Brennan charac-



Former CIA top dog John Brennan is proving himself to be a hypocritical liar, unworthy to hold a security clearance. How could anyone in their right mind criticize a president for trying to defuse potential nuclear war with Russia and North Korea? Additionally, Brennan is engaging in the proliferation of fake news by alleging the president is being blackmailed by Russia when there is absolutely no proof of his wholly unsubstantiated accusations. It’s a smear job.

teristically provided no evidence. As many have noted, he is playing fast and loose with his “security clearance” and CIA background to provide credibility for his remarks, which have to be viewed as politically motivated.

Prior to the Brennan incident, most Americans were certainly unaware that any ex-officials continued to hold clearances after they retired, and the controversy has inevitably raised the question why that should be so.

The media should be asking why Brennan has a security clearance at all. A clearance is granted to a person, but it is also linked to “need to know” in terms of what kind of information should or could be accessed, which means that when you are no longer working as director of the Central Intelligence Agency you don’t necessarily need to know or have access to classified information. If you are allowed to keep your clearance it is a courtesy, unless you directly transition into a directorship or staff position of a major intelligence or security contractor, which many retirees do. If that is the case, you might need to retain the qualification for your job, which makes the clearance an essential component in the notorious revolving

door whereby government officials transit to the private sector, double dip with a large salary on top of their substantial pensions, and then directly lobby their former colleagues to keep the flow of cash coming.

The real problem arises when former officials, like Brennan, use their clearances as *bona fides* to enhance their marketability for non-clearance jobs in the media or corporate world, particularly when those individuals are criticizing current government policies and behaving in a partisan fashion.

So was Trump justified in taking away Brennan’s clearance? Absolutely. And going one step farther, he should take away all the clearances for all former government employees who are no longer working on classified issues. They don’t need them, and it is a courtesy that has outlived any usefulness it might once have had in the days before America’s intelligence and law enforcement agencies became politically compromised. ★

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Monsanto Forced to Pay Man \$289 Million in Cancer Case

• Profit-hungry agri-giant slapped for poisoning groundskeeper

By S.T. Patrick

Sometimes David really does defeat Goliath. A California jury this month found that Monsanto's glyphosate-based weed killers like Roundup caused the cancer of school groundskeeper Dewayne Johnson. As a result of the decision, Monsanto has been ordered to pay Johnson \$289 million in damages. Johnson may be only the first victorious David, as Monsanto now faces over 5,000 similar lawsuits across the United States.

Despite a Monsanto spokesman arguing that "more than 800 scientific studies and reviews . . . support the fact that glyphosate does not cause cancer and did not cause Mr. Johnson's cancer," the jury awarded damages to Johnson, whose attorney explained that, for the first time, jurors were privy to internal company documents "proving that Monsanto has known for decades that glyphosate and specifically Roundup could cause cancer."

The cancer arm of the World Health Organization in 2015 had determined that glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic to humans."

Study results published just days after the Johnson news broke revealed that some oat breakfast cereals and snack bars marketed toward children are laced with glyphosate. Of the 45 products containing oats tested by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), 43 contained traces of glyphosate and 31 exceeded the EWG's child-protective daily exposure benchmark of 160 ppb.

EWG reports the FDA is aware of the dangers from glyphosates but remaining silent: "In April, internal emails obtained by the nonprofit US Right to Know revealed that the Food and Drug Administration has been testing food for glyphosate for two years and has found 'a fair amount,' but the FDA has not released its findings."

Glyphosate has been used by Monsanto in weed killers since 1974, and organics activists are claiming Monsanto has known about the effects of the chemical since the early 1980s. Monsanto has since aggressively marketed glyphosate as "safer than table salt" and "practically nontoxic."

Monsanto has not only tied its weed killers to glyphosate; the agrochemical giant tied its billion-dollar seed business to the same toxic chemical. Monsanto has inserted genetically modified organisms (GMOs) into plants since 1983. It introduced GMOs to crops in 1987. A line of "Roundup Ready" seed was introduced to coincide with the glyphosate weed killers. Products like Roundup would then kill the weeds without killing the seeds. Monsanto is the world's largest distributor of seeds today, controlling nearly one-quarter of the world market. DuPont is second and shares with Monsanto a commitment to GMO seed production.

This is not the first time Monsanto's chemicals have come under fire. Monsanto abandoned DDT production "for economic reasons . . . long before any environmental concerns were brought to the table." Despite later reports that proved its toxicity, Monsanto's website still touts DDT as an effective preventative measure against malaria. Apparently, deadly chemicals do kill mosquitoes. The pesticide was banned by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1972 because it was said to cause cancer and kill wildlife.

From 1965 to 1969, Monsanto was one of the nine companies contracted by the U.S. government to manufacture Agent Orange for use in the Vietnam theater of war. It was designed, according to Monsanto, as a "defoliant to protect the lives of U.S. soldiers." It was also used to destroy enemy food crops—and lives. The Vietnamese government reported that as many as 3 million people have died or have suffered illnesses that stem from Agent Orange. Many American veterans have settled out of court with Monsanto, but



DEWAYNE JOHNSON

A California jury was convinced Dewayne Johnson's cancer was caused by ingredients in Monsanto's Roundup weedkiller.

some denied the settlement, as it would have exempted them from certain government benefits and care.

In 2004, Monsanto spokesperson Jill Montgomery asserted that the company should not be held liable for any illnesses or deaths resulting from Agent Orange.

"We are sympathetic with people who believe they have been injured and understand their concern to find the cause," Montgomery said. "But reliable scientific evidence indicates that Agent Orange is not the cause of serious long-term health effects."

After Johnson's Roundup lawsuit verdict was announced, Bayer AG, which had purchased Monsanto for \$66 billion in June, saw its stock plunge more than it had in seven years. The \$289 million judgment erased more than \$11 billion from the German drug conglomerate's market value. Bayer had already intended to drop the Monsanto name from its operations. Monsanto has for years earned nicknames such as "the evil empire" and "the world's most evil corporation." Bayer acquired the profits yet wanted to discard the reputation and public opinion.

Globally, governments and courts have taken a harsher stand against Monsanto's products. A judge in Brazil recently suspended the sale of all products containing glyphosate. A Monsanto tribunal took place in 2016-17 in The Hague. The five judges presiding over the tribunal ruled that the activities of Monsanto have a negative impact on basic human rights.

Dewayne Johnson is one of millions sickened, injured, or killed by Monsanto products. Yet, the company still maintains a stranglehold on the bureaucrats within the government.

Until politicians are exposed for their loyalty to and, in many cases, their work for Monsanto, the company's power within the government will continue to grow—like a fungus ironically immune from Monsanto's most dangerous products. ★



Christian Cakemaker Targeted

• Colorado persecutes businessman even after court ruling

By Dr. Edward DeVries

According to the Alliance Defending Freedom, on June 26, 2017 a lawyer identified as Autumn Scardina asked Masterpiece Cakeshop owner Jack Phillips to bake a “gender-transition” cake that was blue on the outside and pink on the inside. Coincidentally, that was on the same day that the Supreme Court agreed to hear *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*. With even the liberal justices agreeing that he was well within his rights not to custom design a cake on religious grounds, Phillips won that case in June by a 7-2 decision.

The reply to Scardina regarding the “gender transition” cake was the same as the reply given to the same-sex couple who had requested the cake at the heart of the matter in *Masterpiece Cakeshop*.

“We told them we’d sell them anything in the shop, but we could not create that cake because of the message it conveyed,” Phillips said.

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission didn’t like that reply before the Supreme Court ruling, and it seems they still won’t accept it afterward. Immediately after its Supreme Court loss, the commission informed Phillips that it “found probable cause to believe that Colorado law” requires his bakery in Lakewood “to create the requested gender-transition cake.”

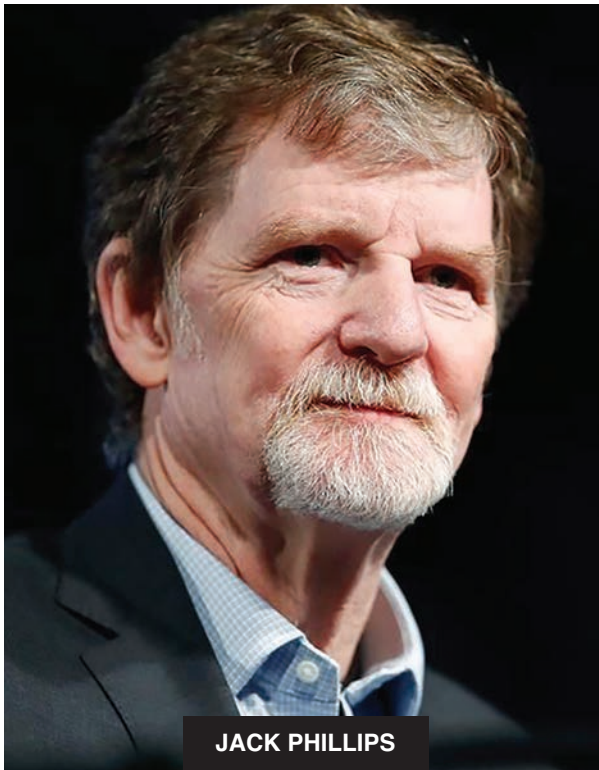
Obviously not appreciating the significance of a 7-2 ruling, the commission is going after Phillips again. And again, Phillips will be represented by lawyers from the Alliance Defending Freedom.

“The state is doubling down on its hostility against my beliefs, even though that’s what the Supreme Court said they couldn’t do,” Phillips said in a prepared statement released by his lawyers. “It seems I’m the only person in the State of Colorado who can’t live out my beliefs.”

On Phillips’s behalf, his lawyers filed a federal lawsuit late Tuesday to challenge the latest state action against him. Scardina, the lawyer who requested the cake celebrating a “gender transition,” is not a defendant in Phillips’s lawsuit, nor is the baker suing Colorado or its Civil Rights Commission. This time, he is suing the state commission’s members in their official capacities, as well as suing its director personally.

In writing the June 4 ruling for the Supreme Court, Justice Anthony Kennedy, in an opinion joined by four conservative justices and two liberal justices, said the Civil Rights Commission showed “hostility” toward Phillips and his faith. It is because of that continued “hostility” that Phillips’s lawyers advised him to sue the director personally.

“It’s clear that the state of Colorado did not get



JACK PHILLIPS

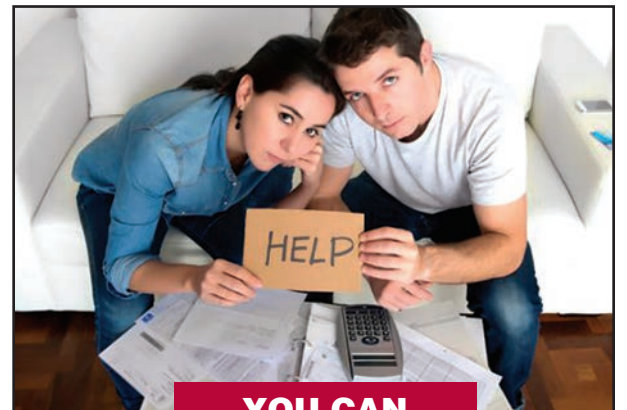
the message from the Supreme Court, since it is still singling out Jack for punishment and showing hostility toward his religious beliefs,” Kristen Waggoner, senior vice president for Alliance Defending Freedom, said in a formal statement. “In moving ahead on this new complaint, the government is yet again confirming that it applies its law in an arbitrary and unequal way, which the Supreme Court has already said that it cannot do,” said Waggoner, who argued Phillips’s case before the high court.

As a policy, Phillips’s lawyers note, “Masterpiece Cakeshop also does not make custom cakes that celebrate Halloween; that center on alcohol or drug abuse or sexual themes; or that convey disparaging messages, including those targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals or others in the LGBT movement,” because the message of such cakes would “violate his religious beliefs.”

In *Masterpiece Cakeshop*, the state admitted that “cake artists are free to decline to create custom cakes with a ‘specific design,’ including wedding cakes with ‘a symbol of gay pride,’ cakes that contain ‘pro-gay designs or inscriptions,’ or cakes with images opposing same-sex marriage. The state has not found probable cause when other bakers refused to create custom cakes, including those opposing same-sex weddings.”

Attorney Waggoner remarked on this issue.

“The arbitrary basis on which the commission is applying the law makes it clear that they are simply targeting Jack because they don’t like his religious beliefs,” Waggoner said. “Jack shouldn’t have to fear government hostility when he opens his shop for business each day. We’re asking the court to put a stop to that.” ★



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Way Too Easy to Alter

• 11-year-old changes vote tally on state data bases

By Mark Anderson

In less than 10 minutes an 11-year-old boy was able to hack into a replica of a state election website and change voting results. An 11-year-old girl named Audrey made changes to the same website in under 15 minutes. In sum, more than 30 kids hacked similar replica state sites in under 30 minutes. This is certainly alarming news considering a majority of U.S. votes are now cast via electronic voting machines.

The youth cyber-security competition was part of the Vote Hacking Village at this year's DEF CON, held Aug. 9-12 at Caesar's Palace. DEF CON, held annually since 1993 in Las Vegas, is among the world's largest hacking conventions.

Young Emmett Brewer of Austin, Texas, "accessed a replica of the Florida secretary of state's website" and altered the record of votes, which had already been counted and were simply posted online for media and public access.

DEF CON spokeswoman Molly Hall assured AFP Aug. 20 that while the young hackers were able to hack into and dramatically alter the results of already-counted votes, the minors were not involved in trying to hack into actual voting machines used at polling places. Ms. Hall said the effort by adult hackers to access and change the data in voting machines was a separate component of the Hacking Village. A third component saw adult hackers successfully access Ohio's voter-registration data, though they were not able to alter it.

"Emmett was able to change names, vote numbers, and the parties," Ms. Hall said, adding that the young hacker even inserted his own name as a "winning" candidate.

A DEF CON tweet paints a much broader picture of the Hacking Village's findings than what the mainstream media has presented, noting: "The Village had participants find or replicate vulnerabilities ranging from passwords stored on the [voting] machines with no encryption, to buffer overflows in critical input routines."

Specific hacks also included:

"Discovering 1,784 files, including mp3 audio files of Chinese pop songs, hidden among the operating system files of a voting machine;

"Hacking a mock election so that an unlisted candidate received the most votes; and

"Hacking an email ballot [often used by soldiers overseas] so that the recorded vote was different from what was selected."

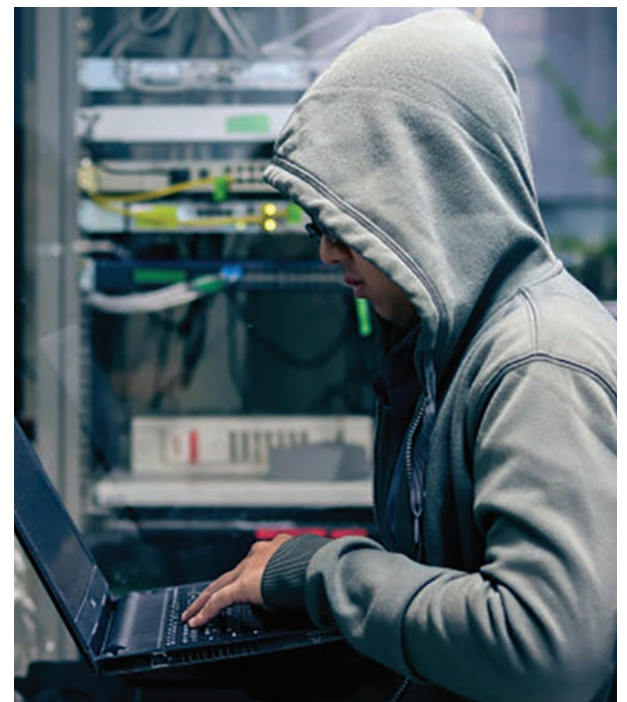
Nico Sell, the co-founder of the non-profit r00tz Asylum, which teaches children how to become hackers and helped organize the event, told "PBS NewsHour": "These are very accurate replicas of all of the [S.O.S.] sites. These things should not be easy enough for an 8-year-old kid to hack within 30 minutes; it's negligent for us as a society."

Interestingly, one of the "big three" voting machine manufacturers—Election Systems and Software, or ES&S—raised "questions about the value of the Voting Village," noted DEF CON. "It is unfortunate that ES&S is making vague and unsupportable threats that distract from the real issue: the integrity and security of our electoral process."

ES&S's comments seem "designed to create questions and cast doubt in the minds of researchers and election officials, discouraging them from pursuing these vital lines of inquiry," DEF CON added.

ES&S sent a "proactive" message to its "valued customers" the day before DEF CON began, in part complaining about DEF CON hackers' access to the all-important secretive, proprietary software with which the voting machines operate: "Often jurisdictions that purchase new [vote-counting] equipment will sell or trade their used hardware, which is a legal transaction. We understand that DEF CON organizers and other researchers have obtained equipment in this manner. What is not legal, however, is the transfer of the use of the software . . . unless [it has] been properly licensed to the new owner. ES&S has not licensed software to any non-governmental agencies for their use."

Election-fraud researcher Jim Condit Jr. understands election fraud from its earlier days before computer hacking was possible and



Since its founding, AFP has warned that electronic voting machines are unreliable and vote counts easily changed. That was proven again when 30 young people were recently able to hack into the election infrastructure.

points out that the core problem is internal, not external—because the big three vendors' electronic voting machines used almost universally in the U.S. can be internally programmed to "flip" votes and steal an election without a necessity for external hacking.

"It's the big-three voting machine vendors, ES&S, Hart InterCivic, and Dominion that need to be investigated for keeping the true vote-count from the public," Condit told AFP.

Furthermore, given what happened at DEF CON, Condit expects an intensified effort to centralize elections.

"Are they only admitting this vulnerability [at DEF CON], so they can centralize things?" he wondered, adding, "Yes, an 11-year-old can do this, but now let's hand it over to DHS [the Department of Homeland Security] to keep things 'safe.'"

Of note, on Aug. 15, DHS completed a three-day "National Exercise on Election Security," described as the "first of its kind."

While the exercise simulated "voter system interference" scenarios, the gathering drew officials from the District of Columbia and 44 states, along with the Election Assistance Commission, the Departments of Defense and Justice, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Security Agency, and U.S. Cyber Command.

While the "suits and spooks" at the DHS event poured over external-interference scenarios, all initial vote counts should be done manually, at the precinct level, with paper ballots without externally hackable or internally alterable machines to begin with, said Condit. ★

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Chicago Think Tank's Power Grows

• Major donation from longtime defense mogul amplifies CCGA influence

By Mark Anderson

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs (CCGA), founded in 1922 as the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, is anxious to observe its 100th anniversary as one of the world's most active conduits for formulating world government. But in the meantime, this "Chatham House of the Midwest" has lit the path to 2022 with an announcement of "a major gift" to the council's Second Century Campaign from the family of Chicago-based business mogul Lester Crown.

Crown followed in the footsteps of his father, Henry, and served as president and chair of General Dynamics. The Virginia-based company remains one of the world's largest defense contractors, known for bagging huge U.S. military contracts to build some of the world's best-known weapons systems including the M-1 Abrams tank and the F-16 Fighting Falcon warplane. It also builds submarines at the renowned Groton, Conn. shipyard.

Forbes in July of 2015 noted that the Crown family's holdings include "stakes in the New York Yankees and the Chicago Bulls, and 20% of Rockefeller Center. The patriarch is [now 93-year-old] Lester, son of progenitor Henry. Henry and his two brothers started a building-supplies company in 1919. They learned how to defer taxes and construct a business using borrowed money. Henry merged his building-supplies company with General Dynamics in 1958. The Crown family still owns 10% of General Dynamics stock [worth billions], the family's largest single asset."

More importantly, Lester Crown, besides being a member of the deep-state Aspen Institute and the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, also is a longtime member of the infamous New York Council on Foreign Relations, founded in 1921 to coordinate the transnational elite and government for the chief purpose of privately controlling U.S. foreign policy. Ivo Daalder, president of the CCGA, also is a New York CFR member. And since Crown is former chairman and now chairman emeritus of the CCGA, his donation is being kept "in the family," in organizational terms.

The large gift, the size of which has yet to be disclosed, is making possible a new Lester Crown Center on U.S. Foreign Policy.

"The new center will bring together national policy experts and top thinkers to address matters related to world politics and global events," an Aug. 10 CCGA press release stated. "The center will host an annual Lester Crown Distinguished Lecture on U.S. Foreign Policy, will convene a Lester Crown National Security Roundtable, and will produce the Council's signature annual public opinion survey... on timely foreign policy issues."



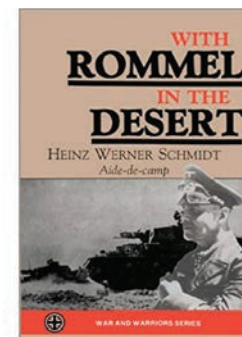
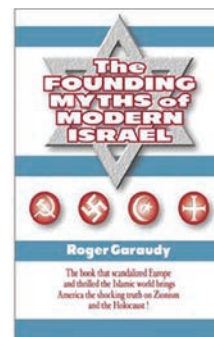
The Crown Roundtable will be hosted by Daalder, a former U.S. ambassador to NATO. By employing what the CCGA calls "a small group format," the roundtable "will create opportunities for local and civic leaders to build relationships with national foreign policy leaders and will... provide national leaders with direct exposure to the interests of those in Chicago and the broader Midwest—regions typically underrepresented in Washington foreign policy circles."

Translation: This format will enhance one of the CCGA's premier programs, the annual Forum on Global Cities, where national, international and local interests converge. The annual June forum

nurtures the process of empowering cities to have their own foreign policies and diplomacy, "climate-change" policies, immigration policies (some global cities declare themselves sanctuaries to protect illegal aliens) and other avenues normally constitutionally reserved to national governments.

The global cities scheme involves a virtual mutiny on the part of select internationalist-oriented cities in the U.S. and abroad—to diminish the nation state and build world government from the bottom up, not just from the top down.

It's worth noting that things haven't always been so idyllic for Crown. As reported even by the sympathetic *Chicago Tribune* in 1986, a hearing examiner from the Defense Department blocked efforts by Pentagon lawyers to revoke Crown's top-secret security clearance because of his involvement in a bribery scandal. The ruling enabled Crown to remain on General Dynamics's board of directors. "Pentagon lawyers had sought to revoke Crown's security clearance because Crown and General Dynamics had failed to inform the Defense Department of Crown's involvement in the bribery of Illinois legislators," the *Tribune* noted at the time. ★



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Antifa Calls for Violence While Media Stays Silent

By John Friend

Antifa and other radical leftist activist groups continue to show their true colors as yet another publicly displayed monument commemorating Confederate soldiers who honorably fought and died in the Civil War has been illegally toppled, this time on the campus of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

In August of last year, protesters illegally toppled a Confederate monument in Durham, N.C., just days after the Unite the Right rally was held in Charlottesville, Va. Although several suspects involved in the vandalism and destruction of the statue were arrested in Durham, local prosecutors dropped all charges against all of the suspects involved, once again demonstrating that the radical left all too often operates with impunity, violating the law, committing acts of violence, vandalism, and terrorism without legal consequences.

This year in August the radical left struck again, ripping down the Silent Sam Confederate statue on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. According to *The News & Observer*, a regional daily newspaper, the statue was toppled shortly after 9 p.m. on Aug. 20. Prior to the statue being ripped down, protesters vandalized the monument in an attempt to erect an alternative that stood “for a world without white supremacy,” according to reports.

University officials released a statement calling the action by protesters “dangerous” and vowed to investigate the vandalism and assess “the full extent of the damage.” Chancellor Carol Folt went a step further in a statement released the day after the statue was illegally removed. Folt described the illegal toppling as “unlawful and dangerous” before acknowledging that the monument

When radical leftists commit a crime, the media inevitably portrays the act as socially justified.

“has been divisive for years.” Time will tell if local authorities decide to pursue criminal charges against those responsible for the vandalism and destruction of the Confederate monument.

In related news, radical leftist activists violently confronted and clashed with police and members of the media in both Washington, D.C. and Charlottesville, Va. during the Unite the Right 2 rally, which took place in Lafayette Park in the nation’s capital on Sunday, Aug. 12. Leftist activists took to the streets to protest the one-year anniversary of the first Unite the Right rally, and to counter-protest the second event, organized by activist Jason Kessler.

In Charlottesville, antifa protesters not only clashed with police but also heckled and harassed members of the media. At one point, a protester violently struck the camera of an NBC reporter. Amazingly, NBC actually downplayed the assault in later reporting.

Other radical leftist protesters in Washington, D.C., who were interviewed by independent journalists during their counter-protest of the Unite the Right 2 rally, openly admitted to supporting violence against their political opponents, including President Donald Trump. When asked what they would do to Trump if he were in their presence, many of the leftist protesters stated they would use violence against the president.

“We’d have to do him like Qaddafi,” one pro-



The statue of “Silent Sam,” located on the campus of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a symbolic statue representing the Confederate soldier, was vandalized and toppled by leftists. University spokesmen say that time will tell if local authorities will pursue the criminals.

tester stated, referring to the violent death of the hysterically demonized former Libyan leader. Others were more specific. “I would murder him, for the people,” one young man declared.

The radical left, which is often portrayed as a righteous, non-violent, tolerant movement opposed to oppression and fighting for equality and peace, has become increasingly more explicit in their justification for violence. In case after case, radical leftist activists justify pre-emptive violence against their political opponents or destruction of private property as morally sanctioned in the broader struggle against “white supremacy” and “racism.” For the most part, the mainstream media not only downplays the calls for violence but actually enables them by not pressing charges when their own reporters are attacked.

Will Trump and other political leaders finally have the courage and conviction to confront the radical left and their open use of political violence, terrorism, and criminal acts of vandalism? ★

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Hotel Too Scared to Host Confab?

- USS *Liberty* massacre, 9/11 will feature prominently in live event

By Dave Gahary

Ron Avery, the Texas architect who's done extensive studies and presentations on the construction of the twin towers—and doesn't believe for a second the U.S. government's conspiracy theory—is kicking off a series of live and live-streamed conferences called the "Great Topics Fest," with the first planned for Sept. 8, titled "The Ship That Won't Sink!"

Live streaming is video recorded and broadcast online in real time, like a "beach cam" to view the conditions of the shoreline, or a "zoo cam" to watch the animals there.

Avery set everything up, including selecting the speakers, paying for their transportation, choosing the venue, signing the contracts, constructing the sets, wiring the audio/visual equipment, and everything else you could think of.

This writer, along with fellow AMERICAN FREE PRESS writer Mark Anderson, are two of the featured speakers set to make presentations in front of a live crowd and the many more online viewers who purchase tickets to the live-stream portion of the event.

The venue selected, the luxurious Hotel Contessa on the San Antonio Riverwalk—a few blocks away from the legendary Alamo—was all ready to go, until Ron heard from the hotel, as he explained in an exclusive interview with this writer.

"When I asked for a little more lead time to get in and fix up the room," he said, "I didn't hear from them for a couple of days, and I just got this letter by overnight mail, mailed to my home."

The letter—dated Aug. 15 and addressed to "Dear Mr. Avery" from the hotel's general manager—was short and sweet, just seven curt sentences, with the first one stating:

I am writing to inform you that, unfortunately, the Hotel Contessa must exercise its contractual right to cancel The Ship That

Won't Sink event scheduled to occur at the hotel Sept. 7-8, 2018.

General manager Troy Mathews apologized "for any inconvenience," and wished Avery "the best" for the event.

Avery wasn't that surprised.

"The last two years that I've tried to hold a '9/11 truth' event," Avery said, "people tried to shut the venue down."

One time they were successful, and Avery was forced to host the presentation beside a pool in a condominium complex.

"So, we ended up having it by the pool at night," he said, "with no light. I videotaped it with one camera with the infrared on, just so we could see the presentation."

Avery has already found a new venue. Tickets to attend the event are \$27.59 each. To listen to the conference on the Internet live-streamed are just \$10. Tickets can be easily purchased online at mixnstream.com/ship-wont-sink.html.

Avery states on his website:

Due to possible outside influence causing the cancellation of our contract with the Hotel Contessa, we will not release the location of this new venue until the day before (9/7/18) in order to reduce the ability of those who are offended by the truth from harassing the venue and causing another cancellation of our event. So stay tuned for the location later. We will email all seat ticket holders the location privately. For now we will say that the location is within 75 miles of San Antonio, Texas.

"I'm not going to do the poolside thing anymore," he vowed. "We'll have it indoors like other human beings have their presentations."

Avery is optimistic about the outcome.

"I think it'll be a great group of speakers, and I think people are going to be blown away with the presentation," he said. "I do believe that this year—2018—this event will be the one to watch on live stream. Of all the ones out there, this will have the most powerful presentation and the most meaning for all Americans." ★

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AFP Offers China-Free Vitamin C After Reports of Toxic Products

- Now you can bypass low-quality, potentially hazardous vitamin C

By the AFP Staff

Following on the heels of recent news that, once again, a Chinese company has been busted making and selling products that are laced with deadly carcinogens, AMERICAN FREE PRESS is now selling in its bookstore vitamin C that is made outside of China.

In early July, The European Medicines Agency announced that its researchers had learned a Chinese biotech firm by the name of Zhejiang Huahai Pharmaceuticals was selling blood pressure and heart medication with the active ingredient valsartan that was found to be laced with a carcinogen. Health authorities in Europe and the United States have issued mandatory recalls for the medication, citing concerns that the vital medicine could sicken or even kill those who take it.

According to *The Epoch Times*, the medicines “contain an impurity called N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) that is carcinogenic.”

The recall reportedly affects 2,300 batches of valsartan that were sold to 20 European countries, including Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. Though the toxic medication from China was not sold in the United States, the Food and Drug Administration is still not taking any chances and issued its own recall



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Avoid buying Chinese-made vitamin C products and instead stick with safe sources.

inside America.

China is notorious for making and selling poisonous products. According to reports, in the past few years, 60% of recalls for products in the U.S. have involved Chinese-made products. These include toothpaste, cosmetics, pet food, drywall, car tires, even children's toys.

Just this week U.S. news headlines are cautioning parents to steer clear of certain school supplies after the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) found that one brand of crayons—sold at one of the discount chains where many of today's cash-strapped parents are looking for deals on ever-rising costs of back-to-school necessities—contain asbestos. In its recently released 2018 “Safer School Supplies Shopping Guide,” U.S. PIRG reports phthalates and other dangerous chemicals have been found in other products, from 3-ring binders to erasers.



Why the United States continues to allow imports from China is beyond any of us, since the country cannot be trusted to maintain quality control of products its companies manufacture. Obviously that day will never come, so it is advised to avoid products that are made in China whenever possible.

There are always other options available.

Since China reportedly makes 95% of the vitamin C that is sold to all different brands of vitamin makers, it is almost guaranteed that any supplement you buy in stores or on the Internet will contain Chinese vitamin C. The keyword here, however, is “almost.” AMERICAN FREE PRESS is now partnering with Intelligent Vitamin C, which makes its supplements from a vitamin C that is manufactured in Scotland from non-GMO sources.

Sure, you may have to pay a few more dollars for clean products than for the cheap Chinese versions, but how much is your health—and your family's health—worth to you? We would say it is worth paying an extra \$10 a month for high-quality, safe, nontoxic vitamins.

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Regime Change a Recipe for War in Iran

By Richard Walker

Sixty-five years after a CIA-inspired coup overthrew a democratically elected Iranian government to install a pro-Western puppet regime, the Trump administration has announced its intention to once again force regime change in Iran.

The 1953 coup led by the U.S. was a disgraceful episode in the history of U.S. foreign policy and involved the British, who were determined to control Iran's oil riches.

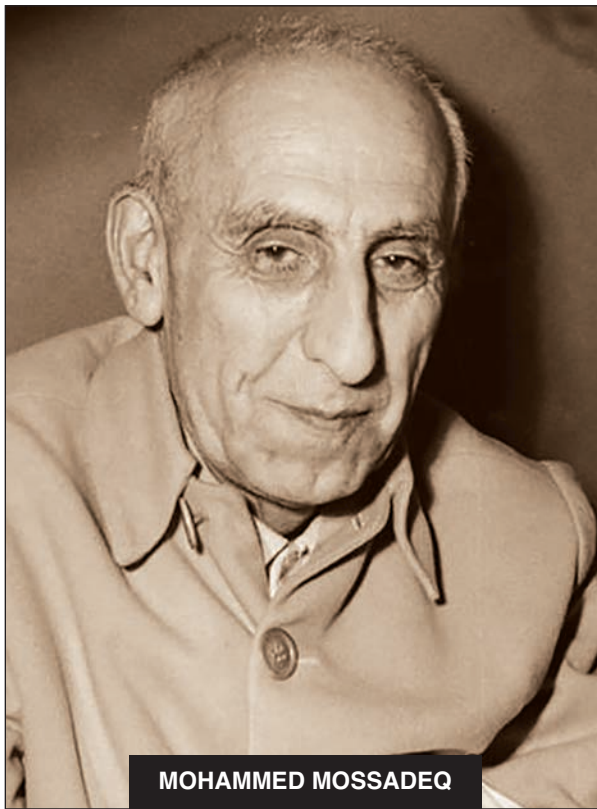
Today, the decision by President Donald Trump to use America's power once again to interfere with Iran's internal politics does not have the backing of America's NATO allies, including Turkey, and is also opposed by Russia and China.

Given that Washington's regime change policy in Syria has turned out to be such a disaster, the announcement by former CIA chief Mike Pompeo, now secretary of state, that Iran is now in the Trump White House crosshairs was not well received by European nations that will not back America in another Middle East war driven by neocon fervor and Washington's ties to Israel and Saudi Arabia.

Anyone with a brain knows that the Middle East has been a junkyard for U.S. foreign policy. There has been a long line of disasters including the Iraq War, the Syria War, the removal of Muammar Qaddafi in Libya that led to the disintegration of that country into armed camps, and support for Saudi Arabia that is committing war crimes in Yemen and paying al Qaeda to assist it. The recent Saudi slaughter of a busload of Yemeni school children with a missile supplied by the U.S. did not raise an eyebrow in Congress. One can only imagine what the reaction would have been had Israeli children been massacred by Palestinians.

The risk of running a covert campaign to force regime change in Iran is that it could lead to a bloody war across the region. That would suit Israel and Saudi Arabia, two of the Trump administration's closest allies. It would also cost many lives, including those of U.S. service personnel. Russia, an ally of Iran, could be drawn into such a conflict.

None of this appears to trouble Trump, who franchised out Middle East policy to his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, a family friend of Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu and a close associate of the reck-



MOHAMMED MOSSADEQ

Left, Mohammed Mossadeq en route to The Hague where he was determined to contest the International Court's competence to rule in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company case in 1952. Because Mossadeq wanted to nationalize the oil revenues dominated by the British and Americans, the CIA had him ousted.

less Saudi leader Mohammed bin Salman. the regime. This is the same Pompeo who is on record claiming that it would take only 2,000 bombing sorties by the U.S. and its allies to destroy Iran's nuclear infrastructure and presumably its industrial base. The claim was made in 2014, but now there would be no NATO allies prepared to join such a venture, leaving Washington tied to Israel and Saudi Arabia.

On May 22, Pompeo ominously warned that the U.S. would use all its economic and military might to destroy Iran's economy and crush its operatives and proxies around the world. It was clearly a threat of U.S. inter-agency activity of the type Israel is fond of, including assassinations. Such a policy would result in blowback beyond the Middle East.

Commentator Daniel Patrick Welch told PressTV he believed Russia and China would oppose any reckless move to attack Iran.

Turkey, meanwhile, has made it clear that it will side with Russia and China in helping Iran combat Washington sanctions.

A Russian diplomatic source with knowledge of the region spoke to AFP off the record, pointing out that Moscow was concerned the Trump administration was being moved toward a major conflict with Iran. The source said the Kremlin saw no appetite among European nations for more chaos in the Middle East. ★

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

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America's List of Enemies Growing

• U.S. foreign policy based on creating more powerful adversaries, not diplomacy

By Patrick J. Buchanan

On Aug. 10, deep into the 17th year of America's longest war, Taliban forces overran Ghazni, a provincial capital that sits on the highway from Kabul to Kandahar. The ferocity of the Taliban offensive brought U.S. advisers along with U.S. air power, including a B-1 bomber, into the battle.

"As the casualty toll in Ghazni appeared to soar on Sunday," *The Wall Street Journal* reported, "hospitals were spilling over with dead bodies, corpses lay in Ghazni's streets, and gunfire and shelling were preventing relatives from reaching cemeteries to bury their dead."

A few days later, in Yemen, a funeral was held in the town square of Saada for 40 children massacred in an air strike on a school bus by Saudis or the UAE using U.S.-provided planes and bombs.

"A crime by America and its allies against the children of Yemen," said a Houthi rebel leader.

Yemen is among the worst humanitarian situations in the world, and in creating that human-rights tragedy, America has played an indispensable role.

The U.S. also has 2,000 troops in Syria. Our control, with our Kurd allies, of that quadrant of Syria east of the Euphrates is almost certain to bring us into eventual conflict with a regime and army insisting that we get out of their country.

As for our relations with Turkey, they have



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never been worse.

President Erdogan regards our Kurd allies in Syria as collaborators of his own Kurdish-terrorist PKK. He sees us as providing sanctuary for exiled cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan says was behind the attempted coup in 2016 in which he and his family were targeted for assassination.

Earlier in August, when the Turkish currency,

John Bolton is perhaps the worst choice Trump could have ever made for national security advisor.

the lira, went into a tailspin, President Donald Trump piled on, ratcheting up U.S. tariffs on Turkish aluminum and steel.

Which raises a question: How many quarrels, conflicts and wars, and with how many adversaries, can even the mighty United States sustain?

In November, the most severe of U.S. sanctions will be imposed on Iran. Among the purposes of this policy: Force as many nations as possible to boycott Iranian oil and gas, sink its economy, bring down the regime.

Iran has signaled a possible response to its oil and gas being denied access to world markets. This August, Iranian gunboats exercised in the Strait of Hormuz, backing up a regime warning that if Iranian oil cannot get out of the Gulf, the oil of Arab OPEC nations may be bottled up inside as well. Last week, Iran test-fired an anti-ship ballistic missile.

9/11 TRUTH: MEMORANDA TO THE PRESIDENT

In 2016, speaking to a wildly enthusiastic crowd in Bluffton, South Carolina, Donald Trump promised that he would find out—and inform the American public—“who really knocked down the World Trade Center.” As all engaged and informed citizens now know, the 9/11 Commission was a controlled cover-up—totally comparable to the Warren Commission controlled cover-up on the assassination of John F. Kennedy by Lyndon Baines Johnson, Allen Dulles, J. Edgar Hoover, and varied private sector participants. This collection of 27 memoranda provides the president all he needs to know to do several things when he gives his planned speech on 9/11 on Sept. 11, 2018:

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Vice President Announces New American 'Space Force'

• Cost, morality of weaponizing space questioned by critics

By S.T. Patrick

Young American servicemen have been called to duty to storm the beaches of Normandy, lay siege to Hué, and secure a dangerous Kandahar. There may be a time in the not-so-distant future when there will be Americans patrolling that mysterious “galaxy far, far away.” Vice President Mike Pence recently outlined a 15-page Pentagon report for what will be called the United States Space Force.

Space Force, which would be a sixth military branch, was announced before a skeptical audience of senior Department of Defense (DoD) leaders and military commanders. It would be commanded by a four-star commander and would need funding from the 2020 fiscal budget. The plan would require the recruiting of “space experts” who would be trained and used as “space warfighting professionals.”

The purpose of Space Force was later outlined by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis who said, “We are in complete alignment with the president’s concern about protecting our assets in space.”

The assets may range from communications satellites to covert spy technology to an eventual weaponization of the entire program’s mission. UFOlogists have already interpreted the move as one giant leap toward disclosure.

Republican administrations have floated and funded the idea of a weaponized space program

The Trump administration says there’s a need for a sixth military branch to protect space assets.

since the 1980s. In 1983 President Ronald Reagan announced his intention to build a missile defense system, the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI, or “Star Wars,” as critics called it). The program, in theory and theory only, was designed to use particle beam weapons, lasers, and space-based missile defense systems to intercept and destroy Russian missiles en route to the United States. It was an offshoot of the many shoot-em-down games that could be played on the Atari game systems. The cost of the first phase of SDI was estimated at \$170 billion by 1988. Critics scoffed, but the defense industry was enormously enriched and the Russians—believing in the veracity of the program’s results or not—were too economically fragile to compete with the expenditures.

Quasi-space defense systems are already em-



Websites like RangerUp.com are marketing parody t-shirts of Uncle Sam urging people to join the proposed new U.S. Space Force. Resistance to the program is already coming from congressional critics.

ployed by the DoD. Nuclear-hardened hardware and reflectors exist to thwart attempts to jam communications satellites, for example. But the threats, outlined in the report as Russia and China, continue to build missiles with improved maneuverability and speed.

After the Pence presentation, President Donald Trump chimed in to explain the mission further on Twitter. “Space Force all the way!” he tweeted.

Like a high school service club spending its entire first meeting choosing t-shirt designs, Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale then asked followers to choose their favorite from among six potential Space Force logos.

“As a way to celebrate President Trump’s huge announcement, our campaign will be selling a new line of gear,” Parscale wrote in an email to supporters. “But first we have to make a final decision on the design we will use to commemorate

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There wasn't an email that asked if the money would be well-spent, who the defense contractors would be, and whether or not they are donors. Nor was the source of the revenue that would be spent for the new military department that would house the bureaucratic wing of Space Force here on Earth clarified.

Pence did not estimate costs or specific budgetary allowances that would be required for the funding of Space Force. The giddy receivers of the new billion-dollar dreams will surely be the aerospace, aviation, and defense contractors who continue to profit from war. As Reagan perfected defense industry welfare via the massive funding of SDI, the Trump administration aims to do the same through the cartoonishly named Space Force.

NASA has fallen out of favor with young congressmen who have grown up in the era of the Challenger disaster and the patch-it-up Space Shuttle strategy of flight. NASA was the pet project of those inspired by John Kennedy's promise to put a man on the moon. Space Force will be the re-branded billion-dollar piggy bank for those who grew up watching the "Star Wars" films and other science fiction movies.

"We must have American dominance in space," Pence said. When we have exhausted our resources and stretched our military so thin as to draw decades of ire from the global community, the decision of the Trump administration is to look outward. Those tired of the long-term effects of Manifest Destiny are perplexed as to why America's best and brightest resources can't stay within its borders.

Like Reagan's SDI, Space Force is a risk for the American people, in that it may be a money pit with limited results, initiated at a time when the middle class continues to shrink. For Americans begging for fiscal responsibility and a smaller government, the force may not be with us. ★

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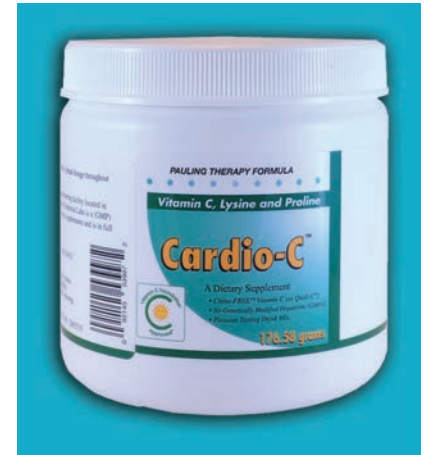
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Globalists Push for Unfettered Free Trade

• Plutocrats see dropping of all tariffs an avenue to complete open-borders policy

By Patrick J. Buchanan

On meeting with the EU's Jean-Claude Juncker last month, Donald Trump tweeted: "Both the U.S. and the EU drop all tariffs, barriers and subsidies! That would finally be Free Market and Fair Trade." Did Larry Kudlow somehow get access to Trump's phone? We know not. But, on hearing this, Steve Forbes, Stephen Moore, and Arthur Laffer broke into the "Hallelujah" chorus of Handel's "Messiah." "Amen," they thundered in *The New York Times*.

Trump should declare "total trade disarmament" to be national policy and make free trade his "legacy" to America. Such a proclamation, they wrote, would assure Trump the "moral high ground" in the global debate and transform him from "evil disrupter of international commerce to potential savior." For free trade is always and ever a "win-win for trading partners."

To read the *Times* op-ed is to appreciate that what we are dealing with here is an ideology, a political religion, a creed, a cult.

For consider the fruits of free trade policy during the last 25 years: the frozen wages of U.S. workers, \$12 trillion in U.S. trade deficits, 55,000 factories lost, 6 million manufacturing jobs gone, China surpassing the U.S. in manufacturing, all causing a



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For years, EU President Jean-Claude Juncker has been playing games when it comes to trading with the U.S., leveling fees on U.S. imports to protect European businesses. It's about time a U.S. president takes a stand against these types of scams that hurt American industry.

or immigration courts."

And what would happen after we declare open borders? "Immigrants will not flood into America. . . . Crime will not skyrocket. . . . Even if values and culture change, so what? . . . Who says America's current values—some of them deeply evil—are the right ones?"

Bottom line for Cato's Miron: If we throw open America's borders and invite the world to come in and to remake who we are as a nation, "think about the money we could save and make." This is truly economics *uber alles*, economy before country.

Other open borders and free trade true believers have begun speaking out. Billionaire industrialist Charles Koch, a megadonor to the GOP, has just lashed out at Trump as "divisive" and denounced the "rise in protectionism." Nations, organizations, and individuals, said Koch, "are doing whatever they can to close themselves off from the new, hold onto the past, and prevent change." He added, "This is a natural tendency, but it is a destructive one."

In a pair of tweets, Trump fired back: "The globalist Koch Brothers, who have become a total joke in real Republican circles, are against Strong Borders and Powerful Trade. I never sought their support because I don't need their money or bad ideas.

backlash that pushed a political novice to the Republican nomination and into the presidency.

To maintain a belief in the superiority of free trade to economic patriotism, in the face of such results, is to recognize that this belief system is impervious to contradictory proof. Still, the enduring enthusiasm of free trade zealots is not the only sign that GOP globalists, having learned nothing and forgotten nothing, are looking to a post-Trump era to resurrect their repudiated dogmas.

In *USA Today*, Jeffrey Miron, director of economic studies at the libertarian flagship think tank Cato Institute, wrote recently: "The solution to America's immigrant problems is open borders. Open borders means no walls, fences, screenings at airports, ICE . . . deportations, detention centers

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The open borders, free trade ideology of the Kochs, the Cato Institute, and such supply-siders as Moore, Forbes, and Laffer, have deep roots in the Republican Party establishment.

Milton Friedman was of this school, as was the longtime editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, Bob Bartley, who for years pushed for a constitutional amendment declaring, "There shall be open borders."

Profit, not the health of the nation, is the primary concern of those promoting free trade, open borders.

Bartley, somewhat prematurely, predicted that the nation-state was "finished" in the New World Order. Yet, today, as tribalism and nationalism are making a comeback, it looks more like the transnational "New World Order" may be headed for the dumpster.

As long as Trump is in the White House and the party base is so viscerally behind him and his America-first agenda, a renunciation of tariffs or a return to globalism is dead.

But what happens after Trump? Who and what comes next? Republican recidivism—a return to the rejected open borders, free trade agenda of the Bush Republicans—would ignite a firestorm of protest that would tear the party of Trump apart.

Yet, while these ideas have lost Middle America, they are alive and well among the establishment elites of both parties, who have also not given up on a foreign policy of using America's economic and military power to attempt to convert mankind to democracy. ★

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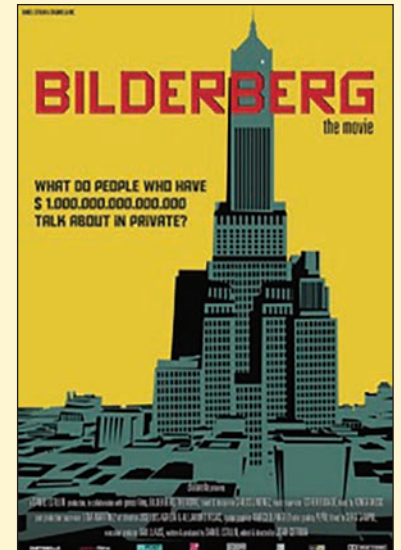
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A Message from Danny Estulin . . .

In 1992, I had lunch in Toronto with a former Soviet KGB spy who predicted, with great accuracy, the 1995 Quebec Referendum and its dire consequences for the rest of Canada. Back then, it was hard for me to believe that you could actually "know" the future, that is until I realized many years later that world politics are not decided at the ballot boxes but in opulent hotels by a small but very powerful group of people.

Former British Defense Minister Denis Healey put it this way: "World events do not occur by accident. They are made to happen, whether it is to do with national issues or commerce; and most of them are staged and managed by those who hold the purse strings." Or to quote former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli: "The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

In 1993, I joined military counterintelligence and, after spending over a decade in the service, I can tell you that I completely agree with Healey and Disraeli. Little of what we are told in corporate media about the functionality of the world around us has to do with reality. In fact, just the opposite is true.

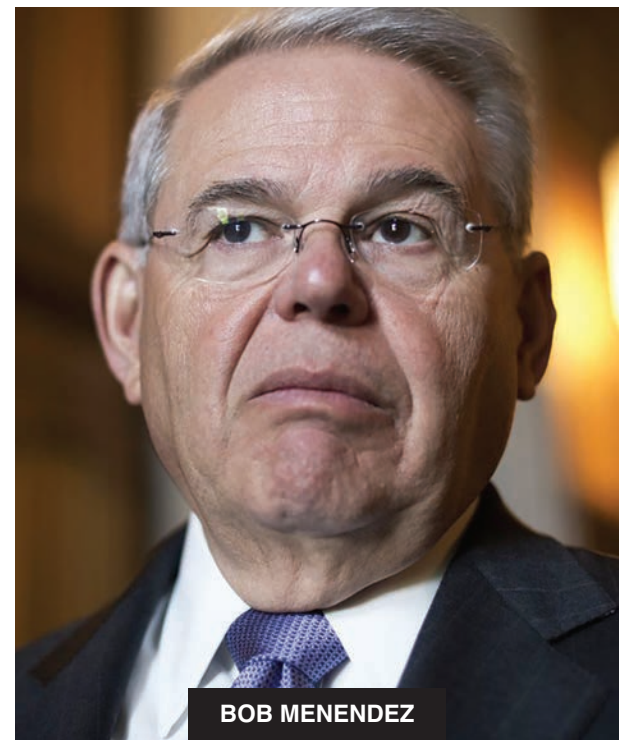
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Neocons Declare War on Russia? Want Crushing Sanctions Imposed

• McCain, Graham, Menendez support “sanctions from hell”



BOB MENENDEZ

By Dr. Ron Paul

You can always count on the neocons in Congress to ignore reality, ignore evidence, and ignore common sense in their endless drive to get us involved in another war. For example, Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), and others recently joined up to introduce what Graham called “the sanctions bill from hell,” aimed at applying “crushing” sanctions on Russia.

Graham bragged that the bill would include “everything but the kitchen sink” in its attempt to ratchet up tensions with Russia.

Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) bragged that the new sanctions bill “includes my language requiring the State Department to determine whether Russia merits the designation of a state sponsor of terror.”

Does he even know what the word “terrorism” means?

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) warns that the bill must be passed to strengthen our resolve against “Vladimir Putin’s pattern of corroding democratic institutions and values around the world, a direct and growing threat to U.S. national security.”

What has Russia done that warrants “kitchen sink” sanctions that will “crush” the country and possibly designate it as a sponsor of terrorism? Menendez tells us, “The Kremlin continues to attack our democracy, support a war criminal in Syria, and violate Ukraine’s sovereignty.”

There is a big problem with these accusations on Russia: They’re based on outright lies and unproven accusations that continue to get more

Neocons are dumb. If they knew history, they’d know sanctions always lead to war.

bizarre with each re-telling. How strange that when senators like Menendez demand that we stand by our NATO allies even if it means war, they attack Russia for doing the same in Syria. Is the Syrian president a “war criminal,” as he claims? We do know that his army is finally, with Russian and Iranian help, about to defeat ISIS and al Qaeda, which with U.S. backing for seven years have turned Syria into a smoking ruin. Do Menendez and his allies prefer ISIS in charge of Syria?

And how hypocritical for Menendez to talk about Russia violating Ukraine’s sovereignty. The unrest in Ukraine was started by the 2014 U.S.-backed coup against an elected leader. We have that all on tape.

How is Russia “attacking our democracy”? We’re still waiting for any real evidence that Russia was involved in our 2016 elections and intends to become involved in our 2018 elections. But that doesn’t stop the propagandists, who claim with no proof that Russia was behind the election of Donald Trump.

These senators claim that sanctions will bring the Russians to heel, but they are wrong. Sanctions are good at two things only: destroying the lives of innocent civilians and leading to war.

Even our own history shows that sanctions do lead to war and should not be taken lightly. In the run-up to U.S. involvement in the War of 1812, the U.S. was doing business with both France and Britain, which were at war with each other. When Britain decided that the U.S. was favoring France in its commerce, it imposed sanctions on the U.S. What did Washington do in response? Declared war. Hence the War of 1812, which most Americans remember as that time when the British burned down the White House.

Recent polls show that the majority of Americans approve of Trump’s recent meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Among Republicans, a vast majority support the meeting. Perhaps a good defeat in November will wake these neocon warmongers up. ★

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The Plot to Scapegoat Russia:

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By Dan Kovalik, introduction by David Talbot. Since 1945, the U.S. has justified numerous wars, interventions, and military build-ups based on the pretext of the Russian Menace, even after the Soviet Union collapsed at the end of 1991. In fact, the two biggest post-war American conflicts, the Korean and Vietnam wars, were not about stopping Soviet expansion, but about maintaining old colonial relationships. Similarly, many lesser interventions and conflicts, such as those in Latin America, were also based upon an alleged Soviet threat, which was nonexistent. And now the specter of a Russian Menace has been raised again in the wake of Donald Trump’s election. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* examines the recent proliferation of stories, usually from American state actors, manipulating the threat of Russia, and the long history of which this episode is but the latest chapter. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* is one of the timeliest reads of 2018. Softcover, 240 pages, \$19 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. (Outside U.S. email Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net for S&H.) Call 1-888-699-NEWS toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET or visit www.AmericanFreePress.net.

Looking for Concrete Evidence on 9/11

I have read a good bit of 9/11 conspiracy material but have really never come across anything that would actually prove that 9/11 was carried out by anyone. I have heard that there was a technical breakdown between NORAD and other national defense organizations. I have read about allegations that it may have been an inside job and the Mossad colluded with unnamed insiders, but these are speculative at best.

I have heard an audio where someone associated with AMERICAN FREE PRESS talked to a N.Y. Police Department officer about it. The officer indicated that there were Israeli citizens, across the river in New Jersey, who were simultaneously celebrating the Trade Center's demise, as it happened. The Israelis were picked up and carried away from that scene by some people who could not be identified by the police officers that were there. There was no explanation for this extrication. There has been no concrete evidence to the contrary.

MARK WEATHERLY
Georgia

(You are referring to AFP writer Dave Gahary's interview with New Jersey police officer Sgt. Scott DeCarlo, who pulled over a van driven by Israelis on the New Jersey Turnpike just after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Towers and then arrested the driver and the occupants. DeCarlo told Gahary that he brought them to the New Jersey State Police holding cells in the Meadowlands Stadium but that was the last he heard of any of them. Shortly thereafter, the FBI collected the Israelis and held them



for 10 days until they were deported to Israel never to be heard from again. That, in and of itself, is highly suspicious, but if you're looking for more details about 9/11, check out AFP's many books on the subject, including the latest book by Robert Steele, titled *9/11 Truth Memoranda for the President*, which is available for \$9.11 from AFP.—Ed.)

Another Venezuela

[In regard to Philip Giraldi's article in the July 16 & 23 edition of AMERICAN FREE PRESS] I agree completely with your position on Venezuela, Maduro, and Chavez. They have been a nightmare, but this is a Venezuelan and a Latin American problem and the United

States should not intervene.

On Ecuador, I strongly disagree, because Rafael Correa is a Marxist and has been a close ally with Castro, Chavez, and Maduro. The Ecuadorian people wisely rejected him; otherwise, Ecuador would become another Venezuela.

ALBERTO NAVARRO
Florida

Not Concerned?

[In regard to Patrick Buchanan's column in the July 30 & Aug. 6 issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS] I am an old Republican and conservative but strongly believe in a free press. If there is nothing to be concerned about, why does he tweet his anger so often?

If you believe in freedom of the press, why support his Nazi-like attitude? That's what happened in the 1930s when German leaders vilified the press and took control of the nation. Are you not concerned about that?

ALBERT PATTERSON
Colorado

9/11 Memo

Your article, "President Gets 9/11 Memo . . ." by Dr. Kevin Barrett is most informative. Under the picture of Robert David Steele is a caption: "Former CIA officer Robert David Steele recently compiled a book that gets to the bottom of what happened on 9/11 with the express purpose in mind: putting it in the hands of President Donald Trump."

The book was not mentioned in the body of the article. Was this book by

Letters

Steele actually published? Where can I get a copy?

BRUCE S. GATHY
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One Cowboy

Thank you, AFP, for keeping us updated on the case of Cliven Bundy in Nevada and the protests in the West. This poem was written for LaVoy Finicum on the day he was murdered.

ONE COWBOY

One cowboy stood today, and showed me life's freedom in his eyes:

The glint of a living world shone forth from his belief.

No matter what the world says now, so glaringly in error:

time will show LaVoy stood true.

A peaceful man full of honor
Quiet dignity fortified with strength
of belief

A principle that was imbued in this world

when it was created,
lived in LaVoy
and we saw it in his eyes.

Welcome Home, LaVoy,
Well done native son.

You stood tall, straight and true
The Honor of the ages lived in you
And the light of God shone forth
from your gaze.

Today you are in an unfenced pasture,

Home on the range
with the Master Shepherd,
and the angels sing.

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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.

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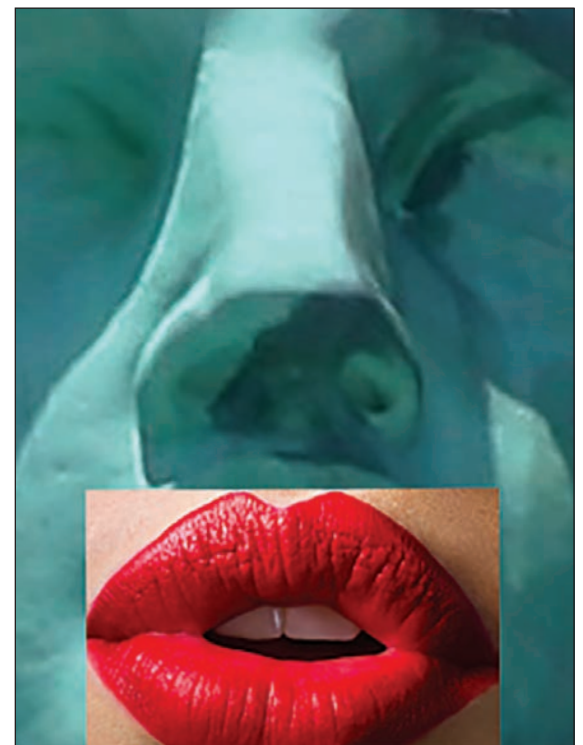
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