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Four Things Mass Shooters All Seem to Have in Common

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Trump Targeting Institutions With Leftist Agendas

s Donald Trump a true American conservative along the lines of Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater? Not so much, says seasoned political commentator and presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan, who writes that Trump is more along the lines of a radical populist and anti-progressive than a dyedin-the-wool Washington Republican. But even more importantly, argues Buchanan, Trump is willing to go much further than any conservative in the past few decades to beat back the extreme liberals, who he contends have co-opted modern society and turned it into a corrupt swamp. To get the details read Buchanan's latest opinion piece in this week's edition.

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

'Match List' Weaponized Against Politically Incorrect

he long and drawn-out saga of AFP's credit-card processing continues this week with new hope that we'll finally be able to put an end to our blacklisting and drive back the forces that seek to censor free expression in the United States—at least when it comes to America's last real national newspaper, anyway.

After working for several months with a credit-card processing expert who specializes in so-called "high-risk" companies, we were recently directed to an attorney whose bailiwick largely involves companies and individuals that, for any number of reasons, have been placed on a secret credit card blacklist known as the Match List. This specialist attorney told us that, sadly, our story is all too familiar to him. More and more, he has been seeing this happen to individuals and groups on both the left and the right. Mentioning the online whistleblowing organization WikiLeaks in particular, he noted that the practice of placing legitimate businesses and individuals on the Match List is extremely concerning to him, because they are engaged in perfectly legal commerce. Simply put, he said, there is no reason to ban them other than for political reasons.

This editor has written extensively about our lengthy battle just to be able to run supporters' credit cards and process orders. For over four years we had done business with a small, independently owned company based out of Baltimore, Md. Last year, however, they sold out to the criminal banking giant, Wells Fargo, which demanded audits on all of the new accounts it absorbed. It took a few months for them to catch up to us, but, one day in mid-June 2017, we noticed that credit cards belonging to anyone who had tried to buy a book or DVD on our website were being declined. After multiple phone calls, we eventually got ahold of a risk analyst at a company in Denver, Colo. that contracted with Wells Fargo. Much to our surprise, the risk analyst told us that our credit-card processing account had not only been canceled, but we had also been placed on a secret list that was typically used to ban criminals, con artists, and producers of extreme and illegal pornography.

As Americans, we are entitled to believe whatever we want, so long as it follows U.S. laws, doesn't advocate violence, and doesn't libel or slander anyone. But that is not what is happening today. Of late, a very vocal minority of Americans have been advancing an allpowerful police state where only ideas that are accepted by the establishment are tolerated. Any other avenue of expression must be quashed and its advocates purged, according to this liberty-denying ideology. In other words, if you are outside the mainstream and espouse concepts like individual freedom, free speech, and personal responsibility, then you are no longer welcome in modern society whether in the real world or the virtual one.

The attorney has agreed to fight for us and is optimistic that he can get our name cleared off this secret list. Of course, there are no guarantees, but he told us he is confident that we have a strong case. More importantly, he said he can make sure that no one will be able to add us to the Match List once we have our name removed. The downside, however, is that the process is not going to be cheap. According to this lawyer, it will cost us about \$15,000—no small amount considering we have been financially targeted by the big banks, multi-billion-dollar tech companies, and radical special-interest groups. This case could easily reach a higher dollar amount, and we're strapped, but we must fight, because credit card processing is vital in this day and age.

We believe standing up to the police state in this manner is critical for the future of America. Those people who are advocating censorship are hoping we will sit down, shut up, close our doors, and go away forever. But they don't know us. That's why we are asking today for your support. We recently mailed out a fundraiser to our supporters asking for assistance in any way you can. As of this moment, we are accepting credit cards, but we are concerned that our ability to do so will be short-lived since we have been dropped by four more processors after our initial cancellation last June.

This is perhaps the biggest issue facing the U.S. Please help us today. \star

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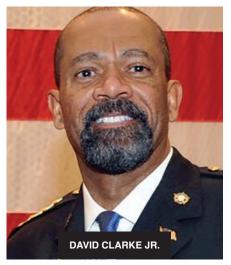
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News You May Have Missed

Soros Fingerprints

Former Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke Jr. posted comments on the Internet on Feb. 21 that student survivors of the Parkland, Fla. school shooting were being manipulated by Democrat billionaire George Soros to organize for gun control. In a "tweet," the former lawman wrote that media appearances



from students of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School against gun violence had "George Soros's fingerprints all over it." Last year, Clarke resigned as sheriff amid press speculation that he would join the Trump administration. He now serves as senior adviser and spokesman for the pro-Trump America First Action political action committee.

Liberal Bias in Tech

Billionaire investor Peter Thiel is reportedly relocating his home and investment firms to Los Angeles from San Francisco and scaling back his involvement in the tech industry, reports The Wall Street Journal. The move marks "a rupture between Silicon Valley and its most prominent conservative." Thiel is a libertarian and has drawn heavy criticism from many liberal tech-industry peers, including Facebook board members, because he backed Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Thiel recently said tech culture has become increasingly intolerant of conservative political views since Trump's election, an attitude he has said is "intellectually and politically fraught."

Arm the Teachers

In view of the mass shootings that have taken place on gun-free campuses across the United States, Sheriff Grady Judd from Polk County, Fla. has come up with a plan to arm selected professors and teachers and make them deputies. It makes sense-especially with the FBI doing a lousy job of preventing attacks by terrorists and lunatics. A typical "active shooter" rampage might last for five minutes, then the cops might show up in half an hour-the damage already done. Guns packed by qualified teachers could settle the perpetrator's trouble in less than a minute. Such a law would be "a game changer," Judd points out.

Russian Trolling

According to online news outlet "Newsbusters," one of the revelations in the Feb. 16 indictment of multiple Russians handed down by Special Counsel Robert Mueller was that alleged Russian attempts to sow disunity in the 2016 election included organizing both proand anti-Trump rallies in New York City on Nov. 12, the Saturday after Election Day. "Newsbusters" reports that both CNN and MSNBC gave enthusiastic coverage to the Russian-organized anti-Trump rally that day with live reports every hour. Correspondents for the news outlets "celebrated the idea that it was 'a love rally,' and repeated the marchers' anti-Trump mantras, such as: 'We reject the presidentelect.' " None of the networks were aware of who was allegedly behind the march, but CNN and MSNBC reveled in it nonetheless.

Terror in Pennsylvania

Department of Homeland Security Acting Press Secretary Tyler Houlton has confirmed that a shooting spree against police officers in Pennsylvania was indeed a terrorist attack. Houlton said the suspect, Ahmed El-Mofty, 51, entered the United States via "chain migration." El-Mofty allegedly targeted cops near the state capitol in Harrisburg. El-Mofty fired shots striking a Capitol Police cruiser, putting a bullet through the windshield. The officer in the car was uninjured. The terrorist then chased and injured a female officer before being killed by police when he opened fire on them with two handguns. The injured officer was treated at a hospital and then released. It is believed El-Mofty was a native of Egypt.

EU Threatens Members

The European superstate imperialists have threatened war against European Union (EU) member states that refuse to accept hordes of immigrants, says Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel, speaking for fellow imperialists, announced the EU will use force if necessary to "ob-



ligate Central European countries, including Hungary, to accept migrants," said Orban. But don't expect the Hungarians and other nations, including Poland, Czech Republic, and Slovakia, to roll over and play dead. "We cannot give in to extortion. We will fight those who want to change the Christian identity of Hungary and Europe," Orban warned.

Good News from Africa

The president of South Africa, Jacob Zuma, resigned Feb. 14 amid a corruption scandal. He was under fire from his own communist party, which was prepared to cast a no-

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confidence vote against him and had given him 48 hours to resign. He said: "Even though I disagree with the decision, I have always been a disciplined member of my organization." Zuma called for confiscating land from white people without compensation and sang songs about killing the white farmers.

Victory for Babies

As this year's annual Jan. 18 March for Life began in Washington, D.C., the House of Representatives, just blocks away from the event, passed a bill favored by the prolife movement. H.B. 2, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, provides that when an infant somehow survives a botched abortion, doctors must care for it just as they do for any other baby who is born alive. Currently babies are killed in various ways if they are born alive during an abortion, as sometimes happens. Often they are "put on a shelf in the back room" and simply left to die. The new law adds penalties to the toothless 2002 Born-Alive Infant Protection Act signed into law by President George W. Bush. Says Rep. Alex Mooney (R-W.V.), "If you have a law with no penalty you don't have a law, because no one is going to pay attention to it."

Communist Stooge?

Jeremy Corbyn, Labour Party leader in the UK, was recently hit by serious allegations he was paid by communist spies for information during the Cold War. Corbyn is a major world leader; he could very well be the next prime minister in Britain. It will be interesting to see if the mainstream media will sweep the numerous charges under the carpet. We wouldn't be surprised.

Budget Folly Exposed

By Mark Anderson

en. Rand Paul's understanding of what ails the American economy may not always be spot-on accurate. In a Feb. 8 hour-long floor speech, however, the rebel-Republican provided a keen overview of several aspects of the two-year budget bill that just took effect. In so doing, the Kentucky lawmaker exposed how the "two" parties collude while pretending to clash.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (H.R. 1892) was signed into law by President Donald Trump Feb. 9 on the brink of another so-called government shutdown. To symbolically monkey-wrench the machinery of government before shutdown day arrived, Paul took to the Senate floor late on Feb. 8, calling out fellow Republicans for their duplicity:

"How come you were against President Obama's deficits but how come you're for Republican deficits?" he asked. "Isn't that the very definition of hypocrisy?"

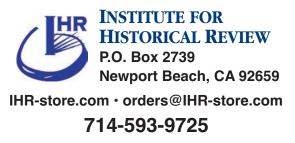
According to what Paul had told CNN, an estimated 84% borrowing increase happened in Trump's first fiscal year with a 50% hike expected for fiscal year 2019, which begins Oct. 1, 2018.

On the Senate floor, Paul assailed the 700-page budget bill and misguided spending, noting:

About \$300 billion in new spending is slated over the next two years. But there's another \$160



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billion for an overseas contingency fund that no one is talking about.

The bill increases spending 21%, prompting Paul to ask: "Is anyone at home getting a bonus or increase in their paycheck of 21%?"

The 2011 budget caps—limits on both military and non-military spending—have been disregarded, but when they were put in place, Paul recalled: "Guess what? For a year or two, the government actually shrank. But now government is taking off, and this new stimulus of spending will be as big as President Obama's stimulus."

The U.S. has spent \$50 billion a year for 16 years militarily occupying Afghanistan. "We're in too many places for too long and we have no exact mission of why we're there," Paul noted, referring to the U.S. military's massively expensive worldwide bootprint.

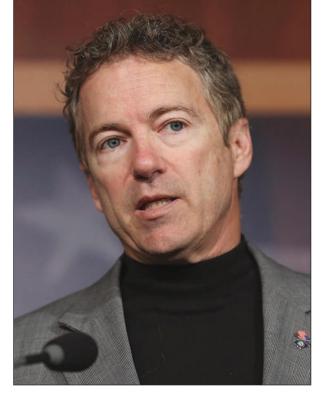
The U.S. would have more money to help the flood victims in Houston and elsewhere from the 2017 hurricanes if it wasn't showering foreign nations with money, some of which "burn our flag and chant 'death to America.'"

Paul added that the Republicans cannot secure spending hikes on the U.S. government's relentless world-policing and foreign interventionism unless they give the Democrats more welfare spending.

"So, they raise all the spending; it's a compromise in the wrong direction," he lamented.

Meanwhile, the GOP always claims that the military is "hollowed out," even though the U.S. has doubled its military spending since 9/11.

Citing Trump's recent call for a military parade, presumably to lift the nation's spirits, Paul had



Our applause goes to Sen. Rand Paul who refused to buckle and sign a budget bill that clearly demonstrates the fiscal insanity of both parties.

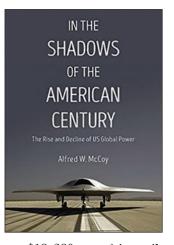
some interesting words about U.S. troops still fighting the "war on terror" in Afghanistan: "Declare victory in Afghanistan; bring 'em all home and have a parade—and give 'em all a raise."

Paul's premise is that cutting foreign aid and foreign entanglements would mean far less spending but more money for the troops and much more sanity for U.S. policies.

Of particular note, Paul also told the Senate that the paramount issue is the menace posed by the \$20 trillion (official) national debt—which is larger than the entire U.S. economy. ★

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Republicans, Democrats Agree to Pass Obscene Spending Bill

• Trump goes back on pledge to stop taxpayer funding for abortion

By Chuck Baldwin

ith the Republicans in control of both houses of Congress and the White House, they voted for—and President Donald Trump quickly signed—the biggest spending bill in U.S. history. The bill, which was co-authored by Sens. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Mitch Mc-Connell (R-Ky.), inflates the federal deficit by over \$400 billion, and—get this—fully funds America's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

After signing this fiscally irresponsible and blatantly unconstitutional bill, Trump had the gall to blame Democrats for the massive spending increase. Amazingly, there are millions of socalled conservatives that believe him. If it wasn't so serious, it would be laughable. When the Democrats are in power, it's the Democrats' fault, and when the Republicans are in power, it's still the Democrats' fault. What is worse than that obvious deceit and duplicity is the realization that millions of Christians and conservatives actually believe it.

P.T. Barnum nailed it. "There's a sucker born every minute," he is quoted as saying. And a whole bunch of these suckers call themselves conservatives.

In opposing the bill, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) rightly said, "When the Democrats are in power, Republicans appear to be the conservative party. But when Republicans are in power, it seems there is no conservative party."

Paul rightly criticized, "We have Republicans hand-in-hand with Democrats offering us trillion-dollar deficits." Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) lamented, "This is not what the American people sent us here to do."

The massive spending bill eliminates the budget caps that were put in place in 2011 under President Barack Obama.

FUNDING ABORTION

Just as when George W. Bush was president and the Republicans controlled both houses of Congress, nothing is being done to overturn *Roe v. Wade* or defund Planned Parenthood—or reduce federal spending.

During his presidential campaign, in a letter to pro-lifers, Trump said, "I am committed to . . . defunding Planned Parenthood."

But just as he lied about draining the swamp, overturning citizenship for so-called "dreamers," ending amnesty for illegal aliens, de-escalating foreign wars, drawing down NATO, and repealing Obamacare, he also lied about defunding Planned Parenthood and shrinking the size of the federal government.

Just last month, Vice President Mike Pence promised pro-lifers that Trump was the most "pro-life" president in history, but Trump and the rest of the lying Republicans continue to force taxpayers to pay for the legalized murder of unborn babies by fully funding Planned Parenthood in the Schumer-McConnell budget deal that Trump signed.

It's business as usual in Washington, D.C. and that business includes baby killing.

It's also business as usual among conservatives and Christians as they continue to support these Republican hypocrites and liars.

All presidents propose annual budgets mainly for the purpose of political theater—to make the people who voted for them think they

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President Trump, according to columnist Chuck Baldwin, is breaking so many of his campaign promises that his core of supporters needs to rethink its future support for him if he runs for president again.

really meant what they said while campaigning. All presidents know that Congress, however, has the power to actually write and pass spending bills. A president's only options are to either sign the spending bill into law or to veto it and thereby force Congress to pass it over his veto. He didn't veto it, however. He promoted it and signed it into law.

So what exactly has Trump changed? The swamp is deeper. The federal government is bigger. Foreign wars are escalating. Babies are still being legally butchered in the womb with taxpayer funding. The sodomite agenda is still mushrooming. The police state is growing faster than ever. The "war on terror" is trampling more liberties and creating more jihadists than ever. The "war on drugs" is throwing more harmless people in jail and seizing more personal property than ever. We are closer to global nuclear war than at any other time in history.

The only positive impact Trump has made to date is perhaps stalling momentum for more gun control, but, given the way Trump has broken other promises, it will not surprise me if he also betrays the Second Amendment in the near future.

Trump is only one year into his presidency. If all of the people who claim to be conservatives, Christians, and constitutionalists would be true to their professed beliefs and would hold Trump's feet to the fire, he might come to recognize that his only hope for reelection is to man up about following his oath to the Constitution and to the people who elected him. As long as Trump's supporters behave like lapdogs and mindless zombies, and ignore and even praise Trump when he breaks his oath, however, all they are doing is facilitating the further destruction of our republic.

Time to Investigate 'Israelgate'

• If FBI director wants to uncover foreign meddling in U.S. elections, look here

By Philip Giraldi

ecently there was a slight misunderstanding between President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu claimed that the Trump administration had been discussing with him a plan for annexing the large Israeli settlements-illegal under international law -on the Palestinian West Bank. He told a Likud Party gathering that "on the subject of applying sovereignty, I can say that I have been talking to the Americans about it for some time." White House spokesman Josh Raffel responded testily for the president, saying that "reports that the United States discussed with Israel an annexation plan for the West Bank are false. The United States and Israel have never discussed such a proposal...."

Was it just another misunderstanding between two friends who also happen to be heads of state? Hardly. Netanyahu expected the White House to rubber stamp whatever he decided to do. That has been the way it has worked with Trump up until now and the assumption by Netanyahu was that it would continue to operate in the same fashion.

Score one for Trump, who also dropped a bomb on Netanyahu by opining that Israel might



AMBASSADOR SERGEY KISLYAK



not be truly interested in making peace with the Palestinians. It was not a brilliant observation, but it was welcome nevertheless.

The sideshow that is Israel's manipulation of the United States government has recently played out largely behind the scenes while much bigger dramas were surfacing relating to the various investigations surrounding the 2016 elections. A major revelation was provided by the so-called "Nunes memo," prepared by Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee, which maintained that the salacious and largely fabricated Democratic National Committee-commissioned "Steele dossier" had been used as a primary source by the FBI in obtaining a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court warrant to investigate a Trump staffer over suspicion that he was acting as an agent of Russia. This was followed by a letter from Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), which filled in some of the blanks in the Nunes memo by providing convincing detail on the activity of former British spy Christopher Steele in making the case against Trump with the apparent collaboration of the FBI and others in the intelligence community.

And the most recent bombshell is that the Robert Mueller commission investigating the Trump campaign has finally issued an indictment in its seemingly endless investigation, naming 13 Russians and three Russian entities as being involved in conspiracy and identity theft relating to the election.

But somehow lost in the shuffle is the Israeli connection, which all started when Trump National Security Adviser designate Michael Flynn called Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, on **President Donald Trump** poses for a photo with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu was so sure he had Trump in his back pocket, he alleged publicly that the United States would support Israel's illegal annexation plans for the Holy Land.

Dec. 22, 2016. The call was made at the direction of Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner, who, in turn, had been approached by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu had learned that the Obama administration was going to abstain on a United Nations vote condemning the Israeli settlements policy, meaning that for the first time in years a UN resolution critical of Israel would pass without drawing a U.S. veto. Kushner, acting for Netanyahu, asked Flynn to contact each delegate from the various countries on the Security Council to delay or kill the resolution. Flynn agreed to do so, which included the call to the Russians. Kislyak took the call but did not agree to veto Security Council Resolution 2334, which passed unanimously on December 23.

What exactly did Kushner seek from Flynn? He asked the soon-to-be national security adviser to get the Russians to undermine and subvert what was being done by the still-in-power American government in Washington headed by President Barack Obama. In legal terms this does not quite equate to the Constitution's definition of treason since Israel is not technically an enemy, but it most certainly could be construed as covered by the "conspiracy against the United States" statute

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Huge Israeli involvement in determining which U.S. politicians win or lose elections is the real story.

that the Mueller investigation has exploited against former Trump associate Paul Manafort and also in the recent Russian indictments.

Mueller's indictment, which was publicized on Feb.16, claims that the Russians created false U.S. personas while also stealing the identities of real U.S. people in order to interfere with the 2016 presidential election. The indictment states that the goal of the entities and people identified was to both influence and disrupt the election, with some defendants posing as "U.S. people" communicating with "individuals associated with the Trump campaign and with other political activists to seek to coordinate political activities."

The "defendants' operations included supporting the presidential campaign of then-candidate Trump and disparaging Hillary Clinton," the indictment reads, but it does not maintain that they had "any effect on the outcome of the election." Purchases were made "to carry out those activities, including buying [\$100,000 worth of] political advertisements on social media in the names of U.S. persons and entities." The accused Russians are being charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, conspiracy to commit wire and bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

In the case of the Kislyak phone call, initiated by Kushner acting for Israel, Russia is being accused of involvement in activity that Israel engages in all the time and in the open. Israel has always been involved in U.S. elections down to the local level, most notably in promoting Mitt Romney over Barack Obama in 2012, and it has an enormous and well-funded lobby in AIPAC that interferes aggressively in American foreign and domestic policy formulation through "coordinating political activities" to benefit Israel. And the Israeli government's propaganda arm uses its hasbara to go around the Internet with false identities to confuse and deflect stories that are critical of the Netanyahu government. They do so routinely and do not even try to hide what they are doing. Part of their agenda is to smear critics and elect politicians favorable to them.

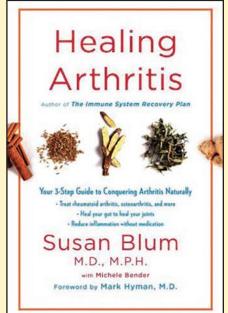
So when will Mueller and the several congressional committees that are investigating the Russians move on to the topic of Israel to find out what a really effective foreign influencing operation looks like? Given Israel's power over Congress, probably never.

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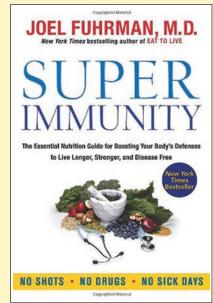


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AIPAC vs the Truth

Pro-Israel lobby trying to suppress hidden-camera exposé

By John Friend

I Jazeera, the state-funded media outlet based in Qatar that is hysterically demonized by the Western press for its pro-Palestinian perspective, is once again drawing the ire of the organized pro-Israel community, its international network of supporters, and the government of Israel, which the news agency has accused of being involved in a subversive campaign to manipulate Western governments to favor that Mideast country.

As this newspaper reported late last year, Al Jazeera released a four-part documentary series last January entitled "The Lobby" that focuses on the manner in which the network of pro-Israel lobbying organizations and public relations agencies influences and manipulates British politics. As readers of this publication are well aware, the pro-Israel lobby essentially dominates Western politics, and has virtually unlimited access to the highest levels of political and media power, especially in the United States and the United Kingdom. "The Lobby," which was based on a sixmonth undercover investigation, exposed the subversive and manipulative tactics of the pro-Israel lobby in the UK, which included targeting proponents of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as well as politicians and leaders deemed hostile to Israel.

Following its release, which shocked many in the UK, a number of complaints were lodged with

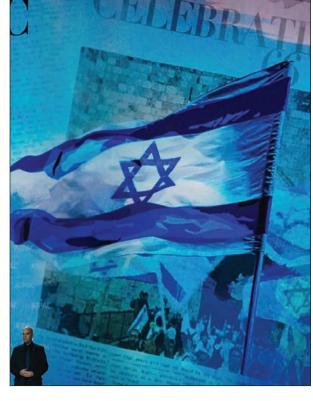
the Office of Communications (Ofcom), the government-authorized telecommunications regulatory agency that establishes and enforces journalistic standards and ethics in the UK. The complaints, filed by a number of pro-Israel activists and at least one official working for the Israeli embassy in London, charged the news agency with having an "anti-Semitic" bias, but were dismissed by Ofcom after its investigation.

As AFP goes to press, Al Jazeera is preparing to release yet another highly detailed undercover exposé on the pro-Israel lobby, this time focusing on the network of pro-Israel organizations dominating Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

In early February, Al Jazeera sent an email requesting comment from a number of pro-Israel organizations and lobbying groups that are featured in the soon-to-be-released documentary, which include the Israeli embassy, the Israel Project, and the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, among other groups. Al Jazeera has alleged that these groups are involved in an organized campaign to help the Israeli government defeat the BDS movement, target and discredit critics of Israel, and otherwise manipulate and influence the American government to favor Israel and Zionist interests more generally.

"Al Jazeera is in the final stages of preparing a documentary concerning the role of pro-Israel advocacy groups in the United States," the media outlet explained in its email to various pro-Israel lobbying organizations requesting comment. "The documentary will investigate how such groups secure support for Israel in Congress and how





they have been drawn into Israel's covert campaign to defeat BDS, the movement to boycott, divest, and impose sanctions on Israel."

The email sent by Al Jazeera noted that during its undercover investigation it had "uncovered evidence which suggests that this campaign may well involve these groups working with Israel to collect intelligence on and discredit U.S. citizens who support BDS, as well as others who are perceived as challenging Israel."

The government of Qatar has been under pressure to ban the release of Al Jazeera's undercover investigation into the pro-Israel lobby in America and has been criticized for allowing the media outlet to publish its investigative report into the pro-Israel lobby in the UK. Many are hoping the documentary is released despite the pressures from the organized pro-Israel community and the state of Israel. Al Jazeera's email sent earlier this month to various pro-Israel groups suggests the network is serious about its reporting.

As the annual AIPAC conference approaches, which brings together the most powerful pro-Israel organization as well as high-profile U.S. politicians and leaders, what better time than now to release the documentary exposing the pro-Israel lobby to American voters?

"Whether Al Jazeera finally broadcasts the U.S. series of 'The Lobby' before AIPAC convenes will reveal whether it remains true to its upstart, 'take no prisoners' reporting, or has become as beholden to orchestrated Israel lobby pressure campaigns as mainstream U.S. media organizations and its fellow government-owned outlets like Voice of America," Grant Smith, director of Institute for Research: Middle Eastern Policy, recently argued.

Time will tell, and we at AFP are hopeful Al Jazeera does indeed remain true to its founding principles and releases its undercover documentary into the insidious and subversive network of pro-Israel lobbying organizations manipulating and influencing politics in America.

What the FBI/FISA Memo Says About America

By Rep. Ron Paul

he release in mid-February of the House Intelligence Committee's memo on the FBI's abuse of the FISA process set off a partisan firestorm. The Democrats warned us beforehand that declassifying the memo would be the end of the world as we know it. It was reckless to allow Americans to see this classified material, they said. Agents in the field could be harmed, sources and methods would be compromised, they claimed.

Republicans who had seen the memo claimed that it was far worse than Watergate. They said that mass firings would begin immediately after it became public. They said that the criminality of U.S. government agencies exposed by the memo would shock Americans.

Then it was released, and the world did not end. FBI agents have thus far not been fired. Seeing "classified" material did not terrify us, but rather it demonstrated clearly that information is kept from us by claiming it is "classified."

In the end, both sides got it wrong. Here's what the memo really shows us:

First, the memo demonstrates that there is a "deep state" that does not want things like elections to threaten its existence. Candidate Donald Trump's repeated promises to get along with Russia and to re-assess NATO so many years after the end of the Cold War were threatening to a Washington that depends on creating enemies to sustain the fear needed to justify a trillion-dollar yearly military budget.

Imagine if candidate Trump had kept his campaign promises when he became president. Without the "Russia threat" and without the "China threat" and without the need to dump billions into NATO, we might actually have reaped a "peace dividend" more than a quarter-century after the end of the Cold War. That would have starved the war-promoting military-industrial complex and its network of pro-war "think tanks" that populate the Washington Beltway area.

Second, the memo shows us that neither Republicans nor Democrats really care that much about surveillance abuse when average Americans are the victims.

It is clear that the FISA abuse detailed in the memo was well known to Republicans like House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes before the memo was actually released.

It was likely also well known by Democrats in the House. But both parties suppressed this evidence of FBI abuse of the FISA process until after the FISA Amendments Act could be re-authorized. They didn't want Americans to know how corrupt the surveillance system really is and how the U.S. has become far too much like East Germany. That might cause more Americans to call up their representatives and demand that the FISA mass surveillance amendment be allowed to sunset.

Ironically, Nunes was the biggest cheerleader for the extension of the FISA Amendments even as he knew how terribly the FISA process had been abused.

Finally, hawks on both sides of the aisle in Congress used "Russia-gate" as an excuse to build animosity toward Russia among average Americans. They knew from the classified information that there was no basis for their claims that the Trump administration was put into office with Moscow's assistance, but they played along because it served their real goal of keeping the U.S. on a war footing and keeping the gravy train rolling.

But don't worry: The neocons in both parties will soon find another excuse to keep us terrified and ready to flush away a trillion dollars a year on military spending and continue our arguments and new "Cold War" with Russia.

In the meantime, be skeptical of both parties. With few exceptions they are not protecting liberty but promoting its opposite. \star

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

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By John Ellis

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 MIL-LION 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

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this water cures anything including cancer!" (we are allowed to quote)—"News and Health" magazines use fringe MDs to sell products that cause cancer! Editor and Health Pioneer: "I feel wonderful taking 70 vitamins a day!" before dying on TV while another overdosed on iodine (both from Toxic Overload!) like the Anabolic Steroid inventor who died at 63 (below) ... which is why I gave up the discus!

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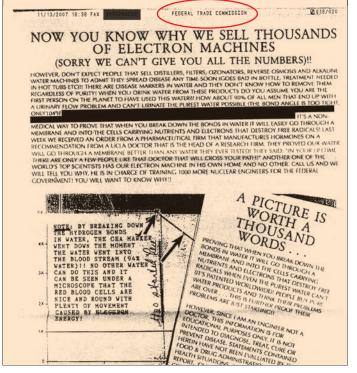
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As a result, my grandmother moved to Rochester, New York and befriended SUSAN B. ANTHONY and her cousin CLARA BARTON before moving to New Rochelle, New York. Her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT moved around the corner. (Catt's Congressional speech resulted 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-

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chines running non-stop and Carrie and their friends at my grandmother's house sewing thousands of pre-die cut clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters.

BEWARE WATER SCAM WEBSITES

During Vietnam (unlike "water experts" that went to Canada so they could snipe at people like myself and our vets), I owned Precision Switch Corp., Port Chester, New York, when my resident military inspector commented about a sub contract at New London, Conn. I said; "They will sink to the bottom during sea trials!" I was right and we both knew the supplier. Later, after finding a blueprint error, I faced a military tribunal for breach of contract because I wouldn't put lives at risk until the fatal flaws were corrected!

In similar fashion, 40 years ago they said I was using "scare tactics" with my local drinking water warnings. Now, tests show residents have FIRE RETARDENT chemicals in their blood! Rather than spending \$30 million in dredging costs, MUNICIPAL LETTERS in the Video section at JohnEllis.com show NO DREDGING IS NEEDED because even the cooling water from my water machine keeps solids in suspension so they can be pumped out just like your bloodstream! I was right again or is this called "draining the swamp"? You would think so even with 13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests, an Engineering Degree that includes Steam Plant Design with top secret Security Clearance at Douglas Aerospace and Honeywell! Like communist China, the medical establishment bans advertising and books they don't like!

However, after buying my E5 water machines, the Chinese government is involved in a 10-page contract for 15 million machines a year, with thousands of workers, producing \$50 billion in annual sales! However, they want to 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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Is it any wonder "Scam websites' warn you about "water scams" when they are part of the scam ... losing 40 lawsuits? They also sell the same plastic distillers we filed against years ago (FTC Order C-3220) ruining the health of millions also

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To stem the naysayers: My college engineering professor Dr John Weishampel, gave me the only grade of 100% in 30 years of teaching.

I'M NOT NEW TO CONTROVERSY

I am not new to controversy: In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: "I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!"

There is a long list of Olympic friends who are dead because they were "FDA Approved" (now banned). I was right then about anabolic steroids and I am right now about viruses and disease!

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Expert Says Four Main Factors Link All Mass Shooters Together

• Despite industry protests, video violence a major factor

By John Tiffany

here's no connection between violence on TV and in video games on the one hand, and real-life violence and crime on the other, right? That is what the entertainment industry is saying; and not just them, but a number of "scientific" studies as well.

Of course, it was not so long ago the scientists and medical "experts" were telling us smoking is harmless or even beneficial for our health. One has to consider whether these experts are themselves smokers or these studies are financed by the industry, because often there is a conflict of interest leading to a predetermined conclusion.

In 2015 the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a recommendation regarding parents allowing children to play violence-oriented video games and to watch violence in TV and movies. The authors said they were frustrated by a resistance to the acceptance of studies that found links between actual and virtual violence, and by the lack of action on this issue.

Despite some biased "studies," there is a broad scientific consensus that "virtual violence increases aggressive thoughts, feelings, and behaviors," the report said. Yet "there has been little public action to help mitigate children's exposure to it."

Another 2015 report, a meta-study conducted by an American Psychological Association task force, concludes there is a definite link to heightened aggression among kids who play violent video games. It's only logical that this would also be correlated with juvenile delinquency and criminal violence. Meta-studies examine the breadth of previous studies and undertake multiple approaches to reviewing the literature.

Said Dr. Edmund "Vic" Strasburger: "I've treated several school shooters, and my best guess is that these [individuals] have four factors that apply. One: They have been abused or bullied. Two: They have mental illness. [For which they may or may not be taking "anti-psychotic" prescription drugs. —Ed.] Three: They are socially isolated. And four: They play violent video games."

The man who killed 77 people in Norway in 2011 admitted he prepared for his rampage by playing the shoot-em-up video game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2."

In the United States mass shootings have sent 547 people to their Maker, with another 476 persons injured over the past 30 years.

It's not just guns being used to kill people, either. Thousands more have been killed in bombings. Knife wielders killed five times as many murder victims last year than rifle shooters. Hammers, clubs, baseball bats, and bare hands have also taken a tremendous toll.

Objective research, said a study by authors from the University of Utah and Indiana University, shows "a consistent pattern: Exposure to media violence increases the risk of subsequent aggression."

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin (R) on Jan. 26 called on Americans to consider restrictions on violence in video games and movies, not guns.

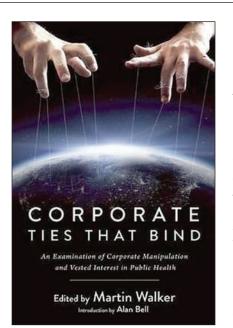


Dr. Vic Strasburger, a specialist in adolescent medicine, says that mass shooters have four things in common: 1) They have been abused or bullied; 2) they are mentally ill; 3) they are socially isolated; and 4) they play violent video games.

"We need to have an honest conversation as to what should and should not be allowed in the United States as it relates to the things being put in the hands of our young people," he said. "I'm a big believer in the First Amendment and the right to free speech, but there are certain things that are so graphic as it relates to violence . . . there is zero redemptive value. There is zero upside to any of this being in the public domain, let alone in the minds and hands and homes of our young people."

Rep. Brian Mast (R-Fla.) chimed in, saying violent movies and video games are "the biggest pusher" of real-life violence. Mast is an Army veteran who lost both legs in Afghanistan.

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By Johnny Delirious

knew how to perform laboratory testing with Hair Tissue Mineral Analysis (HTMA) because that was my business in the early 1980s, long before I became sick with hepatitis C. In recovery, I was the patient and I found HTMA to be my first and most important recovery secret when implementing my therapies. It provides vital information about the client (me) and the biochemistry of their tissues. Starting with this baseline I could make real progress and this helped me move into true recovery. I formulated ways to fight the virus, but I needed my balanced body to do it.

When I was building a road map for my healing protocols, part of my understanding of how my body is doing is the ratio of what elements it had available. It's all about balance—specifically of minerals. No one gets sick when they have a balance of all the minerals they need. Unfortunately, most people in the world do not have a balance in their body and this will thwart good mental and physical health. Consequently, at least 85% of the American population is way out of balance because of the extreme elevation of calcium in their bodies.

People who survive on the typical fast-food meals or what many people call the Standard American Diet (SAD) flood their bodies with excess calcium which produces a slow metabolism.

The average person's body is constantly working to lower these calcium extreme levels, but it never gets a chance to lower it, due to the high levels of calcium constantly coming in. It's like trying to stop a raging river after a big storm when the rain is still falling. The high calcium levels will force at least four or five other minerals out of the absorption process.

In the lab, we see this all the time because with high-tissue calcium most people (including myself) fit this profile and therefore are not getting enough phosphorus, potassium, iron, magnesium, among many other minerals, into their tissues. Such high calcium levels create an antagonism to these other minerals which, as a consequence, fail to be absorbed no matter how many supplements are ingested. This makes muscles like your heart weak and your bones and teeth fragile and brittle. We see these results in over 85% of the people all around us every day.

The consequences are serious conditions like osteoporosis, heart attacks, obesity, diabetes and cancer, plus the endocrine system (thyroid, adrenals, pancreas etc.) become over worked and burned out. Well we all know that story.

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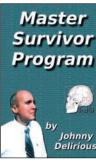
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Scholarship Program Stonewalled

Alabama state student memorial fund honoring Gen. Jackson still unclaimed

By Dr. Ed DeVries

n Alabama state scholarship program honoring the late Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson has once again come under attack. The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund was established when the Alabama legislature appropriated \$20,000 back in 1955 to "memorialize that great American and Confederate general, 'Stonewall' Jackson, through a program of education....

The annual essay contest enables several students to receive "repayable scholarships" to the school of their choice. Essentially, the scholarship functions as a repayable, no-interest loan that must be repaid five years after graduation from college.

The renewed opposition to what is essentially a tuition assistance program is but the latest in the ongoing conflict over Southern symbols such as the Confederate flag.

The first of these efforts began in the 1980s when certain politicians decided to make the scholarship "more inclusive." When scholarship funds were awarded for an essay on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a lawsuit was filed. In 1988, Ed Bridges, then director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, which oversees the scholarship, argued in state court that "public money should be inclusive of all areas of history." The court disagreed and ruled that all monies spent and awarded by the fund must be appropriated as the legislature specified. Those



wanting to expand the nature of the award needed to do so legislatively. Since then, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the NAACP, The Decatur Daily newspaper, and the state's legislative black caucus have actively opposed the scholarship.

Representing House District 78 since 1974, state Rep. Alvin Holmes (D) has been leading the charge in the multi-decade legislative opposition to the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund. "It's not the job of the taxpayers of Alabama to

Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson is still considered one of the great military geniuses of American history. He served with distinction in the Mexican-American War and later became known as an audacious Confederate strategist and field commander in the War Between the States. Today a scholarship program in his name goes unclaimed because he was a slaveholder.

fund anything in remembrance of those who tried to overthrow the U.S. government and maintain the institution of slavery," said Holmes, proposing legislation to abolish the scholarship and promising that the abolition of the scholarship has "the full support" of the legislative black caucus.

But the scholarship's backers have no intention of surrendering. They argue that the fund teaches students about the state's heritage and history while providing financial assistance for higher education.

"Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee were two of the greatest military leaders in our nation's history," said Murfee Gewin, a longtime scholarship judge. "They were men of the finest character. I would maintain that anybody would benefit from studying the lives of these two men."

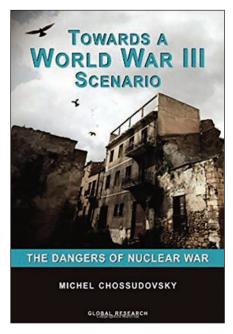
Holmes, however, insists that, "This is to preserve their history, and their history was to have slaves."

But even if Holmes and the black caucus do not succeed in eliminating the program, the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund is at risk of falling into disuse. The scholarship committee receives just a handful of applications in most

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years, and in some years it does not receive any at all.

According to Debbie Pendleton, an assistant to Mary Jo Scott, the current director of the state Department of Archives and History, "Unless the essays are really awful, we generally award scholarships to anyone who applies."

The current museum director, Steve Murray, said that "there is \$93,229 and some Alabama Power stock certificates in the fund," but so far there have been "no worthy entries."

This would not be the first or only year that there were no winners.

Gewin told this writer: "Sadly, the state of Alabama does nothing to promote this scholarship opportunity so most high school seniors do not even know that the money is available for them."

In order to qualify, applicants must submit an essay (postmarked no later than Monday, April 2, 2018) of 1,500 to 2,500 words on a topic or issue that relates to the life of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. A cover page and an annotated bibliography of sources must accompany the essay but will not be included in determining the length of the essay.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the historical (80%) and literary (20%) quality of their essays. Historical quality criteria include: "historical accuracy, appropriate analysis and interpretation of the topic, historical context and



perspective, and use of balanced and appropriate research sources." Literary quality criteria include: "originality, organization, grammar and spelling, and adherence to a standard citation format."

Applicants must submit their essay with the approved application form. To request a form, write to Stonewall Jackson Memorial Fund Repayable Scholarship, P.O. Box 300100, Montgomery, AL 36130-0100, or call education coordinator Wesley Garmon at (334) 353-3288.

Confederate Gen. Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson (left) and

Gen. Robert E. Lee are shown meeting for the last time at the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1863. Jackson was hit by friendly fire coming back to his encampment, had his arm amputated, and died of pneumonia eight days later. Though he gave his life for Southern freedom, today a scholarship program for high school student is going unclaimed due to silly political correctness.

The scholarship evaluation committee will evaluate and rank the essays received and will announce the winners in May of this year. The monetary awards will be made to the recipients' colleges upon verification of their registration. ★

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Mainstream Media Bite

• ADL, SPLC, Big Media swallow fake news hook, line & sinker

By John Friend

n the immediate aftermath of the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Fla. on Feb. 14, in which 17 people were murdered and 14 others were hospitalized, subversive organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) falsely reported that the alleged shooter, Nikolas Cruz, a troubled 19-year-old former student, had ties to a so-called "white supremacist" group in Florida called the Republic of Florida (ROF). The narrative disseminated by the ADL and SPLC was that the crazed shooter, a young white male, was motivated by "hate," a narrative both of these organizations work tirelessly to promote and advance, often in a brazenly dishonest and irresponsible manner, as was the case last week.

"A spokesperson for the white supremacist group Republic of Florida claimed to the Anti-Defamation League on Feb. 15 that Nikolas Cruz, the man charged with the previous day's deadly shooting spree at a Parkland, Fla. high school, was associated with his group," the ADL noted in a blog post on its official website.

The post goes on to quote Jordan Jereb, an alleged leader of the ROF group, who apparently explained to a representative of the ADL that Cruz was tied in with his group and had participated in paramilitary training exercises with the group, which has been described as a militia-type organization, in the Tallahassee area.

Jereb reportedly then told a reporter for the Associated Press that he did not know Cruz per-

Professional hate groups and the controlled media must stop dealing in fake news.

sonally and that "he acted on his own behalf of what he just did and he's solely responsible for what he just did."

Other mainstream media outlets uncritically ran with the narrative that Cruz was tied in with the white nationalist group, and dozens of articles were published hyping the alleged connection between a mass shooter and a purported anti-Semitic, racist, neo-Nazi organization.

Law enforcement officials in Florida were quick to downplay the narrative promoted by the ADL and mainstream media outlets, stating shortly after the ADL's report was first published the day after the shooting that law enforcement officials investigating the shooting knew of "no known ties" between Cruz and the Republic of Florida group.

Lt. Grady Jordan, a spokesman for the Leon County Sheriff's Office in Tallahassee, where ROF is based, explained that his office had arrested Jereb at least four times since January 2014 and had excellent information on the group, including knowledge of the group's membership. He noted again that his organization knew of no ties between Cruz and Republic of Florida members.

"All of our evidence seems to point to the



The mainstream media and powerful hate watchdogs were in such a hurry to tie Nikolas Cruz (above) to "neo-Nazis," they forgot to check their facts again.

ADL getting this wrong," Joan Donovan, a representative of Data & Society, which studies online misinformation campaigns, stated in the aftermath of the shooting and false reporting by the ADL.

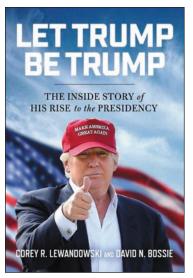
The idea that Cruz was a member of ROF was put forth in various Internet forums, including 4chan, a popular online message board, and a web forum operated by the Right Stuff, an alt-right media platform. According to the latest reports, anonymous online personalities first put forth this narrative in an effort to "troll" the ADL and media. Unsurprisingly, these dishonest organizations, which constantly strive to connect pro-white activists and organizations with violence and terrorism, took the bait, further discrediting themselves in the eyes of honest observers. ★

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AFP ON THE MEDIA

• Peaceful white activist threatened with violence, expulsion by radical leftists over views

By John Friend

AFP ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH

nother college student is under fire for his controversial political views and activism, raising more concerns about the status of the First Amendment and free speech in modern American society, topics this newspaper has focused extensively on in recent weeks.

Daniel Kleve, a Nebraska native and undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), has been targeted by radical leftists—including active members of antifa organizations operating in the state—fellow students and faculty on campus, and other residents across the state of Nebraska for his publicly espoused political views and activism. Kleve, who openly identifies as a member of the alt-right, a burgeoning pro-white political movement that has garnered enormous media attention, particularly since the heated 2016 presidential election, attended the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va. last summer.

Kleve has stated he is "the most active white nationalist in the Nebraska area," according to numerous reports.

Following the rally, Kleve was identified and targeted by members of Nebraska antifa organizations in a coordinated campaign to harass and persecute the young college student.

In late January, activists with antifa published a highly edited video of Kleve participating in a video discussion on the Internet with other white nationalists and members of the alt-right. The video was edited in a manner to distort Kleve's actual views by presenting him as an unhinged, violent, and dangerous individual. The video was then shared on social media and provided to both university officials and members of the media in an effort to generate controversy and portray Kleve as a threat to students on campus with the ultimate goal of getting Kleve removed from the university.

The video sparked outcry from students on campus as well as from the broader community and eventually generated national headlines. Pressure was brought to bear on university officials as students organized protests and demonstrations against Kleve, demanding the biochemistry major be expelled from the university. Thus far, the university has refused to expel Kleve, despite the outcry from students and backlash in the media.

"The student's viewpoint—however hateful and intolerant it is—is also protected by the First Amendment," UNL chancellor Ronnie Green stated earlier this month in an announcement declaring the university would not expel Kleve.



"That is the law, even if we disagree."

In typical fashion, antifa and other leftists have attempted to dishonestly portray Kleve as a disturbed, violent, and hateful person who poses a threat to minorities and others on campus. After reviewing the video and investigating Kleve's background and political activism, campus police have stated there is little evidence students at the university are in danger.

"We don't feel there is that threat to the campus," UNL Police Chief Owen Yardley said earlier this month.

"I have never talked about violence or enacted violence against any group of people or individual," Kleve explained to this reporter in a recent interview. "I have been peacefully going to UNL for almost two years now, and I went to another community college for two years before I went to UNL. On the contrary, the 'creeps for peace and love' are the ones who threaten nothing but violence. Ever since this controversy, nobody has been quicker to threaten violence against me than the supposed peace-loving liberals. This Hollywood villain caricature of me is childish and is totally false. The UNL administration, faculty, and student body are acting like hyper emotional children. It truly is a sad thing to witness."

Kleve also addressed the way in which antifa and other leftists have targeted him in a coordinated campaign to persecute the young activist and student.

"Antifa has been harassing me and other white nationalists in Nebraska simply because of our political views," Kleve stated. "They openly call for violence because of our politically incorrect ideologies. They are the definition of terrorists."

Although the university has commendably not expelled the young student, administrators have taken action against Kleve in recent days by banning him from physically attending courses he is enrolled in. Ironically, they are arguing that his physical presence on campus is causing "safety concerns" for the university due to threats of violence on the part of radical groups.

"The university is not allowing me to take my regular classes citing safety concerns," Kleve told this reporter. "I am working to figure out



legal representation to demand that I be allowed to pursue my education as normal regardless of the crybaby community on campus. I am still enrolled in classes and getting my education. However, due to the dangerous environment being created at UNL, I am no longer being given equal education opportunities."

Kleve noted that the First Amendment rights of Americans have become "merely a façade." He added, "The establishment that has rooted itself deep within the American political system in the last 60 years has found cultural ways of getting around the fact that the law grants us our First Amendment rights."

Kleve's situation demonstrates once again that free speech is in truly dire straits in today's America. Holding controversial, politically incorrect perspectives that challenge orthodox thinking on race, immigration, and a variety of other politically pertinent issues is not technically illegal in America. However, as Kleve's case proves, when one espouses politically incorrect views, there are serious repercussions.

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Murdoch Wants Alt-Media Shut Down

• Controlled media sees independent news outlets as major threat to survival

By S.T. Patrick

ews Corp, Rupert Murdoch's multinational corporation that owns both Fox News and *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ), is actively advocating for the censorship of its alternative competition. In an industry that has seen the death and decline of major newspapers, the escalating distrust of mainstream news sources, and the rise of the alternative media, News Corp's publishing CEO Robert Thompson has called on Google and Facebook to severely limit the online environment that he calls "dysfunctional" and "debased."

Thompson is not concerned about the dwindling health of the news industry as a whole. He did not express concern regarding the recent misreporting by CNN, for example. He did not fret over the faux right-left paradigm that causes many viewers to foolishly take sides in the Fox News versus MSNBC debate. Nothing was said about the multitude of anchors, hosts, and CEOs fired or forced to resign due to lecherous behavior—including the Fox News duo of Roger Ailes and Bill O'Reilly. Furthermore, he surely did not complain with any ferocity that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 shrank the entire media market into a battle of international behemoths.

Thompson was solely concerned that the "bot-infested badlands" of the online forums created an environment that was not a "safe space for advertisers." In short, the alternative media



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is destroying the bottom line of Big Media.

Thompson knows all too well the conditions about which he complains. For the quarter ending in December, News Corp reported a \$66 million loss and a 6% decrease in advertising income from a year ago. It is safe to say that the general public is exploring its news options and that it is choosing an alternative media that it finds more honest, well-intentioned, and definitely more reliable.

The concern for profit to which Thompson alluded was more intently expressed when he bemoaned that "misinformation" was being promoted at the financial expense of more established [fake news] properties such as the WSJ. The Goliath that is the WSJ has led a biblically sized crusade against the lot of Davids that are YouTube alternative media commentators.

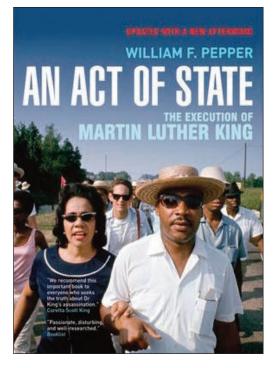


JACK NICAS Gag the alt-media.

MORRIS DEES Censor everything!

Jack Nicas of the WSJ recently urged YouTube to censor alternative media content by changing its algorithm so that alternative content is de-emphasized. Nicas excitedly described advances that had already been made. He had submitted to YouTube a list of content that he found "divisive" and "fringe." YouTube then promised Nicas that they would escalate their effort to demote such content in favor of mainstream media sources.

Brent Holland of the "Night Fright Show" has seen the effects of YouTube's changes firsthand. The rise of YouTube as a major means of media dissemination allowed his show to flourish and profit. Recently, however, YouTube has deemed his show unfit for advertising. By doing so, Holland is forced to seek the usual channels of advertising that are often unavailable to independent shows. Like many, he will now also



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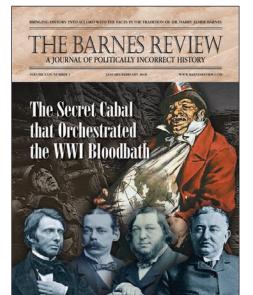
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MSM representatives such as Thompson and Nicas are indicative of the push against the alternative media. Even left-leaning sites like Snopes—which purport to be unbiased in their fact-checking missions—frequently lambaste the alternative media as a whole. What these corporately controlled criticizers should prove to Americans is that there is no conservative media, nor is there a liberal media. The media that exists is an establishment media that, above all, is out to guarantee its own survival. By limiting a consumer's access to all media options, the establishment media believes it can structurally safeguard its own profits. In a January 1786 letter to Dr. James Currie, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

The news industry is, first and foremost, a business. Consumers should expend neither their time nor their finances without understanding that their attention, as well as their dollars, are votes. The only way to ensure that a favorite, trusted media company or project survives is to support its endeavors financially.

Supporting alternative media sources is similar to supporting third-party candidates. The structure is set up so that you will lose the vote count. Yet every vote against the two-party machine (in this case, the mainstream media) is a vote for the search for truth, a return to respectable journalism, and the original intent behind freedom of the press.

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Unanswered Waco Questions

• Mysteries still loom over U.S. federal attack on peaceful Waco Church members

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the massacre at the Branch Davidian Church near Waco, Texas, AFP continues its series of articles looking back on that terrible time when U.S. military and law enforcement waged war against a peaceful group of American citizens. This is part three of that four-part series.

By S.T. Patrick

wenty-five years after a gaseous inferno burned down the last remnants of the Mount Carmel Church near Waco, Texas, unanswered questions puzzle investigators, historians, and journalists still trying to make sense of one of the worst tragedies of the 1990s.

The nature of the gas injected into Mount Carmel has been a controversial issue for scholars and bureaucrats alike. A Justice Department report noted that Attorney General Janet Reno had been concerned that CS gas would harm pregnant women and young children. At a briefing two days after Ms. Reno expressed her concerns, a Ph.D. from an Army research center assured her that no laboratory tests regarding CS gas had been performed on children but that "anecdotal evidence was convincing that there would be no injury."

CS gas derives from an aerosolized white powder. It is a lachrymator irritant, which stimulates the shedding of tears. According to OSHA manuals, it also causes skin and respiratory irritation. Though an adviser had told Ms. Reno otherwise, CS gas is also flammable. In fact, one CS manufacturer explained that when burned, CS particles can create lethal fumes.

Named for the American inventors that created it—B.B. Corson and R.W. Stoughton—CS gas has been available since 1928. Though its use is quite obviously effective, it has been banned for use in warfare in over 100 countries, including the United States. It is not illegal, however, for a country to use it on its own people.

Amnesty International has reported that indoor use of CS gas has been known to cause death. Manufacturers, therefore, suggest that its use be limited to large, outdoor areas.

An Army manual on the quelling of civil disturbances highlights its effectiveness on people by stating, "Generally, persons reacting to CS are incapable of executing organized and concerted actions." It goes on to state that affected persons may be rendered unable to vacate an area.

Waco victim Wayne Martin, who died of smoke



Left, then-Attorney General Janet Reno bore responsibility for the attack on the Branch Davidians. Right, the Mt. Carmel Church complex was burned to the ground. Why? What is the government hiding?

Many have tried to ascertain or guess what the motive behind the use of CS gas might have been.

inhalation, was found with traces of cyanide and burning CS particles. Cyanide is quite often a byproduct of house fires.

The injection of CS gas into Mount Carmel was a governmental decision. Many have tried to either ascertain or even guess what the motive behind the use of CS gas might have been. If the ramming of a tank through the front door was not enough of an eye-opening maneuver for the Davidians to exit their home, why use gas that could burn them, blind them, disorientate them, and start a towering inferno? What was the government's goal?

Many have also wondered if the government or the Davidians fired first on April 19, 1993. There were clear bullet holes on the inside of the front door, yet the source of the bullets remains unclear. It would seem that the Branch Davidians were firing from inside Mount Carmel, yet researchers such as Dick J. Reavis, author of *The Ashes of Waco: An Investigation*, point out that once the door was involuntarily opened, holes seen on the internal side of the door could have also come from outside the home.

The forensics evidence would have given investigators a fuller picture had it not been destroyed in the fire as well.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) claimed that videotape from three cameras pointing at the door would prove that the Davidians, and David Koresh, specifically, fired first. The problem with that assertion is that the BATF seems to have lost the videotapes. The BATF's onsite activities log for April 19, 1993 is also missing.

After the government had contended that no pyrotechnics were used at Mount Carmel, researcher Michael McNulty found expended tear gas and "flash bang" grenades in the evidence collected at Waco.

Ms. Reno stated that the FBI assured her that the pyro was used hours before the fire was ignited.

McNulty also found a memo stating that the Combat Applications Group—now called Delta Force—was present. The FBI had initially denied the presence of Delta Force operatives at Waco. Both the FBI and Ms. Reno, however, eventually admitted their presence but also claimed that Delta Force was "just observing."

The horrors of Waco remain fresh in the hearts and minds of those who care about governmental abuses of power. And to those interested in the case, questions may always exist. Why didn't the FBI simply talk to Koresh, as local law enforcement had suggested? Why did the FBI and BATF prepare as if it were a military invasion? If the children's well-being was of the utmost concern to government forces, why was there such widespread support for the use of CS gas? Who fired first? If there was any compassion for the innocents inside, why were there no rescue efforts as soon as the fire began?

Waco is a puzzle. It is a labyrinth in which all the passions of contemporary political, religious, and constitutional debate are intertwined. To adequately answer one question is to make the others all the more difficult. The saddest reality is that 25 years later, we don't appear to know much more than we knew after the initial independent investigations were completed. With so much of the evidence left in ashes, the questions may always remain unanswered.

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Syria Now an International War

• Israel's rogue behavior in region threatens to bring Russia, America to blows

By Richard Walker

n a secret phone call on Feb. 12, following the possible killing of a large number of Russian mercenaries by U.S. forces in Syria, Presidents Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump agreed to avoid a public war of words over the issue, but it's a pact that may not hold up as Syria's war becomes internationalized.

Upwards of 200 Russian mercenaries may have been killed on Feb. 7 when the U.S. bombed Syrian soldiers following an attack on a base held by Syrian rebels. Moscow downplayed the episode, suggesting the death toll was much lower, however. Should these clashes continue, though, Putin may retaliate in kind, because his critics are angry he failed to condemn the U.S. for the slaughter.

According to a highly placed source in Moscow who spoke to this newspaper on condition of anonymity, Putin and Trump agreed that military clashes between their forces in Syria should be avoided at all costs. They should not happen, given there were protocols in place to deter confrontations. The source said Putin insisted that Washington had the capability to rein in Turkey, a NATO member that was becoming more involved in the conflict. Everyone, he warned, risked being drawn into a wider international war.

The source confirmed that Putin referred Trump to Israel's meddling in the conflict and the shooting down by Russia's Syrian allies of an Israeli F-16 Fighting Falcon jet over Syrian territory on Feb. 4. What had not been apparent in media reports was that an Israeli F-15 Eagle jet was also hit and limped home.

At the same time, the Syrians shot down as many as 10 Israeli-launched cruise missiles.

The episode followed an attack by Israel on Syrian anti-aircraft sites.

Putin pointed out that Israel was consistently invading Syrian airspace to attack Moscow's allies, namely Syrian, Iranian, and Hezbollah forces, all of whom were engaged in the fight against ISIS. He warned that Israeli incursions into Syrian airspace would no longer be tolerated.

The shooting down of the F-16 marked one of thousands of air attacks that Israel has admitted it has made into Syria, contravening international law. Israel claimed it shot down an Iranian stealth drone, which entered Israeli airspace, but the drone was in fact over a part of the Golan that is Syrian territory illegally occupied by Israel.

Hezbollah believes, with credible evidence, that Israel's aim of destroying the Syrian government is an attempt by it and its financial backers in Washington to eliminate Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad's rule so Syria's right to the Golan and the large energy resources it holds will be terminated.



Israel has consistently been agitating with the end goal of drawing the U.S. and Russia into a wider war.

A separate example of Israeli meddling in the region was the attempted assassination of Hamas leader Mohammed Hamdan in Lebanon on Jan. 14 by an Israeli Kidon team—assassins—led by a female and two Lebanese that Mossad had recruited. The Kidon squad, using a mixture of Swedish, Georgian, and Iraqi passports, exited Lebanon shortly after a car bomb injured but failed to kill Hamdan. One of the Lebanese operatives was seized trying to escape via Turkey.

Back in Syria, the sheer proximity of U.S., Russian, and Turkish forces to each other, as they support different sides in the conflict, combined with Israel's ongoing role makes for a conflict with the potential to explode at any time. Some experts believe Israel sees it as an opportunity to tempt Hezbollah and Iran into a shooting war.

Israel has consistently asserted unchecked air power in the Middle East, but the presence of Russia and Putin's determination not to roll over for anyone has sent a message to Tel Aviv that bullying Assad has a price tag. Israel's air invincibility has now been challenged. The Russians have complained that Israel routinely invades sovereign air space to attack its allies. Above, Israeli bombs are shown destroying Syrian targets in the Golan Heights. Israel wants all of Golan for itself.

The shooting down of its F-16 and its cruise missiles was achieved with a combination of Russian installed anti-aircraft systems, some of them portable. They are the Buk and Pantsir-S1 systems. Russia has also installed more advanced S400 missile batteries at some Syrian sites.

Meanwhile, Russian planes have been threatened by hand-held missiles supplied by the U.S. to Islamic militias it is backing.

Overall, it is a dangerous mix that worries neighboring Turkey, which has pleaded with Washington, D.C. to stop supplying advanced weaponry to the battlefield.

Alongside the conflict there has been a growing public war of words between Turkey and U.S. generals. When Turkey demanded that the U.S. and its Kurdish allies pack up and leave a major Syrian town, the U.S. commander for the region, Paul Funk, warned Turkey: "Hit us, and we'll hit back. We'll defend ourselves."

With those kinds of exchanges there is the potential for events to spiral quickly out of control.

While Putin appears to be in control of the issue in Russia, Trump is allowing his generals to run the show, a factor Congress is ignoring. So far, Congress has failed in its mandate to oversee America's war and do due diligence in monitoring conflicts like Syria and our expanding role in Afghanistan.

Richard Walker is the *nom de plume* of a former New York mainstream news producer who grew tired of seeing his articles censored by his bosses.

AFP ON THE GLOBAL ELITE

Global Elite Go Local

By Mark Anderson

s the Bilderberg group gears up to meet in Italy this June, the Chicago Council of Global Affairs (CCGA)—an ideological cousin to Bilderberg—is advancing a particularly transformational component of governmental re-engineering. Look for related items to appear on the Bilderberg agenda in some form.

This proposed new paradigm was encapsulated in a Feb. 15 program the CCGA put on in London at the stately Chatham House, otherwise known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

The institute's sibling, the infamous Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), was established in New York City in 1921 to serve as a bridge from the central banking-controlled oligarchy of world wealth to the U.S. government. The CCGA, founded a year later in 1922 and originally named the Chicago CFR, is a CFR offshoot.

The title of the February Chatham House program, "The Foreign Policy of Cities," indicates that AFP's previous reports on the Global Covenant of Mayors' Chicago climate summit in early December 2017—and a late-December mayoral climate meeting in Paris—were accurate. AFP reported that the covenant is using the "climate change" mantra to re-engineer the world's governmental infrastructure—in league with the Global Parliament of Mayors and other allies.

The basic idea is to make a primarily topdown movement look like it's coming from the bottom up, while deepening and broadening the "global cities" grid consisting of governmental, energy, transportation, employment, and education reforms, among others. All this is marinated in ultra-liberal, politically correct views of forced "equality" and "inclusiveness" over which dissenting views are unwelcome.

This newly announced notion of cities having their own foreign policy is a clear indication of the intentions of those who inhabit what this writer calls the "Bilderberg Network." The network is comprised of these and other think tanks and institutions, most of them tax exempt. The Constitution precludes all but the federal government from engaging in foreign policy and treaty-making, however.

This is how a CCGA news announcement describes this matter:

Global cities are the hubs of the world and increasingly influential players on the world stage. Their banks and markets finance the global economy and their corporations shape it. Their universities examine the past, imagine the future, and train the next generation. The urban impact of the challenges facing the world—security threats, climate change, inequality—means city leaders are at the center of the search for solutions....

Yet despite their growing global influence, most city leaders do not have a foreign policy to engage the world and unify leadership around common goals. Should global cities have their own foreign policy, and if so what would it look like?

The CCGA, in an online overview of related workshops, noted: "[P]olitical power held by cities on the global stage lags behind their immense and growing economic and cultural might. At times cities find their interests in conflict with, or ignored by, national government agendas."



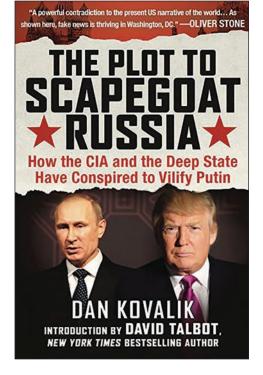
The Royal Institute of International Affairs, headquartered at Chatham House in London, has been called the top Rothschild think tank for extremely profitable but unnecessary wars.

In their view, "Most global cities and the institutions within them already engage globally, albeit in disparate, siloed ways. Corporations and universities in cities, for instance, have been operating globally for decades. Yet their activities are independent both of city hall and of overlapping ventures, wasting opportunities and duplicating efforts. If cities want to protect, defend, and exercise their interests—with or without the cooperation of nation-states—mayors and other city leaders must lead in efforts to coordinate such interactions and ambitions within a unified framework."

These matters were privately discussed by former prime ministers, ambassadors, mayors, CEOs, and scholars at the 2017 Forum on Global Cities in Chicago and are going to be explored further when that annual Chicago forum happens again June 6-8, overlapping the June 7-10 Bilderberg meeting in Turin, Italy. State governors and mayors also are holding a major climate summit in California in September. ★

The Plot to Scapegoat Russia How the CIA and the Deep State Have Conspired to Vilify Putin NEW FROM AFP! By Dan Kovalik, introduction by David Talbot. Since 1945, the U.S. has justified numerous wars, interventions, and military build-ups based on the pretext of the Russian Red Menace, even after the Soviet Union

wars, interventions, and military build-ups based on the pretext of the Russian Red Menace, even after the Soviet Union collapsed at the end of 1991 and Russia stopped being Red. In fact, the two biggest post-war American conflicts, the Korean and Vietnam wars, were not, as has been frequently claimed, about stopping Soviet expansion, but about maintaining old colonial relationships. Similarly, many lesser interventions and conflicts, such as those in Latin America, were also based upon an alleged Soviet threat, which was greatly nonexistent. And now the specter of a Russian Menace has been raised again in the wake of Donald Trump's election. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* examines the recent proliferation of stories, usually from American state actors, manipulating the threat of Russia, and the long history of which this episode is but the latest chapter. It will show readers: 1) the ways in which the U.S. has needlessly provoked Russia, thereby squandering hopes for peace and cooperation; and 2) how Americans have lost out from this missed opportunity, and from decades of conflicts based upon false premises. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* is one of the timeliest reads of the year. Softcover, 240 pages, \$19 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. (Email Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net for S&H if outside U.S.) Mail your order to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET to charge or discuss cryptocurrency options.



If You Don't Know Your Rights, How Can You Ever Use Them?

• Activist scholar says schools ignoring civics classes

lavid M. Zuniga

If you wonder why so many young Americans are ignorant of their rights and how government is supposed to work then you need to look no further than recent changes to school curricula.

By Dave Gahary

ivics, the study of citizenship, as well as rights and duties of citizens to each other as members of a political body, used to be a mandatory part of public schooling in this once-great nation. Like so many other things that

held this country together, however, the study of civics is now effectively relegated to the dustbin of history.

"Until the late 1960s," explains an article titled "Why Teaching Civics in America's Classrooms Must Be a Trump-Era Priority" published in the

January-February issue of *Mother Jones* magazine, "three different courses in civic studies were common in American high schools. But all that changed most notably in the 1980s when, in addition to earlier cuts in civic studies, policymakers began shifting the focus from social studies toward easily testable subjects like math and reading," and "schools abandoned their civic mission in favor of preparing a new generation of skilled workers."

The No Child Left Behind Act helped seal the fate of civics in the classroom, and by 2011, "all federal funding for civics and social studies was eliminated." Additionally, "state and local funding dropped, too, forcing many cash-strapped districts to prioritize math and English—the subjects most prominently featured in standardized tests."

The removal of civics from the classroom has sown disaster across the educational landscape of this country.

A 2010 National Center for Education Statis-



Author and activist David Zuniga has developed "tactical civics," a way for Americans to learn what they are not being taught in school. This includes education about your rights as a U.S. citizen.

tics report card for civics revealed that "only 24% of fourth, eighth, and twelfth graders were at or above the proficient level on the National Assessment of Educational Progress in civics," while another national survey found that "about [70%] of Americans could not name all three

branches of the federal govern-

ment or which party controlled the House of Representatives." Another survey found that nearly 50% of the participants felt "the government should be permitted to prohibit a peaceful march," and another found that almost 25% of Americans in their late teens and early twenties felt democracy was a "bad" or "very bad" way to run the country, an over-30% increase from the late 1990s. When all ages were polled, almost 20% said it would be okay for the "Army to rule," up from around 5% in 1995.

Former architectural engineer

and author David M. Zuniga, 63, however, wants to bring civics back, not in the classroom, but via the Internet, and he has a plan, called "tactical civics."

Zuniga and his wife have made it their mission—since 2008—to reintroduce civics to the country to get it back in the hands of the people, where it belongs. He explained to this reporter in an exclusive interview what his program is about, and it all centers around "informed popular sovereignty."

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Chinese Tech Advances

• Facial recognition glasses, artificial intelligence, robocops

By Dave Gahary

he authoritarian regime in China, which already leads the world in creating cutting-edge surveillance technologies based on artificial intelligence (AI), recently rolled out eyeglassmounted cameras equipped with facial-recognition technology that is reportedly able to screen entire crowds to find and identify anyone.

According to a Feb. 7 article in *The Wall Street Journal*, titled "Chinese Police Add Facial-Recognition Glasses to Surveillance Arsenal," the new gadgets are already responsible for helping police "capture seven people wanted in connection with major criminal cases, and 26 others who were traveling using other people's identities." The people were arrested by railway police, since communist China regularly monitors airports and train stations, as "sometimes people who are facing punishment for infractions will try to get around travel restrictions by using a borrowed identity."

Does it sound like we all just stepped into the future, where not just legitimate criminals are taken off the streets, but those whose only "crime" might be that they spoke out or wrote about the government? You bet.

Amnesty International's William Nee, whose research focuses on China, feels this new technology "could also make it easier for authorities to track political dissidents and profile ethnic minorities."

In fact, China is doing just that.

In Xinjiang, "a Muslim-majority region in western China where tensions between ethnic groups erupted in deadly riots in 2009," surveillance cameras are installed every several hundred feet in some cities, as well as "facial recognition checkpoints at gas stations, shopping centers, mosque entrances, and elsewhere."

Besides harnessing AI for surveillance and censorship, China has expanded at breakneck speed into the military arena. Remember the movie "RoboCop"? It's almost here—or at least a Chinese version of the fictional Detroit-based robot police officer.

The Chinese military is pouring buckets of yuans into the development "of new AI-driven capabilities in battlefield decision-making and autonomous weaponry," said a fellow at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank focusing on U.S. national security issues. "The boundaries between civilian and military research and development tend to become blurred," warned the center in a recent report.

Behind the success of the sunglasses is China's push into AI. An academic discipline founded in 1956, AI is intelligence displayed by machines, not humans or other animals, with capabilities that include understanding human speech, playing games like chess, operating autonomous cars, and running military simulations, to name the most common. "Learning" and "problem solving" are some of the hallmarks of this technology, and many "science fiction" movies and books have addressed these, although it is no longer the stuff of fiction.

Although the United States is the undisputed leader in all areas of AI—workforce size, scientists' experience, patent applications—China, which played no role in the launching of the AI revolution, is gaining ground, and fast, especially in the area of data, so much so that the People's Republic of China has been referred to as "the Saudi Arabia of data."

Eric Lander, the president of the Broad Insti-



A Chinese police officer uses facial recognition glasses.

tute, a biomedical and genomic research center partnered with Harvard and MIT, warned that the U.S. "has at best a six-month lead over China in AI," as reported in the American Association for the Advancement of Science's *Science* magazine on Feb. 8.

AI is so important to the future of computer science departments and technology companies around the world that the CEO of Google recently said his most important question is, "How do we apply AI to rethink our products?"

Clear proof of that is the way university computer science departments are losing professors as AI firms "poach top talent." A professor who moves into the private industry can earn \$500,000 to \$1 million a year in the U.S. or China. When the median annual salary for a computer science professor in the U.S. is \$109,660, taking such a position is a no-brainer.

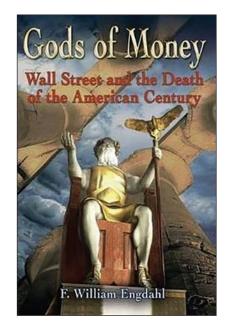
Facial recognition is nothing new in the world's most populous country. Of China's 1.4 billion people, over 750 million are online, with more than 95% of them accessing the Internet via mobile devices. In 2016, mobile payment transactions totaled \$5.5 trillion in China, 50 times greater than in the U.S. that year. Biometric technology is now used so routinely in China for shopping and dining that "customers can authorize digital payment by facial scan" at Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants there.

What would Colonel Sanders think?

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Schemes Won't Work Against Iran

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

homas Jefferson's foreign policy doctrine—restating the key line from George Washington's farewell speech was simple and sensible: "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations—entangling alliances with none." The Founding Fathers' credo held sway until WWII. Since then, the U.S. has strangled itself in a cat's cradle of entangling alliances. Worse, it has allowed one of those alliances to drag it into a series of disastrous Middle Eastern wars.

The American agents of Israel who helped orchestrate 9/11 are guilty of treason, which is defined in the Constitution as "levying war against the United States." They blew up the World Trade Center and bombed the Pentagon in order to trick the U.S. into attacking Israel's regional enemies: the "seven countries in five years" mentioned by Gen. Wesley Clark, who has cited a neocon memo suggesting that the purpose of 9/11 was "to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and, finishing off, Iran."

In order to "take out" those countries the neocon-run post-9/11 United States has had to work closely with the relatively small number of Iraqis, Syrians, Lebanese, Libyans, Somalis, Sudanese, and Iranians who are willing to commit treason. Iraq, Syria, Libya, Somalia, and Sudan have been effectively destroyed by American agents of Israel and their bought-and-paid-for local traitors. Lebanon and Iran are next in their gunsights.

But Tehran is putting up a stiff fight. Since 1979 Iran has managed to persist as the Mideast's only fully independent country, only genuine democracy, and most formidable opponent of Israel.

Israel, which has ethnically cleansed the majority of its rightful voters, is neither a democracy nor a legitimate nation. Though its creation was recommended by the UN General Assembly, it was never implemented by the Security Council. Israel has violated dozens of UN resolutions, eliminating any possible claim to legitimacy.

More than three times the size of Iraq, Iran boasts a population of 80 million. When under attack, Iranians will unite and put their lives on the line for their country, as they proved during the 1980s war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. Currently Iran boasts many strategic advantages including thousands of the latest and most lethal anti-ship missiles, which are dug deeply into the mountainous terrain overlooking the Persian Gulf. Using those missiles, Iran can sink all U.S. ships in the Gulf and shut down 20% of the world's oil supply, inducing a catastrophic global depression.

A December 2004 *Atlantic* article reported on a series of war games simulating a U.S.-Iran conflict. The result was simple: "You have no military solution for the issues of Iran," according to lead participant Sam Gardiner.

Yet pro-Israel traitors in the U.S. government continue plotting to destroy Iran. According to neoliberal Zionist Thomas Friedman of *The New York Times*, the U.S. has given Israel the green light to launch another huge war on Lebanon, with the aim of expanding the war to Iran.

This "U.S. green light," of course, was actually given by Israel's neocon agents.

Meanwhile the mainstream U.S. media, also dominated by Zionists, relentlessly tries to stir up sedition in Iran. The minuscule minority of Iranians who are actively opposed to their nation's Islamic republican constitution are given grotesquely disproportionate, fawningly favorable coverage, while ordinary Iranians, who protest over economic issues and corruption but would die to defend their nation and its constitution, are ignored.

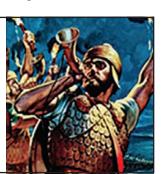
Iraqi traitors like swindler Ahmed Chalabi helped the neocons murder more than a million of his countrymen and destroy his nation as a modern, technologically advanced society. Somali traitors cooperated with the U.S.-Israeli-orchestrated Ethiopian invasion, occupation, and destruction of that nation. Sudanese traitors helped the neocons orchestrate the vivisection of their country, including the amputation of the resource-rich south, which is now occupied by Israel and its friends. Libyan traitors helped Hillary and her Zionist controllers destroy that country, which formerly featured the highest living standards in Africa. Syrian traitors assisted in the destruction of that nation by an Israel-orchestrated, U.S.-assisted ISIS rampage.

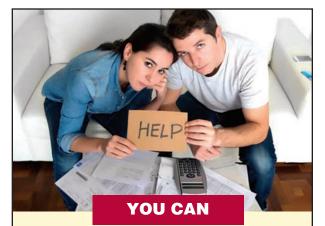
Are there enough traitors in Iran to force "regime change"? No. They all fled with the Shah in 1979 and are now neighbors of their Zionist friends in the rich neighborhoods of Los Angeles. Some of them dream of returning to help overthrow the Islamic Republic. But the Iranian people will have none of it. The 2009 "Green Revolution" fizzled, as did recent CIA-Mossad attempts to hijack legitimate demonstrations and turn them into riots.

When will the traitors at home stop inciting treason abroad? When we arrest, try, and sentence them for their crimes, starting with 9/11.

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Dictator's Sister the Talk of the Town

• Leftist media fawned over Kim Yo Jong even though she's a human rights abuser

By S.T. Patrick

ith the 2018 Winter Olympics fully underway in PyeongChang, South Korea, gold, silver, and bronze medals are not the only adulatory honors being bestowed at the international games. The U.S. mainstream media has found a new Olympic hero, and her name is Kim Yo Jong. She is not a petite figure skater, nor is she the brakeman for the bobsledding team. Kim Yo Jong is the sister of North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un.

CNN has called Kim Yo Jong's presence a "diplomatic win" for North Korea, while further commenting, "If 'diplomatic dance' were an event at the Winter Olympics, Kim Jong Un's younger sister would be favored to win gold."

The sibling to one of the world's most repressive tyrants has been praised for her seemingly symbolic maneuvers toward bilateral diplomacy. In the guestbook of her South Korean hosts, Kim Yo Jong wrote, "I hope Pyongyang and Seoul get closer in our people's hearts and move forward the future of prosperous unification."

The team of CNN reporters covering the Olympics then went as far as to write that Kim, 30, was her brother's answer to Ivanka Trump. However, there are stark differences that should be remonstrated.

Kim Yo Jong has been instrumental in the formation of her brother's public image. Unwilling to continue a lineage of aging authoritarian figureheads, Kim Jong Un desired to be a more public leader, a "man of the people" of sorts. His sister organized all of the major public events, as well as the choreography of his more humanizing moments. She created scenes aboard fairground amusements and meetings with perceived international stars such as former NBA player Dennis Rodman. Her rise to power was also an indication that Kim Jong Un wanted to replace skeptical, entrenched appointments from his father's regime with more supportive allies from his own generational and familial circles.

The idea of the more fetching sister promoting the portly brother-with-a-king-complex is not the most appalling aspect of the coming out party that was journalistically thrown by CNN. In 2015, Kim Yo Jong took the reins of the North Korean Workers Party's Propaganda and Agitation Department (PAD). As a response to the continuing level of troublesome human rights abuses within North Korea, the U.S. Treasury added Kim Yo Jong to their Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list in 2017. The designation of SDN status prohibits U.S. citizens and permanent residents from doing commerce with the SDN. Globally,



there are over 14,000 individuals named as SDNs.

North Korea is a nation bereft of human rights. According to the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea and Amnesty International, there are over 200,000 political prisoners in North Korea today. Many are subject to physical abuse, forced slave labor, human experimentation, and death. There is no freedom of speech, and all cultural and news outlets are operated by and for agencies of the government.

On Feb. 14, Vice President Mike Pence tweeted, "North Korea's Kim family is a family that very recently ordered that their brother be murdered using chemical weapons. This is a regime and family that ordered their uncle be executed in front of 10,000 people. This is evil the likes of which we have witnessed rarely."

When, at the opening ceremonies, Pence refused to stand for the entrance of Korean athletes, the daytime blatherers attacked him for being "inappropriate."

Whoopi Goldberg of "The View" inexplicably said, "So if you're in Korea, you need to stand up. You need to stand up and show respect." A USA Today headline stated that Pence "embarrassed America" by refusing to stand. Some Trump-Pence supporters even questioned why there appears to be an unending level of contention in the administration's actions.

The two Koreas presented a unified team at the 2018 Winter Olympics. As the host nation, they had a statement to make. They entered the stadium under a shared flag, and the next day, a unified Korean women's hockey team competed for the first time.

A North Korean spokesman called it "a gesture for peace and security in the region." Pyeong-Chang is just 50 miles from the heavily militarized **Kim Yo Jong** (above, clapping), the sister of North Korea's Kim Jong Un, was portrayed by CNN at the recent Olympics as a benevolent sweetheart, though they knew full well that she is integrally involved in many aspects of her brother's murderous policies.

border dividing the two countries. While attending the Olympics, Kim Yo Jong delivered an invitation to South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Her brother, for the first time, would like Moon to visit North Korea for a summit.

At their best, sporting endeavors allow common ground to exist where it had not existed before. Yet great care, a reasonable level of caution, and a healthy dose of discernment must be exhibited when the mainstream media attempts to crown new political celebrities. Though someone such as Kim Yo Jong appears somewhat telegenic, it does not mandate that a level of celebrity should be given without also bearing some political and, more importantly, human responsibility.

When he was also accused of snubbing Kim Jong Un's sister at the games, Pence replied, "I didn't avoid the dictator's sister, but I did ignore her. . . . I didn't believe it was proper for the U.S.A. to give her any attention in that forum."

With the North Korean regime, as with any dictatorial regime, the path to diplomacy is paved with advances in human rights. Until the regime steps forward to place its foot on the path's first stone, other nations will not accept its leaders as legitimate.

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One thing about Donald Trump is that he has not been afraid to buck political correctness and challenge some of the most untouchable organizations in American history including (left to right above) the NFL for its allowing players to kneel during the National Anthem, FBI leadership (including James Comey and Robert Mueller), the major media (all of the outlets including fake news purveyor CNN), and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for striking down his travel restrictions.

President Targets Progressive Institutions

By Patrick J. Buchanan

resident Trump is the leader of America's conservative party. Yet not even his allies would describe him as a conservative in the tradition of Robert Taft, Russell Kirk or William F. Buckley. In the primaries of 2016, all his rivals claimed the mantle of Mr. Conservative, Ronald Reagan. Yet Trump captured the party's heart. Who, then, and what is Donald Trump?

In a *Federalist* essay, "Trump Isn't a Conservative—And That's a Good Thing," Frank Cannon comes close to the mark. Trump, he writes, "would more accurately be described as a 'radical anti-progressive' " who is "at war with the progressives who have co-opted American civil society." Moreover, Trump "is willing to go further than any other previous conservative to defeat them."

Many "elite conservatives," writes Cannon, believe the "bedrock institutions" they treasure are "not subject to the same infectious politicization to which the rest of society has succumbed." This belief is naive, says Cannon, "ridiculous on its face."

"Radical anti-progressives" recognize that many institutions—the academy, media, entertainment, and the courts—have been co-opted and corrupted by the left. And as these institutions are not what they once were, they no longer deserve the respect they once had.

Yet most conservatives will only go so far in criticizing these institutions. We see this in how cradle Catholics find it difficult to criticize the church in which they were birthed and raised, despite scandals and alterations in the liturgy and doctrine.

Trump sees many institutions as fortresses lately captured by radical progressives that must be attacked and besieged if they are to be recaptured and liberated. Cannon deals with three such politicized institutions: the media, the NFL, and the courts. Trump does not attack freedom of the press but rather the moral authority and legitimacy of co-opted media institutions. It is what CNN has become, not what CNN was, that Trump disrespects. These people are political enemies posturing as journalists who create "fake news" to destroy me, says Trump. Enraged media, responding, reveal themselves to be not far removed from what Trump says they are. And, since Trump, media credibility has plummeted.

Before 2016, the NFL was an untouchable. When the league demanded that North Carolina accept the radical transgender agenda or face NFL sanctions, the Tar Heel State capitulated. When Arizona declined to make Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday in 1990, the NFL took away the Super Bowl. The Sun State caved.

This year, the league demanded respect for the beliefs and behavior of NFL players insulting Old Glory by "taking a knee" during the national anthem. Many conservative politicians and commentators, fearing the NFL's almost mythic popularity in Middle America, remained mute.

But believing instinctively America would side with him, Trump delivered a full-throated defense of the flag and called for kicking the kneelers off the field, out of the game, and off the team. "Fire them!" Trump bellowed. And Trump triumphed. The NFL lost fans and viewers. The players ended the protests. No one took a knee at the Super Bowl.

Before Trump, the FBI was sacrosanct. But Trump savaged an insiders' cabal at the top of the FBI he saw as having plotted to defeat him.

Trump has not attacked an independent judiciary, but courts like the Ninth Circuit, controlled by progressives and abusing their offices to advance progressive goals, and federal judges using lifetime tenure and political immunity to usurp powers that belong to the president—on immigration, for example. Among the reasons Congress is disrespected is that it let the Supreme Court seize its power over social policy and convert itself into a judicial dictatorship—above Congress.

Trump is no Beltway conservative, writes Cannon. "Trump doesn't play by these ridiculous rules designed to keep conservatives stuck in a perpetual state of losing—a made-for-CNN version of the undefeated Harlem Globetrotters versus the winless Washington Generals. Trump instead seeks to fight and delegitimize any institution the Left has captured and rebuild it from the ground up."

The Trump supporters who most relish the wars he is waging are the "Middle American Radicals," of whom my columnist-colleague and late friend Sam Francis used to write.

There was a time such as today before in America. After World War II, as it became clear our long-ruling liberal elites had blundered horribly in trusting Stalin, patriots arose to cleanse our institutions of treason and its fellow travelers.

The Hollywood Ten were exposed and went to jail. Nixon nailed Alger Hiss. Truman used the Smith Act to shut down Stalin's subsidiary, the Communist Party USA. Spies in the atom bomb program were run down. The Rosenbergs went to the electric chair.

Liberals call it the "Red Scare." And they are right to do so.

For when the patriots of the Greatest Generation like Jack Kennedy and Richard Nixon and Joe McCarthy came home from the war and went after them, the nation's Reds had never been so scared in their entire lives. \star

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AFP Is Too "Pro-Trump"

I have received many notifications from AFP requesting donations and support for the paper's crucial need to remain financially solvent. While I am sympathetic to this, I fear your incessant support of Donald Trump and Republicans damages your credibility. AFP purports to be non-biased yet it continues to confuse true conservatism with the Republican Party. I could list a litany of the abuse of democracy by Republicans (particularly their strong efforts to throw elections) but this may seem like I support Democrats, which I do not.

The evil is entrenched in the rot of the system of government under which we suffer, and AFP should be a voice crying for true change, not supporting the status quo and patching what cannot be healed.

Yes, you do criticize Trump (and you allow a few good columnists to portray him for what he is), but your praise is more profound in its acceptance of his misrule and lack of moral compass.

I understand your acceptance of Mr. Trump's demagoguery, particularly when it pertains to improving the lot of working men and women. His talk is just that. There is nothing real or permanent about his words. He will never challenge an oligarchic system that continues to favor the wealthy minority of the nation. He is part and parcel of the corruption that assails us. He is indeed one of the oligarchs.

Look at his two major "accomplishments": Wars are increased and fought harder with an expansion of the military that favors the wealthy and war machine at the expense and indebtedness of the nation. He is as much a militarist and killer of human beings as any of his predecessors.

Worst is most certainly his Zionist proclivities. There is nothing that threatens us more than the stranglehold of Zionism and radical pro-Jewish interests that already controls the government beyond any reasonable doubt. The U.S. serves Israel and its racist policies, and Trump and his entourage strongly support this growing threat. How can anyone think this will not bring us to more excessive political and economic ruin? Peace under Mr. Trump is a hopeless cause.

RICHARD ALLEN Puerto Rico

(We believe that AFP has been one of the few media outlets in the world that has taken an unbiased approach to reporting on Donald Trump. When he's right, we praise him. When he's wrong, we suggest a different course. See page 5 of this issue, for example. The one thing we can say with certainty about Trump is that he's ruffled some feathers in Washington. And that we like.—Ed.)

Trump Needs Us

In case nobody else mentions this, I will: Your editorial [in the Jan. 15 & 22 issue] about the corrupt justice system here in the U.S. is right on and very well stated. Yes—once in a while David does beat Goliath. In this in-





stance, it did take a while, but in the end Cliven Bundy did finally gain his freedom. There are still amends to be made, and, as you said, that probably won't happen. But still, the stone was carefully selected and—bingo—it hit the giant in the middle of the forehead. Hallelujah!

This editorial was the best part of this issue. I had decided to let AFP expire, but I can't now. The Donald needs us. They are trying so hard to make him quit. They believe if they trash him and bully him long enough, maybe he will just give up.

NONA GOODMAN Texas

Flaws in Romney Article

Looks as if some of the contents of S.T. Patrick's piece "Anybody But Romney" in the Jan. 29/Feb. 5 issue of the AFP slipped by the editor's attention. The issue doesn't lie with the general discussion of Romney's demonstrated lack, during his last campaign, of weight as a contender for political office, least of all that of the president.

However, real journalists are aware of and always try to comply with the immutable rules that dictate that information must be factual, buttressed by facts, not mere assertions such as "many think or say."

The author's assertion that "many have expressed doubts about the [Mormon] religion's legitimacy" without further proof is really quite insidious. Who are the "many" here? What are their qualifications to speak on the subject? On what authority do these unknown persons speak? Why are their qualifications any more weighty to speak about Mormons than the usual bickering among other Christian sects? Next comes the much misused, weaponized term "revisionists and conspiracy theorists," followed by yet another assertion without proof or facts, "traditional proximity to freemasonry." It's too bad. The article could have been a good one, if only the author had stuck with the rules of good, responsible journalism and refrained from inserting into an otherwise interesting writeup the irrelevant petty bickering among Christian confessions and sects.

> PETROS STRATEGOS Texas

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Begins With an "I"

For the last two years, many of our politicians and the entire mainstream news media have been concerned about Russian influence in our elections. I believe their fears are misdirected. They should be concerned about the influence that a small Middle Eastern country exerts on our elections and practically everything else in America. A high government official of this country, some years ago, even boasted to his colleagues that they control Congress and the Americans know it. I can't recall the name of this foreign country, but I think its name begins with the letter "I." No-I am almost certain it isn't Iran or Iraq.

CHARLES ALTHOUSE Pennsylvania

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