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• Critic says Federal Reserve creating conditions for economic crisis

By Paul Angel

Here at AMERICAN FREE PRESS resist financial fear-mongering for one simple reason. Most of the doom-and-gloom hype over an “impending financial collapse” is usually pushed by Wall Street brokers and banksters who profit mightily from getting you to move your stocks around or avail yourself of their high-priced investment newsletters. But the latest comments by former Rep. Ron Paul about the economy caught our eyes.

As Paul points out in a recent column, “Early October’s frantic stock market sell-off indicates the failure to learn the lessons of 2008 and makes another meltdown inevitable.”

It’s been a decade since the financial meltdown of 2008 rocked America, mostly due to the bursting of the Fed’s artificially created housing bubble. Unfortunately, as Paul points out, “The government should have let the downturn run its course in order to correct the malinvestments made during the phony, Fed-created boom. This may have caused some short-term pain, but it would have ensured the recovery would be based on a solid foundation rather than a bubble of fiat currency.”

All of that was caused by yet another gargantuan mistake by the Fed, Paul says, seven years earlier. “In 2001-2002 the Federal Reserve responded to the economic downturn caused by the



bursting of the technology bubble by pumping money into the economy. This new money ended up in the housing market. This was because the so-called ‘conservative’ Bush administration, like the ‘liberal’ Clinton administration before it, was using the Community Reinvestment Act and government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to make mortgages available to anyone who wanted one—regardless of income or credit history.”

Banks were more than happy to “lend first, ask questions later, when foreclosing,” says Paul.

So instead of letting the problem correct itself—with a good dose of attendant but necessary pain, Congress in-

stead bailed out Wall Street and the big banks. How? Paul says, “The Federal Reserve cut interest rates to historic lows and embarked on a desperate attempt to inflate the economy via quantitative easing 1, 2, and 3.”

And this has left us where we are today, with Republicans alleging the economy is in the best condition it ever has been in U.S. history and Democrats clamoring to place the credit with the Barack Obama administration. The truth is, government and personal debt are out of control. As Paul says, “Credit card debt is over a trillion dollars, student loan debt is at \$1.5 trillion, there is a bubble in auto loans, and there is even a new housing bubble. But the biggest part of the ‘everything’ bubble is the government bubble. Federal debt is over \$21 trillion and expanding by [an astronomical] tens of thousands of dollars per second.”

Obviously, this cannot sustain itself, leaving the Fed in a bit of a dilemma. Today, the entire economy is a bubble just waiting to burst. And inflation is rearing its ugly head at the same time. To control that, the Fed will have to gradually increase interest rates.

“The Fed will be unsuccessful in keeping the ‘everything bubble’ from exploding. When the bubble bursts, America will experience an economic crisis much greater than the 2008 meltdown or the Great Depression,” says Paul.

Paul’s solution, however, is simple. “A secretive central bank should not be allowed to manipulate interest rates and distort economic signals regarding market conditions. Such action leads to malinvestment and an explosion of individual, business, and government debt. This may cause a temporary boom, but the boom soon will be followed by a bust. The only way this cycle can be broken without a major crisis is for Congress to restore people’s right to use the currency of their choice and to audit and then end the Fed.”

We agree.



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Establishment Continues Assault Against Alt-Media

Over the years, we at AMERICAN FREE PRESS have repeatedly been asked why we're not more active on social media. For what it's worth, we do have an official Facebook page, which automatically updates when we post news stories to our website. We also maintain an official account on Twitter, but that gets even less attention than our Facebook page does. We do post video and audio interviews to YouTube, but even though it is technically a video-sharing service, not a social media platform, we have still been threatened repeatedly with cancellation of our account because of what we talk about. And that is it for us. We don't have any presence on any of the other remaining social media sites out there like Instagram, Pinterest, Reddit, or 4Chan, to name but a few of the dozens of platforms in operation today.

Generally speaking, our response to the initial question has always been that we just don't have the staff to dedicate the kinds of resources that are needed to build a real presence on social media. The truth is, though, we have always been wary of investing a great deal of time, money, and staff to Internet platforms run by liberals, because we knew eventually they would cut us off due to our political views.

Earlier this month, those concerns were validated when Facebook and Twitter went on a rampage, cancelling nearly a thousand accounts without any warning under the auspices that they were fake "sock-puppet" accounts and Russian propagandists. Other companies have followed suit, though not to the extent that Facebook did, with Reddit, among other things, closing down a

popular forum for people to discuss "QAnon," the purported pro-Trump activist who's allegedly secretly working inside the federal government to disrupt the Deep State.

Besides, it's not like we at AFP haven't been burned before and learned from our mistakes. Google has been playing a cynical game with us for years, arbitrarily cancelling our advertising account only to contact us a short while later asking for our business back. We've since declined Google's offers—despite the fact that the Internet giant controls over 80% of advertising on the web—choosing instead to work with our own advertisers directly.

By now, everyone in the United States knows that liberal technology companies unfairly target and censor conservative voices on the Internet. President Donald Trump has even commented on this. There have also been a number of lawsuits brought against social media companies that argued that Internet giants should be treated more like public utilities than private entities since they totally dominate their respective fields. Courts have been somewhat receptive to these arguments, conceding that the principles of freedom of speech trump private interests, but, for the most part, judges have ultimately ruled that multi-billion-dollar tech giants can more or less do what they want and can suppress an individual's or group's outreach or even outright ban anyone for any reason whatsoever.

In one of the more high-profile cases of late, a lawsuit brought by Jared Taylor, the head of the American Renaissance, against social media company Twitter was thrown out by a panel of three appellate judges in San Francisco. In late 2017,

Taylor had been kicked off the social media company's platform because they didn't like his political views. Initially a judge ruled Taylor had a strong free-speech case. This past summer, though, the appellate judges ruled that the law is on Twitter's side, and it can do whatever it wants.

There is one suit that shows promise, however. The new Supreme Court with the freshly seated Justice Brett Kavanaugh has agreed to take up *Manhattan Community Access Corp. v. Halleck, No. 17-702*. Some court watchers have expressed hope that it will set a precedent for free speech, but the more cynical among us contend that the ruling will be much more limited in scope, as it relates to a public-access channel that banned the airing of a video as a violation of the network's zero tolerance harassment policy.

The question here is whether a publicly funded network run by a private nonprofit corporation is subject to the First Amendment not whether private entities can censor voices they don't like.

All of this may seem confusing to the average American, but, to us, the answer is clear. We at AFP will use our limited resources to publish our biweekly newspaper and build up our own Internet presence. We will never rely on private corporations or their rich shareholders to determine what we can and cannot say. ★

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Make America Great Again

For the first time in over a decade, the United States is considered “the most competitive country” in the world. *The Wall Street Journal* reported on the latest index compiled by the World Economic Forum. “The Global Competitiveness Report this year assessed 140 countries on 98 indicators that measure business investment and productivity,” noted the *Journal*. “The U.S. scored 85.6 out of a possible 100. America’s vibrant entrepreneurial culture and its dominance in producing a competitive labor market and nimble financial system are among the several factors that contribute to making the U.S.’s innovation ecosystem one of the best in the world.”

Illegal Voting

According to a new report by Fox News, at least 1,500 people may have been incorrectly registered to vote between April 23 and Sept. 25 by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in California because of a “processing error.” Some of those people in that number included legal residents who are not U.S. citizens, but the DMV claims none of the people it mistakenly registered are illegal aliens. One Canadian citizen, who’s lived in the U.S. for 31 years, told the *Los Angeles Times* that he knew it was a mistake when he was told he was newly registered to vote and informed the agency. The Fox News report only detailed DMV claims about illegal voting, but the Federation for American Immigration Reform contends that over 1 million illegal aliens vote in U.S. elections annually.

Who Pays?

In fiscal year 2018, which ended Sept. 30, the individual income tax is expected to bring in \$1.7 trillion, or about half of all federal revenues, reports the Congressional Budget Office. New York news agency Bloomberg analyzed individual returns data from 2016 and found that the top 1% of earners in the U.S. paid a greater share of individual income taxes (37.3%) than the bottom 90% combined (30.5%). In addition, the top 50% of all taxpayers paid 97% of total individual income taxes while the remaining 50% paid only 3%.

Teaming Up

Italy’s Matteo Salvini and France’s Marine Le Pen are teaming up to fight the “totalitarian” European Union and bring Europeans “their future back,” reports Russian “RT” news. “The enemies of Europe are those who are entrenched in the Brussels bunker,” Salvini, the Italian interior minister and the head of the conservative Lega Nord (Northern League) Party, announced at a joint press conference with Ms. Le Pen, the leader of French National Rally in Rome. The two parties, known for their nationalist, anti-EU stances, have been fighting EU officials over their stupid immigration policies.

Gone Too Far

Liberal mainstream media outlets want to blame violence in the U.S. on angry white males, but recently a spate of attacks on conservative politicians has everyone questioning if the left wing has gone too far. Earlier this month, Minnesota Republican state Rep. Sarah Anderson was punched after she tried to stop a man from destroying Republican yard



REP. SARAH ANDERSON

signs. She said the attack left her shocked and scared, and her attacker only stopped when she fled to her car and drove away. The attack on Rep. Anderson followed just after Republican state representative candidate Shane Mekeland suffered a concussion when he was sucker-punched while speaking with constituents at a local restaurant, causing him to collapse and hit his head on the floor.

No One’s Safe

New Orleans-based writer Stephen Elliott is suing Moira Donegan, the creator of the so-called “[Expletive deleted] Media Men List” for libel and emotional distress. Elliott, a liberal writer and the founder of the website “Rumpus.com,” was accused of rape in a lengthy spreadsheet that was initially created by Ms. Donegan and then circulated widely on the Internet. No woman has actually come forward to make the accusation against Elliott. Instead, his name, along with at least 70 other men, was added to the list anonymously with an explanation attached that read “rape” or “sexual harassment.” The list was then passed around to thousands of people and portions of it were reported on by mainstream media outlets.

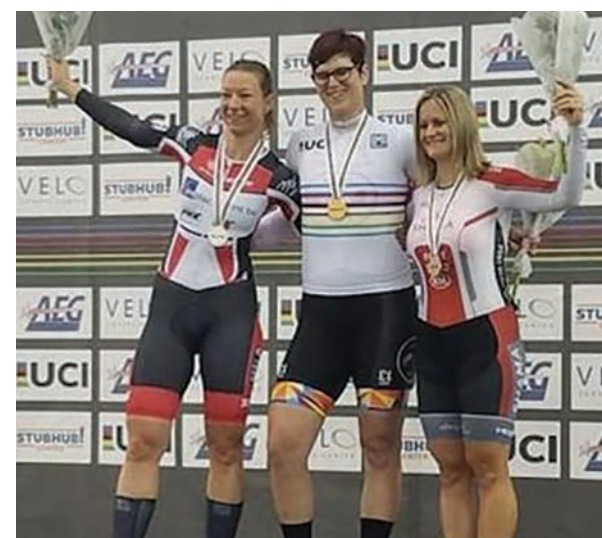
Censorship

On Oct. 13, John Hawkins, who founded “Right Wing News” and used Facebook to build his media brand, published an op-ed blasting the social me-

dia company for abruptly cancelling his account and *The New York Times* for smearing him. Here is what he wrote: “Before the (2016) election season got into full swing, Facebook had already made some mild downgrades to reach. Afterwards, when liberal mainstream media outlets were screaming about Russian ad buys and ‘fake news,’ Facebook systematically, methodically reduced the reach of all its pages with each algorithm change. By then, most of us understood where it was going long-term. If Facebook killed every conservative page overnight, there would be a huge outcry. On the other hand, if Facebook slowly strangled us to death, we’d fade away and would people even notice?”

Transgender Woman Winner

Canadian cyclist Rachel McKinnon, who used to be a man, finished first place at a women’s world cycling championship earlier in October. While initial reports claimed that many of the other women competitors praised her achievement, the third-place winner, who also happens to be a Houston-based doctor, had choice words for McKinnon. Jennifer Wagner said it was “definitely not fair” that she was forced to compete against McKinnon, the male cyclist, in the women’s event. Wagner took third place behind McKinnon and Dutch cyclist Carolien van Herrikhuyzen. McKinnon is the first transgender woman ever to win a UCI Masters Track Cycling World Championship. Unsurprisingly, before the final race, McKinnon actually set a world record in the quarterfinals for women.



That’s Rachel McKinnon in the middle.

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Drug Traffickers Go Hi-Tech to Smuggle Wares Into U.S.

• At same time, another caravan of illegals headed our way

By John Friend

A massive and highly sophisticated cross-border underground tunnel was recently discovered near Jacumba Hot Springs, Calif., situated along the porous U.S.-Mexico border, sparking alarm among America's border control and immigration agencies responsible for policing the southern border.

The tunnel began in a home in Jacume, Mexico, which is less than 100 yards from the U.S. border, and was likely designed to transport drugs and other illegal contraband into the United States, Border Patrol officials stated.

"Sophisticated tunnels take a lot of time and money to make," Border Patrol Agent Tekae Michael told *The Los Angeles Times*, noting that such tunnels are common in the area. "When we find them, they're a pretty big deal."

The discovery once again underscores the harsh reality of America's immigration crisis, as illegal aliens and illegal contraband continue to flood across the southern border.

A team of officials with the U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Drug Enforcement Administration worked with Mexican police and military officials, who initially discovered the tunnel during an operation in mid-September. Although the tunnel did not yet have an exit into the United States, it did stretch beneath the U.S.-Mexico border, reaching approximately 336 feet into U.S. territory near the small town of Jacumba Hot Springs, Calif.

The tunnel was equipped with a rail system that stretched the entire length of the passageway, and a solar panel system was installed to power lighting and ventilation. A water pumping system was also built in the tunnel.

According to U.S. officials, the tunnel is roughly 3 feet tall and 2.5 feet wide, and stretches for 627 feet. No arrests have been made in connection with the discovery of the tunnel, although the investigation is still underway, according to Border Patrol officials. Border Patrol Agent Vincent Pirro told *The Los Angeles Times* that once the investigation is complete, the tunnel will be filled in so smugglers cannot use it.

This tunnel is the first cross-border smuggling tunnel discovered in fiscal year 2019, according to officials. Last fiscal year, which ended on Sept. 30, two cross-border tunnels were discovered in the San Diego sector near the Otay Mesa Port of

Entry.

The discovery comes as yet another caravan of Central American economic migrants make their way north from Honduras and into Guatemala, with plans of eventually crossing the border into Mexico before heading further northwards into the United States in an attempt to claim asylum or refugee status.

According to Reuters, roughly 3,000 migrants, most from impoverished Central American countries, crossed from Honduras into Guatemala earlier this week following a standoff with police in what organizers have called the "March of the Migrant." They are attempting to gain asylum in Mexico or the United States, organizers have claimed.

"We're going to drop in on Donald Trump," Andrea Fernandez, a 24-year-old Honduran mother who is participating in the march with her newborn baby and two other young children, aged five



This Border Patrol photo shows the unfinished tunnel that stretches from Jacume, Mexico, to Jacumba, San Diego County, Calif.

and seven, told Reuters. "He has to take us in."

The Trump administration has called on political leaders in Mexico and Central America to deal with the issue head on and have pledged economic development and investment in return. However, President Trump also warned Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador that any financial assistance given to these Central American countries would end "if they allow their citizens, or others, to journey through their borders and up to the United States" with the intention of illegally entering America, the president tweeted.

The president also sent out a warning via Twitter to those seeking to enter the country illegally: "Anybody entering the United States illegally will be arrested and detained, prior to being sent back to their country!"



JESSICA VAUGHAN

Jessica Vaughan is the director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies. She is currently advising President Trump on various strategies to reduce illegal immigration into the United States.

Many economic migrants falsely claim they are violently persecuted in their home countries in an effort to gain political asylum or refugee status. Others are lured with false promises of finding jobs and economic security by leaving their impoverished home countries. Countless organizations exist in the United States that seek to facilitate the refugee resettlement process, often exploiting loopholes and taking advantage of America's generous immigration policies. Some left-wing groups have even offered legal training to migrants in order to help them gain refugee status.

Many Americans are calling on the Trump administration to pressure the Mexican government to block the migrant caravan and others seeking to illegally enter the U.S.

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, recently told "Breitbart News Tonight" that, ideally, the Trump administration should simply not allow the migrants to enter the country.

She also called on Trump to "put pressure on Mexico to not issue them transit visas," referring to the economic migrants. "They have no basis to enter Mexico unless Mexico is going to give them asylum."

"The best possible solution is to not let [them] enter," Vaughan stated. "The goal should be to have people not get across, at all, because then it's a whole different story once they set foot in the United States, whether they've been admitted or paroled or whatever. As soon as we let them across, that's when it becomes extremely difficult to remove them and return them to their home countries." ★

Border Security Advancement Trends

• Multiple new strategies being used by U.S. to discourage illegal immigration

By Mark Anderson

After following the issue of illegal immigration for several years, the good news to report is that things are looking up when it comes to border security.

In September, Texas GOP Reps. Michael McCaul and Pete Sessions advanced legislation to combat tunnels, which were being dug under the border to move people, and drones, which were being flown over it to move contraband—undoubtedly a serious issue that must be aggressively tackled.

“Since 1990, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has discovered approximately 200 sophisticated drug-smuggling tunnels crossing from Mexico directly into the United States,” said Sessions in a press release from his office. “Each of these tunnels provides the opportunity for thousands of pounds of narcotics, like heroin, and dangerous criminals who deal in human trafficking to freely cross our southern border. These tunnels are not only expensive to

destroy once discovered, but they can also be difficult to detect without the sophisticated equipment or intelligence that keeps law enforcement officers one step ahead of the deadly cartels who build them.”

On Sept. 25, the House passed Rep. Sessions’s Border Tunnel Task Force Act (H.R. 6740), sending it to the Senate, where it is currently stuck in committee.

Amid the constant noise of the virulently anti-Trump media and its fixation on diversionary issues, Attorney General Jeff Sessions in April announced a zero-tolerance border policy with a goal of 100% of people caught crossing the border illegally being prosecuted. Following that, in September, Attorney General Sessions announced his intention to increase the number of immigration judges by 50% before the end of 2018. As of the end of August, the backlog in immigration court cases had reached 746,049—a 38% increase since Donald Trump became president, according to the immigration watchdog group Numbers USA.

In addition, a high-ranking U.S. official has called on Central American nations to take stronger steps to discourage illegal immigration

to the U.S. At the Oct. 11 Conference on Prosperity and Security in Central America, Vice President Mike Pence told regional officials that, in recent years, many of the illegal border-crossers have come from the Northern Triangle countries that include Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

“The leaders in this room and the governments that you represent should tell your people—don’t put your families at risk by taking the dangerous journey north to attempt to enter the United States illegally,” Pence said, focusing on attendees representing Central American countries. “The truth is your message can probably be summed up by telling them that if they can’t come to the United States legally, they should not come at all.”

According to Numbers USA, the U.S. Border Patrol Southwest division reports its agents, as of Aug. 31, “had apprehended 90,563 family units along the Southwest border; 87,405 of the family units came from one of the Northern Triangle countries. Border Patrol agents also apprehended 45,704 unaccompanied alien children; 34,902 came from one of the Northern Triangle countries.” ★

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Antifa Allegations Prompt FBI Charges

• Four members of conservative men's group accused of crossing state lines to incite violence

By John Friend

Four young men from California involved with a conservative social group have been arrested and charged with federal crimes relating to their participation in the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. last summer.

Michael Paul Miselis, 29, of Lawndale, Benjamin Drake Daley, 25, and Thomas Walter Gillen, 24, of Redondo Beach and Cole Evan White, 24, of Clayton were indicted by a federal grand jury in early October for allegedly crossing state lines with an intent to riot and conspiring to violate the federal riot statute.

The FBI Affidavit in Support of Arrest Warrant and Criminal Complaint claims that the four incited a riot while attending the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. and cites as evidence other acts of violence at political rallies in Berkeley and Huntington Beach, Calif. The men are associated with the Rise Above Movement (RAM), a physical fitness and self-improvement group largely in sync with the broader conservative and nationalist movement.

Thomas Cullen, the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia who was appointed by President Donald Trump in late March of this year, announced the charges at a press conference on Oct. 2.

"This case should serve as another example of the Department of Justice's commitment to protecting the life, liberty, and civil rights of all our citizens," Cullen stated. "Any individual who has or plans to travel to this district with the intent to engage in acts of violence will be prosecuted and held accountable for those actions."

Despite highly credible, entirely legitimate evidence and firsthand testimony relating to premeditated violence committed by fanatical left-wing counter-protesters attending the Unite the Right rally as well as other pro-Trump political rallies across the country, few if any criminal charges have been brought against antifa and other violent neo-Bolshevik protesters who have engaged in violence repeatedly, particularly since Trump stepped foot on the political stage.



The federal criminal charges brought against the four members of RAM came in the wake of a hostile and wholly dishonest report published by ProPublica, a left-leaning non-profit media outlet that has maliciously reported on individuals associated with the conservative, nationalist movement in the aftermath of the Unite the Right rally.

The report alleges that the RAM organization is dedicated to "a singular purpose: physically attacking its ideological foes," an incredible inversion of reality to those familiar with RAM and the modern conservative, white nationalist movement.

The truth is that radical left-wing terrorists and antifa members have openly conspired to shut down right-leaning political events and rallies, justifying the use of violence against their ideological opponents, while RAM and nationalists have merely attempted to engage in political dialogue, legally organize events and rallies, and otherwise exercise their First Amendment rights while at the same time doing everything they can to avoid any violence, knowing any physical confrontations will be blamed on them.

Cullen praised the investigation ProPublica and

Despite what you have heard about the people who attended the rally in Charlottesville, the vast majority just wanted to march and avoid violence. It was obvious, however, that Charlottesville authorities wanted confrontation.

other left-wing groups conducted on RAM and cited their reporting as being instrumental in the overall federal investigation.

"The news organization ProPublica did, in my view, a fantastic job in piecing together some of the organized activities that occurred on Aug. 11 and Aug. 12, [dates of the Unite the Right rally] and the work that they did was reviewed by our office as a starting point to understand a little bit about this particular group," Cullen admitted.

In the ProPublica report, its authors made no secret their intention to provoke a federal investigation and prosecution of RAM, describing the group as a violent, racist movement that has "little reason to fear the authorities."

The federal affidavit even cites an organization openly affiliated with the antifa movement—Northern California Anti-Racist Action—in its affidavit supporting the federal criminal charges. However, the affidavit is short on any evidence that would cause one to believe that the crime of crossing state lines with intent to cause a riot occurred. In fact, the charge is close to impossible. The Unite the Right assembly was both legal and permitted by the Charlottesville government. The Unite the Right organizers worked closely with authorities to keep the legal demonstrators separated from neo-Bolshevik antifa counter-protesters. Violence was supposed to be impossible. It was a string of purposeful moves made by the Charlottesville police, according to a 220-page report released by an independent review team recently, that allowed confrontations to break out.

More importantly, the key "crime" of the four was a scuffle that occurred when a group of counter-demonstrators blocked the street with the intent of keeping the participants from getting to the assembly. While needless blows were thrown, it was clearly part of an unplanned scuffle. The second "crime" was the throwing of a plastic water bottle back at antifa rioters.

Because their case is so bad, the FBI is trying to get someone to "remember" that they were all planning to riot in Charlottesville every time they crossed a state line. It's worth noting that the "Charlottesville four" did not all travel together, another inconvenient fact for the prosecution.

One wonders when the Justice Department will begin their investigation into left-wing violence and political terrorism, given its professed commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of all U.S. citizens. ★

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Police Fail to Release Shooting Details

• One year after Texas church shooting, report released to AFP incomplete, redacted

By Mark Anderson

One year ago, a lone gunman reportedly entered the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas on Nov. 5, 2017, fatally shot 26 people, and wounded another 20. Texas state police, however, have yet to release a full, detailed crime report on the mass murder despite the many questions that remain unanswered.

Last April, this writer asked the Texas Office of the Inspector General for a report on the shooting, seeking any and all details on 911 calls (how many and their points of origin), the locations of spent shells, pictures of the dead or at least diagrams of where the dead were located when police arrived, how many and which ground- and air-ambulance units responded, survivor testimonies etc. The communication followed up on a visit this writer had made to the church on Dec. 5, 2017 for an article that appeared in AFP issue No. 51 & 52, dated Dec. 18 and 25, 2017.

The idea was and remains simple. If it's such a sin to question the veracity of this nation's string of reportedly deadly shootings at schools, churches, malls, and other venues, then it's only logical that the police should dutifully provide detailed crime reports with nothing held back.

That's what makes it so odd that the Texas Department of Public Safety, which responded to this writer's inquiry, would only send this writer just 11 of 86 pages of an internal report on the killings, with large swaths redacted. The only text of any significance besides police-personnel lists and assorted phone numbers is a single paragraph that reads:



The windows at First Baptist Church, contrary to expectations, were still intact and showed a surprising absence of damage, considering the claim the accused shooter unloaded scores of rounds from an AR-15 from outside and inside. The old crumbling caulk was still evident, as shown in this AFP photo.



INVESTIGATION SYNOPSIS: On 11-05-2017, I, Texas Ranger Terry Snyder, received a call from Wilson County Sheriff's Department Investigator Steve Moore advising of an active shooter at the First Baptist Church located in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Investigator Moore advised of multiple persons injured and deceased inside the church. Investigator Moore advised the suspect was reported to be deceased in a vehicle located on 2301 FM 539 in Guadalupe County near the Wilson County Line. I responded to the First Baptist Church to assist the Wilson County Sheriff's Department. This investigation continues.

A basic chart lists Snyder as the lead investigator, with Jesus Valdez as the supervisor. The report says the case opened on Nov. 6 and indicates it remains "open."

Oddly, the synopsis goes from Investigator Moore advising Snyder of multiple people being deceased before abruptly jumping to the suspect being "deceased in a vehicle," when the official timeline indicates that a lot of time transpired between the apparent attack at the church and when the suspect was found dead due to a self-inflicted gunshot wound, as police told area media.

Witness Terrie Smith, 54, whose food counter at the Valero gas station is across the highway from the church, recalled that on that Sunday, her counter was closed, but she stopped to get gasoline that morning when the attack commenced.

"My fiancé and I had just gotten off the vehicle when an SUV . . . made a quick U-turn right in front and pulled in [turned left] onto FM 539," she told AFP in the article that was published last Christmas. She added that the SUV driver pulled to the right and parked across the street (FM 539) from First Baptist Church, at least 50 feet from the

Police officers stand outside the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas last year. They have been reticent to release more than the most minimal, cursory details about the shooting, prompting some to wonder why.

church's front door. The SUV's rear faced the gas station.

"And soon as he got off his vehicle, he started shooting," she continued, adding that the suspect repeatedly shot the building's exterior while circling the entire structure, possibly twice while walking fast but not running. The main sanctuary is adjoined to a long narrow offshoot of rooms used for Sunday school classes as well as office space. Circling the building covers a considerable distance.

The shooter then apparently took the time to run all the way back to his vehicle before returning to the church to enter it and carry out the worst of the assault.

Ms. Smith said the attack was perhaps 10 minutes in duration, possibly longer, and only then did the suspect exit while being confronted by local resident Stephen Willeford, who wielded a pistol and opened fire, according to conventional media accounts.

Willeford flagged down young Johnnie Langendorff who happened to enter town on Highway 87. In Langendorff's pickup truck, the two pursued the assailant—identified as former Air Force recruit Devin Patrick Kelley, 26 of New Braunfels—at high rates of speed northerly on 539 for about 11 miles.

Willeford and Langendorff had called police while chasing the suspect and let police handle matters when the suspect finally went off the road.

Absent complete information, the portion of the internal police report supplied to AFP makes it sound as if the first contact police had with the suspect came at the end of the whole affair, when the accused was found dead more than 10 miles from the church.

Discerning what happened doesn't get any easier when it comes to the condition of the church on Dec. 5, 2017. The tan-painted exterior on the narrower building sections attached to the sanctuary did not appear freshly painted or repaired and showed no signs of bullet impacts. The asbestos siding on the sanctuary's exterior (siding which is no longer available for purchase) and the windows all the way around appeared to be undisturbed. The colored sanctuary windows and the other (clear) windows appeared to consist of the original glass—with crumbling old caulk and no new spackling visible. ★

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Bipartisan Pastors' Group Urges U.S. Prison Reform

• Trump, black ministers meet to discuss prison reform

By S.T. Patrick

No issue seems to have made stranger bedfellows of perceived opponents than the challenge of prison reform. In recent months, groups of black pastors have both visited the White House and stayed in close contact with the Trump administration, urging a partnership on an issue that has long devastated the black community. CNN's Don Lemon criticized the group of black pastors for meeting with President Donald Trump, going as far as to tell Pastor John Gray that he was being used as a "prop." What some casual observers may not realize, however, is that the most conservative Republicans and the most liberal Democrats have long seen incarceration as one of this country's gravest ills.

The modern conservative most closely associated with prison reform was also President Richard Nixon's "dirty tricks artist," Charles Colson. He had once boasted that he would "walk over (his) own grandmother" to ensure the reelection of Nixon in 1972. Self-described as Nixon's "hatchet man," Colson compiled the "enemies list" of Nixon detractors and was instrumental in orchestrating the illegal actions aimed to discredit whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, who had released the Pentagon Papers to *The New York Times* and other newspapers. It was for the Ellsberg activities and not Watergate that Colson would be sent to prison for obstruction of justice in 1974, a sentence he would serve at the federal Maxwell Prison in Alabama.

While going through the legal turmoil that fol-

lowed Nixon officials out of the beltway, Colson, in August 1973, experienced a religious transformation that would change the rest of his life. Though his attorneys advised him not to do so, Colson pled guilty, a decision he later said was "a price I had to pay to complete the shedding of my old life and to be free to live the new."

Paroled in 1975, Colson entered into the evangelical movement that was rising throughout the 1970s and forged a new career based upon prison reform. The man who had described himself as Nixon's "loose cannon" sold millions of copies of his 1976 autobiography *Born Again*. Though the mainstream media was typically skeptical of Colson's conversion, 1976 also brought the formation of Colson's Prison Fellowship Ministries, which has now opened offices in over 100 countries.

The American Left has long pushed for prison reform, a movement highlighted by the 1968 scandal at Tucker Prison Farm in Arkansas, where investigators discovered a lack of food, 14-hour workdays, systematic rape and the torture of inmates by both guards and inmate "trustees." It was in January 1968, 50 years ago, that a native Arkansan, Johnny Cash, performed two concerts at Folsom State Prison, thus musically highlighting the need for reform.

Today, the U.S. has 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prison population. Lack of treatment as a first step to dealing with drug addiction is a problem that increases incarceration numbers, but so is the over-legislation of American society. According to the Institute for Policy Studies citing John Whitehead, Congress has created an average of 50 new federal crimes per year over the last decade. That means that 500 acts that were legal in 2008 are now illegal and punishable by prison time.

White evangelicals are now on board with prison reform, as well. In May, ministers from across the country met with President Trump to push for a new First Step Act that would allow better conditions for pregnant inmates and



REV. DARRELL SCOTT

Pastor Darrell Scott, who was at the president's prison reform meeting, has been criticized for calling Donald Trump the "most pro-black president in [his] lifetime."

would encourage paths to early release for prisoners who earn points for good behavior.

"America is a nation that believes in the power of redemption," Trump told the audience of ministers.

Whether that belief can transform into action that will give relief to families burdened by the economic and sociological realities of incarceration is the test that analysts believe the Senate may fail. The Senate is populated by stalwarts of their own party's political machines. They are moderate, by nature, when compared to their more accountable colleagues in the House. Yet, if a popular swell can arise, a movement that rediscovers the belief and hope that America once had in each individual, bipartisan change can occur. ★

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Facebook Censorship Exposes Campaign Against Free Speech

By Dave Gahary

When social media giant Facebook rejected an article written by journalist and veterans' rights attorney Benjamin Krause that was about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and was critical of President Donald Trump, Krause knew there was a bigger story there than the conventional wisdom of tech companies censoring conservative viewpoints.

AMERICAN FREE PRESS sat down with Krause—who spends much of his time helping to expose scandals, fraud, waste, and abuse in the VA through his DisabledVeterans.org website—to discuss what it means to all of us.

Krause had come across some information on the former VA official who set up the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection for Trump, meant to get the cabinet-level agency on the right path.

"I believe it's a horrific failure and that it's not encouraging accountability or whistleblower protection," Krause explained, "but instead it's more like the 'Office of Whistleblower Retaliation,'

where they actually develop intelligence against employees who become whistleblowers, and then use that at the local level to attack them to get them fired or worse."

Motivated to write an article about this to inform his many thousands of readers via Facebook, utilizing its paid promotion system, Krause "went through the steps to make sure that [he] could promote stories of national importance."

After going through the sequence and checking all the boxes Facebook required to promote the article—by giving it more exposure than it would ordinarily get—the social media behemoth claimed that Krause's ad violated their policy.

"The article that I was writing was clearly about . . . dealing with [VA] policy and a law that they passed," Krause explained, "but Facebook does not want that promoted, so they denied my attempt to pay them to do the service they are supposed to be doing, because they didn't like my speech."

AFP asked why he thought an entity like Facebook would want to censor such an informative, relatively innocuous article.

"The typical Pavlovian-style tactics that the company uses to psychologically condition and torture users," explained Krause, "just doesn't work on veterans the same way. So I think that

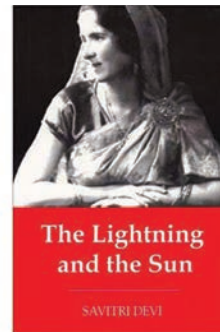
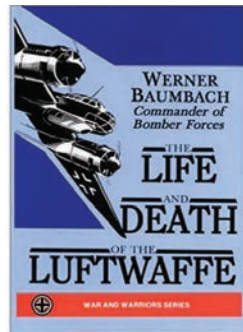
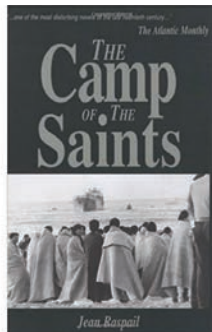
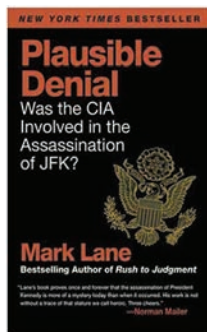


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most veterans are generally pro-Second Amendment, pro-First Amendment, pro-Constitution, and anti-censorship, and anti-European Union . . . views not consistent with what social media and Silicon Valley are trying to push on us, specifically the European Union model of censorship and harmony. Apparently, Facebook wants . . . everyone to basically conform to this more lemming-style, harmonized speech model that the European populace uses. They don't want us to have a voice, and they're going to shut it down if it's a voice they can't control or influence in a way that they want."

Krause shared his opinion on what is the endgame of all this censorship.

"For them," he finalized, "it's not necessarily even about censorship and the supposed harmony-encouraged discourse. For them it's about control. . . . They could give two rips about whether or not we argue, but they realize that there's more money in pushing this harmony because they can plug us all into this system in a way that we otherwise wouldn't be, and then they can profit off of it." ★



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Judge Kavanaugh Appointment Deals Liberalism a Major Loss

The confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court “was a huge victory for conservatism and for the Republican Party,” says Pat Buchanan. In doing so, President Donald Trump has ensured the restoration and survival of at least one constitutionalist voice in the nation’s highest court. The GOP is more united than ever in recent history, and the left is raging and wailing over the end of liberalism’s reign.

By Patrick J. Buchanan

After a 50-year siege, the great strategic fortress of liberalism has fallen. With the elevation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, the Supreme Court seems secure for constitutionalism—perhaps for decades.

The shrieks from the gallery of the Senate chamber as the vote came in on Oct. 6, and the sight of that bawling mob clawing at the doors of the Supreme Court as the new justice took his oath, confirm it.

The Democratic Party has sustained a historic defeat.

And the triumph is President Donald Trump’s.

To unite the party whose nomination he had won, Trump pledged to select his high court nominees from lists prepared by such judicial conservatives as the Federalist Society. He kept his word and, in the battle for Kavanaugh, he led from the front, even mocking the credibility of the primary accuser, Christine Blasey Ford.

Trump has achieved what every GOP president has hoped to do since the summer of ’68, when a small group of GOP senators, led by Bob Griffin of Michigan, frustrated and then foiled a LBJ-Earl Warren plot to elevate LBJ crony Abe Fortas to chief justice in order to keep a future President Nixon from naming Warren’s successor.

Sharing the honors with Trump is Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Throughout 2016, McConnell took heat for refusing to hold a hearing on Barack Obama’s nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, to fill the chair of Justice Antonin Scalia, who had died earlier that year.

In 2017, McConnell used Harry Reid’s “nuclear option” to end filibusters for Supreme Court nominations, and then got Judge Neil Gorsuch confirmed 54-45.

Last week, in one of the closest and most brutal court battles in Senate history, McConnell

Judge Brett Kavanaugh weathered a smear campaign launched by the Democrats, who knew that his confirmation would mean that the Supreme Court would have a conservative majority, possibly for quite some time. This was a huge win for the Republicans and conservatism in general.

kept his troops united, losing only Sen. Lisa Murkowski, to put Kavanaugh on the court by 50-48. McConnell will enter the history books as the Senate architect of the recapture of the Supreme Court for constitutionalism.

This was a huge victory for conservatism and for the Republican Party. And the presence on the court of octogenarian liberals Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, both appointed by Bill Clinton, suggests that McConnell may have an opportunity to ensure the endurance of his great achievement.

The ferocity and ugliness of the attacks on Kavanaugh united Republicans to stand as one against what a savage Senate minority was trying to do to kill the nomination. And at battle’s end, the GOP is more energized than it has been all year for this fall’s election.

How united is the GOP? Conservatives are hailing the contributions of Sens. Jeff Flake, Lindsey Graham, and Susan Collins, who delivered a masterful summation of the Kavanaugh case the afternoon of Oct. 6.

For the Democratic Party, the Kavanaugh battle was the Little Bighorn, as seen from General Custer’s point of view.

Unable to derail the judge during the regular confirmation process, they lay in the weeds until it was over, and then sandbagged the judge by leaking to *The Washington Post* a confidential letter Dr. Ford did not want released.

They thus forced a public hearing of charges of attempted rape against a nominee, demanded the FBI investigate all charges of sexual misconduct when Kavanaugh was a teenager, and ended up losing anyway.

Then the Dems watched protesters dishonor the Senate in which they serve by screaming from the gallery. It was among the lowest moments in the modern history of the Senate, and it was the Democratic minority that took it down to that depth.

Understandably, they are a bitter lot today.

And the #MeToo movement has been set back. For many of its champions were, in Kavanaugh’s case, demanding a suspension of the principle of “innocent until proven guilty,” and calling for the judge’s rejection in disgrace, based



solely on their belief in a wholly uncorroborated 36-year-old story.

So where are we going now?

While Republicans are united and celebrating a great victory, the left and its media auxiliary are seething with rage and doubly determined to deliver payback in the elections four weeks away, where Democrats could pick up the two dozen seats needed to recapture the House.

Should they do so, however, they will face two years of frustration and failure. For the enactment of any major element of their liberal agenda—a \$15 minimum wage, “Medicare-for-all”—would die in a Republican Senate, or in the Oval Office where it would face an inevitable veto by Trump.

So, what does 2019 look like, if Democrats capture the House?

Speaker Nancy Pelosi. A House Judiciary Committee headed by New York’s Jerrold Nadler who is already howling for impeachment hearings on both Kavanaugh and Trump.

And, by spring, a host of presidential candidates, none of whom looks terribly formidable, led by Cory (“I am Spartacus”) Booker, trooping through Iowa and New Hampshire, trashing Trump (and each other), and offering themselves as the answer to America’s problems.

Bring it on!

★

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Nikki Haley for President?

• Israel-firsters eyeing former UN ambassador & South Carolina governor for 2020

By Philip Giraldi

The *New York Times* has produced an astonishing editorial, “Nikki Haley will be missed,” on the resignation of America’s United Nations ambassador. It is comparable in some ways to the whitewash afforded to the hideous warmonger and self-promoting liar Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on his death in August. The oleaginous Haley eulogy has to be read to appreciate how low America’s self-described newspaper of record has sunk. According to the *Times*, Haley, a “moderate Republican,”... “could talk bluntly” while also proving to be a “practitioner of multilateral diplomacy” who played “constructive roles” and also served as “a pragmatic envoy who could explain the president to a world confused by the chaos in Washington.”

Given that kind of effusive language it would have been interesting to see what the *Times* came up with to support all the praise. Actually, the bits of her bio cited do little to support the narrative. It is claimed that she “protected some of the American investment in the United Nations against the most drastic budget cuts sought by the White House, while also working to reform the United Nations bureaucracy” for which there is no clear evidence.

The editorial also claims that she maintained some independence from the president on relations with Russia, Venezuela, and other matters, though her degree of separation can certainly be questioned, as she was often the one leading the charge using threats directed against foreign



Former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley has long been a staunch supporter of the state of Israel. Several powerful Jewish neocon opinion-molders have indicated that they would like to see Haley challenge Donald Trump for president if Trump runs again in 2020.

rogation of the agreement to control its nuclear weapons, and she has ominously warned that Washington will be “taking names” of countries that don’t support its agenda in the Middle East, to include moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem and American military engagement in Syria.

Admittedly, going after the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations is a bit of low-hanging fruit, as the position seems to attract individuals who like to vent their dissatisfaction with the world while also providing one remedy, namely that everyone should follow the American lead on all things. Former ambassadors include Madeleine Albright, John Bolton, and Samantha Power, making it measurably more difficult to rank Haley as the worst ambassador of all time. But there are some firsts associated with Haley. She was the first ambassador to witness an American president being laughed at during the annual speech to the United Nations General Assembly, a response that the *Times* attributes solely to a decline in America’s international standing under Trump, ignoring completely the impact of Haley’s threatening language and demeanor.

On balance, Haley did nothing to enhance American security and only succeeded in pandering to certain powerful constituencies within

governments and their policies. She has also been the seemingly dedicated advocate of nearly continuous pro-Israel positions, ranging from using the UN to disarm Hezbollah in Lebanon, to also including blocking any investigation of the Israeli army’s slaughter of unarmed Palestinian demonstrators in Gaza. In addition, she led the effort to cut funds going to the agency providing critical food and medical assistance to millions of Palestinian refugees.

Haley has consistently taken a hard line against Iran, aggressively supporting Trump’s ab-



Left, President Donald Trump and Nikki Haley are shown.



Above, Haley is shown with her husband Michael.



At left, former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley is shown with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who she has refused to criticize, despite the many human rights violations his regime has committed since he regained power in March of 2009.

the United States, to include the neoconservatives in the media and the Israel lobby. Praise of her on her impending departure from the UN is suggestive of whom exactly she managed to please while she was in office. The ubiquitous neocon-in-chief Bill Kristol, who now hangs his hat at the Foreign Policy Initiative and the Emergency Committee for Israel, has long been promoting Haley for president. One leading member of Kristol's neocon chorus, Mark Dubowitz of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, tweeted "Thank you [Nikki Haley] for your remarkable service. We look forward to welcoming you back to public service as president of the United States." Dubowitz is a Canadian and it would be nice if he could be deported to a remote Internet-free spot on Baffin Island where he can cease interfering in American politics.

Haley was also praised by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the Twitter social media platform, "I would like to thank Ambassador [Nikki Haley], who led the uncompromising struggle against hypocrisy at the UN, and on behalf of the truth and justice of our country. Best of luck!" The Israeli army itself had nice things to say, tweeting "Thank you [Nikki Haley] for your service in the UN and unwavering support for Israel and the truth. The soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces salute you!"

Angry responses to the IDF tweet observed "Unwavering support' aka, blind allegiance. You love her for the reasons the rest of us despise her. She left the Human Rights Council, pulled the U.S. out of the Iran deal, slashed funds to UN-RWA, moved embassy to Jerusalem, and was exaggerated in her support for the IDF when they abuse Palestinian human rights."

Like many others in the foreign policy establishment, Haley is all about Israel because she understands that leaning that way provides instant access to money and plenty of positive press coverage, including in *The New York Times*. She has declared that Washington was "locked and

loaded," prepared to exercise lethal military options against Syria and its Russian and Iranian allies, seen as enemies by Israel. Immediately upon taking office at the United Nations she complained that "nowhere has the UN's failure been more consistent and more outrageous than in its bias against our close ally Israel" and vowed that the "days of Israel bashing are over." Not surprisingly, she was greeted by rounds of applause and cheering when she spoke at the annual meeting of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in March, saying, "When I come to AIPAC I am with friends."

Haley's embrace of Israeli points of view is unrelenting and serves no American interest. If she were a recruited agent of influence for the Israeli Mossad she could not be more cooperative than she apparently is voluntarily. In February 2017, she blocked the appointment of former Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad to a diplomatic position at the United Nations because he is a Palestinian. In a congressional hearing she was asked about the decision: "Is it this admin-

istration's position that support for Israel and support for the appointment of a well-qualified individual of Palestinian nationality to an appointment at the UN are mutually exclusive?" Haley responded yes, that the administration is "supporting Israel" by blocking every Palestinian.

Haley is surrounded by neocons. Her speechwriter is Jessica Gavora, who is the wife of the leading neoconservative journalist Jonah Goldberg. A profoundly ignorant Haley apparently also has bits and pieces of her own foreign policy apart from Israel, which makes her particularly dangerous. She has declared that Russia "is not, will not be our friend" and has described the Russians as having their hands covered with the blood of Syrian children.

So it's Israel all the way for Haley, and we are likely to see her again in 2020 in spite of her pledge to Trump that she would both support and not run against him. The Jewish publication *Forward* recently published a speculative article suggesting that if she were to run for president a majority of American Jews might well vote for her, turning the Jewish community from solidly Democratic Party Blue to Republican Red. It would be the first time that a majority of Jews voted for a national GOP candidate. Though a great victory for Israel, it would also be a disaster for the United States if she were elected, like a proudly ignorant Sarah Palin on steroids. That outcome does not seem to bother the editors at *Forward* one bit, unfortunately. ★

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Will Nikki Haley challenge Donald Trump in 2020, should he decide to run again for president? Many powerful neocons and "Israel-firsters" are hoping she will, providing them with a candidate that has shown a deep affinity for Israel and who would, they believe, be more palatable to a larger segment of the broader U.S. population.

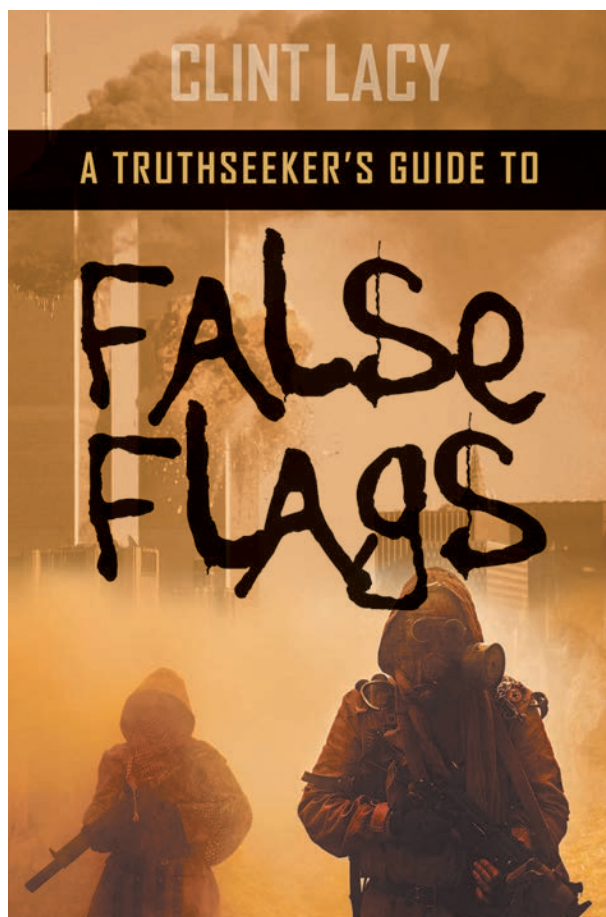


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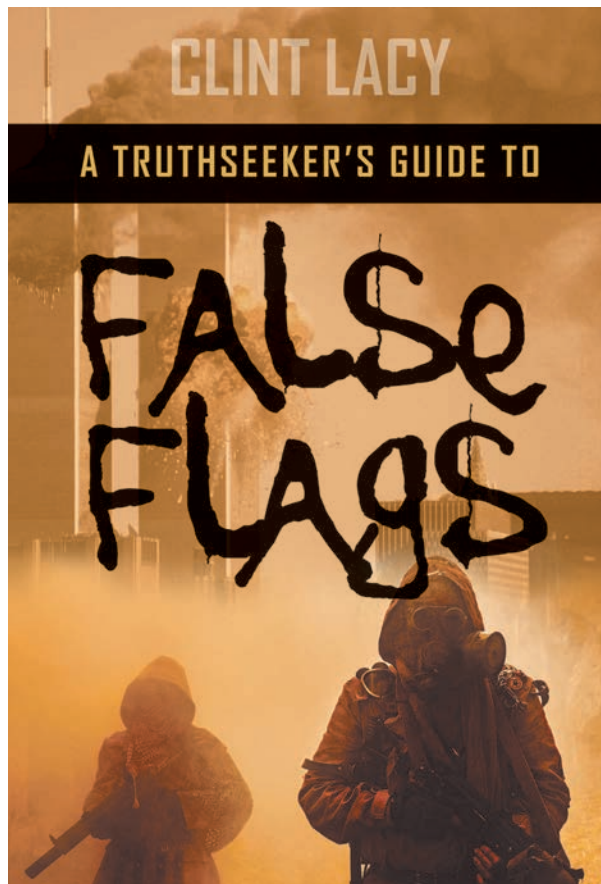
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Far-Left Activists Pressure Canada to Dismiss Doctor

• World-renowned doctor vilified for treating “gender dysphoria”



Dr. Kenneth Zucker was fired from his job at a Canadian hospital for resisting radical treatments and surgery for children suffering from confusion about their true gender.

By John Friend

A world-renowned psychologist, who specializes in treating children with so-called gender identity issues, recently won a sizable settlement from a Canadian youth and family clinic that had caved to pressure from far-left activists and fired him.

Dr. Kenneth Zucker is considered to be one of the world's leading authorities on so-called gender dysphoria and gender-identity development. He was the director of the Child Youth and Family Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) in Toronto, Canada, but in late 2015, Zucker was unceremoniously ousted from his role as director of the GIC, sparking immediate controversy. The decision was made by officials representing one of Canada's leading mental health care centers, the Center for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), which oversaw and financed Zucker's gender identity clinic.

Gender dysphoria is the clinical term for people who feel like they were born into the wrong biological sex. Zucker specialized in this specific



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disorder and believed that, through psychological treatment, many children could be helped to feel comfortable in their own skin again. In other words, Zucker was treating the urge for a boy to become a girl or vice versa as a treatable medical or psychological condition, not a lifestyle choice. He believes that radical surgery or chemical intervention (hormones) should be the last options for people suffering from gender dysphoria.

At the time, the CAMH had launched an internal review of the GIC and its operations, which were increasingly under the scrutiny of so-called transgender rights activists who opposed Zucker's critiques and skepticism of gender transition therapy for young children—the practice of “transforming” a child from one gender to another.

Following the conclusion and release of the internal review, Zucker was terminated. His ouster was celebrated by transgender rights activists, whose bizarre political agenda has become increasingly obvious to responsible parents, educators, and medical professionals.

Under Zucker's leadership, the GIC had largely opposed the so-called “gender affirmative” approach to children with gender dysphoria, which encourages young children to socially transition into a new gender. In simpler words, boys were pushed into being girls and girls were urged to be boys. This so-called “gender affirmative” approach has become increasingly popular among psychologists and gender identity scholars, who appear to be fully on board with the transgender activist community in their promotion and celebration of transgenderism.

Zucker filed a lawsuit against CAMH for defamation and wrongful termination shortly after he was fired in December 2015. It has taken three years, but now, his former employer has released a public apology to Zucker, and has openly

acknowledged that its internal review—which justified Zucker's termination—was chock-full of factual errors and erroneous conclusions. CAMH has also reached a financial settlement with Zucker, agreeing to pay \$586,000 to the man who responsibly managed the GIC for roughly 35 years.

Zucker's lawyer, John Adair, spoke to the news media following the release of the public apology, which largely vindicated his client.

“He is very happy . . . to have vindication of his reputation in the form of both financial and non-financial terms,” Adair stated. Zucker is especially happy that the settlement and apology have been made public to ensure “transparency and accountability,” according to Adair.

Despite the apology and settlement payment, Zucker remains out of a job in his native Canada, even though he has been credited with helping 500 children, who had been wrestling with their sexual identities. ★

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Bob Woodward's Tarnished Legacy

• Unable to capitalize after Nixon era, Woodward turned to Hollywood and CIA

S.T. Patrick continues his series on Woodward and his monarchical hold on modern journalism by profiling *The Washington Post* associate editor's work throughout the 1980s. This is the third installment in the series.

By S.T. Patrick

Though the Republican Party seemed all but dead after Watergate, the pardon of Richard Nixon, and the 1976 electoral loss of unelected President Gerald Ford to Gov. Jimmy Carter, the Eighties were a new decade, one that would attach the word "era" to the politician that dominated its most crucial moments, Ronald Reagan. For journalist Bob Woodward, the fall of the GOP had made him a legend. The rise of the Reagan era, however, would prove that legends are highly fallible, even in the world of journalism, where kings are rarely dethroned.

In September 1980, reporter Janet Cooke wrote an incredibly moving and emotional piece for the *Post* entitled "Jimmy's World." Cooke detailed the heartbreaking story of an eight-year-old heroin addict. So captivating was the story that Woodward, then the *Post's* assistant managing editor, nominated it for a Pulitzer Prize. In April 1981, it won. Cooke would later have to return the Pulitzer when it was revealed that the story had been a fabrication. Rather than making an apology, Woodward defended the merits of the story and removed himself from any responsibility for the nomination.

In 1984, taking a brief respite from political tomes, Woodward released *Wired: The Short Life & Fast Times of John Belushi*. Both Woodward and Belushi had been raised in Wheaton, Ill. Riding the wave of notoriety he had amassed after Robert Redford's portrayal of him in "All the President's Men," Woodward convinced Belushi's friend Dan Aykroyd, brother James Belushi, widow Judith Belushi Pisano, actress Blair Brown, and others to sit for interviews in preparation. For those who had known and worked alongside him, the memories of Belushi, who had died of a drug overdose in 1982, were fresh.

When *Wired* was released, Belushi's friends, family, and co-stars felt betrayed. Because Belushi had disliked Nixon and had liked Woodward's work, his widow had turned to the *Post* editor and bestselling author when she had questions about the LAPD's handling of the death. What Woodward did was to take the story and

You have to present those facts in context & in proportion to other facts in order to accurately reflect reality. It's here that Woodward fails.

create a very critical, drug-fueled, exaggerated narrative of Belushi's stardom.

Veil: The Secret Wars of the CIA, 1981-1987 marked Woodward's return to home base, the world of D.C. politics. Having roundly suffered what he believed was unfair criticism for *Wired*, Woodward may have thought his political wheelhouse would harbor a safe return to the accolades and fame of a decade before.

Veil includes one of the most hotly debated scenes ever written by Woodward. In it, former CIA director William Casey lies near-death in a hospital bed at Georgetown University Hospital. Woodward makes his way into the room and asks Casey if he had known about the illegal diversion

of profits from Iranian arms sales to the Nicaraguan Contras. Casey's head "jerked up hard. He stared and finally nodded yes," Woodward wrote. "Why?" Woodward puzzlingly asked. Casey paused and whispered, "I believed."

Kevin Shipp, a former member of Casey's own security detail, wrote that none of the agents standing guard would have allowed Woodward into the room. He also noted that the former CIA director was not able to speak at the time of Woodward's Q&A. Casey's daughter, Bernadette Casey Smith, told the *Houston Chronicle* that Woodward "never got the deathbed confession."

While the Casey story seems clearly like fantasy, *The New Yorker's* John Cassidy, in describing both *Veil* and other Woodward work, discussed his faults in a more muted, yet specific way. "The real rap on Woodward isn't that he makes things up," Cassidy wrote. "It's that he takes what powerful people tell him at face value; that his accounts are shaped by who cooperates with him and who doesn't; and that they lack context, critical awareness, and, ultimately, historic meaning."

The Nineties would bring a return to Watergate and, for Woodward, a kinder, gentler Democratic administration. But in the new millennium, 9/11, multiple wars, and the George W. Bush administration would be just the combatant-like foes that Woodward would need to rebuild a legacy he had self-tarnished in the 1980s and failed to recover in the 1990s. ★

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Elites Regretting Saudi Love Fest?

• Recent behavior of psychopathic Saudi leader has advocates questioning support

By Richard Walker

Elites in Hollywood, and in the board rooms of Silicon Valley and big media outfits in New York and Washington, will have difficulty explaining their love affair with the Saudis after reports that they kidnapped, tortured, murdered, and dismembered Kamal Khashoggi, a journalist and a permanent U.S. resident.

Khashoggi, who lived in Virginia, vanished after he entered the Saudi embassy in Istanbul on Oct. 2. As a critic of the new Saudi regime led by Prince Mohammed bin Salman, also known as MBS, Khashoggi refused to call himself a dissident. He went to the embassy to get documents for his impending marriage, and it is now believed the Saudis lured him there with the aim of seizing him. Turkish intelligence, which monitors foreign embassies, later posted footage of him entering the building. There was no evidence he ever left it alive. The Turks released photos of what they called a 15-man Saudi assassination team that also entered the embassy. The team had a recognized forensic expert and someone reportedly carrying a bone saw. This led the Turks to claim that Khashoggi was murdered and dismembered inside the building and his re-



KAMAL KHASHOGGI

Did the Saudi Arabians have exiled Saudi Arabian national and American resident Kamal Khashoggi—a critic of the rogue regime of Prince Mohammed bin Salman—assassinated? At this time, all available evidence is pointing toward that, after video footage has emerged of an alleged 15-man “hit team” entering the Saudi embassy in Istanbul.

mains transferred to two private planes that flew into Istanbul that day and later left for Saudi Arabia. It was a classic hit and a tactic they have been using against Saudi dissidents in other countries.

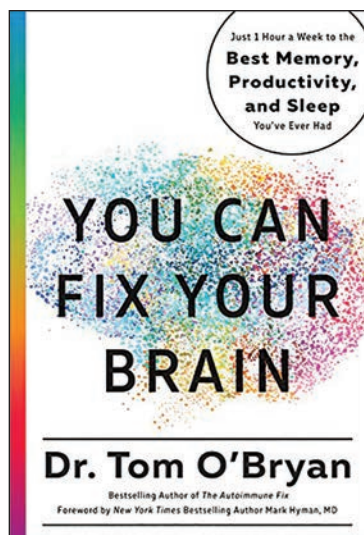
To the astonishment of the Turks, the Saudis declared that Khashoggi left the embassy unharmed, but refused to provide video footage. They complained that their video cameras had been out of operation. Their excuse was dismissed as pure fantasy by most intelligence experts since the Saudis are very security conscious at all diplomatic facilities. In all foreign installations, non-functioning cameras trigger a top-level security alert, but that did not happen at the Istanbul embassy. The Saudis even told Khashoggi’s future wife, who had waited outside the embassy for him for three hours, that he

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So far, President Trump is running cover for bin Salman, alleging the killers were “rogue.”

must have passed by her without her knowing.

A few media outlets speculated that the 15-man hit team, which Turkish intelligence said included several known Saudi special forces operatives, probably intended to kidnap and rendition Khashoggi to the Saudi capital, Riyadh, but something went terribly wrong and they killed him. Turkish intelligence dismissed that theory as a wild attempt by pro-Saudi elements to deflect from the evidence.

A question lurking in the background of the abduction is what American intelligence knew. Reports indicate the CIA knew in advance about the threat to Khashoggi. If Jared Kushner, the Mideast point man, was alerted to the threat, he had a duty to warn and protect Khashoggi, who was a U.S. resident.

So what does all of this mean in terms of what we know about Saudi Arabia and its young, impetuous leader, MBS? During a two-week East to West Coast tour in March this year, he had everyone eating out of his hand. He met Hollywood moguls, the titans of Silicon Valley, and the big names in media and politics in New York and Washington. Most of all, he spent time with Trump and Kushner, and CBS's "60 Minutes" broadcast an upbeat profile of him.

Lost in the euphoria of his visit was a warning

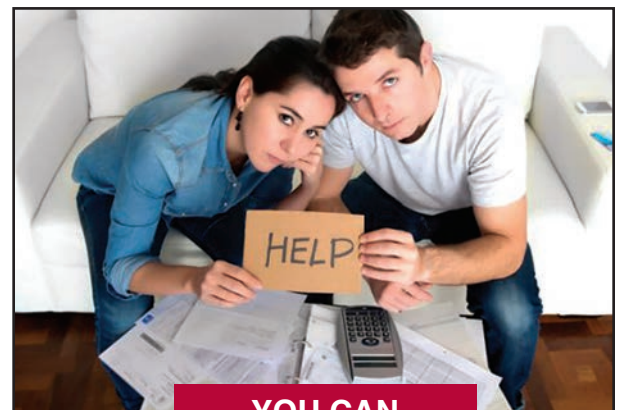
AFP referenced in November 2017 that MBS needed watching because he was impetuous and capable of destabilizing the Middle East. This assessment was first made in 2015 when he was Saudi defense minister. It came from the BND, Germany's foreign intelligence agency. The warning was ignored in Washington, Paris, and London where Saudi money has always bought silence and blind loyalty.

What was even more shocking about the American elites who met him in March 2018 is that they had to know that months earlier he invited Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri to Riyadh, had him arrested, and forced him to resign and make crazy claims about Lebanon in a television broadcast. The West intervened, and Hariri was eventually released. MBS then detained many of his own princes in a hotel and forced them to hand over their riches. He threatened to invade Qatar, but that was averted after American generals convinced the White House that Qatar was a valuable ally. Despite pleas from EU nations, he continued to expand his war in Yemen, slaughtering thousands of women and children and bombing food supplies and food production in the famine torn country.

Since taking over the Saudi kingdom, he has been emboldened by his personal relationship with Kushner, who has met with him privately but has never recorded what transpired at their meetings. He threatened Qatar after a meeting with Kushner, who has established links between MBS and his family friend, Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Khashoggi affair may be a bridge too far for Western leaders, though Trump seems to be running cover for MBS, claiming that a rogue group of Saudis likely killed the journalist. It will, however, be fascinating to see if the elites in Hollywood, Silicon Valley, and New York who bought into the MBS charm offensive now have any regrets. ★

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Identity Politics vs. Free Expression

• Crusaders for “diversity” undermine free speech, thought on college campuses

By Donald Jeffries

The contentious congressional hearings into the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, fueled by nonstop partisan coverage in the mainstream media, exposed once again the deep cultural fractures in this country. Nowhere in our society is this cultural war more clearly being waged than on our college campuses.

Even relatively tame conservative groups are being denied recognition at colleges all over this country. At Cornell College in Iowa, a campus chapter of the simple pro-market nonprofit Turning Points USA was not approved by student government leaders despite meticulously following the school’s rules and guidelines. One of the group’s leaders claimed, “It’s as if they were making it up as they went along.” Predictably, student leaders smeared the group with the tired, predictable labels of “hateful,” “racist,” and “sexist.”

Colleges, like virtually every institution in our civilization, trumpet “diversity” as the most sacred part of their politically correct dogma. But they don’t mean a diversity of opinion or perspective. This kind of diversity simply means fewer whites, especially white males. This discrimination against right-leaning student groups results in an inability to qualify for funds, a denial of access to student facilities, impacts recruitment, and makes a mockery of campus activism, which must always be culturally approved, social justice warrior-style activism.

Student protesters at the University of Oregon leveled the absurd charge that President Michael



Radical leftist protesters are shown at the University of Virginia. To them, “fascists” are anyone who disagrees with their neo-Bolshevik outlook on the world. Unfortunately, their quest for “diversity” has resulted in more segregation and less freedom of speech and thought.

Schill, simply by expressing a general support for free speech, was thereby enabling “fascism and white supremacy.” To these student “activists,” virtually any white male is advocating “white supremacy” and benefiting from “white privilege” merely by being white. The fact that the vast majority of these young people blasting whites for their privilege and supremacy are white themselves makes the situation even more ridiculous.

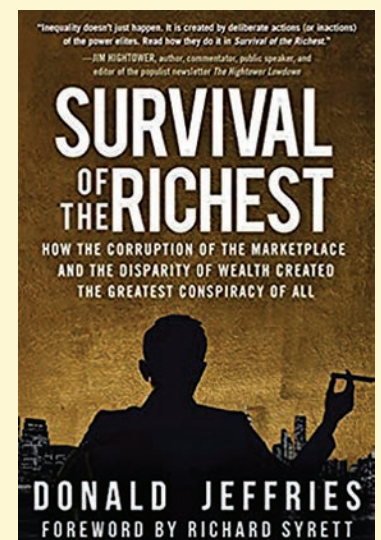
Sometimes even those who are social justice warriors in good standing themselves, and who

advocate for causes dear to the hearts of these activists, still incite their wrath. A Columbia University professor who was an advocate for gay rights, saw his class occupied by angry protesters who charged that he was helping to foster “a dangerous environment for students, including queer students.” This poor professor’s dedication to promoting a favorite theme of social justice warriors everywhere, that “rape culture” was fostered and enabled on campus, didn’t shield him from the often maniacal extremes of identity

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politics. In another instance, students at Reed College shouted down Kimberly Peirce, who had directed the 1999 film about transgenderism, *Boys Don't Cry*, with typically classy slogans like “f-ck your respectability politics.”

Identity politics refers to the growing trend whereby liberals advocate separating people along the lines of religion, race, social background etc. so as to form exclusive political alliances. Identity politics runs counter to everything our founding fathers believed when they formed the United States with the express purpose of making the individual sovereign.

Heather MacDonald has provided a myriad of shocking examples of this kind of deranged authoritarian behavior in her important book *The Diversity Delusion: How Race and Gender Pandering Corrupt the University and Undermine our Culture*. [See page 29 for AFP's ad.—Ed.]

Yale University sociologist Nicholas Christakis triggered a group of activists in October 2015, who were irrationally outraged that he'd sent an innocuous email supporting the notion that students should be able to pick their own Halloween costumes out without oversight from what MacDonald calls “diversity bureaucrats.” One girl, aping the histrionics that can be seen in a multitude of online videos, demanded that Christakis “be quiet!” and screamed, “You should not sleep at night! You are disgusting!” As happens invariably in these cases, no students were disciplined. In fact, Yale University actually awarded a prize for “providing exemplary leadership in race and/or ethnic relations” to two of the loudest anti-free speech “activists” who had confronted Christakis. One of these best and brightest had informed the hapless professor that “it's not a debate.” That is perhaps the central thesis of identity politics: No debate is permitted, no dissenting opinions are allowed, and any notions to the contrary are quickly labeled “hate speech.”

Most of these campus groups are totally non-threatening. The University of Miami repeatedly refused to approve a group calling itself Advocates for Conservative Thought, which supported “the exposition and promotion of conservative principles and ideas.” If that group was

too much for the campus “activists,” then what chance would a group claiming 9/11 was an inside job or an audit the Fed group have?

This kind of identity politics has long permeated the work environment. Affirmative Action, quota systems, and racial norming have all contributed to the cultural divide in America. A recent groundbreaking Australian study disappointed those who had advocated it. An experiment in “blind recruitment,” which meant job applicants made no mention of race or gender, did not result in the increased “diversity” desired. Instead, in the words of the Harvard academic who oversaw the study, “De-identifying candidates reduced the likelihood of women being selected for the shortlist.” The study also found that adding a male name made a candidate less likely to be offered an interview, while a female name made it more likely.

“We should hit pause and be very cautious about introducing this as a way of improving diversity,” Harvard's Professor Michael Hiscox declared, “as it can have the opposite effect.”

We are far removed from the meritocracy Thomas Jefferson envisioned for America. Asian students, for instance, were disproportionately being accepted into Harvard, so the school actually began discriminating against them, in order to hold their admission numbers down. Recently, the Justice Department backed a lawsuit by a group of Asian students over these counterproductive Affirmative Action policies. Students for Fair Admissions, while suing Harvard specifically, alleges that many more colleges are using the same discriminatory system.

“Most observers believe that over 100 colleges are using racial and ethnic preferences in admissions,” an attorney representing the group said.

Even a Fox News-like opposition to orthodoxy isn't permitted on college campuses. To those who run the cultural establishment, “diversity” doesn't mean diversity of thought. It only wants conformity. ★

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Kagan Responds to Trump's UN Speech

• Globalist group appalled at president's nationalist message at international body

By Mark Anderson

CHICAGO, Ill.—Evidence continues to mount that the liberal world order is losing its grip. The latest indication of this paradigm shift came about when the Brookings Institution's Robert Kagan spoke to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs Oct. 9, telling the influential think tank that President Donald Trump's recent UN General Assembly speech about putting "America first" proves America is moving away from its 70-year role as the chief financier and builder-protector of that world order.

Kagan, a senior fellow with the Project on International Order and Strategy in the Brookings Foreign Policy Program, believes that there is no stable alternative to America continuing its role as the superintendent of the world order, though he admits that the U.S. diplomatically and militarily pushing liberal democracy across the world is by no means innocent of wrongdoing.

As Trump told the UN:

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will always choose independence and cooperation over global governance, control, and domination. I honor the right of every nation . . . to pursue its own customs, beliefs, and traditions. The United States will not tell you how to live or

Robert Kagan of the Brookings Institution is upset that President Donald Trump would dare take an "America-first" line at his recent address to the United Nations. Kagan would prefer the U.S. continue to be a cornerstone of the NWO.

work or worship. We only ask that you honor our sovereignty in return.

While readers should pray Trump will honor his statements, words like that irk those of Kagan's ilk.

"At this moment, in relative terms," Kagan continued, answering Trump with discernable unease, "we [Americans] are . . . overtly taking less responsibility for what's going on around the world than we have in the past, and when we have a president who gets up at the UN and even dispenses with our usual hypocrisy. . . . He dispensed with hypocrisy and said [to other nations] 'we're in it for ourselves and you should be in it for yourselves' and that will make the world go around."

Even in the 1920s and 1930s, which Kagan called America's "isolationist" era, "no president would have gotten up in an international forum and said that," he added. But most worrying to Kagan is that many Americans seem to concur.

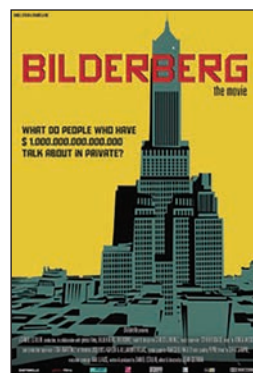
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"I didn't see a great uproar among Americans at the fact that he said that," Kagan said. "The media, the elites, you know, people like me, were flabbergasted. But the country was like, 'yeah, sounds good to me'—and that's a problem because I think Americans are very much of a mood to say, 'yep, we're going to look out for us and good luck to the rest of you.'"

Objectively speaking, Trump is not as dedicated to drastically curtailing American military interventionism as Kagan argues.

Trump has improved relations with North Korea by receiving long-overdue Korean War remains of U.S. servicemen and ushering in a formal end to the Korean War. Also, against tough odds, he has lessened tensions with Russia—at a time when the internationalist sect that Kagan personifies goes to great lengths to demonize Russia while warning that Russia and Korea must be countered with far-reaching military exercises.

Yet Trump's foreign policy doesn't fully measure up to his live-and-let-live credo, since his populist-nationalist professions apply largely to domestic industrial restoration, tax reform, and border protection but tend to diminish on the foreign front. The Trump administration has kept U.S. forces in the awful Syrian quagmire and apparently continues to support, in conjunction with the UK, the relentless bombing and bloodshed rained upon Yemen by ally Saudi Arabia's military.

In addition, Israel gets a free pass from both Kagan and Trump whenever nations that "destabilize" the "world order" are mentioned. Although Israel has openly attacked Syria, encourages the worsening of U.S. relations with Russia, threatens to drag the U.S. into war against Iran and regularly rains death upon Christians and other minorities in Palestine, it has seen its foreign aid income swell and solidify under Presidents Trump and Obama.

Trump this year supported the codification into law of the 10-year (\$3.8 billion per year, 2019 to 2028) aid package to Israel, meaning that this package, sired under President Barack Obama, would get the imprimatur of Congress, making it far tougher for future presidents to renege on the package. This cannot help but embolden Israel's external aggressions and internal human rights violations even more. ★

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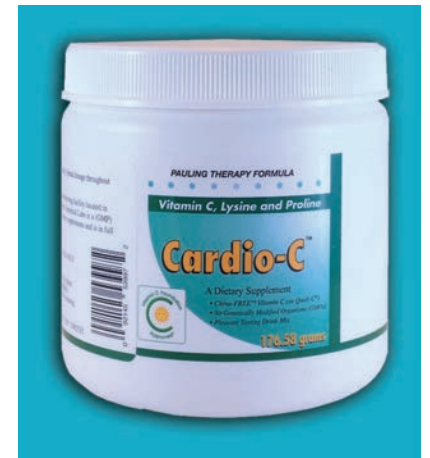
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Turkey, Russia, Iran Seek Peace in Syria

• Attendees at Tehran summit agree best course is one without U.S. involvement

By S.T. Patrick

In a recent tripartite summit that took place in Tehran, representatives from Turkey, Russia, and host Iran called on terrorists in the Syrian province of Idlib to lay down their arms so that a more peaceful political transition can commence.

“Let us hope that the members of the terrorist organizations would have enough sense to stop resistance and lay down weapons,” Russian President Vladimir Putin said. “Our agreements on Syria were always based on a premise that we are seeking to ensure peace between all belligerents, but keep the terrorist organizations bracketed out.”

The Iranian summit was an important step for three nations pondering their next move in Syria. For the time being, Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was able to urge Russia’s Putin and Iran’s Hassan Rouhani that a major offensive against the Idlib governorate would be a faulty strategy.

Idlib is currently occupied by large concentrations of jihadists. There was agreement in Tehran that the need to drive violent, radical Islam from Syria was vital to the stability of the region. There was no final agreement on how that would be done.

Rouhani was the most resolute of the three leaders regarding the idea that a heavy-handed approach would end the seven-year-old conflict.

“We have to realize that only the destruction of the terrorists, a military victory against them, can ensure stability and peace in the future in Syria and not only in that country,” Rouhani said.



At the recent summit in Tehran dealing with the best way to wind up the war in Syria, Iran’s President Rouhani, Turkey’s President Erdogan and Russia’s President Putin shook hands, agreeing on one thing: Peace would be much easier to achieve without the involvement of the United States.

Rouhani has been the president of Iran since 2013. Iran has supported Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and has remained committed to maintaining the strength of the “Shia crescent” that extends from southern Lebanon, through Syria and Iraq, and into Iran. Rouhani had been criticized by conservatives in Iran for making the highest level contact that had been made with the U.S. since 1979. He has supported the idea of an America-free Syrian resolution, but he has not publicly demanded American disengagement.

Erdogan has a definite self-interest in the chosen strategy employed by the coalition. Turkey borders Idlib and any full-scale offensive will cause massive numbers of casualties in the densely populated province. The escalation would also cause the further flight of refugees

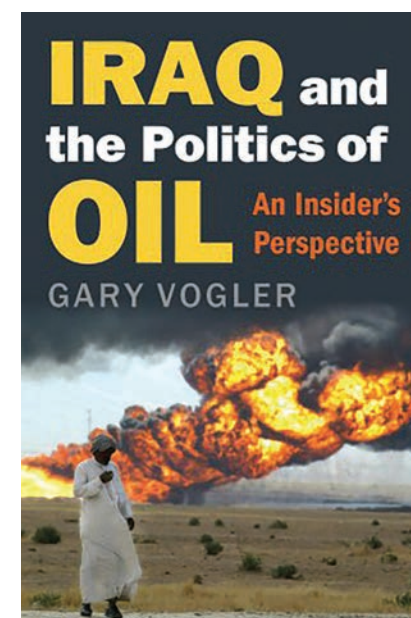
into Turkey, which has already accepted 3.5 million Syrians escaping their war-torn home. Erdogan cautiously warned that “mistakes in Idlib may derail the political process in Syria.”

There have been international claims that Turkey had funded ISIS fighters against Kurds on the Turkish-Syrian border. Turkey has stressed that continued American aid to Kurdish rebels only encourages incursions of Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK) terrorists into Turkey. If Turkey’s borders are to be protected, the strength of the border Kurds has to be muted. Since 2015, Turkey has publicly joined the fight against ISIS while also battling the PKK in Syria and Iraq. Any action they support in Syria will have a direct effect on their own border security.

In Tehran, Erdogan had to convince Rouhani

Iraq and the Politics of Oil

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



that the civilians inside Syria should not be the victims of their strategy. None of the three leaders had to be convinced that the U.S. should be out of Syria.

Turkey sees the American support for Kurdish militias in northern Syria as a major security threat, and all three nations view American involvement as synonymous with military escalation.

Putin's remarks focused on reconstructing the war-torn nation. "Conditions have been made in Syria to take in up to a million refugees. The government has provided security guarantees to all returnees, assuring that they would not be subjected to discrimination, including in terms of property rights," Putin said.

In 2012, Putin rejected a call from French President Francois Hollande for Assad to step down as Syrian president.

The summit, underreported in the American media, is a sign of unity for the three nations. There is the thought in the U.S. that a major global crisis cannot be resolved without the imprint of American hands over it, that other nations are all but impotent without excessive American influence. Nations such as Turkey, Russia, and Iran would argue that American influence prolongs war and prohibits satisfactory resolutions advantageous for Islamic citizens of the Middle East. The tripartite powers that met in Tehran are determined to find an end to the Syrian conflict. It will be American leadership that decides if it will aid or obstruct that peace. ★

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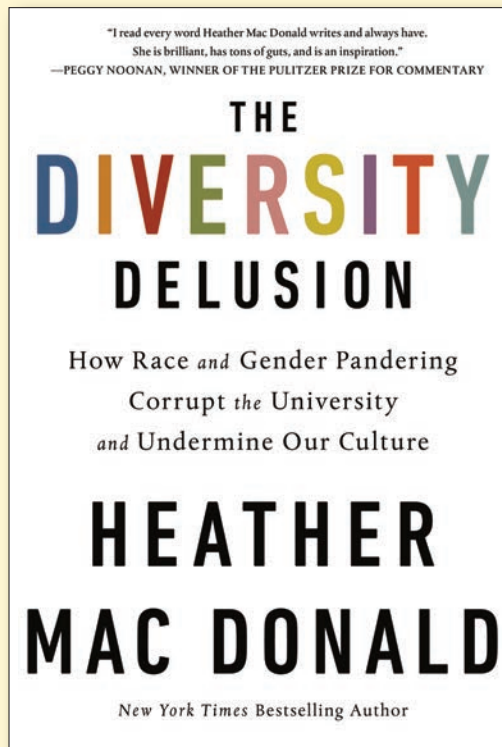
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BY HEATHER MACDONALD

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Populist Candidate Sweeps Brazilian Elections in Rout

- “Brazilian Trump” garnered 17% more votes than closest rival

By Dr. Ed DeVries

On Oct. 7, Brazilians voted in their national election. With eight candidates for president, the frontrunner going into the election was populist-conservative Jair Bolsonaro.

In the Aug. 13 and 20 edition, AFP first profiled Bolsonaro, who has been called the Donald Trump of Brazil after delivering fiery speeches where he sought to make “Brazil great again.”

All polling going into the contest showed that Brazilians were eager to make a change. After 13 years of governing the country, the left-wing Workers’ Party fell out of popular favor when several of its members were among the more than 100 high-ranking politicians implicated in a billion-dollar “Car Wash” corruption scandal.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the party’s golden boy who left the second term of his presidency in 2010 with an 87% approval rating, was found guilty last year of accepting \$1.2 million in bribes. While he was campaigning from his jail cell, the nation’s top court ruled in September that he was ineligible to run. His successor, Dilma Rousseff, was also ruled ineligible, having been impeached in the first half of her second term and convicted by senators of breaking Brazil’s fiscal responsibility law before the 2014 elections by making it look as if the economy wasn’t spiraling downward after her first term.

Polls published the day before the election showed Bolsonaro was 14 points ahead of his nearest rival. Still, the controversial candidate came into the election facing strong opposition to his conservative, Brazil-first campaign message.

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The good news for the populist candidate comes even as Bolsonaro was forced to curtail his campaign when he was stabbed and nearly killed by Adelio Bispo de Oliveira, a protestor, at a rally in Juiz de Fora on Sept. 6. After life-saving emergency surgery to repair internal damage, he spent the rest of the month in a hospital bed because his doctors did not believe that he was healthy enough for the campaign trail. He even had to miss the Oct. 5 national debate because his doctors had advised him not to attend. He did give a 25-minute television interview that appeared at the same time on a rival network, however.

Leftists attempted to exploit Bolsonaro’s absence, but, if anything, the verbal attacks during the debate and the failed assassination attempt have only strengthened his candidacy and, like

Bolsonaro’s victory was all the more amazing as he was nearly killed by an assassin in September.

his politically incorrect rhetoric, resulted in surges in the candidate’s polling numbers.

Amazingly, the day after the election, after 99.9% of the nation’s votes were counted, Bolsonaro had gotten an overwhelming 46% of the votes. His nearest rival, leftist Workers’ Party candidate Fernando Haddad, only had 29%. Unfortunately, in Brazil, Bolsonaro’s win was still more than a few votes shy of the required 50% plus one required to avoid a runoff, so the world will have to wait until Oct. 28 to find out if Bolsonaro will be afforded the opportunity to “make Brazil great again.”

Ironically, Brazil is not like the United States, where less than half of eligible voters are even



Though Jair Bolsonaro garnered 46% of the popular vote, and his nearest rival but 29%, Brazilian election rules dictate that a run-off election must be held as Bolsonaro did not get the required 50% of the vote.

registered to vote. In Brazil, voting is required by law, so not voting in that country is actually a criminal offense. Brazilians who fail to go to the polls have to pay fines and sometimes face other criminal penalties, so the voter turnout was almost absolute, giving Bolsonaro support from 46% support of the entire electorate, a considerable accomplishment when you consider that he was a lesser-party candidate in a field of eight candidates.

“Today we’ll start to make Brazil great again,” remarked Henrique Meeking, one of Bolsonaro’s campaign aides.

The candidate himself posted to Facebook: “For someone with no TV time, a small party, no political funds and who has been hospitalized for 30 days, this is a great victory.” ★

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Has Liberal Agenda Been Checkmated?

In all the hullabaloo over the federal judge Brett Kavanaugh hearings, there was one telling question that was hardly addressed, and that question was, why? Why did the liberals go berserk with the possibility that the judge would be seated to the Supreme Court?

The judge is not only a conservative Republican, he is also a strict adherent to the Constitution. Any opinions written by him would follow the limitations of the Constitution.

The judge will stress anti-activism in his opinions, something the Supreme Court has been ignoring.

For example, in the *Roe v Wade* decision, there are still many who feel, and rightly so, that this ruling should have been the states' rights, rather than the law of the land.

Cavanaugh will say that the states have constitutional authority over the federal government, and he will effectively "checkmate" through the high court the liberal agenda.

JIM ADAMS
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Branco Cartoons

I really like the cartoons A.F. Branco always draws. [Former FBI agent Peter] Strzok has a mean look, just like he really has. [Former FBI Director James] Comey is tall with a lying dossier, just like he is. [Special Prosecutor Robert] Mueller is portrayed as the mysterious, troublemaking sneak that he is, and I can see [Deputy Attorney General Rod] Rosenstein laughing about it all, too. And then look at [Attorney General Jeff] Sessions. Poor little Sessions—you draw him exactly



as the pipsqueak he is. Branco's cartoons do a lot to help lighten up AFP.

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Harmful Effects

In reference to the article on advanced data transmission in Issue 31 & 32, I can attest to the harmful effects of electro-magnetic fields (EMF). I grow tomato plants on my kitchen counter. The summer after Verizon put a cell tower just outside my property line, about 75 feet from my house, the plants looked sickly and the leaves sort of curled, though I did get some tomatoes. The following summer, they did "some work" on the tower, and my tomato plants all died, as did my three-foot-tall sunflower.

While the health effects cited in the

article are not visibly noticeable to the average person, there are widespread sleep disorder problems, and I can attest to that.

I came across copper as a possible way to mitigate the effects of EMF. I gathered everything made of copper—copper strips found in garden supply stores are an inexpensive source—to block the EMF. Afterward, I bought some small plants. They grew well, so I know that the copper worked.

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Impeachment Talk

The question has been raised in the news media, whether we should impeach President Donald Trump and Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. I would like to weigh in on

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this question.

It is my belief that the Article II section 4 provision for impeachment and removal of high government officials from office is applicable only to persons now occupying such offices and is not relevant *ex post facto* to anything said persons did before occupying their official public offices.

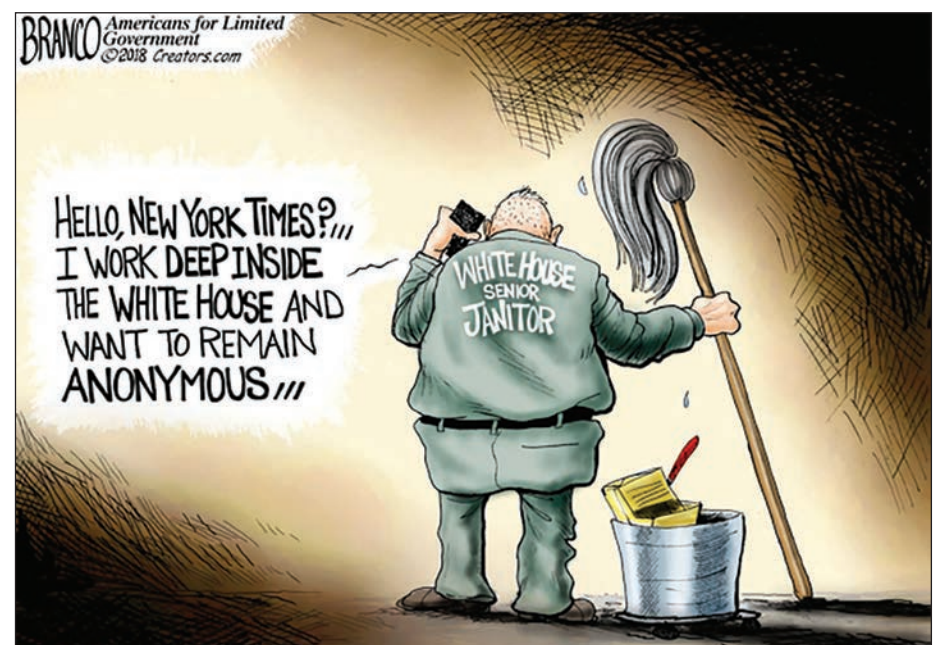
It is especially absurd to impeach high government officials for things they said or did prior to reaching age 18, the age of adult majority. When are we going to impeach and kick Jeff Sessions out of the U.S. attorney general's office because, when he was a school-boy 60 years ago, he ran down the school hallway, shot paper wads with a rubber band at his classmates, and one day put a live frog in his teacher's lunch box?

In the years of our foolish youth, we all do and say dumbbell, juvenile things that we regret in our later, more-mature adult years when we are all supposedly "wiser." Up to age 18, we should forgive and forget anything candidates for public government office, or even officials now in government office, did and said.

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