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## SPLC CHALLENGED

### Christian ministry taking a stand against hatemongers

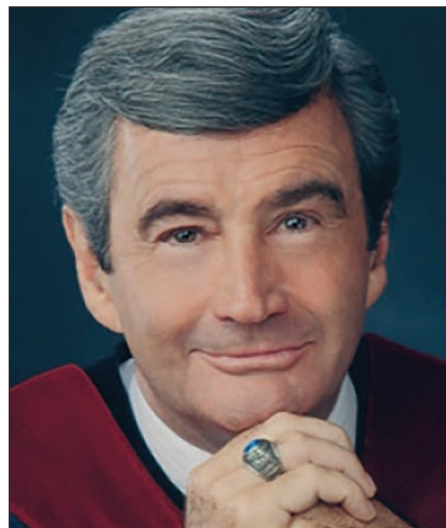
By Dave Gahary

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), one of the legal arms of the cultural Marxist gangsters running roughshod over this once-great nation's traditions and institutions, is being called on the carpet. No, not by any governmental agency or regulatory body, but by a conservative, Christian ministry, which is demanding answers as to why the SPLC believes it has the right to classify the Christian charity as a "hate group."

As this newspaper reported in its Dec. 18 & 25, 2017 edition in the article "Christianity vs. the SPLC," Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based D. James Kennedy Ministries (DJKM) has the SPLC in its sights and has filed a federal lawsuit against the organization. The importance of this case for free speech cannot be overemphasized.

DJKM became "the fastest-growing Presbyterian church in the U.S" when at its peak its weekly television programming aired on more than 400 TV stations and four cable networks with an audience of 3.5 million viewers in 200 countries.

In an exclusive interview with AFP, DJKM senior staff member John Rabe



The church of Rev. D. James Kennedy (1930-2007) has been labeled a "hate group" by the SPLC because the congregation is firm in its Christian beliefs.

delved into great detail about why the organization feels it is critical to stand up to the SPLC.

"Because [we take] a biblical position saying that marriage is a God-ordained institution between one man and one woman—which is simply what all Christians at all times have believed over 2,000 years—and because [we say] that marriage is a one-man one-woman union, and because we've said that sex is ordained by God," explained Rabe, "for up-

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holding those views and for broadcasting those views, we have been designated a 'hate group' by the SPLC."

Rabe explained why the SPLC's designations are dangerous.

"The SPLC sets themselves up as sort of the clearinghouse of information on hate groups in America," he said, "and so they're frequently quoted by the media [and] they are often relied upon by law enforcement groups. And because it's taken seriously by so many, we decided the time has come to act."

The lawsuit, filed Aug. 23, 2017 in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, "alleges, among other things, that the SPLC illegally trafficked in false and misleading descriptions of the services offered by DJKM and committed defamation against DJKM arising from the publication and distribution of false information that libels the ministry's reputation and subjects the ministry to disgrace, ridicule, odium, and contempt in the estimation of the public."

Rabe explained the danger the SPLC poses to everyone's free speech.

"They are trying to marginalize and ultimately silence Christians if they can designate you as a hater," he said. "So if you can get someone designated as a hater and get their speech designated as hate speech, then you could say they're not covered by the First Amendment and you can have the government silence them."

"This lawsuit has been a long time coming," Rabe continued, "and it's a way of planting that flag to say, 'Thus far and no farther,' that it's time to take a stand." (See p. 8 for interview.) ★

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## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

## Despite Withering Attacks, Trump, AFP Survive &amp; Win

It seems like every week lately we at AFP get calls, emails, and letters from readers who say they are frustrated that nothing in Washington is changing. They're concerned, and rightfully so, that corruption is so deeply ingrained in the nation's capital that it can never be flushed out. They want the swamp drained and Washington cleaned up. They want the U.S. to stop meddling in other country's affairs. They want to bring our troops home from the 800 bases the U.S. has in over 130 countries. They want the unfair trade deals that are killing American businesses to be dumped. They want unchecked immigration to be reined in. They want our elected representatives to put America first.

Last year, after watching administration after administration put other countries ahead of the U.S., American voters elected Donald Trump, who ran his campaign on a simple yet powerful message: Business as usual would come to an end if he were picked to be our next president. The bloated government would be cut, Trump had crowed during his rallies, and every expenditure and regulation would be scrutinized to weigh whether it benefits the American people.

This issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS marks the first anniversary of Trump's presidency. As we go to press, it has been one year since he was sworn in. We're happy to report that, right out of the gate, the Trump administration made bold moves that dramatically changed policies. After four decades of free-trade deals, Trump

pulled the U.S. out of the largest free-trade pact ever proposed. He beefed up border security and put pressure on Congress to reform immigration. He put the globalists on notice that their free ride was over, and he shamed multinational corporations that had moved their manufacturing plants out of the U.S. in order to exploit cheap, Third-World labor.

It is truly amazing that Trump did all of this despite the fact that the entire Beltway establishment—many of whom were in his own Republican Party—fought him the whole way. These traitors mobilized much of the mainstream media and took to the airwaves and in print to denounce Trump every chance they got. They also took him to court far more often than many Americans realize: In the first five months of his term, an incredible 134 lawsuits were filed against Trump's government—nearly three times more than were filed against the past three presidents combined—according to a report last summer by *The Boston Globe*.

Of course, we cannot forget special prosecutor Robert Mueller's office having been set up to investigate purported collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. Dozens of Trump officials have been targeted by the FBI and the special prosecutor. What was at first a nuisance has become all-out harassment. After eight months, not one shred of evidence has been revealed to show that the Russian government worked directly with Trump campaign officials to boost Trump and undermine Hillary

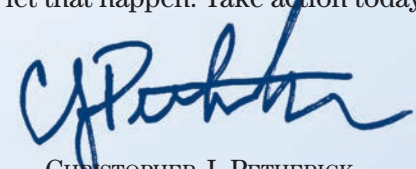
Clinton.

Now, thanks to some new information that's come to light, we know that a cabal of FBI agents met secretly to undermine American voters and take down Trump. They went so far as to conspire with a former UK spook to advance a report of salacious, unfounded allegations against Trump. They then lied to courts in order to get authorization to wiretap Trump and his campaign aides and to get access to personal and commercial financial details that had nothing to do with the presidential campaign.

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## Protecting U.S. Industry

Solar cells and washing machines imported to the U.S. will now be hit with 30% tariffs as a result of President Donald Trump's "most significant action taking aim at the world's second-largest economy since he ordered an investigation into Chinese practices that could result in tariffs," reports "ZeroHedge.com." The president issued the policy, in which the tariffs on solar imports begin at 30% and will decline to 15% by year four, based on recommendations from U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

## Hate Speech

Referring to white people, "Your DNA Is an Abomination," rants Texas State University senior Rudy Martinez in his editorial headline, published in the school's taxpayer-funded *University Star*. Whiteness is "a construct used to perpetuate a system of racist power," he states. "White death will mean liberation for all. Until then, remember this: I hate you because you shouldn't exist." The *Star* has issued two apologies in response to the backlash. Its editor-in-chief meekly acknowledged the column "could have been clearer in its message and . . . it has caused hurt within our campus community. We apologize and hope that we can move forward . . . together." University President Denise M. Trauth was pointed in her denunciation: "The column's central theme was abhorrent and is contrary to the core values of the inclusion and unity that our Bobcat students, faculty, and staff hold dear." For now, Martinez faces no legal repercussions for his abominable statements, but, had it been any other race, the writer would have been at the very least expelled.

## Feeding SPLC Hate Data

Reports "The Daily Caller," a computer science professor at Elon University has developed software that will track the Facebook accounts of 400,000 people she "suspects to be members of the alt-right." Megan Squire's "secret weapon," to be used to "fight 'far-right extremists' on be-

half of antifa," will "feed data to the hyper-partisan Southern Poverty Law," notes *Wired Magazine*. SPLC will then share that info with law enforcement or use it "to reveal white supremacists to their employers." Data will also be sent to "a left-wing activist who [Ms. Squire] knew might take more radical action." Ms. Squire notes at her blog that she defines a "far-right extremist" as someone who holds one of 12 different ideologies, identified by searching for keywords like "anti-SJW," "anti-Obama," "No Sharia Law," "rebel," or "patriot."

## Bias Not Allowed

At least 100 campuses, including Williams College in Massachusetts, now have in place a system for students to report each other for trivial "bias incidents"—saying or doing something considered offensive. *Reason* magazine reports that almost anything can be considered offensive, including "name-calling and stereotyping," "telling a joke that draws its humor from a stereotype," and discussing someone's religion or political affiliation, which "are considered protected classes for the purposes of categorizing bias incidents." The campus paper notes that while "bias" is not the same as a "hate crime" and is not a crime, per se, such offenses are "abhorrent and intolerable."

## Running Out of Water

Cape Town, South Africa is about to completely run out of water, following a three-year drought. Only 80 days of water remain before pumps will no longer function due to clogging by silt and mud as the local reservoir, presently at 20% capacity, runs too low. On the "ominously named 'day zero,' April 21," the taps will be turned off, reports CBS News. The second-most populous city in South Africa behind Johannesburg, "Cape Town's four million residents are now only allowed 23 gallons of water per person per day. Next month that goes down to 13 gallons." One farmer summarized, "It's a desperate situation. It's a difficult, difficult situation for us." South Africa has been in a slow death spiral since white rule ended.

## Israelis Against Bibi

"Will Netanyahu be indicted?" asks *Newsweek*, reporting on about 20,000 Israelis shouting, "Shame!" as they poured into the streets of Tel Aviv (shown below) recently to protest the foot-dragging probe of Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanya-



hu. He and dozens of others in his ruling Likud Party have been accused of corruption in the form of accepting bribes in exchange for political favors and conspiring with a major national newspaper to receive positive coverage. The protests were sparked when legislation was introduced by members of the Likud Party that would effectively nullify the investigations, which have been under way since August, regardless of the outcome. "Netanyahu and his [Likud] government are destroying the country. There's been enough corruption," insisted one Tel Aviv resident at the protest.

## The Other 7.5 Billion

According to a new report from UK group Oxfam based on data from Credit Suisse, the World Bank, Forbes' billionaires list, the IMF, and others, in 2017, "the three richest Americans have the same amount of wealth as the poorest half of the U.S. population, and 82% of the global wealth generated last year went to just 1% of the world's population. . . . Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates, Amazon's Jeff Bezos and legendary investor Warren Buffett are the three Americans whose combined wealth matches that of the poorest 160 million Americans—about \$250 billion."

## Vaccine Woes

The purported link between aluminum in vaccines and autism was further strengthened when the brains of children with autism were found to contain abnormal levels of aluminum, an adjuvant in vaccines. Three new studies—from the University of British Columbia, Keele University in Staffordshire, England, and Universite Paris Est Creteil in France, all published in prestigious journals this year—have also indicted aluminum in vaccines. A separate study published in March also linked aluminum to Alzheimer's disease.

## Climate Change Fakeness

Data from the Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level revealed a dramatic sea level rise at three Indian Ocean measuring gauges. Two Australian scientists blew the whistle, however, after discovering fraud during their investigation. Turns out the record-keepers had fudged the numbers. In



fact, the sea levels had remained neutral, risen gently, or even dropped. The scientists' paper, published in *Earth Systems and Environment*, shows that ecofanatics are willing to distort data in such a way as to seem to confirm their theories of global warming.

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# Arpaio Will Run for the Senate

• Famed Arizona lawman speaks with AFP about his campaign plans

By Mark Anderson

Former longtime Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio spoke to AFP Jan. 21 in an exclusive interview about his recently announced bid to fill the seat of departing U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.). While reflecting on his 58 years in federal and state law enforcement and discussing his political views, the embattled but resilient lawman said he intends to serve for one term and feels he has a respectable chance to prevail.

“What’s good about my race is that I’m not going to make a career out of it,” he told AFP. “My sole intention is to serve the people of Arizona.”

Comparing his Senate bid with his past Maricopa County election efforts that earned him the sheriff’s post for 24 years, Arpaio is challenging mainstream-media naysayers. He points out that, since Maricopa County is larger in population and/or land area than 18 states, this statewide Senate race is not too much of a stretch, especially given his notoriety.

“I’ve never lost a Republican primary,” he said. “I won seven of them,” including even the 2016 sheriff’s office primary by a comfortable margin despite media efforts to scuttle his primary bid. He lost the general election to a former Phoenix police officer, amid sustained negative publicity about the government taking him to trial.

A three-way primary is already shaping up. Besides Arpaio, Republican Kelli Ward, a former state senator, is running, as is one-term GOP Congresswoman Martha McSally, a retired Air Force officer. Democratic Rep. Kyrsten Sinema is running, too, and she’ll likely have a primary challenge.

Since Sen. Flake is vacating his seat, partly over blowback from excessively ridiculing Trump’s policies, Arpaio has the advantage of not having to unseat an incumbent. He also has good statewide and national name-recognition in a border state whose two sitting senators both stump for amnesty for illegal immigrants.

“Arizonans largely continue to see illegal immigration as a major problem but believe undocumented immigrants should be treated humanely,” according to a March 2015 poll by Arizona State University’s Morrison Institute for Public Policy.

Arpaio said that his critics who see him as a rogue character “forgot all the drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs I had in the jail,” referring to humane policies he applied toward assisting prisoners, including illegal aliens.

Arpaio said that a major motivation for his Senate run is that Flake, along with the other

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Arpaio says he would be a loyal Republican, but not an automatic GOP rubber stamp.

Arizona senator, John McCain, are part of a small establishment-Republican vanguard who’ve unduly and unfairly obstructed the president’s agenda, including Trump’s pledge to stop runaway immigration, an issue on which Arpaio and Trump clearly agree.

Yet most media, Arpaio said, report as if this vanguard represents virtually the entire Senate.

“You can count the vocal ones on one hand,” Arpaio remarked. “But I don’t like what’s going on with the two senators from Arizona zeroing in on the president.”

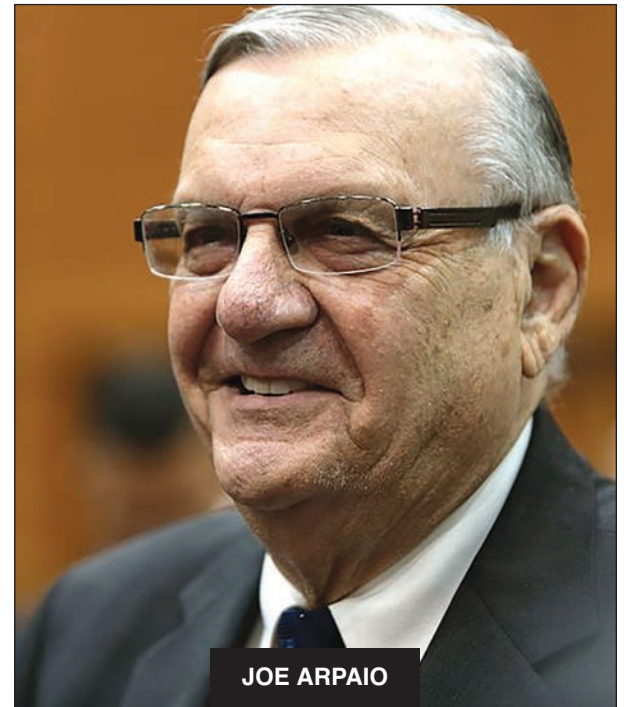
Notably, Sens. Flake, Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), and Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) are in a faction called the “gang of six,” joining forces with Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin (Ill.), scandal-ridden Robert Menendez (N.J.) and Michael Bennet (Colo.). Their goal, according to a recent op-ed in *The Hill*, a Beltway newspaper, is to “give amnesty to millions of so-called Dreamers [those who entered the U.S. illegally as children] and their illegal-alien parents.”

Arpaio has a rather colorful background. After a U.S. Army stint from 1950-53, he became a Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police officer in 1957. He also briefly served as a Las Vegas patrolman. Pursuing higher aspirations, he was sworn in as a federal Drug Enforcement Administration officer in Chicago that year in November, while getting married the following month. He calls 1957 his banner year. He and his wife, Ava, recently celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Politically, Arpaio came out early in support of Trump in 2015. Previously, he was honorary state chairman for George W. Bush’s first campaign and supported the presidential runs of Rick Perry in 2012 and Mitt Romney in 2008. He feels he’s a loyal Republican but not a GOP “rubber stamp.”

“I do agree with the president’s policies on international trade—anything that will help the economy of our country. We should be using money spent overseas on our country, on our highways and byways,” he told AFP.

Thus, Arpaio supports Trump on the NAFTA



renegotiation, because it could rev up the U.S. economy as well as Mexico’s—a rebalancing that Arpaio believes would reduce the incentive for illegal border crossings into the U.S.

Arpaio has faced his share of media brickbats since at least 2006, when he became nationally known as a so-called “hardliner” for wanting to get a handle on the huge influx of illegal immigrants flowing into his jurisdiction. He was clobbered again when the Department of Justice sued him for his “willful” decision to disregard a 2011 federal injunction issued to bar him from continuing to arrest and detain illegal aliens during his time as sheriff.

On July 31, 2017 Arpaio was found guilty of misdemeanor criminal contempt by Judge Susan Bolton—who, according to one of Arpaio’s attorneys, Mark Goldman, improperly issued her verdict from the bench after a brief non-jury trial that ran four days and concluded July 6. Arpaio did not get the jury trial he had sought.

A loose end in those proceedings remains, in that Judge Bolton has refused to strike the misdemeanor from his record—something Arpaio is appealing. “She won’t erase my conviction,” he explained. “I was never brought before [her] and sentenced.”

When Trump pardoned Arpaio last Aug. 25, the prospect of him running for Senate was mentioned, though it wasn’t discussed at-length in major media. According to Arpaio, there’s no connection between the pardon and his Senate run.

“President Trump hasn’t called me, nor have I called him, before or since my Senate announcement,” he said, adding that the last time he spoke with Trump was by phone in November 2016 after Trump had won the presidency. ★

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# Anybody But Romney

• Wishy-washy candidate eyeing Utah U.S. Senate seat

By S.T. Patrick

As Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) prepares to retire after 40 years in the Senate, Mitt Romney has made recent headlines as the likely Republican replacement for Hatch on the 2018 senatorial ballot. Since losing the GOP's presidential primary to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in 2008 and then the presidential election to President Barack Obama in 2012, Romney has for the most part steered clear of political battles.

First-term mid-term elections are usually referendums on the first two years of a new presidency. In a political environment as emotionally charged as Washington, D.C. is today, the elections of 2018 will center on President Donald Trump and a candidate's support or opposition for the Trump agenda. Though a source close to the White House confirmed to *The Salt Lake Tribune* that Trump called Romney and encouraged him to run, the White House only confirmed the call and not the reason for the call.

Recently, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert (R) said that Ken Gardner, a local businessman, phoned him to say that he had received a text from Romney. "I'm running," it said.

In the political world of alliances, mending fences that appeared irreparably broken is not as far fetched as it seems.

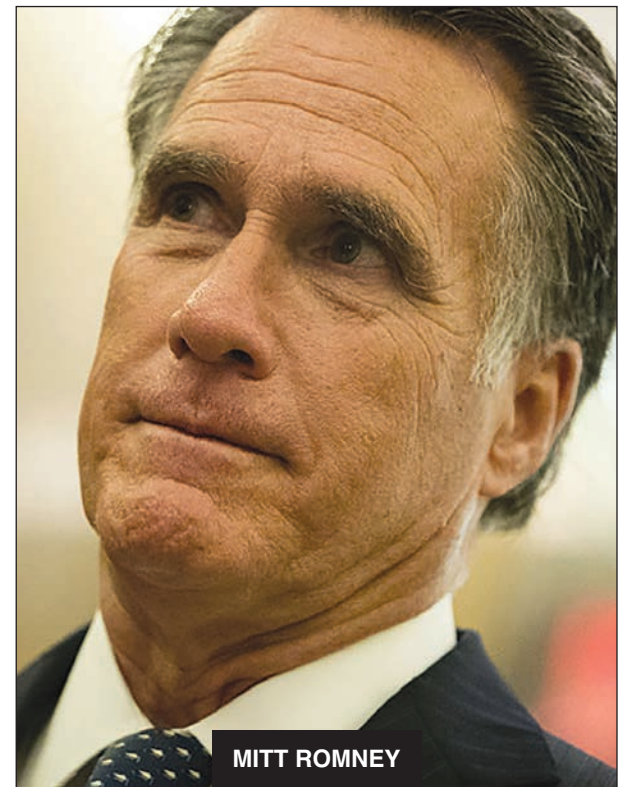
In a March 2016 speech, Romney was harshly critical of Trump, declaring, "Here's what I know: Donald Trump is a phony, a fraud." After Romney

was critical of Trump for not releasing his tax records, Trump responded that Romney was "one of the dumbest and worst candidates in the history of Republican politics." After predicting that a Trump victory would mean that "the prospects for a safe and prosperous future are greatly diminished," Trump called Romney "a choke artist." Romney publicly stated that he voted for Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) in the 2016 Utah caucus, but he never released his 2016 general election vote.

After Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton, Romney congratulated him via Twitter and a phone call. Shortly thereafter, Romney met with president-elect Trump at the Trump National Golf Club in New Jersey. The two reportedly discussed a possible appointment for Romney as secretary of state in the new administration. The position eventually went to Rex Tillerson.

After the August violence in Charlottesville, Romney again criticized Trump's handling of what Romney said should have been a "defining moment" for the Trump presidency. "Whether he intended to or not, what (Trump) communicated caused racists to rejoice, minorities to weep, and the vast heart of America to mourn," Romney wrote in a Facebook post. "The president must take remedial action in the extreme. He should address the American people, acknowledge that he was wrong, apologize. State forcefully and unequivocally that racists are 100% to blame for the murder and violence in Charlottesville." Trump had said that there was "blame on both sides" for the violence.

After recent reports surfaced that Trump had used the expression "sh\*\*hole countries" to de-



scribe nations like Haiti, Romney took to Twitter in response. "The poverty of an aspiring immigrant's nation of origin is as irrelevant as their race," Romney tweeted. "The sentiment attributed to POTUS is inconsistent (with) America's history and antithetical to American values. May our memory of Dr. King buoy our hope for unity, greatness, and charity for all."

Romney emerged again last November as he opposed the Alabama senate candidacy of Roy Moore. Political strategist Steve Bannon, giving a speech in support of Moore, addressed Romney directly. "You hid behind your religion," Bannon said. "You went to France to be a missionary while guys were dying in rice paddies in Vietnam."

Bannon was referring to Romney's devoted membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons. While Romney's religion may not present problems in Utah, the global center for Mormonism, many have expressed doubts about the religion's legitimacy and its practices. Right or wrong, many American evangelical Christians consider Mormonism to be a non-Christian cult, while revisionists and conspiracy theorists are troubled by its structural and traditional proximity to freemasonry. The once-secret, "sacred" rituals performed by Mormons in exclusive temples are now viewable as hidden camera footage on YouTube.

If Romney arrives in Washington, D.C. as the next senator from Utah, his support will be coveted by both the White House as well as the #NeverTrumpers. The milieu of Senate Republicans who indirectly and directly have criticized the president is not small. But a newly elected Sen. Romney may not choose to blend in at all. He may, instead, choose to carve his own path—and maybe in preparation for another even-larger campaign. ★

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# Antifa Behind Fatal Collision?

• James Fields was fleeing heavily armed leftists, causing deadly car crash

By John Friend

**D**wayne Dixon, a University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill lecturer and active member of an antifa organization, recently admitted on his personal Facebook page that he “chased off” James Fields via armed intimidation at the Unite the Right rally late last summer in Charlottesville, Va. Fields drove his car into a group of counterprotesters during the legally permitted event, resulting in the heart attack death of Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old counterprotester.

Many eyewitnesses and others who attended the rally have argued that Fields was physically attacked and intimidated when he was confronted by counterprotesters on the afternoon of the rally, which resulted in the fatal collision while he was trying to leave.

Dixon, an anthropology lecturer and resident of Durham, N.C., is a known member of the Redneck Revolt, “a leftist organization that promotes community self-defense in the struggle against racism,” according to *The Herald-Sun*, the local Durham newspaper that has covered Dixon’s controversial activism in the past. Dixon attended the Unite the Right rally with other members of the Redneck Revolt, and some of them—including Dixon—came armed with assault rifles.

According to *The Herald-Sun*, Dixon “walked away [from the rally] when people started to march” in Charlottesville. He told the paper that he put his gun in the trunk of his car when the day’s events began, and ultimately went home. However, Dixon’s recent Facebook post, which

caught the attention of many in the independent media, calls into question his narrative of events in Charlottesville.

“I take perverse pleasure in having carried this Spike’s lower in the defense of Justice Park on August 12th,” Dixon wrote in the caption of a photo of himself holding a tactical semi-automatic assault rifle that he posted on his personal Facebook page. “I used this rifle to chase off James Fields from our block of 4th St. before he attacked the marchers to the south. Spike’s needs a good lesson in ethics and antifascism.”

Dixon has apparently made his Facebook account private following the controversy created by his post. “Spike’s” is a shortened version of Spike’s Tactical, a firearms company.

Dixon sparked controversy late last summer when he and two others were charged with two misdemeanors as a result of bringing a semi-automatic rifle to what they thought would be a KKK rally. While the KKK rally never materialized, rumors that one was going to be held in downtown Durham caused multiple counterprotesters and anti-racism activists—including Dixon—to rally in the streets to confront the KKK and their supporters.

The Durham County Sheriff’s Office eventually issued a warrant for Dixon’s arrest, arguing that he helped in organizing protesters that day to block public roadways “while armed with a semi-automatic weapon rifle capable of firing multiple shots within seconds, which upon observance by members of the public caused alarm



DWAYNE DIXON

and concerns for safety,” according to reports at the time. Dixon challenged the charges.

Dixon’s recent Facebook post adds more ammunition to arguments made by supporters of Fields that the car accident he caused was not premeditated or intentional but rather came about as a result of him being physically attacked and intimidated by counterprotesters, including armed counterprotesters such as Dixon. At the time, Dixon justified the violent and illegal actions leftists took against organizers and attendees of the Unite the Right

rally—which included unprovoked physical attacks, use of pepper spray against rally-goers, and other violent assaults—by arguing that right-wing political speech and organizing is itself a form of violence, making unprovoked left-wing violence justifiable.

“They’re not just speaking—they’re marching,” Dixon told reporters in the wake of the Unite the Right rally. “They’re marching in a way that’s intimidating, as we all know is harking back to the torch light rallies of the Nazi era. When the left uses violence, in the rare cases that it happens, it’s resistance.”

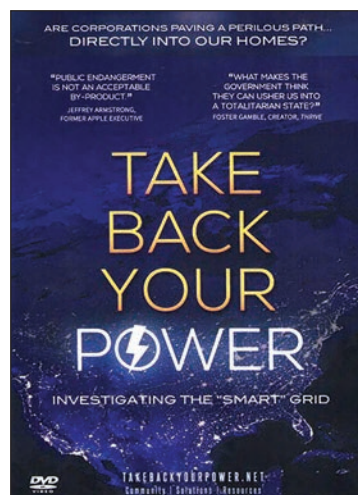
The radical left continues to instigate and justify violence against political opponents for simply exercising their First Amendment rights. Thankfully, many are standing up to the tyranny and lawlessness the radical left wishes to see unleashed upon society. ★

John Friend is a writer based in California.

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# Ending SPLC's Reign of Terror

• Senior staffer at Christian ministry explains why we must prevail against real hate

By Dave Gahary

In an exclusive interview with AMERICAN FREE PRESS, John Rabe, the director of creative production and on-air host for Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based D. James Kennedy Ministries (DJKM) talked at length about why the conservative Christian organization is suing the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and what the group's leaders are hoping to accomplish.

DJKM was founded by pastor, evangelist, and broadcaster Dennis James Kennedy, who built Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church into a \$37-million-a-year powerhouse. Kennedy was such a force that the day after his passing in 2007, President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush issued a statement saying they were “deeply saddened” by his death, calling him “a man of great vision, faith, and integrity. . . . Dr. Kennedy’s message of love and hope inspired millions through the institutions he founded.”

Rabe explained the genesis of the lawsuit.

“DJKM has continued on Dr. Kennedy’s mission,” he began. “We’ve continued promoting his viewpoints, using his sermons on our television programs, and those issues . . . include issues of sexuality. Well, as you probably know, in today’s culture, to take a biblical viewpoint on those issues—which is essentially a conservative viewpoint on those issues—will make you very unpopular with those who are intent on remaking our society upon new lines.”

Although the First Amendment to the Constitution was designed to protect the states from central government power, the SPLC’s arbitrary “hate group” ratings have the potential to put a serious chill on free speech.

Explained Rabe:

The SPLC is a private organization and so it’s not the government, and the SPLC calling us haters is slanderous, but it’s not a violation of the First Amendment. But, where the religious liberty concerns come in and the First Amendment concerns come in is that often law enforcement agencies have relied upon the SPLC’s designations. The FBI has relied upon the SPLC’s designations, and so government entities are taking these designations of the highly ideological, far-left SPLC at face value. There is a danger in that, and that’s one of the reasons for this lawsuit as well—that the SPLC cannot be allowed to damage people by making these false claims about them, and that the government cannot rely at face value upon the designations of this highly partisan group. It’s part of a larger strategy that will ultimately threaten our First Amendment freedoms, designating people haters and trying to



argue that hate speech is not protected by the First Amendment.

If Americans understand the First Amendment, Rabe continued, “it was to protect dissenters; it is to protect unpopular speech. And so if it doesn’t protect ‘hate speech,’ whether it actually is hate speech or whether it’s just something that someone falsely designates hate speech, if the First Amendment doesn’t cover that, I don’t know what it really does cover.”

Rabe turned his sights on the SPLC and why they are so dangerous to this country.

“The [SPLC] engage[s] in a fallacy by lumping in groups like ours that simply promote mainstream, historic, Christian doctrine with actual violent hate groups,” he said. “We all recognize there is such a thing as a hate group; there are groups based along racial lines or others [that] will designate people for targeting and will incite violence against those kind of people—although [it’s] very interesting to note that radical Islam is largely absent from the SPLC’s hate maps. We’ve had mosques in America where terrorist attacks had been coordinated in the United States—in Virginia and elsewhere—and yet these mosques do not appear on the SPLC’s hate map. They’re very selective about the groups that they choose, and they end up lumping together Christian organizations—like the Family Research Council and DJKM and the Alliance Defending Freedom, who simply defends the First Amendment in court—together with groups like neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan, which is extremely disingenuous.”

Rabe explained how the SPLC’s ostensible mission has swayed far from its beginnings.

“The SPLC was founded after the bulk of the civil rights movement by an attorney named Morris Dees in 1971,” Rabe said. “Early on, they

Left, John Rabe, a director at the church, says we must not sit by and allow the SPLC and other powerful lobbying groups to dictate what we can and cannot say or believe. Challenging the SPLC is imperative. Facing page, a photo of the headquarters of the D. James Kennedy Ministries in Florida.

fought some cases in court against the Ku Klux Klan and others and built a reputation as an anti-hate group organization that will do something about it during that period. However, if you look beyond the early ‘70s you will be very hard-pressed to find actual cases of the SPLC going up against true hate groups and being effective against them. What you instead find is that they’ve largely built an enormous fundraising machine [by] basically [scaring] Northeastern liberals who never met a Christian or never met a conservative into thinking that there are hate groups around every corner. They currently have—and this is not speculation, this is in their own financial filings—over \$300 million in endowments right now, much of that sitting in offshore accounts in the Cayman Islands and elsewhere.”

Besides the SPLC, DJKM is also suing Amazon, “the world’s largest online shopping retailer,” headed by Jeff Bezos, who is on track to become the wealthiest person in history, worth over \$100 billion.

Rabe explained why the online powerhouse is included in the lawsuit.

“Amazon.com has been relying upon the SPLC’s hate group designations” for their charity program called AmazonSmile.

This program allows customers to donate a portion of the purchase price to a charitable organization, but Rabe said they were barred due to the SPLC’s classification.

“We applied to become one of the charity groups, and they refused us entrance into AmazonSmile,” Rabe explained. “The basis that they gave us was that ‘you’ve been designated by the SPLC as a hate group.’ We view this as religious discrimination because we have been falsely designated a hate group simply for holding traditional orthodox Christian beliefs on issues like sexuality.”

DJKM’s lawsuit is being litigated by Texas-based National Center for Life and Liberty, headed by David C. Gibbs III, who is on the ministry’s board of directors and is a frequent Fox News legal contributor. Gibbs litigated the Terri Schiavo case, the gripping 1990-2005 “right-to-die” legal matter that saw Theresa Marie “Terri” Schiavo in an “irreversible persistent vegetative state” with her husband wishing to remove her feeding tube. Schiavo’s parents challenged the medical diagnosis, and the prolonged series of





legal challenges reached state and federal politicians including President George W. Bush, causing a seven-year delay before Ms. Schiavo's feeding tube was removed, on March 18, 2005. She died 13 days later.

Rabe discussed the federal lawsuit, its cost, and its significance against the arguably out-of-control, rogue SPLC.

"I can tell you right now we do not have a \$300 million bank account at DJKM, not anywhere near it," said Rabe, "so this is a little bit of a David-and-Goliath type of situation. They are far, far larger than we are in terms of resources, in terms of their ability to just sort of overwhelm

us with motions and with what lawyers call 'punitive discovery,' frivolous discovery claims. So we are gonna be up against it here, so anyone who feels led to help with that, we welcome that, as well as prayer."

Those wishing to donate to support DJKM's lawsuit can do so at [djameskennedy.org/donate](http://djameskennedy.org/donate) or via U.S. Mail to D. James Kennedy Ministries, P.O. Box 11184, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339. ★

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

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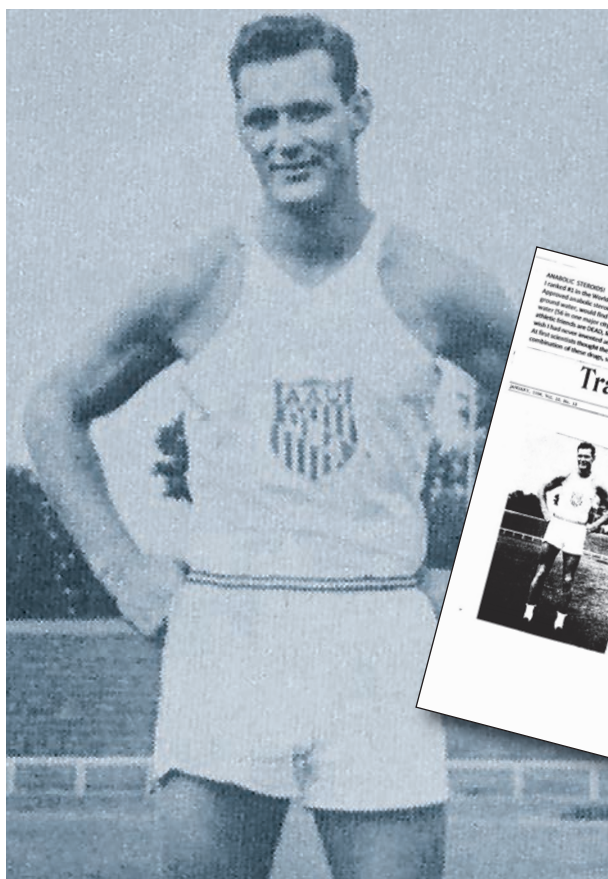
# I am in My 89th Year

because I discovered how to take advantage of vaccine shots and radium treatments I received as a child . . . avoiding the downside!

By John Ellis

**T**his tale of woe had a great ending in spite of the Navy submariners and Air Force members including myself (at 14) who had radium tipped rods inserted into their nasal cavities to treat hearing problems, ear infections, sinus trouble and shrink adenoids. However, decades later serious health problems developed including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors!

As a result, I went to the Choate School Wallingford, Conn. where an old chemistry book inspired me to release the measurable energy in water to 30 TIMES the energy in ordinary water and save my own life (JohnEllis.com videos)! A child in Chemistry class also proved that! Thousands were treated near the submarine base in



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New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine with this new-found energy (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests) but after Vietnam, they didn't want to help veterans and it continues today as Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) also discovered as late as 1994 ... even after ONE MILLION CIVILIAN RADIUM TREATMENTS, there was little interest in helping even Agent Orange victims!

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

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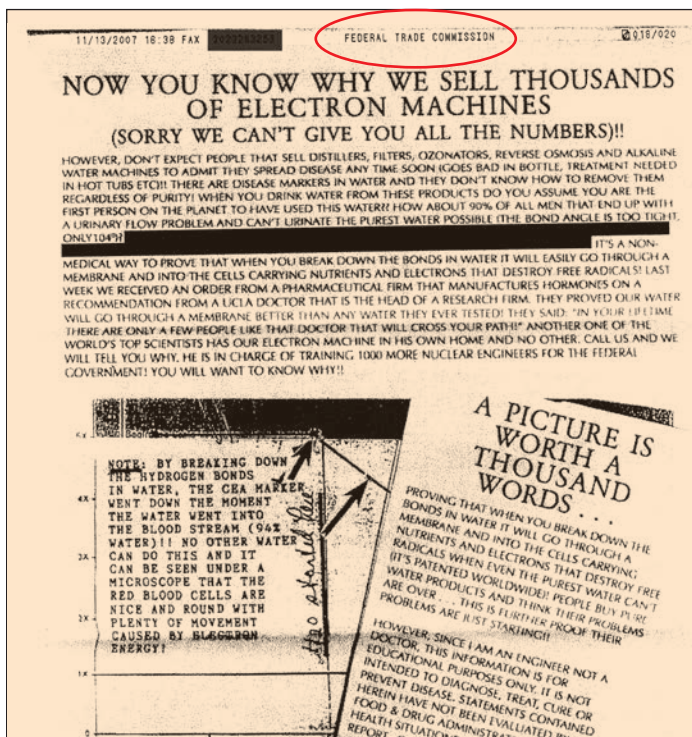
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As a result, my grandmother moved to Rochester, New York and befriended SUSAN B. ANTHONY and her cousin CLARA BARTON before moving to New Rochelle, New York. Her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT moved around the corner. (Catt's Congressional speech resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that gave women the right to vote in 1920.) The book has hundreds of letters and pictures including one of the ambulances my grandmother donated before we entered WWII.

As a youngster, I remember all the sewing ma-





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

build them in China (not here) and only President Trump could reverse that. He may remember the Bond Bread plant in Queens (one of my grandfather's 50 plants and Norman Vincent Peale "The Power of Positive Thinking" who also came to our family gatherings). Maybe he can bring this project to the United States!!

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# Top Spy Agency Won't Be Reined In

• Congress reauthorizes warrantless wiretapping of Americans for six more years

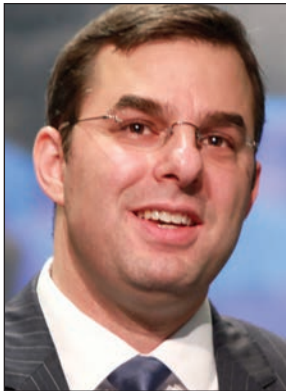
Despite cautions from members of both the House and Senate that spying by the National Security Agency (NSA) threatens Americans' security and liberty, both houses of Congress reauthorized essentially unrestrained surveillance when they passed the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act.

By Mark Anderson

Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) was reauthorized Jan. 18 with a Senate vote of 65-34. President Donald Trump signed it two days later on Jan. 20. Originally enacted in 2008, Section 702 provided the authorization for the warrantless surveillance program "that allows the NSA to collect texts and emails of foreigners abroad without an individualized warrant, even when they communicate with Americans in the U.S.," explains *The Hill*.

The Senate vote followed an affirmative 256-164 vote in the House on Jan. 11 reauthorizing the law with only a few minor changes. The House rejected new restrictions proposed by Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) on how the information gathered can be used.

Section 702 was set to expire as 2017 ended but was temporarily extended into mid-January, as proponents claimed letting it lapse would take the nation backwards in time, to the pre-9/11 days, when surveillance shortcomings allegedly helped enable the 9/11 attacks. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said the ability to



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SEN. RAND PAUL



SEN. RON WYDEN

Efforts of these legislators to debate, amend, trash the FISA bill were stopped by colleagues.

continue spying on Americans is "essential" to national security and told his colleagues, "[W]e cannot let this capability lapse. The world remains dangerous."

Urging senators to slow down and "consider the gravity of the issues at hand and to oppose reauthorization until we can have a real opportunity for debate and reform," on the other hand, Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) argued, "The American people deserve better than warrantless wiretapping."

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) expressed his intent to filibuster the Senate vote on Section 702 but was shut down by a 60-38 cloture vote Jan. 16 to end debate and prevent Paul from stalling the vote. An online account at libertarian *Reason* magazine's website explains the cloture vote also "prevent[ed] any amendments prior to a formal [up-or-down] vote on the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017," as the bill is formally named.

The act renews and expands "the snooping powers of Section 702 . . . for another six years," *Reason* continues. "Though the law has the word 'foreign' in its name, the reality is that it has been used to collect and access communications from Americans, often without warrants and without our knowledge."

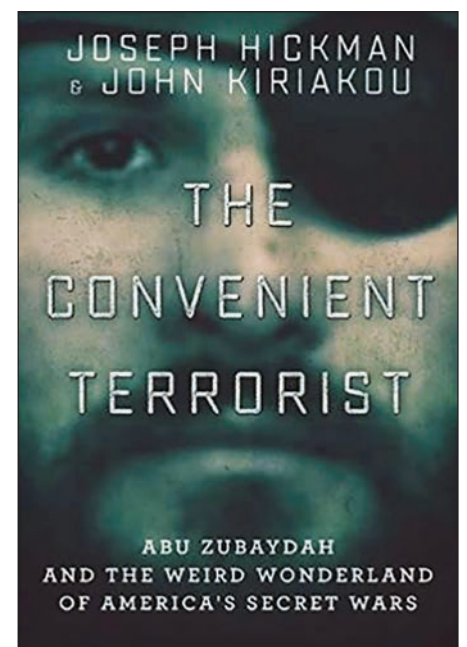
Sens. Paul and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) led a bipartisan group of senators who tried "to amend the bill so that it would require the FBI and National Security Agency (NSA) to get warrants in order to query or access any communications records (like emails or phone calls) from American citizens when [Americans] get drawn into international surveillance," *Reason* notes.

Thus, a populist-style impulse entered the fray when Paul stepped forward to oppose Section 702 on principle. This kind of bipartisan cooperation that could, if sufficiently focused on essential goals such as turning away from the endless "war on terror," foil the pro-Zionist war-on-terror

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stratagem espoused by the neoconservatives that long ago hijacked the conservative movement and placed themselves in strategic positions to carry forth such a war.

“This bill doesn’t just renew Section 702 for six years,” *Reason* added. “It also codifies permission for the FBI to access and use data secretly collected from Americans for a host of domestic federal crimes that have nothing to do with protecting America from foreign threats.”

Furthermore, what are known as “about” searches—accessing communications that merely reference a foreign target, not just communications to and from that target—are revived under the reauthorization. These types of searches were said to have been voluntarily ended by the NSA when it became clear that communications were being accessed outside of federal authority. Yet reauthorization restarts these probes unless Congress acts separately to curtail them.

Arguing in favor of renewing Section 702, an editorial by the Heritage Foundation’s Hans von Spakovsky published at the neoconservative “FoxNews.com” states: “It is a violation of the law [under Section 702] to collect information from targets inside the U.S.—whether they are Americans or foreigners—or to deliberately target the online communications of American citizens.”

But in an official news release, Paul noted that due to a “backdoor loophole,” the bill “does noth-



**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell** believes the world is so dangerous, the communications of every American should be subject to eavesdropping.

ing for the thousands of Americans whose private communications are searched without a warrant every year, including those who are not even the subject of an investigation.”

A “dear colleague” letter from Sens. Paul,

Wyden, Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) adds: “The so-called ‘warrant requirement’ reform in the bill applies only to criminal suspects, and then only to the government’s access to their information at the final stage of an investigation, a situation that, according to the most recent annual data from the director of national intelligence, has occurred once. This means that the bill actually treats those suspected of a crime better than innocent Americans.”

The passage of the measure comes on the heels of a secret four-page memo that has been circulating among congressmen, which documents myriad abuses on the part of federal officials. According to reports, the memo focuses on Robert Mueller’s investigation of the Trump campaign, including claims that FBI agents lied to a FISA judge about UK spy Christopher Steele and his now-debunked Trump dossier in order to obtain a warrant to wiretap Trump national security advisor Carter Page.

There are calls now to release the memo so that Americans can see for themselves how the intelligence and law enforcement communities routinely abuse the system for political purposes, but the truth is, by re-authorizing NSA spying, the damage most likely has already been done. ★

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# High Taxes and Soaring Debt Leave Land of Lincoln Bankrupt

By S.T. Patrick

As political and economic analysts question whether Illinois will be the first American state to declare bankruptcy, the Land of Lincoln continues to hemorrhage jobs southward to states where fiscal responsibility exists, where low or no state taxation is a priority, and where right-to-work laws do not bar non-union employees from securing lasting employment. In a state where four of the last 10 governors have been imprisoned, interested observers are beginning to wonder if Illinois is just what news website “Politico” said it was—“America’s failed state.”

The “failed state” label is conventionally applied to Third World nations that have completely lost all pretensions of being able to function within a political and social structure that works for the nation’s citizenry, as well as its leadership and its economy. *Foreign Policy* magazine uses its own Failed State Index to annually rank the world’s most dangerously flawed nations. To be considered for “failed state” status, a state must be descending toward “a collapse of all state institutions.” It’s a designation assigned, for example, to nations such as Afghanistan shortly after the Russian evacuation in 1989 and President Mohammad Najibullah’s lynching from a lamppost in 1996.

When it comes to Illinois, massive debts, deficits, and pension liabilities have been further agitated by an inability to pass a bipartisan budget that goes beyond what state politicians see as “essentials.” Some \$14.6 billion in bills have gone unpaid, the deficit now tops \$6 billion, and the pension liability has escalated to over \$130 billion. With a Vesuvian economic reality harnessing its immediate future, Illinois may be an entity that has rendered itself unlendable and untrustworthy. Lenders are correct to be concerned. Its bond rating has hurtled toward junk status that, after its downgrading, is a full eight notches below most states.

The stalemate that exists between the Illinois General Assembly and Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner—one of five blue-state GOP governors—has produced an uncertain future that has scared away businesses, both potential and existing, from choosing, expanding or even staying in Illinois. Rauner entered office criticizing “corrupt union bosses” and promising he would not sign a budget without advancements in right-to-work

“Illinois—a state where four of the last 10 governors have been jailed—is nearly bankrupt.”

legislation. Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan—the longest serving House speaker in Illinois history—led the resistance against the governor’s objectives.

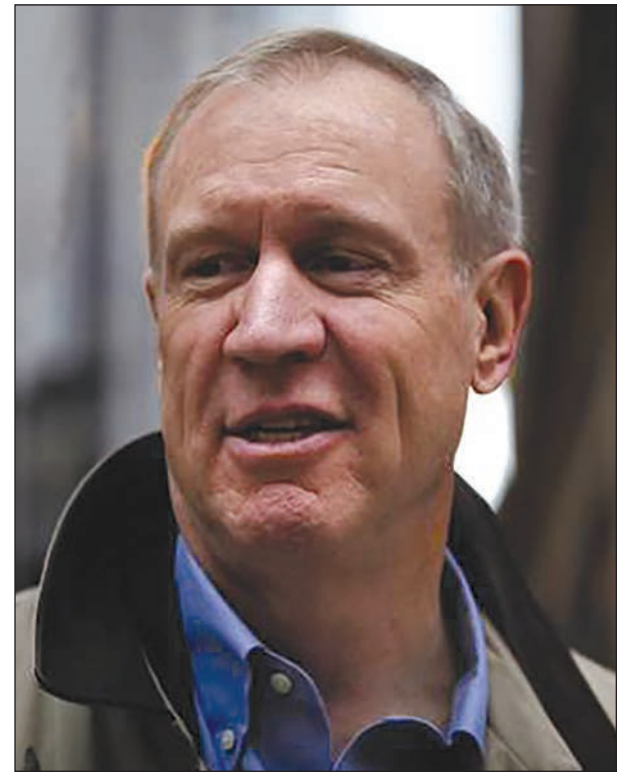
State Democrats have not only demonized the right-to-work movement in statewide media and public relations channels; last year, they supported a bill that would have criminalized the right-to-work concept in general. State Republicans have criticized the message this sent to potential incoming businesses.

Last week, a *Chicago Tribune* editorial questioned why Illinois, the nation’s sixth most populated state, had lost thousands of jobs to states such as Alabama. Recently, Toyota and Mazda passed on Illinois in favor of Alabama, which is also home to Mercedes-Benz, Honda, and Hyundai plants. Within the next few years, both Mercedes-Benz and Toyota are slated to spend over \$1 billion on electric car manufacturing in Alabama. That is a billion dollars and thousands of jobs lost for Illinois. While Alabamans will be manufacturing Chevy Volts, Illinoisans will gasp wind due to the repeated economic

gut punches levied against them by the international business community.

Amazon is currently looking for a second headquarters away from the West Coast. Austin, Nashville, and Atlanta are in contention. High regulatory burdens and high taxes eliminated Illinois early, and state lawmakers appeared perplexed as to why they would be excluded.

Illinois is surrounded by right-to-work states that de-emphasize the requirements for union membership, thus creating what businesses favor as energetic, pro-growth environments. Toyota and Mazda excluded Indiana from consideration after studies showed that Illinois’s neighbor to the east was “over-employed.” Indiana’s highly skilled



Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has tried to help Illinois compete with other states for new businesses and institute legislation that would attract skilled workers but has been stalemated by the Illinois General Assembly.

workers all, theoretically, have places to work.

Chicago, Illinois’s largest city, has also suffered from a severe public relations crisis in recent years. Though its violence is reaching disturbingly new heights, it is a violence that is concentrated mainly on the city’s farthest western and southern ends. Democratic Mayor Rahm Emanuel, a former chief of staff to President Barack Obama, has responded to the violence by doubling down on strict firearms laws that have disarmed law-abiding citizens that are most at risk in the gang-controlled neighborhoods. Like the political chaos in Springfield, Emanuel’s policies have been counterproductive. When the Windy City needed a Rudy Giuliani-like transformation, it elected and then re-elected another Mayor Daley in a more expensive suit.

As Illinois stumbles through its 200th year as a state, it is faced with an uncertain future. Leaders from both parties have failed the state and the citizens that once made Illinois a bright spot in the heartland of America. Some have suggested a sort of de-partisanship that would begin solving the economic crisis, and some have even suggested dissolving the state altogether.

It is likely to take decades before the Land of Lincoln can be emancipated from its current failures. Illinois today foreshadows the unenviable situation in which many states could find themselves if they allow the pendulum of unionization, pension liabilities, and debt to swing to insurmountable levels. When a state is unattractive to expanding businesses, the burdens are then placed upon its people—until they also flee what once was home. ★

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s policies have all but destroyed Chicago.



# Exposing Weather Warfare

By Mark Anderson

**A**USTIN, Texas—Citizen researcher and journalist Jim Lee is determined to get the greater scientific community and the public to realize, as he has, that weather modification—including weather warfare—is a reality. Lee wants to harness a groundswell of credible support to convince the State Department to take this matter seriously, as he explained to AFP Jan. 9 at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in Austin, Texas.

Lee explained that the United Nations technically banned weather warfare in 1978 with the passage of the Environmental Modification Convention (ENMOD)—formally the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques. This international treaty came about as a result of the disclosure of the U.S. Air Force's weather-warfare activities over Vietnam, known as Operation Popeye. That rain-inducing operation, now partially declassified, muddied the roads and disrupted enemy supply lines.

Lee's goal is the approval of his proposal, called the Environmental Modification Accountability Act of 2018, as an addendum to ENMOD. This approach would require the fullest possible transparency—requiring that government agencies, corporations, universities, and other parties provide detailed advance notice of their intentions whenever they plan to conduct weather modification experiments.

"The problem we face today is there is zero accountability in the hidden world of climate engineering," Lee told AFP. He added that his proposal would require those who plan to modify the weather in any way or conduct experiments to give at least 48 hours' notice.

Lee's proposal would also create a worldwide citizen-powered sensor network to monitor atmospheric conditions, with video footage of sky conditions and data displays about atmospheric aerosols posted in real time on a public website.

The Jan. 7 to 11 meeting, which offered numerous compartmentalized conferences, was attended by scores of government and private-sector researchers from fields including climatology,

meteorology, hydrology, and other studies. The exhibit hall included several aerospace and defense companies whose colorful displays showed that weather is big business. Lockheed Martin and Raytheon were among those on hand.

"Due to the military's involvement in weather, it's hard to differentiate between natural weather and military operations," Lee said.

Despite the skepticism, apparent ignorance, or indifference that Lee experienced among scientists he questioned in Austin, he has established correspondence with notable climate researchers Dr. David Keith, Dr. Renaud deRichter, and Dr. James Rodger Fleming.

Fleming, said Lee, is "the world's top historian on weather modification. He's a member of the Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment, the world's top NGO for geo-engineering. He wrote a book called *Fixing the Sky: The Checkered History of Weather and Climate Control*."

A Colby College professor and a research associate at the Smithsonian, Fleming reportedly told Lee at the Austin event, "I feel like you have a very important role to play here." "He asked me to cite him on my website," Lee told AFP.

But Lee's inquisitive efforts at the AMS event were cut short when an AMS staffer, representing the press department, harassed Lee and his videographer, eventually forcing them to leave.

When asked in Austin about common experiments, such as cloud seeding, that modify the weather but fall short of being defined as "warfare," Lee replied by wondering about "the downwind effects" of widespread, frequent cloud seeding and other experiments being carried out on the West Coast. The bottom line, he said, is public monitoring and accountability.

When asked about the standard "climate-change" debate, Lee said, "All we ever hear about is 'climate change,' not the climate changers." Lee says this debate is simplistically portrayed as a feud between those who blame emissions from routine human activity for warming the Earth and those who call climate change a hoax.

At his "WeatherModificationHistory.com" site, Lee posted the surprisingly long history of weather modification theories and experiments, based on various government, academic, and private-sector documentation. The site's timeline has 146 entries. Another of Lee's sites is "ClimateViewer.org." ★

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# White, Black Unite in Mississippi

• Hardly anyone even noticed ubiquitous Confederate symbols until liberals started fussing

By Pastor Ed DeVries

Across Mississippi, and throughout the South, Confederate monuments are everywhere. They are in fact so ubiquitous that for decades most people hadn't even noticed them. Black, white, Hispanic, Asian, it did not matter. Most Mississippians saw the courthouse statues, their State Flag, and the Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) Colonel Reb mascot almost daily and just didn't notice. At least not until the liberals and the mainstream media started telling them that they were supposed to be offended by them.

Talking to the “man on the street” in Mississippi, it is hard to find someone genuinely offended.

On April 17, 2001 the people of Mississippi voted in the historic state flag referendum. At the ballot box, the state's voters were asked to decide if the current flag adopted in 1894 was to remain Mississippi's flag or if a recommended alternative would become the new flag. Mississippians, be they white, black, Hispanic, or Asian, voted overwhelmingly to keep their flag.

Fast-forward to 2017 and 2018 and the flag issue is again resurfacing, this time with Gov. Phil Bryant (R) repeatedly offering to put the matter back to another statewide vote. But surprisingly, the few vocal opponents of the state flag and its Confederate symbol are yet to take him up on the

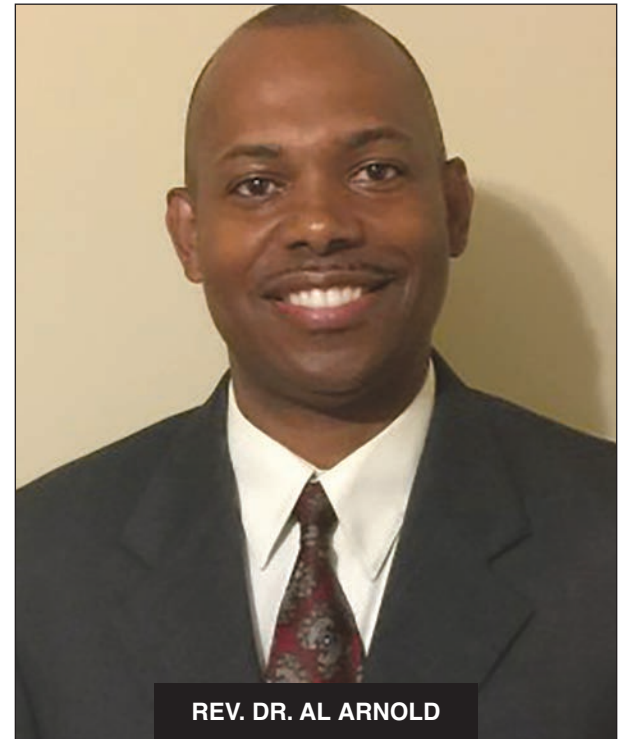


History happened. We can't go back and change it. . . . Confederate heritage is black heritage and Southern history is black history.

offer. Why? Are they afraid that, yet again, the black citizens of Mississippi will vote to keep their state's Confederate symbols in their long-held places? All indications point to yes.

In 2016, when lawyer Carlos Moore sued the state demanding that a federal judge order Mississippi to change its flag and remove its Confederate symbolism, the mainstream media subjected the nation to an endless barrage of stories about how he and all people of color in Mississippi were the victims of Mississippi's “racist” political system. But what the mainstream media failed to report—or refused to report—is that Moore's groundless lawsuit never went before a jury. The ruling, allowing Mississippi to retain its Confederate symbolism, came from a federal judge appointed by Barack Obama—U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Judge Carlton W. Reeves.

Reeves, himself a Mississippi native from Ya-



REV. DR. AL ARNOLD

zoo City, is a Democrat who was confirmed in 2010 by a Democrat-majority state Senate. He is also black.

Reeves, like Moore, looks daily at the same flag and at the same monuments. He is even on record as saying that he would like to see some of them moved to museums. But when he had the opportunity to displace the symbols in one fell swoop he simply did not do so, stating in his ruling that those seeking to remove Confederate symbols have failed to show the emblem caused a “cognizable legal injury.”

The simple truth is that black Mississippians compose a significant portion of the state's electorate, and they turn out to vote on election days. So if the overwhelming majority of the black citizens of Mississippi wanted the Confederate flags and monuments removed, as the “race-baiters” in the media would have us believe, they would have been removed long ago.

The black citizens of Mississippi have not only failed to rise up in massive opposition to Confederate symbols. As those symbols come under attack, often, their most adamant defenders are the black citizens of Mississippi.

We at AFP wanted to find out why this is the case, so we sought out one of Mississippi's most vocal supporters of the state flag and Confederate heritage, Dr. Al Arnold.

A Mississippi native, a Presbyterian Church leader and preacher, a historian, and an author, Arnold will proudly tell you that he was “born in the great state of Mississippi, raised in the great state of Mississippi,” and a lifelong resident.

Arnold is a graduate of the state's “historically black college,” Jackson State University, and a

## *A Rebel Born: A Defense of Nathan Bedford Forrest*

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest was a brave and ingenious Confederate officer who won all but one of the battles he led; a philanthropist who gave generously to family, friends and charities; and a humanitarian who not only spared the lives of numerous Yankees on the battlefield, but who freed his slaves years before Lincoln issued his fake Emancipation Proclamation. Additionally, Forrest crusaded to bring new African immigrants into the South—with full civil rights. No one would know any of this by reading the typical works on Forrest. In fact, according to most authors, Forrest was a violent redneck, a racist, a barbaric slave trader, a philandering husband, an illiterate hillbilly, the founder and grand wizard of the KKK, and “the butcher of Fort Pillow.” None of this is true. In *A Rebel Born: A Defense of Nathan Bedford Forrest*, Lochlainn Seabrook, one of the South's most respected authors, reveals the truth about one of history's most fascinating, charismatic, complex, and romantic individuals. In this positive appraisal of Forrest, the author corrects the many falsehoods about “the Wizard of the Saddle” and, using well-researched documentation, shows that the modern negative image of the general derives solely from slanderous myths created 150 years ago. The book contains 2,000 footnotes, hundreds of rare pictures, a list of Forrest's military engagements, an 800-book bibliography, and a detailed index. Softcover, 822 pages, #776, \$35 minus 10% for TBR subscribers plus \$5 S&H inside the U.S. from TBR, P.O. Box 15877, Washington, D.C. 20003. Call 1-877-773-9077 to charge.





magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi (Ole' Miss) School of Medicine. He is also the great-great-grandson of Turner Hall, who had been a slave of none other than Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Confederate general who is credited with the founding of the Ku Klux Klan. Having been freed before the War Between the States, Turner, as a free black man, enlisted in the Confederate Army and ultimately served as an orderly to Robert E. Lee. Arnold tells his grandfather's life-story in a book available online at the website "OrderlyforLee.com."

Removing Confederate symbols is, according to Arnold, "a direct insult to all of the thousands of black men who willingly and voluntarily served in the Confederate armed forces."

When asked about the historians who would deny that black men willingly served in the Confederate Army, he replied: "That's what the Yankees do. They always try to write the black man out of the history. That is why we do not read about the black men who served in the Revolutionary War or in the War of 1812. They always want to write the black man out of the history. But he was there. And Confederate monuments are just as much his monuments as they were monuments to the white and native-American men he served with."

He added: "History happened. We can't go back and change it. But we can tell the story truthfully, and we should. Confederate heritage is black heritage and Southern history is black history."

He continued, "Black History Month and Confederate History Month should be celebrated concurrently, because it's the same history."

When asked specifically about the recent removal of the statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest, the man who had enslaved his grandfather, from its pedestal in Memphis in order to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Arnold said he believed that King would actually be offended by the action.

Arnold added that he was "personally offended" by the statue's removal.

"Dr. King's dream was that the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the same table because we will one day live in a nation where 'they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character,' he said. "And I do not believe that tearing down statues or re-writing history in any way fulfills that dream. Dr. King was about building up, not tearing down."

Arnold went on to say that he was born at the same time that King was assassinated.

"That's not my generation," he said. "The Civil-Rights generation, I appreciate all that they did. But they were before my time. Dr. King, I admire Dr. King, but mine is the Dukes of Hazzard generation."

When asked what he meant by that, he said, "It was a color-blind generation where the General Lee [the TV show's signature car, a 1969 Dodge Charger with a Confederate flag on its roof] was every boy's dream and Daisy [the show's primary female character] was every girl's envy." According to Arnold, all of the black kids he grew up with watched the show faithfully and none was offended.

Arnold and his generation are not offended by



**Above, the Memphis, Tenn. equestrian statue** of Nathan Bedford Forrest before it was ordered removed, mostly through the efforts of white leftists. Recently, one of the relatives of a Forrest slave, Rev. Al Arnold of Mississippi, told AFP that he did not think Martin Luther King would have approved of the removal of the statue. King's dream was that the posterity of slave and master alike could work together without animosity.

the Confederate symbols surrounding them. Nor does Arnold believe that King ever expressed any organized effort to remove Confederate statues, pointing out that King even spoke in the shadow of Forrest's statue.

According to Arnold, Forrest, contrary to popular reporting, was very gracious toward his slaves. His grandfather, he says, died, "still in possession of a large sum of currency" given to him by Forrest, "as part of a dynamic relationship that had been forged between the slave master and the slave."

His grandfather, it seems, held no animosity toward the man who had enslaved and then freed him. Neither does Arnold. In fact, Arnold is an open admirer of Forrest both for his excellence as a military tactician and for his humanity. His description of Forrest at one point in the conversation was even comical, stating that, "Forrest was like the one white boy back in the neighborhood that could really jump, like Larry Bird of basketball."

Arnold showed open disdain for those who removed the statue of Forrest and said: "Propaganda against all things Confederate has been an intellectual stimulation for years and has consumed the other side with hatred. This is how propaganda works. That which one hates, he becomes. It is finally coming to fruition without regard to critical thought, objective truth, or even basic common principles."

Arnold definitely does not give anyone, Northern or Southern, a pass for their role in or support of slavery. He also does not lay the blame for slavery solely upon the Southerners. In fact, his study has shown that slavery began not in the South, but in the North.

"Because the Yankees started slavery first with the Dutch slave trade and then the British expanded the use of slavery, and in 1703, more than 42% of New York City households held slaves," he said. "Because they legally ended it [on July 4,

1827] before everyone else, they like to snub their nose at the Southerners. God forbid! Slavery existed over 396 years under the American flag."

When asked if his "Southern sentiment" was the result of discovering his Confederate ancestry, he replied, "Partially, but nowhere near entirely. Even as a young teenager studying history in school I realized that the underground railroad did not end in Chicago or in New York. It ended in Canada, because the Yankees hated the blacks more than the Southerners. There was no freedom in the North. That's why the railroad went all the way to Canada. Hell, black folks weren't trying to get up North, they were trying to escape the [entire] United States."

He went on to say: "Today, the Yankees hide their role in slavery with words like 'dry goods' and 'general merchandise.' The mayor of New York at the onset of the war voted to secede with the Confederacy, and it wasn't over states' rights. It was to protect his 'cotton-picking' businessmen that financed and supported the slave trade to Europe—Liverpool mostly."

Arnold's advice to everyone, regardless of race or political persuasion, is that, "There is only one heaven. The guy, the so-called 'redneck' with the Confederate flag belt buckle and the flag on the back of his pickup, and the social justice warrior, who is offended by him, chances are that they are going to spend all of eternity together, so they might as well just love each other now. And Forrest, Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and all those thousands of Confederate soldiers in the statues, we are going to be looking at them for all eternity too, so we might as well just keep their statues up and get used to seeing them now." ★

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# Homeless Epidemic in California

• Shocking new video exposes magnitude of homeless problem in Golden State

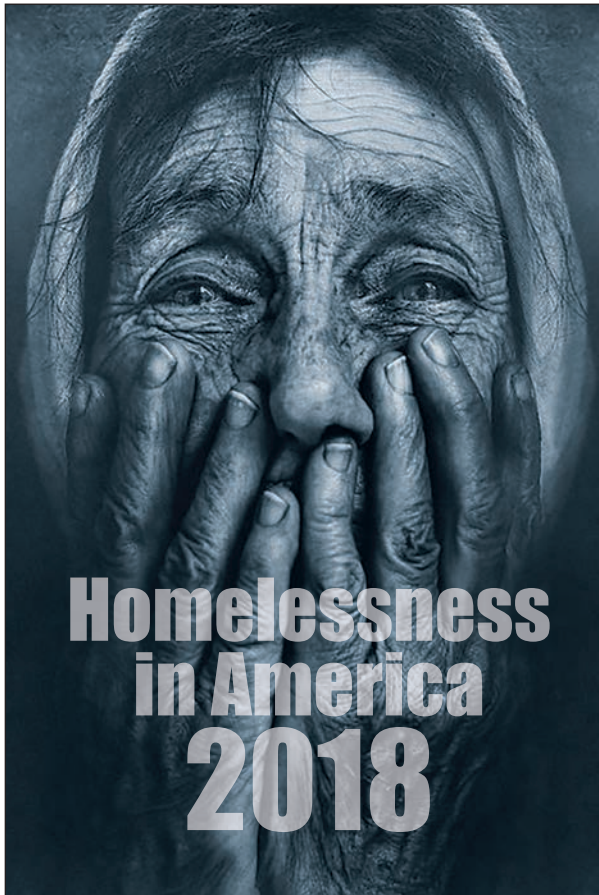
By John Friend

California is known for its sunny weather, sandy beaches, liberal politics, and—sadly—it's increasing homeless population, which rose once again this past year in conjunction with an overall increase in the homeless population nationwide.

A shocking amateur video that has gone viral since it was first uploaded to the popular video sharing website YouTube shows just how out of control the homeless problem is in California. The video, taken by an amateur videographer and uploaded to YouTube on Jan. 15, has been viewed over 467,000 times as AFP goes to press, and has generated much debate and controversy online.

The video was recorded along the Santa Ana River Trail in Orange County, Calif., near the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana. Thousands of homeless people have created a makeshift homeless village along the trail and along the riverbed, which sits right near upscale neighborhoods, newly developed housing and apartment complexes, and Angels Stadium of Anaheim, where the Los Angeles Angels play professional baseball. The Honda Center, an arena and events center where the Anaheim Ducks of the National Hockey League play, is also right near the homeless encampment, as are dozens of restaurants and other shops and businesses.

The video shows countless tents and other makeshift living arrangements set up along the trail, as well as heaps of trash and garbage, abandoned furniture, and other eyesores. The video appears as if it was taken in a backwards, undeveloped Third World country rather than the most developed and wealthy nation in the global



history of mankind.

According to a recent report published by *The New York Times*, there are roughly 554,000 homeless people in the United States, which marks a 1% increase from last year. The increase in America's homeless population was driven largely by the increasing homeless population in California, which has always been a mecca for those struggling to maintain a roof over their heads. Homeless people from across the country often make their way to California to take advantage of the hospitable weather, generous so-

Homelessness in California is driven by the sky-rocketing cost of real estate.

cial welfare policies, and access to public showers and bathrooms, which line California's beach communities.

"More than one-quarter of the total homeless population nationwide lives in California, roughly 114,000," the *Times* reported. "The vast majority are 'unsheltered'—a more bureaucratic term used to describe the thousands living on the streets, under freeways, and tucked into grassy fields and parks in cities all around the state."

Homelessness in California is driven primarily by the skyrocketing cost of real estate, which continues to rise as other standards of living, including wages, continue to decline. Many simply cannot afford to pay rent, while others have fallen on hard times as good, well-paying jobs continue to be harder and harder to come by.

Despite noble yet misguided efforts made by both municipal and state authorities to tackle the homeless problem—both of which have devoted significant resources and tax dollars toward addressing the problem over the years—poverty continues to rise along with the homeless population, as pointed out in a recent op-ed published by the *Los Angeles Times*.

Despite its extremely liberal policies, California has the highest poverty rate and wealth disparity gap in the country in addition to having the

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highest homeless population. Burdensome government regulations, high taxes, and welfare programs that have disincentivized work—all hallmarks of the economic and social policies championed by California's liberal political establishment—have only caused economic hardship and reduced economic growth. California's liberal elite often find themselves more concerned with granting amnesty and other benefits to the millions of illegal aliens residing in the state, rather than dealing seriously with the homeless crisis.

The shocking video depicting the homeless crisis in California has sparked much debate online, with many social media users expressing their dismay at the living conditions prevailing in America in 2018.

"This is near where I live along the Santa Ana river," wrote one young man on Twitter in response to the video. "It just gets bigger and bigger. The crazy part is this district just keeps voting Democrat which raises our taxes [and] cost of living. Californians never learn. Sad."

As this paper goes to press, Orange County sheriff's deputies began the process of evicting those squatting along the trail and riverbed. Earlier this week, deputies walked along the trail informing the homeless living there they would either be issued a citation or arrested if they did not evacuate the area soon.

"We're not going to come in with an army of deputies and force everybody off in 24 hours," Undersheriff Don Barnes explained to reporters this week. "We're looking for progress. We're

looking for those who are occupying the riverbed to start making progress and start relocating voluntarily."

Many, however, have nowhere to go and few options. While there are both public and private social services focused on the homeless, their budgets and resources are strained. Many social service agencies are overwhelmed by the huge volume of homeless that request services.

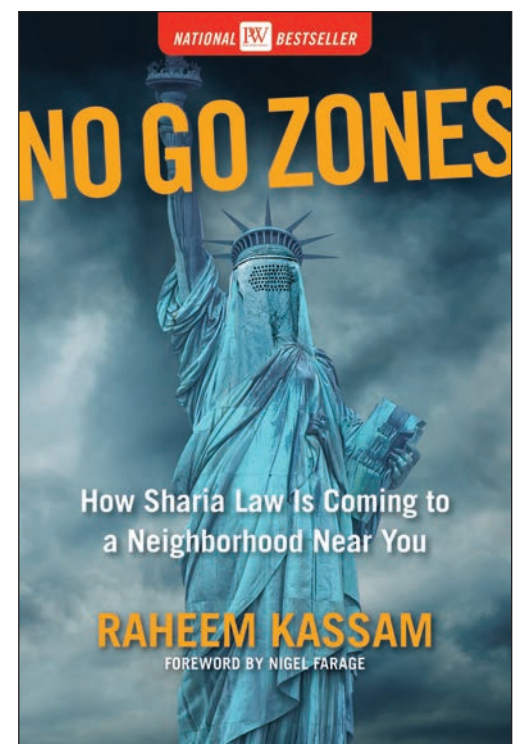
"I'm trying to figure out if I'm able to leave to work, come back and have my stuff still be there. That's my main concern," Isaac Sissel, an 18-year-old young homeless man told reporters recently. "It's easier for me to hold the job living in the tent than it is living in the shelter." ★

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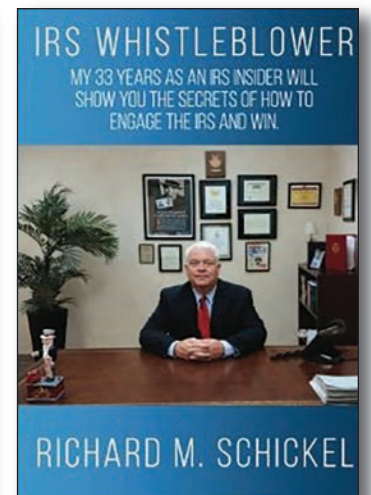
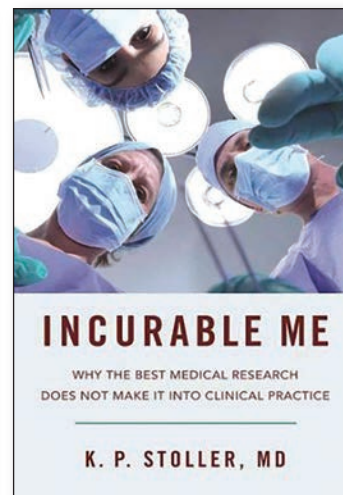
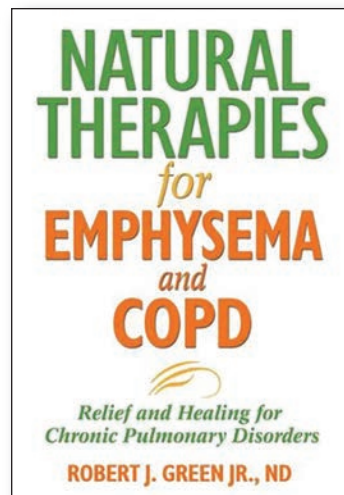
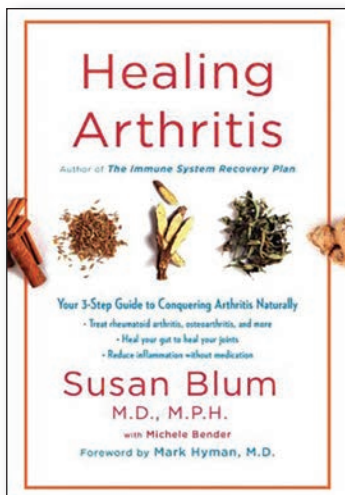
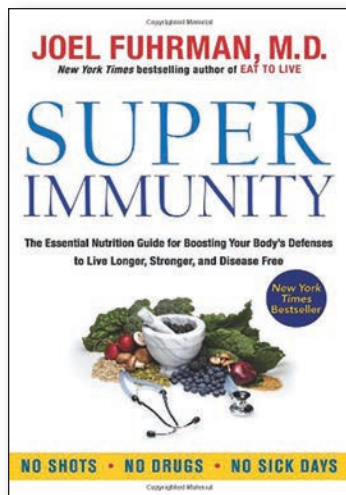
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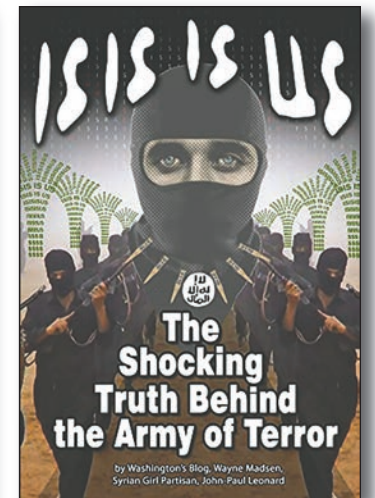
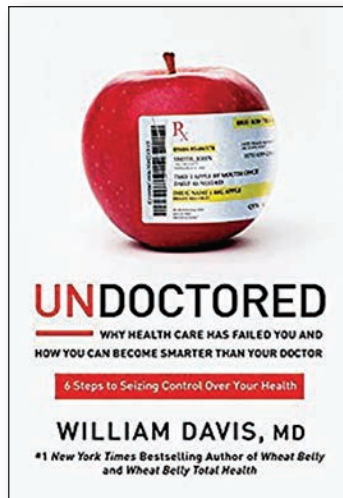
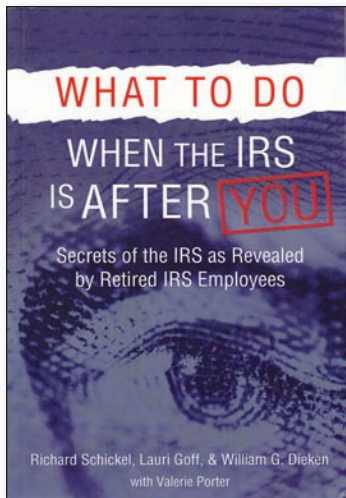
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to overthrow Qaddafi, with NATO air cover. From Libya, they were sent on to Syria to start the killing there, in a war directed by Negroponte’s man, Ambassador Robert Stephen Ford. Over the next couple of years, the embedded mockingbird media perversely pinned the killings of civilians on Syria’s Bashar al-Assad. Only Russia’s UN veto spared Syria. Still, the sheikhs kept on financing the “rebels”—and the U.S. pretended to fight them—until they grew into the ISIS terror army. Today, in spite of Russian military intervention, ISIS and its backers are not giving up. Even Fox News is saying the U.S. coalition against ISIS is a myth. That was shown quite clearly when the Russian military hit more ISIS targets in a week than the U.S. and its allies did in two years. The authors of *ISIS Is Us* dig deeper and look harder than any to bring you the full story that is being hidden by the U.S. government and twisted by CIA-controlled media outlets. Softcover, 270 pages, \$20.

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# Free Expression Suffers Globally

• From Europe to America, free speech and thought is under withering assault

By John Friend

**A**cross the Western world, multiple individuals are facing trial and state persecution as a direct result of their political activism and personal publishing and artistic endeavors, as well as for publicly expressing controversial political and historical perspectives.

In the United Kingdom, where the very concepts of free speech, free intellectual inquiry, and free thought were first articulated and developed, Alison Chabloz, a 53-year-old musician, blogger, and self-identified Holocaust revisionist, is facing trial after being charged with five offenses related to songs she wrote, sang, and produced for her YouTube channel and other social media platforms. The controversial songs for which Ms. Chabloz is being persecuted all mock and question the official narrative of WWII, which is promoted by all Western governments and educational establishments without scrutiny.

"The songs are designed to provoke maximum upset and discomfort," Karen Robinson, the crown lawyer tasked with prosecuting Ms. Chabloz, explained in court on the opening day of the trial. "By the standards of an open and multi-racial society, they are grossly offensive."

Ms. Chabloz is being defended by Adrian Davies, a British lawyer who also represented historian David Irving in his 2001 trial against Deborah Lipstadt, an American Jewish academic who has attacked other historians and Holocaust revisionists.

Unsurprisingly, the crown is being assisted in its prosecution efforts by the organized Jewish



**Above, Gideon Falter**, the chairman of the Campaign Against Antisemitism, a group that believes that current "anti-Semitism" laws in Europe and the West in general should be much stricter. He claims that songs by Alison Chabloz were designed to "incite further hatred against Jews." His ultimate goal is to wipe out all legitimate criticism of any Jewish figures.

community, including the Campaign Against Antisemitism, whose chairman, Gideon Falter, testified against Ms. Chabloz. Jewish groups have been leading forces in the stifling of free speech

and critical thinking for decades when it comes to WWII. They have constantly lobbied for harsher and stricter "hate speech" laws in various Western nations, a lobbying campaign that has largely been successful. Falter characterized the songs Ms. Chabloz wrote and produced as offensive, and argued that the songs are designed to "incite further hatred against Jews," according to *The Times of Israel*.

Because of her political activism and controversial artistic endeavors, Ms. Chabloz has been censored on many of the major social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Meanwhile, in Germany, a 32-year-old man

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**From left to right above, gutsy women who have fought the thought police and been punished:** Alison Chabloz, Monika Schaefer, Sylvia Stolz, Ursula Haverbeck and Ingrid Zundel. Haverbeck is an octogenarian who has been imprisoned in Germany for her outspoken statements detailing her concerns with World War II history as portrayed in mainstream history books. Zundel was the wife of Ernst Zundel. The U.S. government refused to allow Ernst back into the United States, even though his wife was a U.S. citizen. They had to meet once a year in a neutral country just to see each other. Ernst and Ingrid died in 2017.

with right-wing political views was recently arrested and sentenced to 18 months in prison for posting an “offensive” image on Facebook that mocked the Holocaust narrative. Judge Manfred Weber, who presides over the district court in Hohenstein-Ernstthal in eastern Germany, told the young man in court: “You made fun of Auschwitz survivors—that’s very bad,” according to a report in *The Times of Israel*.

Also in Germany, Monika Schaefer, an outspoken Canadian activist and free thinker with familial ties to Germany, was arrested earlier this month as a direct result of her political activism and online content creation. She addresses a number of controversial subjects, including the official Holocaust narrative of WWII.

Ms. Schaefer, whose parents were born in Germany but later moved to Canada where she was raised, traveled to Germany over the Christmas holiday to spend time with her brother and fellow activist Alfred Schaefer. While in Germany, Ms. Schaefer and her brother attended the trial of Sylvia Stolz, the German lawyer who represented the now-deceased revisionist Ernst Zundel. Ms. Stolz is still being persecuted by the German state for representing Zundel and previously served a three-year prison sentence for daring to defend the famed historical revisionist and human rights activist.

During a break in the trial, German prosecutors and police officials arrested Ms. Schaefer, whose controversial video entitled, “Sorry Mom,

I was wrong about the Holocaust,” disputes the killing of 6 million Jews in homicidal gas chambers. The video, which has been heavily censored on YouTube, has been viewed by millions online, and serves as a powerful tool for introducing Holocaust revisionism to novices.

Once again, Jewish groups played a key role in the targeting and persecution of a political dissident and critical thinker that dared to challenge officially sanctioned narratives of history, particularly as they relate to WWII.

“B’nai Brith Canada has been pressuring Germany to have me arrested, and they are surely the ones who have also put pressure to get Monika arrested,” Alfred Schaefer explained to this reporter in a recent email. B’nai Brith is an international Jewish organization working to advance Jewish and pro-Israel interests in various Western nations and has been instrumental in targeting dissidents and Holocaust skeptics.

“German officials should be commended for taking action against Holocaust denial,” Michael Mostyn, chief executive officer of B’nai Brith Canada, stated immediately following Ms. Schaefer’s arrest in Germany. “Anti-Semitism has no place in Canadian politics or Canadian universities, and we will continue to work, even across borders, to ensure that racism and bigotry find no haven in Canada.”

As AFP goes to press, Ms. Schaefer enters her

third straight week in jail, and her brother and supporters have received little information from German authorities about her prosecution.

“Monika’s arrest is only the latest blatant example of the fact that we do not have, even in the remotest sense, justice, law, and order in Western societies,” Alfred Schaefer told this reporter. “We have total arbitrary punishment in a feudal tyrannical dictatorship. This will continue to get worse and worse, until it is stopped, either by a greater force or because it eventually implodes in on itself in a total collapse.”

Finally, in the United States, a California man is facing misdemeanor charges stemming from a series of Facebook posts he sent to the Islamic Center of Southern California in late 2016. Mark Feigin, a 41-year-old man whose posts were highly critical of Muslims and Islamic culture, has been charged by the California attorney general, who argues that the inflammatory posts were intended to “annoy or harass,” making his actions illegal under California law.

As is evident, the very concepts of free speech, free intellectual inquiry, and free expression are under severe assault across the Western world, including in the United States. These cherished principals and rights, which were formulated and developed in the West, must be fought for and defended if Western nations wish to remain free. ★

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# U.S., Turkey, Kurds Collide

• Major ally of U.S. in Syria considered terrorists by Turks

By Patrick J. Buchanan

The war for dominance in the Middle East, following the crushing of ISIS, appears about to commence in Syria—with NATO allies America and Turkey on opposing sides. Turkey is moving armor and troops south to Syria's border enclave of Afrin, occupied by Kurds, to drive them out, and then drive the Syrian Kurds out of Manbij farther south as well. Says President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "We will destroy all terror nests, one by one, in Syria, starting from Afrin and Manbij." For Erdogan, the Kurdish YPG, the major U.S. ally in Syria, is an arm of the Kurdish PKK in Turkey, which we and the Turks have designated as a terrorist organization.

While the Kurds were our most effective allies against ISIS in Syria, Turkey views them as a mortal peril and intends to deal with that threat. If Erdogan is serious, a clash with the U.S. is coming, as our Kurdish allies occupy most of Syria's border with Turkey. Moreover, the U.S. has announced plans to create a 30,000-man border security force (BSF) of Kurds and Arabs to keep ISIS out of Syria. Erdogan has branded this BSF a "terror army," and President Bashar Assad of Syria has called BSF members "traitors."

This U.S. plan to create a BSF inside Syria, Damascus declared, "represents a blatant attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity and unity of Syria, and a flagrant violation of international law." Does not the Syrian government

have a point?

Now that ISIS has been driven out of Raqqa and Syria, by what authority do U.S. forces remain to arm troops to keep the Damascus government from reimposing its authority on its own territory?

Secretary of State Tillerson gave Syria the news earlier in January. The U.S. troop commitment to Syria, he said, is now open-ended. Our goals: Guarantee al Qaeda and ISIS do not return and set up sanctuary; cope with rising Iranian influence in Damascus; and pursue the removal of Assad's government.

But who authorized this strategic commitment, of indefinite duration, in Syria, when near two decades in Afghanistan have failed to secure that nation against the return of al Qaeda and ISIS?

Again and again, the American people have said they do not want to be dragged into Syria's civil war. Donald Trump won the presidency on a promise of no more unnecessary wars. Have the American people been had again? Will they support a clash with NATO ally Turkey to keep armed Kurds on Turkey's border when the Turks regard them as terrorists? Are we prepared for a shooting war with a Syrian army backed by Russia, Iran, Hezbollah, and Shiite militias from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan to hold onto a fourth of Syria's territory in alliance with Kurds?

The U.S. coalition in Syria said this week the BSF will be built up "over the next several years" and "be stationed along the borders . . . to include portions of the Euphrates river valley and international borders to the east and north."

Remarkable: A U.S.-created border army is go-



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ing to occupy and control long stretches of Syria's borders with Turkey and Iraq over Syria's objections, and the U.S. military will stand behind the BSF. Are the 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria really up to that task should the Turks decide to cleanse the Syrian border of Kurds or should the Syrian regime decide to take back territory occupied by the Kurds? Who sanctioned this commitment to a new army, which, if Syria and its Russian and Iranian allies, and the Turks, do not all back down, risks a major U.S. war with no allies but the Kurds?

As for Syria's Kurds casting their lot with the Americans, one wonders: Did they not observe what happened when their Iraqi cousins, after helping us drive ISIS out of Mosul, were themselves driven out of Kirkuk by the Iraqi army, as their U.S. allies watched? In the six-year Syrian civil war, which may be about to enter a new phase, America faces a familiar situation.

While our "allies" and adversaries have vital interests there, we do not. The Assads have been in power for the lifetime of most Americans. And we Americans have never shown a desire to fight there. Assad has a vital interest: preservation of his family regime and the reunification of his country. The Turks have a vital interest in keeping armed Kurds out of their border regions adjacent to their own Kurdish minority, which seeks greater independence.

The Israelis and Saudi royals want the U.S. to keep Iran from securing a land bridge from Tehran to Damascus to Lebanon. The U.S. War Party wants us to smash Iran and remain in the Middle East forever to ensure the hegemony of its favorites. Have the generals taking us into Syria told the president how and when, if ever, they plan to get us out? ★

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Iraqi Kurdish fighters are shown with a captured ISIS flag in the village of Sultan Mari in northern Iraq after they re-took the area from ISIS jihadists. The Kurdish fighters have been an important ally of the United States in the war on ISIS, but Turkey considers them terrorists.



# Will U.S. Abandon Kurds?

By Richard Walker

Turkey's threat to eliminate a Kurdish border force being assembled in Syria by the Pentagon and the CIA is a sure sign that the war in Syria could soon spiral out of control if the military forces of these two NATO allies, America and Turkey, clash on the battlefield.

Washington has claimed the 30,000-strong force is being trained to patrol the Syrian border with Iraq and Turkey to prevent the re-emergence of groups like ISIS and al Qaeda. It is rumored to have members of the radical Islamic group known as Al Nusra in its ranks, as well as elements of other Sunni militias.

Overall, however, its members are Kurds who live adjacent to the Turkish border in towns like Afrin. They have been the most formidable U.S. allies in the war against ISIS. Turkey, on the other hand, would like to wipe out all Kurdish fighters in Afrin and take over the town and surrounding area.

The Kurds, well trained and armed with American weapons, have promised to fight back.

The Syrian government, backed by Moscow, has warned Ankara that if it sends fighter planes over Syrian territory to attack Afrin, they will pay a heavy price. Presumably that means they will be shot out of the skies by Russian SS 300 or 400 missiles based near Damascus.

Moscow, which had been closely involved with Washington combating ISIS, is blaming Washington for risking a much more dangerous conflict with Turkey. According to Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Washington's border force is a deliberate attempt to ultimately carve up Syria.

The Russians probably know the force has the backing of the Saudis and Israelis, who expect it to weaken Lebanon's and Iran's roles in Syria. Moscow deems it a Washington plan to establish a foothold in post-ISIS Syria, so it will have a bargaining chip in future negotiations with Moscow to persuade the Russians to abandon Assad, something which is fanciful at best.

Washington should have known that Turkey would label an enlarged Kurdish force as a veiled effort to help Syrian Kurds establish an independent territory close to Turkey's border.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan lost no time making his position known to NATO by placing a Turkish invasion force on the Turkish border overlooking the Syrian town of Afrin. His

blunt language confirmed that he had lost patience with his NATO ally, Washington.

"A country we call an ally is insisting on forming a terror army on our borders. What can that terror army target but Turkey? Our mission is to strangle it before it's even born," Erdogan warned.

His words implied U.S. troops working with the force would also be "strangled."

To fully understand why this matters so much to Turkey, and how this could lead to a wider war in the months ahead, one has to unpack Turkey's paranoia with all things Kurdish. After the Western powers cobbled together Turkey in the wake of World War I, they failed to deliver on a promise to give Kurds an independent state. Turkey became a Sunni Arab country with a sizeable Kurdish population that it repressed and has continued to do ever since.

The Turkish Kurds have, for their part, maintained close ties with the Kurdish populations in neighboring Syria, Iraq, and Iran, making them the largest stateless group in the world. Turkey has always feared that, if the Kurds in Iraq and Syria achieved independence, this would increase demands for Kurds in Turkey for a similar concession, making it possible for them to form a combined Kurdish motherland that would threaten Turkey's territorial integrity.

While Kurds in Turkey have fought a terrorist war against the state, for which they have paid in blood, Syrian Kurds have not joined that conflict. Nevertheless, Turkey has continued to see all Kurds as an existential threat.

In 2016 and 2017 Erdogan was ready to invade northern Iraq had the Kurds there declared independence. Now, Ankara views Washington's alliance with Syrian Kurds as a betrayal sufficient to merit a

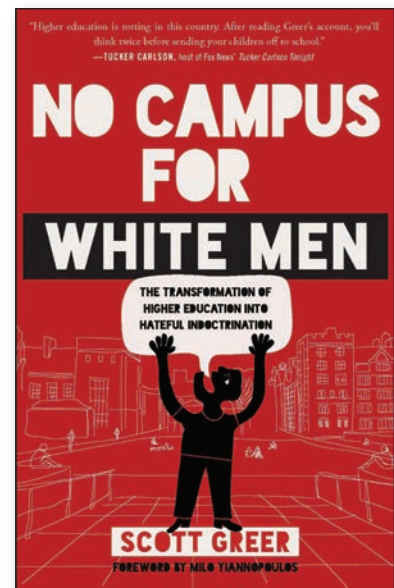
similar military response.

For its part, Washington has no genuine commitment to the Kurds beyond self-interest. In the meantime, D.C.'s backing of Israeli and Saudi meddling in Syria, and relenting to their demands for a tougher policy on Iran, is further damaging U.S. relations with Russia and Turkey. As a result, there is potential for a showdown with Turkey as well as Russia, which has played a major role in the ongoing defeat of ISIS.

The only person in the Trump cabinet with responsibility for the region is the president's unqualified son-in-law, Jared Kushner. In major capitals, including Moscow, Paris, and London, there is growing concern that there is no serious figure at the tiller of U.S. Mideast policy, making the potential for disaster a real possibility. ★



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## No Campus for White Men:

### The Transformation of Higher Education into Hateful Indoctrination

*No Campus for White Men* shines a bright light on the growing obsession with diversity, victimization and identity politics on today's college campuses, and shows how it is creating an intensely hostile and fearful atmosphere that can only lead to ever greater polarization in American society. Across the country, ugly campus protests over speakers with dissenting viewpoints, as well as a preoccupation with microaggressions, "trigger warnings," "safe spaces," and brand-new "gender identities," make it obvious that something has gone terribly wrong with higher education. For years, colleges have pursued policies favoring students based not on their merit, but on their race, gender, and sexual orientation. The disturbingly negative effects of this culture are now impossible to deny. Scott Greer's investigative work links such seemingly unrelated trends as "rape culture" hysteria and Black Lives Matter to an overall campus mindset intent on elevating and celebrating leftist-designated "protected classes" above everyone else while intimidating, censoring, and punishing those who disagree with this perversely un-American agenda. Greer broadens the usual media focus well beyond coverage of demonstrations by easily offended college students, to spotlight the darker forces at work behind the scenes that are feeding higher education's metastasizing crisis and how all this results in sustained animosity, first and foremost, toward white men. Greer also documents how this starkly totalitarian culture is not isolated to higher education, but is rather a result of trends already operating in society. Thus, he shows, today's campus madness may eventually dominate much more of America if it is not addressed and reversed. Softcover, 240 pages, \$20 plus \$4 S&H in the U.S. Order from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 to order toll free, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET. Call 202-544-5977 for cryptocurrency options.



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# National Defense Strategy Is Offensive

• Defense secretary makes remarks revealing idiocy, aggressiveness of U.S. foreign policy

By Phil Girdaldi

On Jan. 19, Secretary of Defense James Mattis delivered prepared remarks on the upcoming year's National Defense Strategy report. His comments were based on the unclassified summary of the document, which was also released on the same day.

Reading the report is illuminating, to say the least, and somewhat disconcerting, as it focuses very little on actual defense of the realm and relates much more to offensive military action that might be employed to further certain debatable national interests. Occasionally, it is actually delusional, as when it refers to consolidating “gains we have made in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere.”

At times Mattis's supplementary “remarks” were more bombastic than reassuring, as when he warned, “those who would threaten America's experiment in democracy: If you challenge us, it will be your longest and worst day.” He did not exactly go into what the military response to hacking a politician's emails might be and one can only speculate, which is precisely the problem. The report opens the door to all kinds of mischief wrapped in a poorly defined and infinitely expandable package that claims to represent essential “national security.”

One of the most bizarre aspects of the report is its breathtaking assumption that “competitors” should be subjected to a potential military response if it is determined that they are in conflict with the strategic goals of the U.S. government. It is far removed from the old-fashioned constitutional concept that one has armed forces to defend the country against an actual threat involving an attack by hostile forces. With this document, none of that need apply when Washington seeks to flex its muscles, and, as the possibility of an actual invasion from Mexico or Canada is infinitely remote, the entire concept of forward defense is clearly an excuse for serial interventions overseas.

The report summary states, “Failure to meet our defense objectives will result in decreasing U.S. global influence, eroding cohesion among allies and partners, and reduced access to markets that will contribute to a decline in our prosperity and standard of living.” It supports overwhelming military strength and reliance on hard power to maintain “influence” and friends while also enabling higher living standards for some lucky Americans even though diplomacy and soft power can accomplish the same things without having to threaten half the world.

Some real zingers in the report and in the remarks by Mattis relate to China and Russia. He said, “We face growing threats from revisionist



powers as different as China and Russia, nations that seek to create a world consistent with their authoritarian models—pursuing veto authority over other nations' economic, diplomatic, and security decisions.” He clearly is referring to Russian attempts to minimize the impact of a hostile NATO having expanded up to its very doorstep and to Chinese assertion of maritime zones relating to disputed islands that it has occupied in the South China Sea. There is, however, no evidence that either country is exporting “authoritarian models,” nor are they vetoing anything that they do not perceive as direct and immediate threats frequently orchestrated by Washington, which is intervening in local quarrels thousands of miles away from the U.S. borders. And when it comes to exporting models, who does it more persistently than Washington?

The report goes on to state that Russia and China and rogue regimes like Iran have “. . . increased efforts short of armed conflict by expanding coercion to new fronts, violating principle of sovereignty, exploiting ambiguity, and deliberately blurring the lines between civil and military goals.” As there is no evidence whatsoever that Russia, China, and Iran are actually seeking to threaten the United States militarily, there is considerable irony in the claim about confusion of civil and military. It is what the United States itself has been doing in various places, to include the initiation of armed conflict, most notably in Libya, Iraq, and, currently, Syria.

But the scariest assertion in the summary is the following: “Nuclear forces—Modernization

Defense Secretary James Mattis is either delusional, a liar or both. He vowed that any nation that would “challenge” the “strategic goals” of the United States (read New World Order) would risk a military attack. He believes might makes right in all cases.

of the nuclear force includes developing options to counter competitors' coercive strategies, predicated on the threatened use of nuclear or strategic non-nuclear attacks.” That means that the White House and Pentagon are reserving the option to use nuclear weapons even when the opponent is not nuclear armed and where there is no imminent or existential threat as long as there is a “strategic” reason for doing so. Strategic would, of course, be defined by the president and Mattis while the War Powers Act allows the country's chief executive to legally initiate a nuclear attack.

What might that mean in practice? Back in 2005, I reported how Vice President Dick Cheney had requested “a contingency plan to be employed in response to another 9/11-type terrorist attack on the United States . . . [including] a large-scale air assault on Iran employing both conventional and tactical nuclear weapons . . . not conditional on Iran actually being involved in the act of terrorism directed against the United States.”

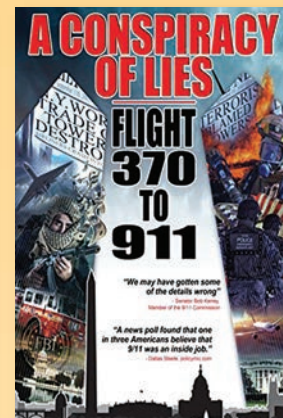
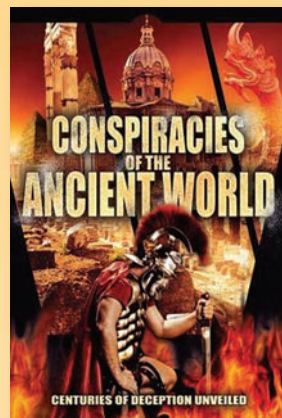
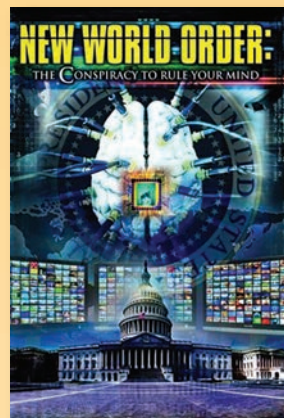
The planned use of nukes was also confirmed by award-winning investigative journalist Seymour Hersh. The possible employment of a “weapon of mass destruction” was reportedly in response to intelligence suggesting that conventional weapons would not be able to penetrate the deep underground hardened sites where many of the Iranian military facilities, to include their presumed nuclear weapons labs, were believed to be located.

As it turned out, Iran had no nuclear weapons program at that time and attacking it would have been totally gratuitous, which should surprise no one. Some other neocon-inspired plans to attack Iran also had a nuclear contingency built in because it was feared that the country would actually resist and not roll over when confronted by the American *force majeure*. To make it cease and desist, a small nuke might well be dropped in a sparsely populated area to send a message.

Thus, we Americans can anticipate another year of playing at defense by keeping the offense on the field. Hopefully we will get lucky and nobody in the White House or Pentagon will decide to drop a nuke. ★

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# Race Matters in Immigration Debate

• Trump's recent remarks about Haiti not really so delusional as liberals allege

By Patrick J. Buchanan

President Trump “said things which were hate-filled, vile and racist. . . I cannot believe. . . any president has ever spoken the words that I. . . heard our president speak yesterday.” So wailed Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) after departing the White House.

And what caused the minority leader to almost faint dead away? Trump called Haiti a “sh\*\*hole country,” said Durbin, and then asked why we don’t have more immigrants from neat places “like Norway.” With that, there erupted one of the great media firestorms of the Trump era.

Trump concedes he may have disparaged Haiti, which, at last check, was not listed among “Best Places to Live” in the Western Hemisphere. Yet Trump insists he did not demean the Haitian people. Still, by contrasting Norway as a desirable source of immigrants, as opposed to Haiti, El Salvador, and Africa, Trump tabled a question that is roiling the West, the answer to which will decide its fate.

Trump is saying with words, as he has with policies, that in taking in a million people a year, race, religion, and national origin matter, if we are to preserve our national unity and national character. Moreover, on deciding who comes and who does not, Americans have the sovereign right to discriminate in favor of some continents, countries, and cultures and against others. In stating his own preferences, Trump is in a tradition as old as the Republic.

The original colonies did not want Catholics here. Ben Franklin feared Pennsylvania was being overrun by “stupid” Germans:

“Why should Pennsylvania, founded by the English, become a colony of aliens, who will shortly be so numerous as to Germanize us instead of our Anglifying them, and will never adopt our language or customs, any more than they can acquire our complexion?”

Just as anti-immigrant parties have arisen in Europe to stem the flood of refugees from the Mideast and Africa, an American Party (“Know-Nothings”) was formed to halt the surge of Irish immigrants during the Potato Famine of 1845-1849.

Lincoln wanted slaves repatriated to Africa. In the 19th and 20th centuries, we had Chinese and Japanese exclusion acts.

“Californians have properly objected” to Japanese migrants, said vice presidential nominee FDR, “on the sound basic ground that. . . the mingling of Asiatic blood with European or American blood produces, in nine cases out of ten, the most unfortunate results.”

After the Great Migration of Italians, Poles, Jews, and East Europeans, from 1890 to 1920, the Im-



migration Act of 1925 established quotas based on the national origins of the American people in 1890, thus favoring Brits, Scots, Irish, and Germans.

Civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph, a major figure in Dr. Martin Luther King’s March on Washington, said of the Harding-Coolidge restrictive quotas: “We favor reducing immigration to nothing. . . shutting out the Germans. . . Italians. . . Hindus. . . Chinese and even the Negroes from the West Indies. The country is suffering from immigration indigestion.”

The Senate floor leader of the 1965 Immigration Act addressed what were then regarded as valid concerns about the future racial and ethnic composition of the country. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) pledged: “Our cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually. . . the ethnic mix of this country will not be upset. . . S. 500 will not inundate America with immigrants from. . . the most populated and economically deprived nations of Africa and Asia.” What Kennedy assured America would not happen, did happen.

Today, issues of immigration and race are tearing countries and continents apart. There are anti-immigrant parties in every nation in Europe. Turkey is being bribed to keep Syrian refugees out of Europe.

Boatloads of Africans from Libya are being turned back in the Mediterranean. After building a wall to keep them out, Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu has told “illegal aliens” from Africa: Get out of Israel by March or go to jail. Europe fears a future in which the continent, with its shrinking numbers of native-born, is swamped by peoples from the Third World.

Yet the future which alarmed Europeans are resisting is a future U.S. elites have embraced. Among the reasons, endless mass migration here means the demographic death of the GOP.

**The Haitian Massacre of 1804:** After enslaved Africans defeated the French military in 1804 and established Haiti as the first black country in the Western hemisphere, a mass killing of all non-blacks occurred. This ethnic cleansing of all whites and mulattoes was ordered by Jean-Jacques Dessalines, the first ruler of independent Haiti. Throughout the entire territory of Haiti, from February to April, 5,000 people of all ages and gender were massacred. Today, Haiti is considered one of the most violent places in the Caribbean where assaults, street muggings, even bank robberies are commonplace. Trump was not wrong—just vulgar—when he described the island state in the harshest of terms.

In U.S. presidential elections, persons of color whose roots are in Asia, Africa, and Latin America vote four-to-one Democratic, and against the candidates favored by America’s vanishing white majority. Not for the first time, liberal ideology comports precisely with liberal interests.

Mass immigration means an America in 2050 with no core majority, made up of minorities of every race, color, religion, and culture on Earth, a continent-wide replica of the wonderful diversity we see today in the UN General Assembly.

Such a country has never existed before. Are we on the Yellow Brick Road to the new Utopia—or on the path to national suicide? ★

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# The Flu Pandemic of 1918: A Cautionary Tale for Today

By S.T. Patrick

In the midst of a worsening flu season that has already taken the lives of over 30 children across America, shadows of the historic 1918 influenza outbreak loom over a medical community attempting to curb the rapidity of the contagion and the creation of newer strains.

This month, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the number of reported flu cases in America to top 74,500. The increase, however, is worsening, as more than 14,000 new cases are being reported weekly. These numbers are not absolute, as many who suffer some of the most severe cases are not seeking a medical professional who could report the numbers. For the week ending Jan. 13, the National Center for Health Statistics reported that 8.2% of all deaths were due to influenza and pneumonia.

Though the viral boogeyman in recent years has been the H1N1 virus, the H3N2 strain has been the deadliest of this flu season. It has caused more hospitalizations and deaths than any other strain. The difficulty in treating influenza is identifying and isolating the strain that needs treatment. Because a person can catch one of any number of strains, prevention is a mere guessing game, a medical gamble of sorts. Even though a person's first defense—attention to personal hygiene—is one that is free, habitual, and without any enrichment to the pharmaceutical industry, the CDC's first recommendation is to "take time to get a flu vaccine." It is an action they recommend for "everyone six months of age or older."

Skeptics of the flu vaccine have expressed concerns regarding both the practicality and the effectiveness of the vaccine. Some have even cautioned against negative side effects of the vaccine, such as contracting the flu itself.

"Not only do flu vaccines include suspect ingredients," wrote Dr. David Williams, "but the evidence shows that they flat out don't work. In fact, about the only thing flu vaccines are truly good for is lining the pockets of bio-pharmaceutical companies."

One of the most controversial additives to seasonal flu vaccines is thimerosal, a mercury-based preservative that has been linked to dysfunctions in the brain and immune system. Vaccines, by nature, inhibit your front-line immune defense system from working naturally as live or dead viruses are pumped into one's body tissues. If the vaccine does not contain the strain with which you come into contact—a likely scenario with specifically targeted vaccines—then the decreased effectiveness of your body's ability to fight a strain naturally can actually cause the vac-

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—Dr. David Williams



Above, patients afflicted with "Spanish flu" are lined up in the hallways of hospitals awaiting care. At the time, the severity of the influenza outbreak was hidden from citizens for fear it would hurt war morale.

inated individual to be more susceptible to contamination.

Naturalists advocate for a change in lifestyle and hygiene habits as a first line of defense. They also suggest nutrients such as vitamin D, vitamin C, probiotics, EpiCor, whey protein powder, glutathione, propolis, and selenium as means by which a person can ward off seasonal viral diseases ranging from the common cold to most strains of influenza.

While most experts are not predicting that a modern influenza outbreak could ever reach the level of destruction that it did in the 1918-19 outbreak, medical historians still see the historical flu pandemic as a cautionary tale that we should be very careful not to revisit.

The 1918-19 influenza pandemic was the deadliest in modern history. It infected an estimated 500 million people worldwide, approximately one out of every three people. Death tolls have been calculated as high as 50 million.

More than 675,000 Americans died from the Spanish flu—many were healthy adults. It has been said that more American soldiers died as a



Above, a woman receives a flu shot. Many alternative healers believe flu vaccines are useless against constantly mutating strains of influenza and also present other, even more dangerous health side effects.

result of the flu than in battle during World War I. While in Paris negotiating the Treaty of Versailles in early 1919, it is reported that President Woodrow Wilson also contracted the flu. In Spain it was termed the "Spanish Flu" and also rendered King Alfonso XIII very ill.

Some died from starvation because many were afraid to bring them food when they fell ill. Some bled from their nose and mouth, but others were also bleeding from their ears and eyes. The medical profession kept designating the virus as ordinary influenza and told people to simply just take regular precautions. But the people who were suffering most, as well as those close to them, knew differently.

John M. Barry, author of *The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*, described the reasons why the medical community refused to sound the alarms during the 1918-19 flu season.

"Everyone in authority, from the surgeon general of the United States to your local mayor, lied. Everyone could see that this was a lethal pandemic," Barry explains. "That's of course because of (World War I), and the idea was you don't say anything that might be bad news and hurt morale. This is exactly the wrong thing to do. I think ultimately society is based on trust, and once you breach that trust, then people become alienated, particularly from authority. And the worse things get, the more you feel it's everybody out for himself or herself."

Despite growing concern, both the traditional medical community and the holistic and naturalist community have been out in front attempting to explain what is happening. Their solutions vary, but the value of being proactive was one of the lessons learned during the Great Influenza. For many, the response to the 2017-18 flu season will coincide with one's own personal medical philosophy. ★

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# Travesty of Justice Exposed

I wanted to thank AMERICAN FREE PRESS for keeping us all up to date on the travesty of justice that has been perpetrated against the Bundy family in Nevada. I read three newspapers every day and watch the evening news with my wife, and not one bothered to cover what AFP did in its most recent issue [AFP's Jan. 15 & 22 issue]. Maybe I missed it, but *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, and NBC's "Nightly News" did not even mention that a judge threw out the case against the Bundys after federal prosecutors repeatedly lied and withheld evidence that would have helped the Bundys' case.

When the Bundys and their supporters were protesting, every day there was something about how terrible these right-wing gun nuts were. Armed to the teeth, these people supposedly threatened American lives with their violent, anarchic ways. That is all we heard. A few years later, after multiple trials, we now know that it was the feds that were violent and not these patriotic Americans.

God bless the Bundys for showing such courage in the face of overwhelming odds, and AFP for showing the country what a fair, free press should be.

ANDREW MCALISTER  
Maine

## Trumping Impeachment

To those of you who are asking, "Has he lost his mind?" to President Donald Trump turning over Palestine to Israel, please keep the following in mind: No one knows more than Trump that he stands a good chance of being impeached. But if he now has Israel in his corner, that chance is minimized. With this move, he has trumped both the Democrats and the neoconservatives.

JIM ADAMS  
Ohio

## Get Rid of Nikki Haley

President Donald Trump better do something with [U.S. Ambassador to the UN] Nikki Haley. We are a sovereign nation, and the last thing we need is the United Nations sending in foreign troops on our soil. This could certainly cause a conflict on our land. Ambassador Haley is almost inviting this to happen.

She was not a very good governor of South Carolina, and I was not happy with her when she was here. The United States of America is not the "be all" of the world. We need to mind our own business and take care of our own backyard.

PAULA HARRIS  
South Carolina

## Total Financial Collapse

The Meredith Publishing Company, based in Des Moines, Iowa, recently purchased *Time* magazine. In 1972, I had a chat with one of the elderly founders of *Time*, Perry Prentice, who admitted to me that one should not take seriously the veracity of the "news" in *Time*. *Time* magazine has lied repeatedly to the American people and the people of the world over the years. Perhaps with new owners, there will be big improvements. Possible.

In purchasing *Time*, Meredith has an important partner—the Koch brothers, who were given preferred stock in exchange for their investment. The Koch brothers have promised that they will not try to influence editorial content. But surely they can make a suggestion.

David Stockman, a Michigander who was the former head of the Office of Management and Budget in the Reagan administration, has given Trump constructive criticism, and has pointed out that unless corrective legislation is passed into law in the very near future, America may yet endure a total financial collapse far



worse than the events of a decade ago.

The president of Meredith is one Thomas Hardy, and he is considering adding the title of publisher to *Time*. Good idea—and there is nothing wrong with the Koch brothers suggesting to Mr. Hardy that he interview Mr. Stockman for that position. As publisher of the most influential weekly in the world, Stockman would have a powerful ability to influence discussion on economic issues.

I have no idea if the Koch brothers read AFP, but here is an idea to bring to their attention.

CLIFTON WELLMAN  
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## A Lesson in Economics

This is a lesson in economics. In recent years government has robbed our penny of its traditional copper simply because the copper that went into the penny is worth more than the penny. When I went back to school after WWII, pursuing an engineering degree, I had to take three terms of economics. It so happened that my economics professor was a communist fresh out of Hungary. He was always complaining how the Germans had stolen his plastic plant. Somehow the Germans' theft of his property was more sinful than communism stealing from everyone. I managed to pass the course, but realized that, if that was economics, I wanted no part of it.

Years later I was on a speaking tour in Dallas, Texas for Accuracy in Media, and one of my fellow speakers happened to be Murray N. Rothbard, one of the most outstanding authorities on Van Mises Austrian economics. Murray and I became good friends. He gave me several of his books, and I began to realize there was such a thing as honest economics.

Sadly, our government since 1900 has followed Keynesian economics, which focuses on fleecing the public. If you doubt this, simply pull out any "fraudulent reserve note" you may have in your pocket and try to reconcile what it says on that paper currency with what you will find

in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution. There is no reconciliation of what you read on these fraudulent reserve notes and the U.S. Constitution.

For close to half a century now we have been living on IOUs. We only produce about half of our food requirements and no manufactured goods. If you pull up the national debt figure on your computer what you get is digits flying by like sawdust off of a buzz saw. The national debt is now in the area of \$20 trillion. Based on 325 million people, your part of it is about \$65,000.

Historically we are economically in a situation similar to that in which Germany found itself in 1933. Dictators usually follow national bankruptcies. Germany could not possibly pay the debt after WWI. How did the Weimar republic solve this problem? It inflated the Deutsche Mark to the point where it took a wheelbarrow of money to buy a loaf of bread. The national debt didn't seem so big, then.

The lesson is, be sure you have a wheelbarrow handy. Interest rates are an expression of the value of money. Today's rates are 1% or lower. If rates were raised to 3% or 4% like 30 years ago, our federal government's bankruptcy would be obvious. It could not service the interest on its debt. Think about that, and get your congressman to think about that.

The answer is to close down all departments not justified under the 10th Amendment. Sell or rent out federal buildings. Affected employees should be retrained to farm or manufacture the goods needed to relieve us from buying foreign food and manufactured goods.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Your bequests and donations to FDFA go to help AFP survive—and give you a great tax write-off for 2017.**

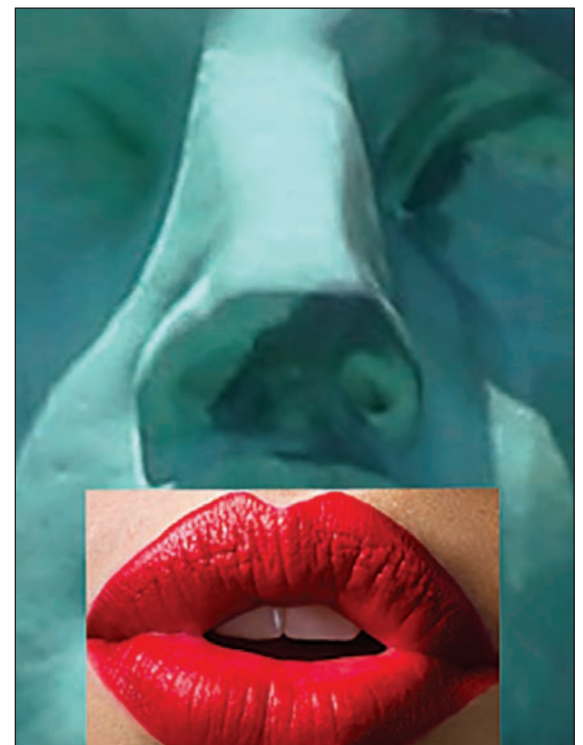
because now they will just have to guess?

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

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

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

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



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

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