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NO COLLUSION

• Senate: No evidence Trump undermined U.S. election

By Donald Jeffries

For close to two years, the United States government has been chasing a far-fetched theory that Donald Trump and members of his staff “colluded” with Russian officials during the 2016 presidential election. After conducting some 200 interviews and sifting through 300,000 documents in the course of their investigation, the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee has all but admitted the obvious: There is no evidence of any such collusion. This was reflected in a headline from NBC News in early February, “Senate Has Uncovered No Direct Evidence of Conspiracy Between Trump Campaign and Russia.”

In a recent interview with CBS News, Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Richard Burr (N.C.) stated, “If we write a report based upon the facts that we have, then we don’t have anything that would suggest there was collusion by the Trump campaign and Russia.”

Vice-Chairman Democrat Mark Warner (Va.) countered, “I’m not going to reach any final conclusions until we finish our report.” Warner alluded to “Russian agents, Russian actors reaching out to the Trump organization with



SEN. RICHARD BURR

Sen. Richard Burr, head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, says that no evidence of collusion has been uncovered.

promise of dirt on . . . Clinton.”

Burr also mentioned the Obama administration’s response to alleged Russian interference in the election, and the committee would be releasing information on that within a “matter of weeks.”

The House intelligence committee, now chaired by a Democrat, plans to re-open and expand its own investigation

into the matter. The Republican-led House reported last year that it had found no collusion. “If the committee is driven based upon the facts that we have at hand, I have a very difficult time understanding how you can come to two different conclusions,” Burr responded to CBS. “Unless, for the first time, you let politics come into play.” The House committee is chaired by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), one of Trump’s most partisan political opponents. Trump recently accused Schiff of “trying to build a name for himself. And I think that’s fine because that’s what they do. But there would be no reason to do that. No other politician has to go through that.”

Predictably, Trump responded to the committee chairman’s remarks with a passionate tweet: “Senator Richard Burr, the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, just announced that after almost two years, more than 200 interviews, and thousands of documents, they have found no collusion between Trump and Russia! Is anybody really surprised by this?”

Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), another member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, was more emphatic in his comments during a recent appearance on Fox News.

“There has been no evidence of collusion,” Risch declared. “It is not there. I was a prosecutor. I know what evidence is. It is simply not there. People need to listen to the president when he says that. . . . How long can this go on? It has got to come to an end.”

Risch went on to note, “I have been a governor, almost 30 years in our state Senate. I have never seen the hate and vitriol against an individual that there is against this president.” ★

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We Want to Hear from You on Border Wall Issue

In this edition of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, we have, as usual, top-notch exclusive reporting on the part of our writers, including Donald Jeffries's damning assessment of the bogus Trump-Russia-collusion narrative, Phil Giraldi's exposé on a major taxpayer-funded ripoff, and S.T. Patrick's profile of leftist presidential hopeful Kamala Harris, to name but a few of the great articles you'll find inside this issue.

This week, though, we're doing something a bit different. Instead of a lengthy special report on pages 16 and 17 in our centerspread, we are publishing a kind of debate, which explores both the positives and negatives of President Donald Trump's efforts to secure funding for a wall on America's southern border.

Everyone knows that, for the past few years, Trump has been demanding billions of dollars to build a border wall. His original plan called for taxing all of the remittances that were being sent home to people in Mexico and Central America in order to fund the construction. On the campaign trail, that is how he explained he was going to get those countries to pay for increased border security, but even the Republicans—his own party—fought him on that, and he was eventually forced to go to Congress to ask for taxpayers' dollars to pay for the project.

Of course, the current House of Representatives, which is controlled by Democrats, balked at the president's request, prompting a showdown between the two sides. In mid-February, facing yet another government shutdown over the fight, Trump and the Democrats agreed to a massive funding measure that

would keep the government open but would provide only a few billion dollars to continue border wall construction.

On page 16, AFP writer John Friend blasts Trump, arguing that the president caved much too early in the funding battle. Trump let down his base of supporters, remarks John, who then reminds readers that the president had promised from the very start of his presidential campaign that he would make securing the country's border a priority. Trump was the one who blinked first, says John, losing out to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)—all because he didn't have the fortitude to stand his ground and shut down the government in his battle with the Democrats in Congress.

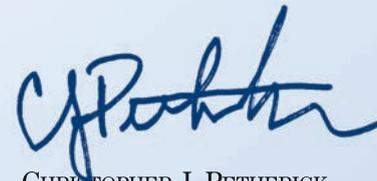
On the other side of the argument, our roving editor Mark Anderson argues that Trump is actually a master tactician and negotiator, who has managed to outwit Pelosi and the Democrats. Mark contends that Trump knew he would never get all of the money he asked for, so instead Trump demanded billions more than he actually needed. When the Democrats finally reached a compromise, Trump was handed billions of dollars less than he originally sought—but we shouldn't look at this as a loss. At that point, Trump was able to declare a national emergency on the border, nabbing even more money than Congress would have ever appropriated for the job—clearly a win for the American people.

Please read these two articles carefully and let them sink in, then take a moment to pick up a pen or sit down at your computer and send

us a letter to tell us what you think. Did Trump lose this fight and fail to get what America needs to lock down our border? Or do you believe Trump actually outmaneuvered and out-negotiated the Democrats, ultimately getting even more than he originally asked for? Finally, would you consider this a win for the American people, or is it yet another loss for this once-great nation?

Many of you already write to us on a consistent basis, providing much-needed feedback on our work and giving us tips on news stories that we should be covering. We can't tell you enough how helpful this is. We want to know what you, out there in the streets, are seeing and hearing, because we all know we can't trust the major media or even our own government to tell us the truth about what's going on in the world today.

People are increasingly afraid to speak their minds, fearing they will be accused of spreading hate and will be mobbed by activists. In many parts of the country, you can't even wear hats or t-shirts that show support for the president out of fear that you will be physically assaulted. Take a stand for our country, and speak your mind. We can't think of a better place to do it in than AMERICAN FREE PRESS—the last truly free newspaper in the United States. ★



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News You May Have Missed

National Emergencies

The mainstream media and the Democrats went into a meltdown after President Donald Trump announced that he would declare a national emergency on the border to secure funding for his wall. Trump was certainly not the first president to declare a national emergency in order to push through his agenda. President Barack Obama declared 11 national emergencies. President George W. Bush invoked national emergencies a whopping 13 times. President Bill Clinton did it nine times. President George H.W. Bush didn't do it at all while presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter each declared one national emergency.

Put Them Down

A charter school in Florida has hired two combat veterans to patrol the grounds with rifles to protect students from active shooters. Principal Bill Jones told reporters he wants to make sure that, if an armed intruder were to enter Manatee School for the Arts in Palmetto, they would be met with "swift, overwhelming, and deadly force." "If someone walks onto this campus, they're going to be shot and killed," Jones told *The Bradenton Herald*. "We're not going to talk with them. We're not going to negotiate. We are going to put them down, as quickly as possible." Following the Feb. 14, 2018 shooting that killed 17 students and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida's government issued guidelines for schools to have armed security on campus.

Massive Debt

On Feb. 12, the New York Federal Reserve released automotive loan data that indicates more than 7 million Americans are behind in payments by 90 or more days. Along with the delinquencies, the total auto loan debt increased to \$584 billion, its highest since the Fed began tracking it in 2000. Auto loan stocks are at their highest, yet subprime auto loan borrowers have flooded auto finance companies, increasing the loans given to unqualified applicants. Household debt, student loans, and credit card debt have also risen.

Record Taxes

The federal government collected a record \$1.7 trillion in individual income taxes in 2018, according to the Treasury Department.

Mega-Retailer Paid No Taxes?

Trillion-dollar retailer Amazon.com made an \$11 billion profit in 2018 but somehow managed to get by with not paying even a dime in taxes, for the second year in a row. Amazon is claiming a \$129 million tax writeoff, which its accountants carried over into 2018 for the massive savings.

Killing American Jobs

Sens. Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) recently introduced the Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act (S. 281), a plan which aims to eliminate U.S. country caps on legal immigration and would allow domestic companies to hire more foreign workers for high paying, white-collar American jobs. S. 281 enables billionaires and Silicon Valley executives to hire mostly Indian and Chinese nationals, paying them less than what they would pay equally qualified U.S.-born applicants. S. 281 would fast-track 300,000 green cards, quickly moving applicants through the citizenship process. Though unsuccessful, a bipartisan attempt was made last year to pass similar legislation.

Golden Days Gone

A new survey of Californians by polling firm Edelman Intelligence reveals that 53% of California residents are considering leaving the Golden State because of the high cost of living. Even worse, nearly two-thirds, or 62%, of respondents said they believe the best days of California are in the past. Conducted Jan. 4 to Jan. 20, the "Trust Barometer" poll surveyed 1,500 California residents.

Deadly Exposure

According to new research from the University of Washington, exposure to glyphosate—the world's most widely used broad-spectrum herbicide and the primary ingredient in the weedkiller Roundup—increases the risk of some cancers by more than 40%.

Manufacturing Fake Hate

On Jan. 29, Hollywood celebrity Jussie Smollett claimed two men attacked him while he was walking home in Chicago around 2 a.m. He alleged that they were white males and that they wore the iconic red "Make America Great Again" hats, yelled racial slurs at him, beat him, poured a chemical on him, and put a rope around his neck. Police investigated the claim thoroughly, even pulling surveillance cameras in the neighborhood, none of which showed any white males bearing the description. Instead, police ended up detaining two black males from Nigeria, who say Smollett paid them \$3,500 each to rough him up and fabricate the assault so Smollett could claim a hate crime took place.

"Fake News" Filter

Microsoft plans to add a "NewsGuard" feature to its upcoming Edge web browser, sparking concerns over media censorship and attempts to dissuade readers from visiting alternative news websites such as AMERICAN FREE PRESS. A com-

pany started by career mainstream media editors and journalists, NewsGuard uses a peer-reviewed nine-point grading system to evaluate news organizations on trustworthiness, transparency, and journalistic integrity, to name a few categories. Using a red or green indicator, NewsGuard claims to "help" users determine which news sources are reliable and which repeatedly publish "fake news." It is no surprise that all of the "safe" news outlets are mainstream.

Driverless Cars

Will automated cars mean the end of automobile insurance? According to Bloomberg News, it's very likely this could happen. A recent report noted that insurance companies are already looking into this so-called "existential crisis" for the multi-billion-dollar car insurance industry. Since premiums—and company revenues—are based on a driver's likelihood of being in an accident, and, with more than 90% of accidents being caused by human error, if no more humans are driving, there would not be any more need for insurance. How long will this take? Experts in the industry say it's a long way off. They believe that by 2035 there will still only be 23 million driverless vehicles on American roads, which amounts to less than 10% of today's total.

Just Plain Crazy

Far-left Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) recently sent a letter to Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, asking him to investigate USA Powerlifting for barring a male who now claims to be a woman from competing in women's competitions. "I urge you to reconsider this discriminatory, unscientific policy and follow the example of the International Olympic Committee," Omar wrote to USA Powerlifting, noting she's asking Ellison to conduct an investigation. Bizarrely, Omar wants to deny science and the basic differences between men and women that give men natural advantages in many competitive sports. Omar had apparently never heard of the name Laurel Hubbard, a New Zealand "trans woman," who in spring 2018, had destroyed by a huge margin all women's international weightlifting records until an injury forced him to take the rest of the year off. Hubbard had lived his life as a man and even competed in weightlifting as a man up until 2014. As a man, Hubbard had ranked very poorly, but he is now the top weightlifter in the world since he declared himself a woman and decided to compete against women. In its original statement on the matter, USA Powerlifting said it follows the International Powerlifting Federation's policies. In the case of men declaring themselves to be women, it stated, "significant advantages are had," including but not limited to "increased muscle mass, bone density, bone structure, and connective tissue . . . due to the impact of maturation in the presence [of] naturally occurring androgens at the level necessary for male development."

Whistleblower's Attorneys Want the Charges Unsealed

- Assange's testimony in U.S. could help clear Mueller targets

By S.T. Patrick

It is clear that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange may one day find himself in an American courtroom facing charges that may or may not end his life of semi-freedom. What remains unclear is the specific nature of those charges. What the world learned in November, quite by accident, was that the United States has had secret, sealed charges against Assange in place for some time.

An errant filing by prosecutors led to the revelation that charges had been levied against the WikiLeaks publisher. The filing said that both the charges and the arrest warrant “would need to remain sealed until Assange is arrested in connection with the charges in the criminal complaint and can therefore no longer evade or avoid arrest and extradition in this matter.”

In response, the attorneys for Assange have filed an urgent petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). The purposes of the petition are three-fold: Assange wants to permanently delay the possibility of extradition from the Ecuadorian embassy in London to the U.S., pressure the American prosecutors to reveal its sealed charges, and end the isolation under which Assange has been held for nearly seven years. In that time, Assange has gone from being a legal guest seeking asylum on Ecuadorian property in London to being an unwelcome guest and a valuable pawn in a global game of geopolitical chess.

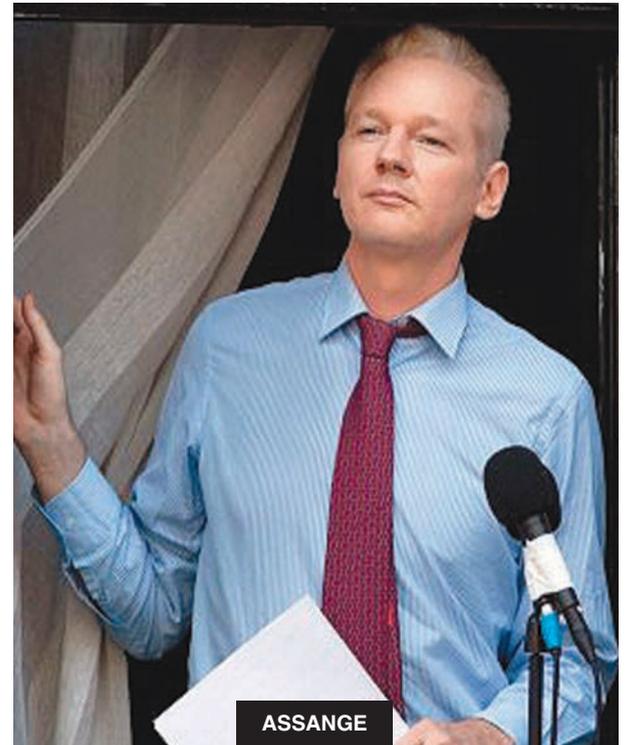
Last week, CNN reported that special counsel Robert Mueller's prosecutors are now saying they have communications between WikiLeaks and Roger Stone. While the new court filing provided

no details as to what was contained within the communications, the prosecutors had previously stated that Stone had been interested in what WikiLeaks had received from an insider within the Democratic Party.

Assange's desire to resist extradition to the U.S. may now be in direct conflict with the personal and political motivations of President Donald Trump. While any American courtroom could be dangerous to Assange's future, Trump could benefit from a public forum in which Assange, on the record, lays out a chronology detailing how slain Democratic staffer Seth Rich was personally involved in transferring at least part of the Hillary Clinton-John Podesta emails to WikiLeaks. It would be the final death knell to an already flailing Russia-collusion theory regarding Clinton's 2016 presidential loss. It would also open the doors to a new murder investigation for Rich, who was a Bernie Sanders supporter in 2016. Assange is in the unenviable situation of being a foreigner who could play a key role in an American presidential race—again. But, in doing so, he may go to prison for life, which is what his attorneys are trying to prevent.

The 1,172-page filing scolds both the U.S. and Ecuador for mishandling “a raft of legal obligations that the U.S. and Ecuador are flouting in their treatment of Mr. Assange,” said WikiLeaks in a statement. “The lawyers document Trump administration attempts to pressure Ecuador to hand over Mr. Assange, notably recent serious overt threats against Ecuador made by senior U.S. political figures, unlike the more veiled threats made in the past.”

The contention between the U.S. and Ecuador is interesting in light of the current political situation in Venezuela, Ecuador's historical archrival. As the U.S. continues to support the installation of



Though WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange risks imprisonment were he to leave the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, his testimony could provide much-needed clarity in the Robert Mueller investigation of multiple U.S. figures.

a politi-puppet to control the massively oil-rich Venezuelan economy, U.S. businesses friendly to influential politicians continue to gain more access. This is true “dollar diplomacy.” The recent *coup d'état* in Venezuela also puts more pressure on neighboring Ecuador. The Americans will soon be at Ecuador's doorstep. Will Ecuador fight or fold, where will that line in the sand be, and how will Assange be used in negotiations?

The plea to the IACHR is not legally binding. The organization is a self-governing promotor and protector of human rights within the Organization of American States. While its decisions bear no consequences in U.S. courts, a strong decision against the U.S. could be politically embarrassing and costly.

Assange, now one of the world's most wanted men, has been housed in Ecuador's London embassy since he was granted asylum in August 2012. His case is a focal point for issues of national security, regional conflict, the validity of asylum, a murder investigation, campaign leaks, hacking, questionable electioneering, and freedom of the press. If Assange loses his case in the U.S., what will that mean for media organizations that break major stories using government documents (e.g., the Pentagon Papers, torture in the Middle East, international foul play by the CIA)? Assange is simultaneously advantageous and disastrous to all parties involved, and thus why the general rules for handling have been “proceed with caution.” ★

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SETH RICH

Seth Rich and the Assange Angle

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange made at least seven references to Seth Rich (left), all of which appeared to be different levels of veiled confirmation that Rich was a WikiLeaks source. “We are investigating to understand what happened in that situation with Seth Rich,” Assange wrote. “I think it is a concerning situation . . . there is not a conclusion yet. We would not be willing to state a conclusion, but we are concerned about it. More importantly, a variety of WikiLeaks sources are concerned when that kind of thing happens.” In an interview with Dutch television, Assange implied that Rich was killed because he was the source of the leaked DNC emails that Democrats believe doomed Hillary Clinton's election in 2016. “Whistleblowers go to significant efforts to get us material and often very significant risks,” Assange said. Assange also met with Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) to pass along information to the White House that no one hacked the DNC computers, at least not for the leaked 2016 emails. (See more about this in the inaugural edition of *Deep Truth Journal*.)

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Slandered Kentucky Students Fight Back

• Those who accused Catholic kids of bogus hate crime told to retract stories or face court

By Donald Jeffries

On Feb. 4, lawyers representing Kentucky's Covington Catholic High School student Nicholas Sandmann and his family announced that they'd sent letters to media outlets, individual journalists, celebrities, and Catholic organizations. The letters warned that, after a brief grace period, if they didn't issue a retraction or public apology, they risked libel and defamation lawsuits.

Among those receiving the letters were presidential hopeful Elizabeth Warren, actress Alyssa Milano, "journalists" Erin Burnett, Andrea Mitchell, Chuck Todd, Bill Maher, and David Brooks, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, HBO, TMZ, the dioceses of Covington and Lexington, the archdioceses of Louisville and Baltimore, and celebrities Kathy Griffin and Jim Carrey.

Attorney Todd McMurtry declared that the endless public slurs against the youngster "permanently stained Nick's reputation."

He added: "They know they crossed the line. Do they want 12 people in Kentucky to decide their fate? I don't think so."

McMurtry offered his services pro bono, and is working in tandem with high-powered lawyer Lin Wood, best known for representing the parents of Jon Benet Ramsey.

"We want to change the conversation. We don't want this to happen again," McMurtry stated. "We want to teach people a lesson. There was a rush by the media to believe what it wanted to believe versus what actually happened."

The Catholic students were on a field trip to Washington, D.C., attending a March for Life Event. While virtually every mainstream media outlet aired only a brief snippet of video and blasted the 16-year-old Sandmann for "disrespecting" 64-year-old Native American elder Nathan Phillips by "smirking" at him and blocking his path, extended video of the incident posted online quickly told a far different story. A group of Black Hebrew Israelites can be seen and heard for several minutes, shouting profanities, anti-Catholic, homophobic, and racial slurs, first at the Native Americans and then with even greater fervor at the high school kids from Kentucky.

The kids never responded with anything more than their school spirit chants, and they asked the permission of their chaperones before doing that. The footage also shows that Phillips and the Native Americans approached the high school kids, and their path was never blocked. Phillips focused in on Sandmann, and kept beating his drum until he was only a few inches from the youngster's face. If anyone was doing the intimidating,



Todd McMurtry, the attorney for Nicholas Sandmann and his parents, has demanded an apology and a retraction of their fake news vilification of his clients from multiple media figures, politicians and Hollywood stars. If they do not comply, they will be brought to court. Some of these figures include (left to right above): Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and fake news broadcasters Chuck Todd, Bill Maher and Andrea Mitchell.



TODD McMURTRY

it was Phillips.

Initially, Phillips was converted into a saintly figure in the media. He claimed to be a Vietnam veteran, but this was subsequently disproved. It was also discovered that Phillips had recently tried to disrupt a Catholic mass, and has a history of social activism.

Press accounts and celebrity tweets concentrated on the fact that some of the students, including Sandmann, were wearing "Make America Great Again" hats. Most shocking was the fact that Covington High School officials immediately condemned their own students, and Catholic Bishop John Stowe of the Diocese of Lexington wrote an op-ed in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in which he criticized the Catholic students.

Diocese of Covington Bishop Roger Foys publicly condemned the students as well, although he did later apologize. Stowe, however, would not back down, standing by his op-ed, which declared,

"Without . . . placing the blame entirely on these adolescents, it astonishes me that any students participating in a pro-life activity on behalf of their school and their Catholic faith could be wearing apparel sporting the slogans of a president who denigrates the lives of immigrants, refugees, and people from countries that he describes with indecent words and haphazardly endangers with life-threatening policies." After later ludicrously calling the incident an opportunity for "a teaching moment," Stowe continued to be triggered by their head gear, maintaining, "I come back to that they shouldn't have been wearing those hats in the first place."

"For the mob to just go tear apart a 16-year-old boy is inexcusable," McMurtry said. "He'll never be able to get away from this."

CNN and other mainstream media organs grudgingly admitted their rush to judgment, and by Feb. 13, headlined one story, "Report finds no evidence of 'offensive or racist statements' by Kentucky students," regarding an inquiry conducted by the Diocese of Covington. Just what kind of investigation was necessary beyond watching the entire incident on videotape was unclear. The initially critical Bishop Foys was quoted as saying that the Covington kids "were placed in a situation that was at once bizarre and even threatening" and their reaction was "expected and one might even say laudatory."

In a Feb. 8 public statement, attorney Lin Wood announced that "Nathan Phillips will be sued" and that the first round of lawsuits would begin "within two weeks." Wood has followed through on his promise. On Feb. 19, the first lawsuit was filed on behalf of Sandmann against *The Washington Post*, seeking \$250 million in both compensatory and punitive damages. ★

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Who Is Kamala Harris?

• Senator faces real questions about her record as a prosecutor

By S.T. Patrick

As the California attorney general sat across the room from accused assassin Sirhan Sirhan, she already knew her decision was final. As long as she was California's top law enforcement officer, Sirhan would spend the remainder of his life in prison, no matter what new evidence eye-witnesses, forensic experts, and researchers brought to the table. The year was 2012 and Sirhan's attorneys were once again making the case that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had been killed by a second gunman, and Sirhan had been set up as a patsy by an offshoot of the CIA's MK-Ultra program. Attorney General Kamala Harris responded in court filings soon thereafter.

"In sum, [Sirhan] cannot possibly show that no reasonable juror would have convicted him if a jury had considered his 'new' evidence and allegations, in light of the overwhelming evidence supporting the convictions and the available evidence thoroughly debunking [Sirhan's] second-shooter and automaton theories," said Attorney General Harris in a federal court filing.

Harris called Phillip Van Praag's acoustic evidence "pure speculation" and said that even if there were a second shooter, Sirhan could still not prove his own innocence in the case.

Now a senator, Harris announced her candidacy for the presidential election of 2020. As she is attempting to ride the wave of youthful, progressive Democrats with big ideas and bigger personalities, even some Democrats are wondering who Harris really is in the grand scheme of the party.

Harris is definitely no stranger to prosecution and determining the long-term fates of individuals behind bars. But on this topic, as on others, Harris's record is nothing less than confusing and contradictory.

Though she refused to execute one man on death row, Harris has never challenged the death penalty legally. In fact, she worked for years to keep it in place. A federal judge ruled California's implementation of the death penalty was "unconstitutional." Harris called that a "flawed" decision.

Though she criticized her opponent in the Senate race for "helping fuel America's mass incarceration crisis by voting to send more kids to prison, build more prisons, and ratchet up mandatory minimums for nonviolent crimes," she has a record of being "tough on crime." As San Francisco district attorney, she raised the prosecution rate of the office from 52% to 67% and noted in her own book that "getting smart on crime doesn't mean reducing sentences or punishments for crimes."

Harris defended California's draconian three-strikes law, the only one of its kind in the nation that triggers a life sentence for a third strike that was a minor felony. She opposed a ballot initiative that would have changed the law so that life sentences can only be triggered by serious or violent felonies. In the era of Black Lives Matter, Harris was California's "top cop" and usually fell in line with other prosecutors.

Harris has shown stereotypically Democratic leanings on the basic issues. She is pro-choice, an environmental activist, anti-gun, anti-Bashar al-Assad (Syria), and a supporter of the DREAM Act.

While Harris is trying to be "the next Obama," becoming the first African-American female president, she is facing serious questions from black



community leaders, especially regarding her career as a prosecutor.

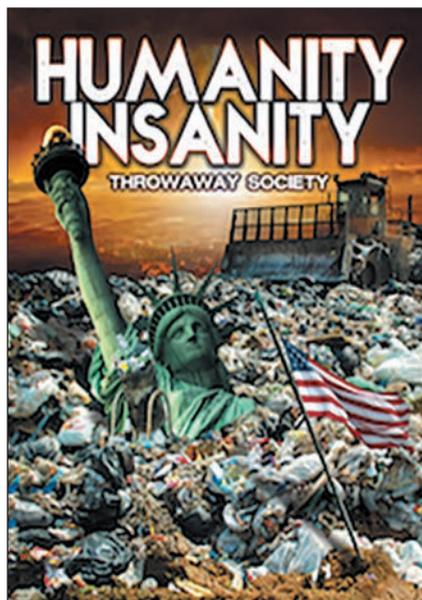
"These are not narrow, niche issues. In fact, many of them—criminal justice reform, drug legalization, foreclosure fraud—are ones that particularly affect communities of color," wrote Branko Marcetic at "JacobinMag.com." "And despite her rhetoric now, Harris has often been either inactive or on the wrong side of them."

Jill Filipovic of "NBCNews.com" wrote, "As San Francisco district attorney, Harris's office often took aggressive stances on upholding convictions, even where there was evidence tampering or suppression, which may have kept wrongly convicted people in jail for decades."

The Democratic Party is currently going through a reinvention and a reimagination. This is usually the reaction after an emotional, trying setback. When that happens, parties don't usually start at the center. They start at one wing and move toward the American center over time. As much as Harris will try to campaign as a progressive—and already has the support of California Gov. Gavin Newsome—she has failed to garner the immediate attention from the base she will need to win the 2020 Democratic primary. ★

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Vote to End U.S. War on Yemen a Good Start

• House of Representatives passes bill to remove U.S. forces from hostilities; now will go to Senate

By Dr. Ron Paul

In a fitting legacy for my friend former North Carolina Rep. Walter Jones Jr., who passed away on Feb. 10, the House made history by voting in favor of H.J.Res. 37, a resolution “Directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.” As George O’Neill wrote in *The American Conservative* magazine recently, the historic 248-177 victory for a bill demanding the end of the U.S. participation in the nearly five-year Saudi war of aggression “reflects how many hearts and minds were influenced by the late congressman’s tireless efforts.”

Jones did not care who controlled Congress. He was happy to join forces with any member to end the senseless U.S. global military empire, which sends thousands of young men and women off to patrol foreign borders, overthrow foreign governments, and needlessly put themselves at risk in missions that have nothing to do with the safety and security of the United States.

U.S. participation in the Saudi war on Yemen is a classic example of the abuse of the U.S. military

that made Jones most angry. When the Saudis decided in 2015 that they wanted their puppet to be Yemen’s president, they launched a brutal and inhuman war that many call the worst humanitarian disaster of our time. Millions face starvation as Saudi bombs and U.S. sanctions combine to create a hell on earth that is unrelated in any way to U.S. national security.

Why this ongoing support for Saudi death and destruction in Yemen? Washington’s neocons have

Ending senseless U.S. wars is an idea whose time has come.

successfully promoted the lie that the Saudi attack on Yemen is all about preventing Iran from gaining more strength in the Middle East. Ironically it was the neocon-backed U.S. attack on Iraq in 2003 that provided the biggest boost for Iranian influence in the region. Now, after Iraq’s “liberation,” Baghdad’s ties to Tehran are closer than ever.

Who exactly is the U.S. supporting in Yemen? Even CNN, normally a big backer of U.S. military actions overseas, has noticed something funny

about U.S. participation in the Saudi war on Yemen. As a CNN investigation found in February, “Saudi Arabia and its coalition partners have transferred American-made weapons to al Qaeda-linked fighters, hardline Salafi militias, and other factions waging war in Yemen, in violation of their agreements with the United States.” Does that sound like we are on the side of the “good guys” in this battle? We are helping the Saudis arm al-Qaeda? Is this really a smart move?

We should be encouraged that Jones’s legacy is being honored in the House vote to end the U.S. participation in the Yemen war. While U.S. “humanitarian” aid is being used as a weapon for regime change in Venezuela, the warmongers in Washington have never lifted a finger to help those suffering from a real genocide in Yemen.

If the Yemen War Powers resolution passes the Senate, which is likely, Congress will have provoked the first veto from President Donald Trump. Such a veto should not discourage us. Even the strongest army cannot stop an idea whose time has come. Ending senseless U.S. wars is an idea whose time has come. We can thank Jones for his role in making it so. ★

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A Real Zombie Apocalypse

- Have the neocons backed Trump into a nuclear corner?

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

Is the Pentagon planning a zombie apocalypse? I'm not just referring to CONPLAN 888, a 2011 training exercise envisioning U.S. forces in final battles against the eight known varieties of zombies. In case you were wondering, those are: pathogenic zombies, radiation zombies, evil magic zombies, space zombies, bio-engineered zombies, symbiont zombies, and vegetarian zombies ("must eat grrraaaaains!") And, no, I didn't make any of that up. Your tax dollars did.

The real zombie apocalypse scenario, the one we should all be terrified of, is nuclear war. And our own U.S. government—the only government that has detonated nuclear weapons over cities—is planning to do it again. We are sleepwalking into a zombie apocalypse, and our own leaders are taking us there. Or to paraphrase Pogo: "We have met the evil zombies, and they are us."

This all-too-realistic zombie apocalypse is brilliantly described by novelist Cormac McCarthy in *The Road*: a cold, ruined world dimmed and buried beneath gray ash, where nothing grows, canned food is the only currency, and cannibalism the road to survival. This nuclear winter scenario is the probable result of any war involving hundreds of multi-megaton bombs—or any other firestorm-producing weapon. The late Dr. Robert Bowman, head of the proto-SDI ("Star Wars") program under presidents Ford and Carter, told this

writer that, while he was directing the program, the U.S. had already developed a highly classified satellite-based weapon that could incinerate entire cities from space. If they had that in the 1970s, what do they have now?

Col. Bowman, a Cal Tech trained Ph.D. rocket scientist, resigned as a whistleblower to protest the offensive orientation of the Star Wars program. Sold to the public as a defensive system for shooting down incoming Soviet missiles, the real purpose of SDI was to facilitate a planned U.S. surprise first strike. As Bowman explained for decades to anyone who would listen, satellite platforms are inherently vulnerable to surprise attacks; they won't survive to play a defensive role. So the SDI program focused on offense: suddenly and unexpectedly blinding enemy satellites, stealthily destroying enemy missile silos with such weapons as the ultra-classified "artificial meteorite," and (following the surprise first strike by the "good guys") shooting down the few surviving enemy missiles. This first strike doctrine is even more entrenched today, thanks to the likes of Paul Wolfowitz, than it was in the 1970s and 1980s. Its purpose is not so much to destroy the world as soon as possible as to bully other nations into compliance with U.S. wishes. But eventual world-destruction is a likely unintended consequence.

The eve of destruction may be fast approaching. Under President Barack Obama, the Deep State ramped up its nuclear-backed bullying of Russia. When Donald Trump got elected by questioning the Deep State, decrying "American exceptionalism," and striving to repair relations with Russia, the permanent war party declared that "Russian meddling" was to blame for Hillary Clinton's defeat—and unleashed a wave of Russophobia. Speaking of unleashing waves, the Russians have responded by building new MAD (mutually-assured destruction) weapons including the Poseidon 100 megaton high-speed nuclear torpedo that could drown America's seaboards under radioactive tsunamis.

Trump, cornered by the Deep State hawks, cannot pursue peace with Russia. Whenever he tries, his political enemies insinuate that he is a Russian stooge. The whole political class, both Democrats and Republicans, and the whole mainstream me-



Did Russia develop a "doomsday torpedo"—that allegedly can create a 300-foot radioactive tsunami—as an apocalyptic deterrent to ever-increasing U.S. aggression?

dia, including its left and right wings, stand united behind the neocon war-on-Russia project. Obviously, the neocons are still riding high despite the horrific failures of their 9/11-triggered invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In early February, Trump succumbed to political pressure and pulled out of the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty. His neocon advisors, John Bolton and Mike Pompeo, cheered lustily. Vladimir Putin countered by announcing that Russia will be deploying large numbers of intermediate range nuclear missiles on its European borders. A new arms race is picking up steam. As artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms take over nuclear command and control systems, will they recognize the "strategic advantages" of launching a first strike? Will AI have the human wisdom of Soviet Lt. Col. Stanislav Petrov, who disobeyed orders and singlehandedly saved the world by overriding computer warnings in 1983 of a U.S. nuclear attack?

"Defense intellectuals," those well-paid policy wonks who follow the psychopathic algorithms of game theory to their logical and horrifying conclusions, must think they and their pet supercomputers are pretty darned smart. Like John Nash, they have beautiful minds. If some of the brains housing those beautiful minds are devoured by starving zombies and barbecued over rubble fires in the midst of a decade-long nuclear winter, I suppose some sort of cosmic justice will have been served. ★

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Italian Populists Could Follow Iceland's Lead

• Crooked banksters could be jailed if deputy prime minister gets what he wants

By Mark Anderson

Italian Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini recently called for the elimination of Italy's central bank. A short time later, Salvini proclaimed that bankers involved in fraudulent activity will "end up in prison for a long time." The populist leader's calls—reminiscent of Iceland's actions about 10 years ago to bust a bevy of bankers—are giving way to the usual elitist screams that skeptical politicians are trespassing upon the "independence" of the money-changers with "meddlesome" demands for more public control of Italy's monetary system.

Amid a populist awakening that also includes France, other parts of Europe, Canada, and the U.S. under Trump, Salvini, who leads the rightist-populist Northern League, also wants to retire Consob, Italy's stock market regulator.

The Bilderberg-linked *Economist* magazine responded: "Luigi Di Maio of the Five Star Movement [Northern League's populist ally and Bilderberg critic] demanded 'discontinuity,' meaning discontinuance of the Bank of Italy and Consob. "Both [Salvini and Di Maio] alleged the bank had failed to protect investors and deposit-holders. Two days earlier, the cabinet had refused to approve a further six-year term for Luigi Federico Signorini, the deputy director-general primarily responsible for banking supervision."

Guarding the financial status quo, the *Economist* stated: "The Bank of Italy has long been seen as one of a handful of efficient and incorruptible institutions that curb Italy's anarchic tendencies. . . . The attack [by Italian populists] sent ripples of apprehension through the euro zone. . . . The president of the Eurogroup of finance ministers, Mario Centeno, and the EU commissioner for economic affairs, Pierre Moscovici, both . . . stressed the need to preserve the independence of [eurozone] central banks."

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Where is this all headed?

"Italy has some good intuitions, but it has got to break the monopoly of the financial system being the only entity that can create money," veteran social-credit economics writer-researcher Wallace

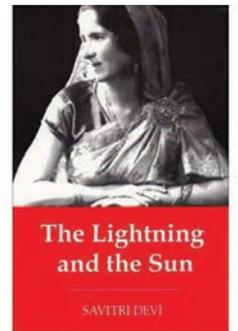
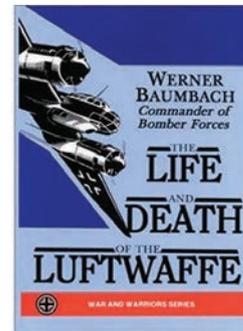
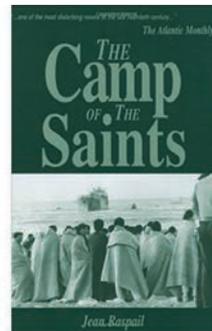
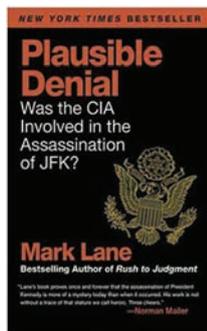
Klinck told AFP. "The Italian state needs to determine how much production is available to purchase and how much income has been paid out. It's a matter of placing income in the hands of the consumer to balance the economy."

Klinck has visited several nations to study their economic systems.

He added: "The system, in Italy and elsewhere, creates costs and prices more than it does incomes. To liquidate those costs, that 'income' should not be a never-ending flow of debts from the banks. Instead, Italy should make up the difference by directly issuing money without debt in order to cancel those outstanding costs. But absent such remedial measures, Italy is left with a boom-and-bust 'pendulum economy' driven by speculators."

According to *La Repubblica*, if Salvini solidifies his *de facto* Italian leadership in upcoming elections, the Bank of Italy's life could become especially complicated. The key is for Italian officials to bypass the media's guardianship of the banking cartel and issue their own interest-free money under a balanced formula. ★

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Top 26 Billionaires Now Worth More Than 3.8 Billion People Combined

By S.T. Patrick

To mark the beginning of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the development charity Oxfam released its annual wealth check report. It states that 2018 was a year in which the income gap widened to record heights in modern history. In fact, the 26 most wealthy billionaires now own as many assets as the lowest 50% of the world's population, some 3.8 billion people.

According to Oxfam, the wealth of the “Top 26 Billionaires” increased in 2018 by \$900 billion, or \$2.5 billion per day. In 2016, the number of the world's richest billionaires needed to eclipse half of the world's population was 61. It was 43 in 2017.

Oxfam does have a solution. The charity's suggestions in the report include a wealth tax of 1% that would “educate every child not in school and provide healthcare that would prevent 3 million deaths.”

Oxfam is not a Robin Hood organization with a desire to rob the rich and give to the poor. They share some of the same concerns as conservatives and libertarians who also have a desire to earn wealth, but on an equal playing field and while ensuring that public services for the poor are of the same quality as public services for the rich.

Matthew Spencer, the director of campaigns and policies for Oxfam, said: “Women are dying for lack of decent maternity care and children are being denied an education that could be their route out of poverty. No one should be condemned to an earlier grave or a life of illiteracy simply because they were born poor. . . . It doesn't have to be this way—there is enough wealth in the world to provide everyone with a fair chance in life. Governments should act to ensure that taxes raised from wealth and businesses

paying their fair share are used to fund free, good-quality public services that can save and transform people's lives.”

The report listed multiple interesting findings: When consumption taxes are included, the poorest 10% of Brits are paying a significantly higher tax rate than the richest 10% (comparatively, 49% to 34%). In the last two years, a new billionaire was created every two days. Since the financial crisis of 2008, the number of billionaires globally has nearly doubled.

The world's richest man is American Jeff Bezos, the founder of “Amazon.com.” In 2018, his total wealth increased to \$112 billion. No man may be an island, but Bezos is a country (or even continent) unto himself. His \$112 billion is larger than the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of over 120 countries including Morocco, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Lithuania, Bosnia, Croatia, and Afghanistan.

Author and AFP journalist Donald Jeffries wrote about these issues illuminatingly in his vital work, *The Survival of the Richest: How the Corruption of the Marketplace and the Disparity of Wealth Created the Greatest Conspiracy of All*.^{*} In it, Jeffries writes about the structural and attitudinal issues that cause the economic inequality that divides even the wealthiest nations, those where resources and wealth should not be limited.

“The wealth in our society is plentiful,” Jeffries writes, “but it's been absconded by a relative handful of exceptionally greedy individuals. Even most Ayn Rand disciples would understand that it wouldn't be right for one child in a preschool to hoard all the toys while the others sat around and cried. But they freely defend a system that permits a faction of humanity to have far more than they could ever hope to spend, while condemning most of the world's population to what Thomas Wolfe termed ‘lives of quiet desperation.’ ”

Americans have become so divided over partisan politics that we can no longer discern right from wrong, heartless indifference from human



Jeff Bezos of Amazon is the richest man in the world with a net worth of more than \$112 billion—larger than the GDP of 120 nations.

compassion. Any discussion about raising the marginal tax rate on billionaires is not inching toward “pinko communism” any more than a widowed grandmother wanting to afford staying in her own home is being a “capitalist pig.”

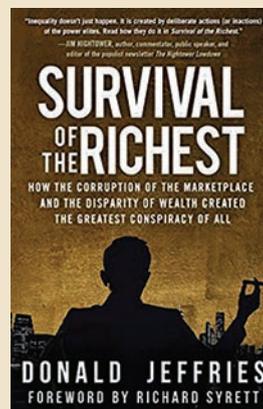
American capitalists are right to want people to strive for increases in wealth, but in doing so, what we should all strive for is a level playing field. Equal opportunity cannot be had by anyone in the lower 99% when the top 1% continues to buy politicians, hire lobbyists to write advantageous legislation, loophole billions in taxes, and pretend to help the needy by starting a sham foundation as a tax haven. ★

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Survival of the Richest by Donald Jeffries

Here's a fresh look at economic inequality in America. *Survival of the Richest* scrutinizes how the collective wealth of America has been channeled from the poor and middle class into the hands of a few elitists. American industry has been gutted, with wages and benefits stagnant or reduced, thanks to disastrous trade deals, outsourcing, and the crippling of unions. The Occupy Wall Street movement, and the presidential campaigns of both Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, reveals how more and more people who are struggling understand that the system is rigged against them. While Americans have been trained to direct their scorn at welfare recipients and the poor in general, a tiny handful of plutocratic elites have profited on an unfathomable scale through corporate welfare and other perks. Unimaginable salaries and bonuses for the 1%, contrasted by layoffs



and reduced pay for the majority of the workforce, along with increasing calls for austerity measures and lowered standards of living, have become the “new normal” in America. Author Donald Jeffries argues that this record economic inequality is more than an unintended consequence of globalism. In *Survival of the Richest*, he shows how the consolidation of wealth may well prove to be the greatest conspiracy of all. *Survival of the Richest* (hardback, 280 pages, \$25 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S.) is available from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call AFP toll free at 1-888-699-6397 to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET or visit our online shop at www.AmericanFreePress.net to order via the Internet. (Email us for foreign S&H at Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net.)

In New Jersey, When it Rains, You're Poor

• Garden State, plagued with highest property taxes in nation, plans to add “rain tax”

By Dave Gahary

New Jersey has been the butt of jokes for as long as most of us can remember, some well-deserved, others not. This writer was born and raised in the state, commonly referred to as “the cockpit of the revolution,” because more battles and encampments took place there than in any other state, and “the armpit of the revolution,” most likely attributed to the many smelly factories that once dotted the more urban areas of the peninsula.

Lately, however, the Garden State has come to be identified with the highest property taxes in the nation—2018 median real estate taxes paid were \$7,601—and the state that more residents moved out of than any other state in 2018—66.8% of moves exiting versus entering. New Jersey has been ranked in the Top 10 “outbound” states for the past 10 years, according to a recent United Van Lines Annual National Movers Study.

But now New Jersey is in the process of heaping more misery onto its tax-challenged denizens, by introducing a new tax, a so-called “rain tax.”

A bill is sitting on the ultra-liberal, sanctuary-city-supporting governor's desk right now that, if signed, would give New Jersey's counties and municipalities the power to collect a tax from properties with large paved surfaces such as parking lots. So basically, the more it rains—or snows—the more these surfaces prevent drainage into the natural environment, and the more water exists as runoff. Put away your rain dance gear, New Jerseyites.

N.J. Assembly Bill 2694 and Senate Bill 1073,

which “authorizes municipalities, counties, and certain authorities to establish stormwater utilities” had strong support in both chambers.

At the heart of the bill is something called “stormwater management systems,” which is the control and use of stormwater runoff by capturing and/or reusing it. Proper management of stormwater can lessen runoff, which has increased due to more parking lots, roads, buildings, and other impermeable surfaces. Runoff is undesirable be-

Behind the new rainwater runoff tax proposal is the omnipresent threat of “climate change.”

cause of flooding concerns, but save for a handful of areas and towns, New Jersey has never had serious flooding concerns.

Predictably, this issue is being tied—by those promoting it—to rising sea levels and “global warming/climate change,” the latter a discounted theory which has been mocked unceasingly this winter season, as record-breaking cold temperatures and snowstorms lay bare the ridiculous claim that the planet is warming due to humans, when in fact it's been in a cooling trend since 1992.

None of this will stop the central planners in the Garden State, however, who are giving all sewerage authorities in the state a wide berth to drain more money from hapless state residents.

“Every sewerage authority is hereby author-

ized to charge and collect rents, rates, fees, or other charges for direct or indirect use or services of its stormwater management system,” reads the Senate bill.

The bill's ominous language should frighten all residents of the state: “The stormwater service charges may be charged to and collected from the owner or occupant, or both, of any real property. The owner of any real property shall be liable for and shall pay the stormwater service charges to the sewerage authority at the time when and place where these charges are due and payable.”

And how will all this new infrastructure be paid for?

“The bill would permit municipalities and counties to finance the creation, operation, and maintenance of stormwater utilities through the imposition of user fees and the issuance of bonds.”

That's right, the moneyed global elite would be the ones to benefit from this new scheme, via the issuance of bonds.

What bothers some most about this bill is the free hand it gives to moneyed interests.

“We all want to protect our environment,” stated N.J. State Senator Thomas H. Kean Jr., the Republican Leader of the Senate since 2008 and the son of the former N.J. governor. “We all want to preserve it for future generations. But this is a weighted tax. The citizens of New Jersey . . . really with no oversight and no way to defend themselves against tax increases at local levels.”

Wasn't taxation without representation one of the main reasons our forefathers founded this once-great nation?

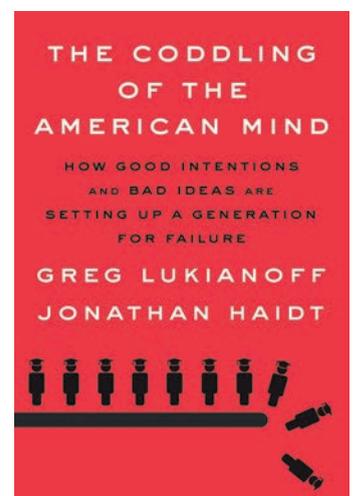
With N.J. residents being squeezed by an elite political structure, we may see the beginnings of a new rebellion, in the state so well-known for its propensity to challenge the corrupt elite. ★

THE CODDLING OF THE AMERICAN MIND

How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure

NEW BOOK FROM AMERICAN FREE PRESS! By Jonathan Haidt and Greg Lukianoff. Something has been going wrong on many college campuses in the last few years. Speakers are shouted down. Students and professors say they are walking on eggshells and are afraid to speak honestly. Rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are rising—on campus as well as nationally. How did this happen? First Amendment expert Greg Lukianoff and social psychologist Jonathan Haidt show how the new problems on campus have their origins in three terrible ideas that have become increasingly woven into American childhood and education: What doesn't kill you makes you weaker; always trust your feelings; and life is a battle between good people and evil people. These three Great Untruths contradict basic psychological principles about well-being and ancient wisdom from many cultures. Embracing these untruths—and the resulting culture of safetyism—interferes with young people's social, emotional, and

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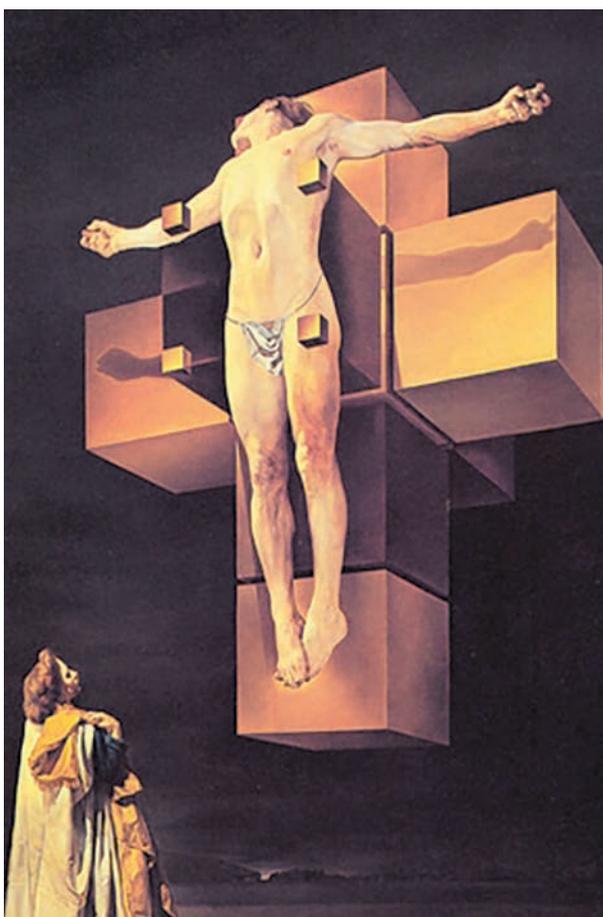
drew rave reviews at museums everywhere, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where Ayn Rand contemplated this gripping painting for hours!

As a result, as I enter my 90th year, the author of *Answers from the Bible* and *THE FARADAY TWINS* with 16 million followers, explains why Salvador Dali used me TWICE in his paintings.

MICHAEL FARADAY (one of our greatest scientists like Tesla, Bell, and Edison) of THE FARADAY TWINS proved famous people will recognize a miracle. Even Salvador Dali repeating "C'est magnifique" at the St Regis (below). The author mentions when I was 14 years old I overheard my parents talking about someone with cancer... until I realized they were talking about ME!! After Radiation Treatments—I was down to only 135 pounds (5' 11")—my parents sent me to The Choate School. I was so frail, doctors were checking my neck for tumors!

Finally, in an attempt to save my life, I went to the Mellon Library and found a book by Michael Faraday that stated, "Rapidly heating and cooling water stops disease" which made sense since the long-lived Hunza people of the mountains of Pakistan consumed glacier water that freezes at night and thaws during the day. Accordingly, I also consumed what Headmaster Seymour St John said was "a prodigious amount of food!" that included two gallons of milk per day until I was 6' 7" and 220 pounds and my friends at home didn't know who I was. I had survived the same "bright light just before death" everyone experiences depicted by Dali in his "Hybrid Alien" painting.

In 1952, I was at the Los Angeles Coliseum Olympic Trials when Hy Peskin from Time Life rushed from the stands to take probably 30 photos



of me during the Discus event until I lost my concentration. However, I was flooded with business cards from Hollywood agents that included Henry Willson (Rock Hudson, Tab Hunter) and John Wayne. At Warner Brothers, Jim Garner and Dean Martin encouraged me to sign a movie contract. However, after opting to obtain my Engineering Degree, Salvador Dali asked me to meet him and photographer Philippe Halsman at the St Regis Hotel in N.Y. and *Crucifixion* was painted (1953-54) with rave reviews that peaked Dali's interest in UFOs. Photographer Howell Conant (Grace Kelly's favorite) hired me for *Sports Illustrated* and newspaper magazine ads for Janzen bathing suits. Three body shots and my large hands revealed I was the Dali model... resulting in half-time football ads for cars and Viceroy with Don Ameche's nephew Alan (Baltimore Colts). Later, American Cancer Society founder Elmer Bobst came to my home with Beth Walker (Coca Cola model) and Otto von Bolschwing (helped Allen Dulles/CIA bring 1,000 German scientists to the U.S. after WWII). By the way, UFO's are real, with a viewing only 50 feet over my home! After WWII, as a double agent, Otto became a US citizen employed by Elmer Bobst (Warner Lambert/Pfizer).

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An M.D.—after we received a Foundation donation—said: “Great results both in and out of the hospital” during the EBOLA CRISIS in bone dry Africa. My discoveries could also help clean up their vast aquifers! Since Mr. Gates wants to help the African people, he should know about a young girl in Ohio, who, along with her father, changed the water properties of over 200 wells (with a case history brochure). State Inspectors scratched their heads how this could be (like Municipal Testimonials).

By law, restaurants have to add chlorine to their wells, but, after the young lady mentioned above treated some of their restaurant wells with my water, Inspectors couldn’t even find chlorine! They added more chlorine repeatedly and yet tests always showed no chlorine in the treated well water! Finally, since the water always tested pure, they passed inspections. Is this why the markers for diseases disappear? An oncologist who retired from Sloan Kettering after 30 years had the same comment.

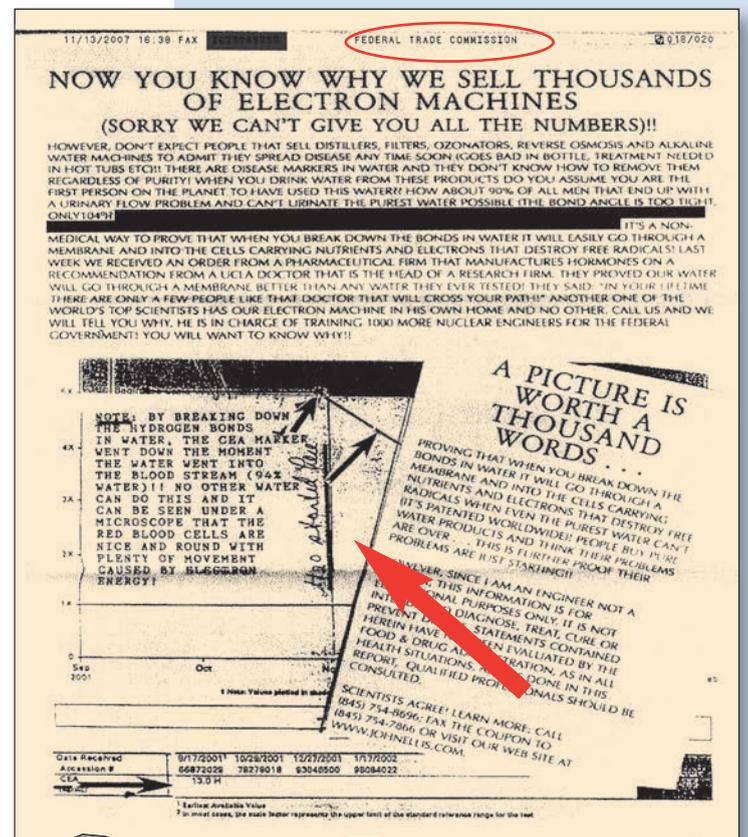
WATER DISTILLERS

The home filter/distiller industry really started 50 years ago during Vietnam, when I owned Precision Switch Corp Port Chester, NY and my Resident Military Inspectors asked me about “Single Pass” distillation that poisoned our sailors aboard the USS *Buchanan* (Internet) distilling highly diluted Agent Orange Dioxin in huge volumes of seawater!! I said:

Filtering and distilling even smaller volumes of water using “single pass” distillers will concentrate chemicals even more and may cause cancer ... like making tinctures, concentrating the very chemicals you want to remove!!

As a result, the founder of a major “single pass” distiller company died of cancer in his early 50s just as I warned! After 9/11, Sloan Kettering treated thousands of victims with accolades from the head oncologist who retired after 30 years: “I don’t have access to your water anymore!” (name and order info on file). Note the

This fax was sent over a decade ago to John Ellis from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission



Note where they wrote “H₂O started here.” This letter was faxed back to us by the FTC confirming the Oncologist reports in the Video on our website after 30 years at Sloan Kettering.

chart the FTC returned to us after the Chairman of The Armed Services Committee called the head of the FTC and said: “Leave the man alone.... This is the real deal!” (See right.)

My Resident Military Inspectors also asked me about a company producing parts for nuclear submarines like the *Thresher* and *Scorpion*. I said: “They will sink to the bottom during sea trials!”... even using cold rolled steel instead of titanium for the torpedo launch tubes!!

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Anti-Immigration Hawks Say Trump Has Betrayed America

By John Friend

Some of President Donald Trump's leading supporters are now openly criticizing him and his administration for signing a recent congressional budget bill that funds the government, thus preventing yet another government shutdown.

Trump signed the bill on Feb. 15 and immediately declared a national emergency because the bill did not contain enough funding for border security and a border wall, sparking outcry and outrage from leading Democrats and other leftist activist organizations, including the ACLU, which vowed to challenge the president in court.

Meanwhile, the crisis along the southern border between the United States and Mexico continues unabated. A number of immigration hawks, including many who were once Trump's leading supporters and cheerleaders, are outraged at the bill, with William Gheen, the president and spokesman of ALIPAC, a leading lobbying group opposed to illegal immigration and amnesty, calling the recently passed bill a "dastardly and secretive budget bill which incentivizes illegal immigration and child trafficking."

ALIPAC had been an ardent supporter of Trump during the 2016 election season. Due to the president's lack of ability to build a wall along the southern border, a signature campaign promise, and his increasing willingness to compromise with Democrats, ALIPAC has joined a growing chorus of former Trump supporters that has come out to criticize the president and his han-

dling of the immigration crisis plaguing the nation.

"Trump just signed into law a bill that 99% of Americans know nothing about, which contains amnesty for millions of illegals, incentives for child trafficking, an expansion of Trump's deadly catch-and-release policies, less detention space for illegals, reductions of interior immigration law enforcement, new buildings and buses to bring more illegals into the U.S., raising of legal immigration levels, a measly \$1.3 billion for border fences, and severe restrictions on where border barriers can be built," ALIPAC declared in a recent press release.

Gheen's criticism of Trump did not stop there.

"Trump is a Judas Goat," Gheen boldly stated following the president's decision to sign the budget bill. "It is clear to me that Trump is not the man he campaigns to be, and he is complicit in passing a major policy bill in a disgusting way that prevented 99% of Americans from learning what is in the bill until after he made it a law, just like Obamacare. In truth, Trump shares Obama's tactics and immigration positions. The American patriots who see through Trump's lies and those who are upset by his signature on the amnesty budget bill today are the Americans we want to represent and give voice to at ALIPAC."

Columnist Ann Coulter, another former strong supporter of Trump who has been increasingly critical of the president in recent months, voiced her outrage at the spending bill and subsequent declaration of a national emergency. Coulter warned that "it's over" now that the president signed the spending bill, which essentially amounted to Trump surrendering and selling out



ANN COULTER

Conservative pundit Ann Coulter says that Trump's recent national emergency declaration is a ploy to appease his "stupidest voters."

his base on the main issues he campaigned on: ending illegal immigration, deporting illegal aliens already living here, and building a border wall to protect the sovereignty of America.

Coulter was equally critical of Trump's declaration of a national emergency, which she largely views as a ruse to placate his supporters. "The goal of a national emergency is for Trump to scam the stupidest people in his base for two more years," Coulter recently tweeted. She also went on to warn her followers—and the president—that once Trump signs the bill, there are no emergency powers to build a wall.

Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a hawkish immigration think tank, published a critique of the spending bill which pointed out that the bill essentially grants local governments along the southern border a veto over the construction of a border barrier in their jurisdiction, tying the hands of the federal government even further. Krikorian also noted that language in the bill prevents U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and other federal immigration enforcement authorities from detaining or removing illegals who have any relationship with an "unaccompanied" minor.

Brandon Darby, a leading reporter for Breitbart News who has been covering border issues for the conservative outlet, said that it is "almost going to be impossible to deport" illegal aliens crossing the border "if they have a minor with them" now that the bill is signed.

Nick Fuentes, a leading young conservative pundit, described the bill as "the worst immigration deal in history."

Suffice it to say, some of the country's leading immigration hawks—once the president's strongest supporters—are none too happy with the recent spending bill and subsequent declaration of a national emergency by the president. ★



Rep. Nancy Pelosi (far left) and Sen. Chuck Schumer (far right) are determined to do anything to thwart whatever President Trump and his administration try to accomplish. Afraid to shut down the government a second time, the president recently signed a bill that many of his supporters think was a monumental betrayal in that it conceded way too much to the Democrats on the issue of border security.

‘Trump the Tactician’ Outsmarted Media, Congress, Got More Funds Than He Sought

• After declaring border emergency, Trump stands to secure billions more for his wall

By Mark Anderson

The *New York Times* Feb. 15 edition, in the immediate wake of President Donald Trump’s declaration of an emergency at the southern border—which clears the way for his administration to construct new border-barrier sections and reinforce existing ones—carried no fewer than eight headlines for stories that, in varying degrees, lambasted the president for doing what he feels is necessary to protect the nation’s southern border.

While most media outlets cast the president’s move as a surefire magnet for multiple lawsuits, it’s helpful to peer behind such headlines to gain some appreciation of Trump’s actions.

Mike King, editor of the popular website “The Anti-New York Times,” sees the matter as a transparent attempt on the part of big-box media to mischaracterize Trump’s border-emergency decision—but the catch is that it appears Trump put one over on the media and on what King calls the “Demonrat” Party.

“In classic Sun Tzu fashion,” King wrote in an online post, referring to the ancient Chinese military strategist who advocated deception and guile over raw force, “Trump induces his enemies into believing that he is stupid [or unsophisticated] unto the ways of the politician. This works to his advantage. It is absolutely delightful to behold exactly how clueless the stupid left remains as to the political stratagems being played upon them.”

King pointed to the following *New York Times* passage as an example of the utter cluelessness of the journalists inhabiting today’s newsrooms: “Trying to regain momentum after losing a grinding two-month battle with lawmakers over funding the wall, Mr. Trump asserted that the flow of drugs, criminals, and illegal immigrants from Mexico constituted a profound threat to national security.”

But as King sees it, “Trump did not ‘lose a two-month battle’ over limited wall funding. He wanted the Demonrats to reject his demands all along. Why? So that he could declare an emergency and get unlimited funding instead.”

And even the *Times* admitted the funding realities, though it’s not altogether clear if the nation’s purported “newspaper of record” understands the full implications of its own reporting, to wit:

The border emergency declaration . . . enables Mr. Trump to divert \$3.6 billion budgeted for military construction projects to the border wall, White House officials said. [He] will also

Recent Presidential State of Emergency Declarations



President Barack Obama declared a national emergency 11 times and nine of those emergencies are still in effect, according to the Congressional Research Service. Those included ones related to the security of Libya, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine, South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Venezuela, and Burundi. Two more involved preventing malicious cyber-attacks and preventing terrorist funding. In other words, Obama’s declared nation emergencies were focused on the “emergency” security of foreign nations more often than not.

President Trump has declared national emergencies four times since taking office. One related to preventing human rights abuses, another was related to the internal situation in Nicaragua, another related to foreign meddling in U.S. elections, and now his state of emergency involving the southern border.

SEND US YOUR OPINION

We’d like to hear from AMERICAN FREE PRESS readers on this issue. In a poll we conducted several years ago, illegal immigration was the No. 1 concern of readers. Do you think President Trump has surrendered on border security? Do you think that he should have refused to sign this bill? Are his critics correct that his immigration policies are in reality very different from his predecessors? How should he have proceeded? Did he actually get what he wanted? Do you agree that this situation warranted a state of emergency declaration?

use more traditional presidential budgetary discretion to tap \$2.5 billion from counter-narcotics programs and \$600 million from a Treasury Department asset forfeiture fund. Combined with the \$1.375 billion authorized for fencing in a spending package passed by Congress [on Feb. 14, to avert another shutdown], Mr. Trump would then have about \$8 billion in all to advance construction of new barriers and repairs or replacement of existing barriers along the border this year, significantly more than the \$5.7 billion that Congress refused to give him.

Thus, it’s a safe bet that what Trump did—which the media, tone-deaf to well-honed strategies, failed to grasp—was to purposely ask Congress for much more money (\$5.7 billion) than he realistically thought he would get from the normal funding system with the Democrats running the House, in order to actually receive between \$1 billion and \$2 billion (he got \$1.375 billion), while knowing full well that the emergency declaration would net him even more than the \$5.7 billion. And it did—\$2.3 billion more, totaling \$8 billion. Meanwhile, fewer new tax dollars are needed and more existing funds, already budgeted, are being used—funds that evidently were pre-arranged so they could be used for the border.

This is a classic case of Trump the tactician at his very best.

Those who believe, like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and her ilk, that the border dangers on which the emergency is based are illusory, need only recall that some 700 illegal entrants were arrested in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas border sector alone the day after Trump’s Jan. 10 visit to the region—a calculated leadup to his eventual emergency declaration since his visit, covered by AFP, revealed broad Hispanic-American support for the wall. Meanwhile, informational forums in the valley also covered by this Texas-based AFP writer over the last few years have revealed that people from countries as far away as Pakistan and China are entering the U.S. illegally from the south, besides Central Americans and Mexicans.

And unknown elements, including criminal and terrorist figures, are known to be adjoined to the flow of average people, many of whom, including children, are endangered by open-border areas that incentivize the trafficking of people along with drugs, illegal guns, and other contraband. There is no “illusion.” ★

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Deep State's Favorite Conspiracy

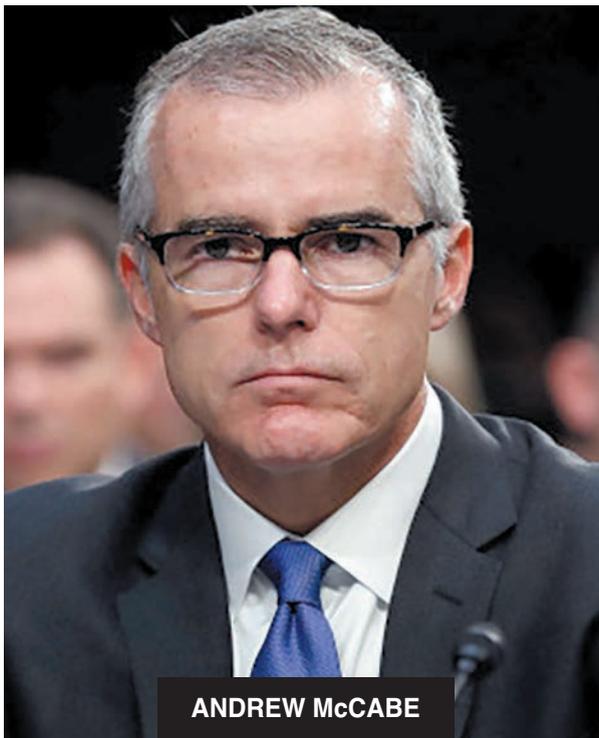
• Two years of intense investigation have turned up nothing to warrant ousting Trump

By Donald Jeffries

The same mainstream media that scoffed at any and all “conspiracy theories” that expose establishment crimes and corruption fell utterly in love with the notion that Russian officials colluded with the Trump campaign to sway the 2016 presidential election. All of the major press outlets—from *The New York Times* to *The Washington Post* to supposedly “cutting-edge” *Rolling Stone* magazine—have provided identical timelines of the fictitious scandal.

In a Feb. 12 story ringing with disappointment, NBC News admitted, “Democrats and other Trump opponents have long believed that special counsel Robert Mueller and congressional investigators would unearth new and more explosive evidence of Trump campaign coordination with Russians. Mueller may yet do so, although Justice Department and congressional sources say they believe that he, too, is close to wrapping up his investigation.” Those pushing the fanciful Russian “collusion” theory include America’s long-discredited intelligence agencies. These agencies have nonsensically suggested that what began as a conspiracy to sow chaos morphed into a plot that somehow engineered Trump’s victory.

Mueller’s two-year-old investigation has been soundly criticized, especially by those who recall his ugly connections to previous government crimes and coverups, including the events of 9/11. *USA Today* even recognized the futility of what Trump and others have called Mueller’s “witch hunt” with a recent headline reading “Robert



ANDREW McCABE

Former Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe is the latest intelligence service big-wig who has written a book blasting the president and justifying his own treasonous behavior. Most of the criticism centers on Trump’s desire to normalize relations with Russia. Unfortunately, the Deep State and prominent neocons have sabotaged this effort.

to releasing Mueller’s full report.

For those with short memories, the Russian “collusion” scenario was born out of the very real conspiracy by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to rob Bernie Sanders of the party presidential nomination, in favor of Deep State favorite Hillary Clinton. WikiLeaks released DNC emails that demonstrated this clearly. Julian Assange all but named young DNC staffer Seth Rich as the one who leaked these emails. Rich was murdered on July 10, 2016 in Washington, D.C. There was no apparent motive, and no one in the mainstream media or our two-party system has the least bit of interest in solving the crime. When Sean Hannity aired a broadcast in 2017 that gingerly raised some troubling questions about the case, the establishment did everything but get Hannity fired. Even though Fox News dutifully retracted the story, the family of Rich was so irate it launched a lawsuit against Fox News. The main source of their indignation was the very suggestion that Rich had exchanged emails with Assange and had been the source of the DNC leaks. Apparently, Rich’s loved ones are satisfied with the findings of the Washington, D.C. police department, that he was the victim of a random robbery attempt—during which he wasn’t robbed.

While there is never likely to appear any evidence of the Deep State’s Russian “collusion” fantasy, there is much to suggest a conspiracy by those attempting to bring down Trump by any means necessary. According to the news site “Axios.com,” “They [GOP House members] allege that [former Associate Deputy Attorney General] Bruce Ohr played an improper intermediary role between the Justice Department, British spy

Mueller Has Spent Two Years Investigating Trump, and He Hasn’t Said a Word. It’s Possible He Never Will.”

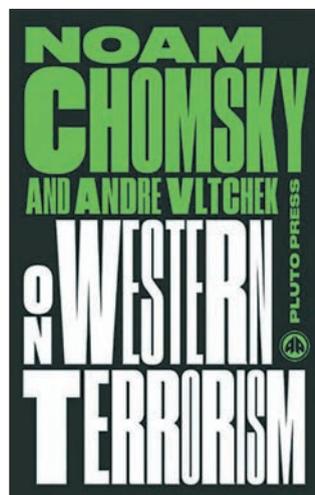
“A public narrative has built an expectation that the special counsel will explain his conclusions, but I think that expectation may be seriously misplaced,” explained John Pistole, Mueller’s long-time top deputy at the FBI. “That’s not what the rules provide, and I really don’t see him straying from the mission. That’s not who he is.”

Trump’s new Attorney General William Barr, curiously known to have long been close friends with Mueller, told lawmakers he couldn’t commit

On Western Terrorism

By Noam Chomsky

Admired by some, condemned by others, and feared by all, the military might of the West is undeniably colossal. In *On Western Terrorism*, world-renowned intellectual Noam Chomsky discusses Western power and propaganda with filmmaker and investigative journalist Andre Vltchek. Beginning with stories of the New York newsstand where Chomsky started his political education as a teenager, the discussion broadens out to encompass colonialism, imperial control, propaganda, the Arab Spring, and drone warfare. Chomsky and Vltchek offer a powerful critique of the legacy of colonialism, touching upon many countries including Syria, Nicaragua, Cuba, China, Chile, and Turkey. Updated with a fresh design and a new foreword by Chomsky, *On Western Terrorism* remains an influential and powerful critique of the West’s role in the world, inspiring all who read it to think independently and critically. Softcover, 208 pages, \$20 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. from AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET.



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Christopher Steele, and Fusion GPS—the opposition research firm that produced the Trump-Russia dossier, funded by Democrats.” Ohr’s wife worked for Fusion GPS and helped compile the infamous Steele dossier, and Ohr’s failure to include this information about his wife’s employment on federal conflict-of-interest forms is itself a violation of federal law. GPS Fusion is known to have been funded by Mrs. Clinton, and Mueller’s top operative Andrew Weissmann was aware of all these troubling connections. The Steele dossier was where one of the most bizarre, least credible allegations against Trump sprang from, that the Russian government had taped Trump watching Russian prostitutes urinating on a Moscow bed in 2013. Former FBI Director James Comey seemed entirely open to this possibility in his book last year, and told ABC News, “I honestly never thought these words would come out of my mouth, but I don’t know whether the current president of the United States was with prostitutes peeing on each other in Moscow in 2013. It’s possible, but I don’t know.”

In September 2018, an anonymous White House official wrote an infamous op-ed published in *The New York Times*, with the sensational heading, “I Am Part of the Resistance Inside the Trump Administration: I work for the president but like-minded colleagues and I have vowed to thwart parts of his agenda and his worst inclinations.” The *Times* explained to its readers: “The *Times* is taking the rare step of publishing an anonymous op-ed essay. We have done so at the request of the author, a senior official in the Trump administration whose identity is known to us and whose job would be jeopardized by its disclosure.” The op-ed referred to Trump’s “mis-

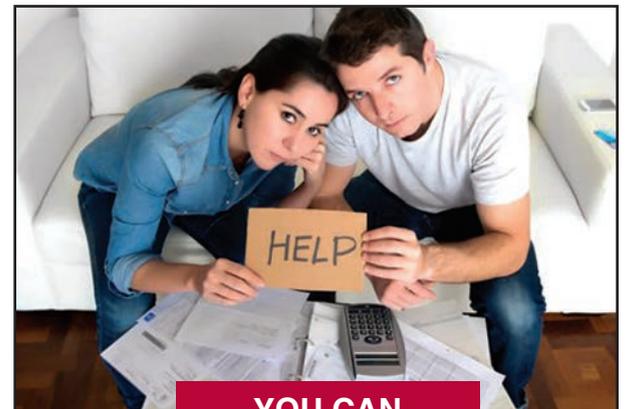
guided impulses.” Speculation ran high about the identity of this “senior official,” with many suspecting it was none other than Vice President Mike Pence.

In late February, former Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe told CBS News that Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein had raised the possibility of invoking the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office, after he fired Comey. McCabe also revealed that he had ordered an investigation into whether Trump had obstructed justice in alleged attempts to block inquiries into Russian election meddling. McCabe claimed Rosenstein was “counting votes or possible votes” of cabinet members he felt might support the removal of the president. A few months back, CNN had reported that Rosenstein discussed wearing a wire to record conversations with Trump, and *The New York Times* reported that an anonymous “senior official” in the Trump administration had spoken about “early whispers within the cabinet of invoking the 25th Amendment.” Trump called McCabe a “disgrace” and accused him of having “no credibility.” McCabe is the author of the new book *The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump*.

There is a long history of electoral fraud in America, but none of it has been coordinated by Russians. The supposed “collusion” between Trump and Russia appears to be a rare establishment-fueled conspiracy theory, promulgated to deflect attention away from our very real, home-grown corruption. ★

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Israel, Neocons Push War With Iran

• Major European leaders boycott event in Poland attended by U.S., Israel, Saudis

By Richard Walker

War was on the agenda of a recent anti-Iran conference in Poland where Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that the Trump administration shared with him and his Arab allies, especially the Saudis, a desire for war with Iran.

Hours later, his spokesman walked back the statement, claiming Netanyahu had used English, which was not his first language, and what he really meant was that they were all keen to combat Iran. The excuse was ridiculous given that Netanyahu speaks fluent English. He wanted everyone to know what was agreed.

The two-day conference was organized by National Security Adviser John Bolton and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Vice President Mike Pence and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner attended, along with Saudi leader Mohammed bin Salman (MBS). Major European leaders boycotted the event, suspecting it would be used by neocons to promote a war with Iran and to attack the Iran nuclear treaty that is still supported by the EU, Russia, and China. Their suspicions were well-founded.

A European diplomat, who spoke to this writer on condition of anonymity, said many European Union (EU) figures felt that the event was an insult to Europe and that its planning was murky from the start.

"EU policymakers were incensed that Netanyahu and MBS were brought into an EU capi-



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tal to promote war," he said. "They were unhappy that MBS was present, given his recent history and his war crimes in Yemen. No one was shocked by Netanyahu's grandstanding because we all know his *shtick*. The consensus was that if Washington wanted to promote war, it should have done it in Washington, Riyadh, or Tel Aviv."

Former Polish Ambassador to Afghanistan Piotr Lukaszewicz lamented that the wishes of European leaders for a peaceful solution to the divide between the U.S. and Iran had been ignored at the recent conference on Iran in Poland. Instead, the conference turned into a pow-wow for war.

The diplomat thought it was "unfortunate" that Pence used the occasion to attack his European allies for their continued support of Iran's international nuclear agreement. He added that this "loose behavior" had the potential to drive a wedge between Europe and the United States.

There was some speculation on the fringes of the conference, as well as in Israel, that Netanyahu's war drumbeat was a wag-the-dog strategy, as he faces serious fraud and corruption charges at home, with a national election likely in May or June.

There was fear in some European institutions that Netanyahu and MBS have now found neocons in Washington like Bolton who are willing to take the U.S. to war in the Middle East. The event certainly raised the specter of a return to neocons dominating American foreign policy. Bolton is on record advocating the bombing of Iran, and his past history of promoting wars has been well documented. Fellow neocon Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, attended the conference to advocate for regime change in Iran, something he has done in the past. He is a paid backer of MEK—Mujahideen e-Khalq—a group designated by the U.S., the EU and Canada as a terrorist organiza-

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Shown are injured Iranians lying on the ground at the scene of a September 2018 attack on a military parade marking the anniversary of the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif blamed the terror attack on “regional terror sponsors and their U.S. masters”—a distinct possibility.

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tion until 2013. It has organized bombings in Iraq and has had links to Mossad and the CIA. Its origins are Marxist, which makes it a strange bed-fellow in its relations with the likes of Giuliani and Bolton. For two decades, it has spent large sums of money using Washington lobbyists to promote its cause and to find backers like Giuliani.

Some observers complained that the conference was hijacked by warmongers, with former Polish ambassador to Afghanistan Piotr Lukaszewicz telling Mideast news agency al Jazeera that Poland “lost control over the general message of the conference.”

While the event was taking place a suicide bomber killed 27 members of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard. Blame was quickly levelled at Jundullah, the Party of God, a Sunni terror group affiliated with al Qaeda. It has known links to Mossad, the CIA, and especially Saudi intelligence, which has been paying al Qaeda fighters to undertake operations in the Saudi war in Yemen and in Iran. The timing of the attack was regarded by Iran as significant, coming as it did while the Warsaw conference was taking place.

The growing role of neocons in U.S. foreign policy is at odds with Trump’s promises to stay out of wars abroad. Some of those neocons include right-wing Zionist Elliott Abrams, who has been given a prominent role in the Venezuelan crisis. He

has been linked in the past to covert operations in Latin America and was an Iraq war adviser and cheerleader. However, Bolton is the most prominent figure with the scope to develop a plan with Israel and the Saudis to draw Iran into a conflict. Last September, he startled Pentagon chiefs when he demanded a battle plan for Iraq after several mortar shells were fired into the Green Zone in Baghdad. Bolton regarded the episode, in which there was no damage and no one was hurt, as an act of war.

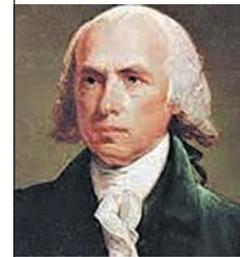
Russia could also be drawn into a Mideast war should one be launched against its ally, Iran, because such a conflict would spread quickly into Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria, where Moscow has allies and military assets.

Netanyahu and Bolton, and now Pence, keep lying that Iran is secretly working on a nuclear weapon to wipe Israel off the map. If they and the Saudis can convince Trump that this is true, the chances of war will increase exponentially.

In the wake of the Warsaw conference, Netanyahu’s mouth got him in trouble again when he was quoted in leading Israeli newspapers accusing the Poles of a role in the Holocaust. Netanyahu claimed he was misquoted, but his denial was dismissed by Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, who canceled a trip to Jerusalem for a major European conference. ★

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Buying Back the Iron Dome

• U.S. taxpayers are being ripped off as Army buys back what we paid to develop

By Philip Giraldi

Even if one spends years exploring the dark corners infested by Israel's agents and its diaspora proxies in their successful effort to control much of Capitol Hill and the White House, it is still possible to be shocked by the effrontery of what many have dubbed the 51st state.

In early February, the U.S. Army announced that it would be buying Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system to protect American troops against incoming rockets, artillery shells, and mortar rounds. The sale means that the United States, which has the largest and most advanced defense industries in the world, is now agreeing to buy some of its military hardware from Israel rather than producing its own equivalent version.

The Iron Dome was developed and produced by Israeli government-owned Rafael Advanced Defense Systems company with some assistance from Raytheon in the United States. It has been operational since 2011 and was deployed to intercept mostly homemade incoming rockets from Hamas during Israel's large-scale ground and air attacks on Gaza in 2012 and 2014 as well as in the more recent bloody clashes along the border fences that separate Israel from Gaza, which have killed nearly 3,000 Arabs.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu inevitably took credit for the sale, describing it as "a great achievement for Israel and yet another expression of the strengthening of our powerful alliance with the U.S." The U.S. Army is committed to buy two Iron Dome batteries for deployment next year for \$373 million as a first phase of a possible \$1.7 billion procurement to develop an enhanced mobile missile defense capability. It is believed that the purchase could lead to far bigger



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deals if Rafael proves able to upgrade Iron Dome to defeat the more complex battlefield threats envisioned by the Pentagon.

There are a number of problems related to the agreement to purchase Iron Dome. First of all, there is some dispute about whether it actually works. Israeli government sources unsurprisingly claim that it does, but some critics believe that its actual success rate might be considerably lower than the 90% that is being claimed by Rafael and by the Israeli government based on 1,700 reported interceptions. It has been observed that intercepting an incoming bottle rocket is a relatively easy task compared to an artillery or mortar round, which have lower trajectories and less

Smug Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took credit for the sale of the Iron Dome defense system, describing it as "a great achievement for Israel and yet another expression of the strengthening of our powerful alliance with the U.S." Of course he was happy: He got the Pentagon to buy back what America had already paid to research and develop.

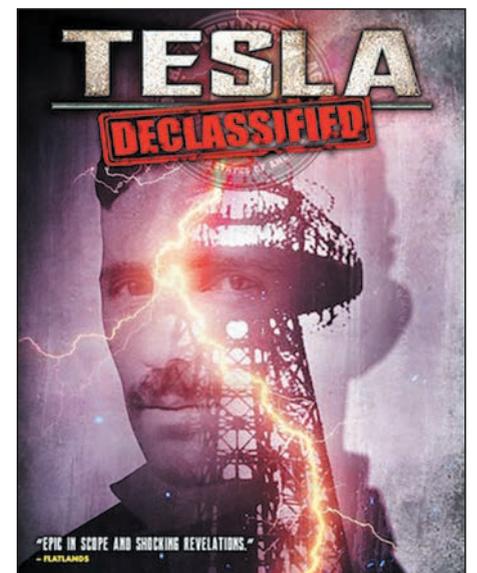
flight time, making locking in the system's radar more difficult. And, as Iron Dome has not been used with any frequency against enemies firing military-grade rockets, mortars or artillery, so the testing of it has not been fully subjected to the actual field conditions if the U.S. Army were to deploy the system.

The second problem involves the purchase itself. According to a report examining the Iron Dome project, the United States has already provided at least \$5.5 billion of the development costs of the system since it was first proposed in 2010. In 2018, Congress provided an additional \$705 million to the Israeli government for various missile defense projects, which included Iron Dome. That means that Washington is buying back a system that it paid to develop and is therefore paying for it twice. This is a wonderful way to do business for Israel, but it is a complete rip-off of the American taxpayer. The fact that no one in Congress is complaining is perhaps attributable to the willingness of the government to do favors for Israel, including favors that undercut the U.S.'s own defense industries, as Israel will undoubtedly use reports of the sale to boost its own efforts to market the product worldwide.

A third problem is the cost effectiveness of the system, even if it does work. Each Iron Dome battery will cost close to \$125 million, but actually

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The Pentagon plays fast and loose with taxpayer money, as shown by the U.S. Army's willingness to pay Israel for its Iron Dome defense system (above) even though U.S. taxpayers paid for the research and development of the system and have already given Israel tens of billions of dollars over recent decades.

using the system is also expensive. Each Iron Dome-compatible Israeli-developed Tamir missile costs between \$50,000 and \$150,000, and two are normally used to counter each incoming target. In operations against homemade rockets emanating from Gaza, that means that \$100,000-\$300,000 is spent to destroy a projectile that might have cost less than \$1,000 to make if one is dealing with resistance groups, insurgencies, or terrorist organizations that might be improvising their armaments. And, as the supply of missiles is depleted either in training or in actual combat, it will be necessary to go back to Israel for more, creating a regular cash flow for government-owned Rafael.

When all is said and done, if the U.S. Army has no defense against low-level missile and projectile attacks and Iron Dome is the only tested option available, then there would be a certain desirability to obtain the system for deployment in parts of the world where the military faces that kind of threat. But, as is often the case when it comes to Israel, one has to suspect that politics are quite likely behind the purchase, most particularly in the form of Pentagon officials and congressmen who are desirous of enhancing the benefit packages that Israel receives from U.S. taxpayers.

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The bottom line should be the bottom line. If the United States has contributed more than \$6 billion to the development of Israel's military anti-missile defenses and actually needs Iron Dome, there should be payback. The two batteries should be freely provided to the U.S. Army as a thank you from the grateful people of Israel for the unprecedented financial aid totaling \$134 billion since 1948, as well as the virtually unlimited political cover for Israel's bad behavior that the American people have provided for the past 70-plus years. Perhaps someone on Capitol Hill or in the White House should remind Netanyahu of the \$38 billion that Congress has just approved for Israel on top of all the money that has already gone to Iron Dome. This presents a wonderful opportunity for Israel to finally demonstrate its willingness to do something for the United States, a reciprocity which its powerful American lobby always boasts about but which has never actually been the case in practice. ★

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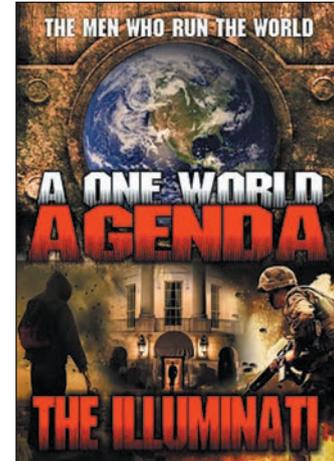
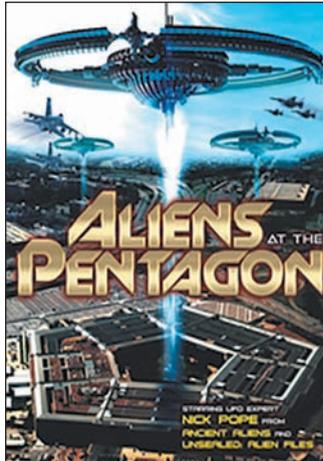
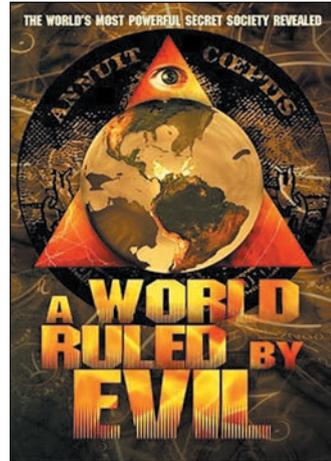
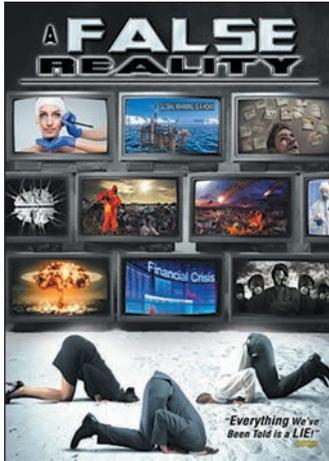
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Congress Has Neutered Itself

• The people are weary of lying politicians on left and right and prefer “doers” over “talkers”

By Patrick J. Buchanan

“If you look at Trump in America and Bolsonaro in Brazil, you see that people want politicians that do what they promise,” said Spanish businessman Juan Carlos Perez Carreno. The Spaniard was explaining to *The New York Times* what lay behind the rise of Vox, which the *Times* calls “Spain’s first far-right party since the end of the Franco dictatorship in 1975.” Indeed, the growing impatience of peoples with elected leaders and legislators who cannot or will not act decisively explains two realities of our time: the eclipse of Congress and the rise of autocracy worldwide.

In condemning President Donald Trump’s decision to declare a national emergency and use Pentagon funds to build his wall, Beltway elites have charged the president with a multitude of sins against the Constitution.

He has usurped the “power of the purse” that the Founding Fathers invested in Congress. He has disregarded the “checks and balances” of Madisonian democracy. He is acting like an imperial president.

Yet the decline of Congress is not a recent phenomenon. And the principal collaborator in its fall from grace, from being “the first branch of government” to the least esteemed, has been Congress itself, its own timidity and cowardice.

Contrast, if you will, the now-inveterate torpor and inaction of Congress with how presidents, declared by historians to be great or near great, have acted.

- Thomas Jefferson seized upon Napoleon’s sudden offer to sell the vast Louisiana territory for \$15 million in an act of dubious constitutionality by Jefferson’s own judgment. History has validated his decision.

- Andrew Jackson—“John Marshall has made his decision; now let him enforce it!”—shoved aside a Supreme Court ruling denying him the right to transfer the Indians of Florida to the middle of the country.

- Abraham Lincoln arrested Maryland legislators to prevent a secessionist-minded legislature from meeting, violated the habeas corpus rights of thousands, ordered Chief Justice Roger Taney arrested, shut down newspapers, and, in January 1863, declared free all the slaves of every state still in rebellion against the Union.

- “I took Panama!” said Theodore Roosevelt, whose agents helped rebels shear off the province from Colombia to build his canal.

- FDR ordered some 110,000 Japanese, 75,000 of them U.S. citizens, into detention camps in 1942 for the duration of the war.



The United States is not the only nation where the people have made it clear that they don’t like do-nothing politicians who make promises and then don’t even try to deliver. In Brazil, for instance, tough-talking President Jair Bolsonaro (right) and his vice president, Gustavo Bebianno, have vowed to forego politics as usual—and political correctness—to “make Brazil great again.”

- Without authorization from Congress, Harry Truman ordered U.S. troops into South Korea in 1950 to resist the invasion by North Korea, calling it a police action.

- Though a Republican House voted against attacking Serbia in 1998, Bill Clinton continued his 78-day bombing campaign until Belgrade yielded up its cradle province of Kosovo.

Yet while presidents have acted decisively, without congressional authorization and sometimes unconstitutionally, Congress has failed to defend, and even surrendered, its legitimate constitutional powers.

- Congress’s authority “to regulate commerce with foreign nations” has been largely ceded to the executive branch, with Congress agreeing to confine itself to a “yea” or “nay” vote on whatever trade treaty the White House negotiates and sends to the Hill.

- Congress’s authority to “coin money” and “regulate the value thereof” was long ago transferred to the Federal Reserve.

- Congress’s power to declare war has been ignored by presidents since Truman. Authorizations for the use of military force have replaced declarations of war, with presidents deciding how broadly they may be interpreted.

In declaring the national emergency on Feb. 15, Trump rested his case on authority given the president by Congress in the National Emergencies Act of 1976.

The Supreme Court has usurped Congress’s powers with impunity as well. While the civil rights acts of the 1960s were enacted by Congress, the desegregation of U.S. public schools was simply ordered by the Warren Court in 1954.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Congress sat indolent as busing for racial balance was imposed on countless school districts by federal judges.

As the Supreme Court, for decades, exploited the establishment clause of the First Amendment to de-Christianize all public schools and public places, Congress did nothing. A triumphant court then moved on to declare abortion and same-sex marriage constitutional rights.

Yet Congress had the latent power, in Article III, Section 2, to restrict the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and every other federal court. But the big stick the founders left for Congress to corral a runaway Supreme Court was never picked up, never used.

High among the reasons Trump was elected was that, for all his flaws and failings, he was seen as a doer, a man who “gets things done.”

And high among the reasons that autocrats are on the rise is that the centrist parties being shoved aside are perceived as having failed the people in their most basic demands—fewer migrants, more secure borders, preservation of national identity, putting their own people and their own country first.

Whatever may be said of the autocrats, be it Trump, Putin or Xi Jinping, they are not talkers but doers. They act. And they may very well own the future. ★

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Vote Yes on Solo Trade Deals or U.S. Will Abrogate NAFTA Treaty

• Congress should pass USMCA as it's a better deal than NAFTA

By Robert Romano

At the Feb. 5 State of the Union address President Donald Trump once again appealed to both chambers of Congress to adopt the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) or he will pull the U.S. out of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

“Our new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement will replace NAFTA and deliver for American workers, bringing back our manufacturing jobs, expanding American agriculture, protecting intellectual property, and ensuring that more cars are proudly stamped with four beautiful words: ‘Made in the USA,’” Trump said at the speech.

The agreement itself appears to improve on NAFTA from the perspective of U.S. producers and American workers, as the U.S. achieved significant concessions on country of origin requirements, labor, agriculture, currency, intellectual property, financial services, and textiles.

The biggest incentive to pass it, however, may be that Trump has threatened to leave NAFTA altogether if Congress does not pass USMCA. Under fast-track rules, a vote on the new trade agreement is mandatory.

On Dec. 1, 2018, Trump told reporters, “I’ll be terminating [NAFTA] within a relatively short period of time. We get rid of NAFTA. It’s been a disaster for the United States . . . and so Congress will have a choice of the USMCA or pre-NAFTA, which worked very well.”

Here, Trump would be invoking Article 2205 of NAFTA, which states, “A party may withdraw from this agreement six months after it provides written notice of withdrawal to the other parties.” That’s

the president’s trump card.

Congress should be addressing the trade agreement on its merits, which are well worth considering.

Country of origin requirements are being increased to 75%, up from 62.5%, which requires automobiles to have at least three-quarters of their parts made in North America.

Mexico will have to recognize the right of collective bargaining, and all parties agreed that “40-45% of auto content be made by workers earning at least \$16 per hour,” according to the U.S. Trade Representative. This is a big step in leveling the playing field. In 2016, average pay in Mexico for manufacturing was \$3.91 an hour. In 2017, the Associated Press ran a report entitled “In Mexico, \$2 per hour workers make \$40,000 SUVs.” This is a tremendous concession and most certainly an improvement on NAFTA from a U.S. producer perspective.

On agriculture, Canada is granting the U.S. greater access to its dairy market.

On intellectual property, cross-border copyrights, trademarks, and patents will be enforceable to cut back on knock-offs, plus additional protections will be granted for pharmaceutical and agricultural producers.

In terms of textiles, the agreement will “promote greater use of made-in-the-USA fibers, yarns, and fabrics by: limiting rules that allow for some use of non-NAFTA inputs in textile and apparel trade . . . [and by] requiring that sewing thread, pocketing fabric, narrow elastic bands, and coated fabric, when incorporated in most apparel and other finished products, be made in the region for those finished products to qualify for trade benefits,” according to the U.S. Trade Representative’s office.

These are all wins for U.S. producers and workers. There’s something in it for everyone.



Donald Trump’s replacement for the disastrous NAFTA agreement is head and shoulders above that bad treaty. Though not perfect, this new trade deal benefits the U.S. in a number of ways, including a provision that requires autoworkers in Mexico to be paid a minimum of \$16 an hour, leveling the competitive playing field.

Overall, Trump is doing exactly what he promised to do in the Rust Belt states he picked up in 2016. Those were the states that put him over the top in the electoral college.

Surely those voters were listening when Trump mentioned them again in the State of the Union address, saying, “I have met the men and women of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, New Hampshire, and many other states whose dreams were shattered by NAFTA. For years, politicians promised them they would negotiate for a better deal. But no one ever tried—until now.” ★

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How They're Localizing Globalism

• “Resilient Chicago” signals stepped-up localization of internationalist agenda in U.S.

By Mark Anderson

Think tanks in the United States and abroad in symbiosis with the internationalist Bilderberg group and other top-tier globalist planners are bypassing the federal government and deepening their quest to localize globalism. A striking case in point is the Feb. 14 unveiling of the “Resilient Chicago” plan, which calls on the Windy City to adopt radical, far-left environmental and social policies at the expense of locals.

The plan is an outgrowth of the North American Climate Summit in Chicago held in December 2017. That summit, the first of its kind held by the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy—a European Union-created entity presided over by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg—produced the Chicago Climate Charter, which adheres to the ongoing “global cities” movement.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has already signed an executive order, committing unwitting Chicagoans to the goals of the globalist 2015 Paris Agreement. This act was not only pushback against President Donald Trump for backing the U.S. out of that pact but also because the nation-state itself is being constantly marginalized as participating mayors unconstitutionally act as international ambassadors under the global-cities rubric. The grand deception is that, with several nation-states shunning world government in the current populist uprising, the institutional structures, personnel, and ideology of global governance can be marshalled in through the back door via cities, states, and regions.



RAHM EMANUEL

“Resilient Chicago is more than environmental policy and more than climate change,” Emanuel, formerly President Barack Obama’s chief of staff, told the Chicago Council on Global Affairs (CCGA) audience at its Randolph Street conference center.

Chicago is partnering with 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), an organization pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation whose core goal is the development of 100 resilient cities around the world; Chicago is the 50th.

“Resilient Chicago takes a deep dive into these challenges, such as equity and limited social mo-

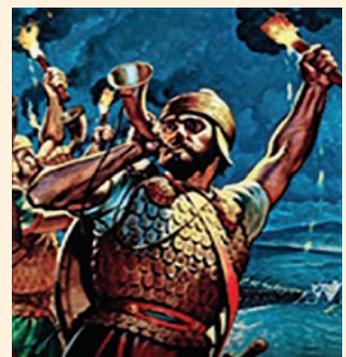
bility” and seeks to build a city with “inclusion for all and interconnectedness,” said 100RC President Michael Berkowitz, adding, “It’s essential to break down silos that prevent collaboration within and between government and communities.”

Besides “inclusion” being code for embracing radical social progressivism, that cryptic “silos” remark is ultimately about blurring or erasing the lines between separate and distinct (“siloed”) institutions in the public and private sectors. The idea, alluded to at the CCGA program, is to create a more monolithic governance-business-social support structure and diminish the relative independence of universities, medical systems, sports organizations, insurance systems etc. in order to merge their most essential functions into a collective hub.

Under Resilient Chicago, Emanuel is calling for a costly all-electric Chicago Transit Authority bus fleet by 2040 with the city run by 100% renewable energy by 2035, in coordination with the Sierra Club’s “Ready for 100” program.

Few would argue with those “resilient” ideas, or with urban gardening, and cleaner, quieter, faster mass transit systems etc., but the price is steep, for under this “Resilient” designation, with its “smart city” public surveillance systems, mergers, and realignments, the evident end-game is to move global controls to the local level—with no authority in the way to stop them. ★

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Government Not Serving the Citizens

• Plutocrats the only winners when Pelosi sells out healthcare and Pompeo sells out peace

By Paul Craig Roberts

The U.S. health system is the most high-cost and dysfunctional healthcare system in the world. The reason is that it is privatized. In the rest of Western civilization the system is socialized.

The reason healthcare is socialized in civilized countries is not only to provide healthcare to citizens who otherwise could not afford it but also to reduce the cost. In a privatized system, a profit has to be turned at every level: the general practitioner, the specialist, the diagnostic facility, the ambulance service, the emergency room, the hospital, the hospice, the health insurance company. All of these levels of profit build up the cost.

In the hybrid system with which the U.S. is afflicted, regulation drives the cost even higher. It is not only government regulation because of Medicare and Medicaid, but also private regulation imposed by private insurance companies. In America, alone in the world, medical care comes second to paperwork.

Doctors working in medical clinics have to dictate the results of each patient seen, the diagnosis, the treatment, and so forth, in sufficient detail to satisfy the payer of the bill, whether public or private. The dictation time eats into the doctor's treatment time. In other words, the paperwork requirements reduce the amount of time the doctor has to see patients. The paperwork also requires nurses to organize and compile it. And this is not the end of it.

Healthcare corporations employ people to monitor the doctors to make sure the physician dictates enough to create a record that Medicare,



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi are doing U.S. citizens a disservice by pushing war and forced healthcare on the American public.

Medicaid, or the private insurance company will accept as evidence of billable service.

Even a libertarian economist who views the massive costs upon costs of the American system cannot find any economies to attribute to private enterprise.

In a socialized healthcare system, none of the many levels require a profit in order to continue to operate. As there is no billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies by private corporations, there is no need for the high cost of

preventing fraud. Nurses and doctors can attend to patients instead of paperwork. Of course, in any system cost-saving regulations can expand cost-producing bureaucracies, and no system will work well without moral and virtue rules that instill a compassionate and responsible attitude on the part of healthcare providers.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the cost of healthcare in the U.S. would diminish dramatically if the U.S. had a socialized healthcare system in which there is no profit, no paperwork, only healthcare. And this is why it will not happen.

In the U.S. system, healthcare is profitable to private interests. They are concerned with their profits, not with the cost of healthcare to people. It is profitable to all the fraud prevention, public and private, bureaucracies. It is profitable to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, as private healthcare companies are major donors.

If you doubt this, consider that Democrats, or many of them, say that they are for a single-payer healthcare system, by which they mean a socialized healthcare system in which there is no profit and no regulatory cost. But they are not really in favor of such a system as Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's health policy aide made clear to private insurance company executives. Pelosi's healthcare adviser, Wendell Primus, pledged Democratic Party support to the insurance industry in the fight against single-payer healthcare.

Pelosi's plan is to achieve "universal coverage" via the Obama Affordable Care Act. This misnamed legislation achieves health coverage for Americans by mandating that they purchase private insurance policies for their health insurance. Many Americans have not, because the premiums, together with the deductible and co-pays, are so high that few can afford to use the policy. The perfect deal for a health insurance company is to collect a premium on a policy whose deductibles and copays make it too expensive to use.

What we need to ask ourselves is: Why can't we Americans get affordable healthcare? A socialized system could pay high salaries to doctors and nurses to guarantee their commitment. Their education could be subsidized. Pharmaceutical companies can be nationalized. Scientists dedicated to finding cures don't care who they work for. The entrepreneurial argument is a red herring.

The answer is that government does not serve the citizens. Government is just another private business that serves those whose campaign contributions put senators, representatives, and presidents in office. What liberals, conservatives, and libertarians do not understand is that government is a private activity like a capitalist business, not a public organization.

Government is just another privatized sector. It serves those who pay. As people needing healthcare can seldom pay, the system is in the hands of the private insurance companies.

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ever have is the reform that drives the cost of healthcare even higher.

Pelosi's sellout to the insurance companies is more evidence that the concept of "public goods," that is, the government's provision of goods and services to citizens, needs rethinking. For example, consider national defense. In what sense is the massive U.S. military-security complex budget a public good as contrasted with taxpayer-provided profit to a small number of subsidy-seeking private corporations? In what sense does U.S. foreign policy serve the public as opposed to the armaments corporations, oil companies, and Israel lobby? It is impossible to look at the U.S. government budget and not see that it feeds private interest groups with strong lobbies.

Consider the symbiotic relationship between foreign policy and the military-security budget. The massive Pentagon budget and the massive power of the CIA and NSA require a dangerous enemy; thus, U.S. foreign policy creates the "Russian threat," the "Chinese threat," the "Iranian threat," the "al Qaeda threat," the "ISIS threat," the "Saddam Hussein threat," the "Qaddafi threat," the "Assad threat," and now Venezuela's "Maduro threat." In order to maximize profits, the military-security complex increases the risks of war. In other words, the profits come at an expense greater than the budget imposed on taxpayers. In the case of war with Russia, the cost is the destruction of life on Earth.

Propaganda serves the same role in democracies as it does in dictatorships. The public has to be deceived in order for citizens to accept an agenda that serves others more than themselves. The public's patriotism and gullibility pave the way for propaganda's success. Currently, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton are preparing the public for U.S. military intervention in Venezuela with false claims that Cuba has taken control of Venezuela's security apparatus, and Hezbollah and Iran have active cells operating in Venezuela. This alleged risk to America has "to be taken down" in Venezuela and "all across the globe."

All over the Western world the public has been sold out by government; yet only in France is there any effective protest. ★

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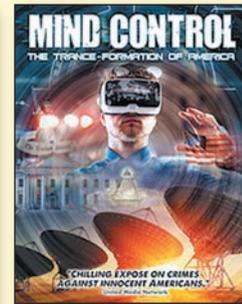
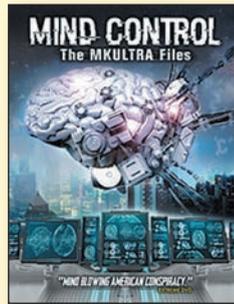
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Is Rep. Omar Anti-Semitic?

• U.S. official vilified for questioning power of pro-Israel lobby

By John Friend

Rep. Ilhan Omar is a Somali-born first-term progressive Democrat representing Minnesota's fifth congressional district who came to America as a refugee in 1995. Recently, she sparked outcry and ignited a debate over just what constitutes "anti-Semitism" following comments she made on Twitter pointing out the tremendous influence the network of pro-Israel lobbies—particularly the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)—has over Congress.

Since taking office, Omar and other liberal representatives, including Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.), have voiced support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement directed against Israel and have been generally critical of the Zionist regime's brutal treatment of the native Christian and Muslim Palestinian population living under Israeli occupation. For holding such controversial opinions, Omar and Tlaib have been accused of "anti-Semitism," with Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), the Republican minority leader in the House, vowing earlier this month to "take action" against both Omar and Tlaib if the Democratic majority failed to do so.

"If they do not take action I think you'll see action from myself," McCarthy, who calls himself a conservative, told reporters on Capitol Hill shortly before the controversy began. "This cannot sustain itself. It's unacceptable in this country."

McCarthy's attempt to enforce political correctness, stifle criticism of the Israel lobby, and attack free speech did not go unnoticed. Glenn Greenwald, an astute, hard-hitting far-left journalist who is also Jewish, tweeted an article highlighting McCarthy's hysterical condemnation of Omar and Tlaib, pointing out that the GOP leader wanted to punish both women for simply being critical of Israel.

"It's stunning how much time U.S. political leaders spend defending a foreign nation even if it means attacking free-speech rights of Americans," Greenwald noted in his tweet.

Omar then re-tweeted Greenwald's original tweet, adding a bit of commentary herself. "It's all about the Benjamins baby," Omar pointed out in her re-tweet, implying that McCarthy and other congressional representatives are quick to do the bidding of the Israel lobby and attack those who are critical of Zionism due to the large campaign contributions the pro-Israel community showers upon subservient elected officials.

Omar's simple tweet generated hysterical outcry from a number of leading politicians, political pundits, journalists, and political activists from across the political spectrum. In response to Batya Ungar-Sargon, the opinion editor of *The Jewish Daily Forward*, Omar singled out AIPAC as being a major player in buying and influencing U.S. politicians, an obvious reality for anyone paying attention to how Congress actually works. For making such basic, easily observable, matter-of-fact statements, Omar has been denounced by virtually the entire political establishment, with some, including President Donald Trump himself, calling for her resignation.

Omar quickly apologized following the outcry and condemnation. "Anti-Semitism is real and I am grateful for Jewish allies and colleagues who are educating me on the painful history of anti-Semitic tropes," Omar stated in her public apology. "My intention is never to offend my constituents or Jewish Americans as a whole."

Despite the outrage and hysteria, Omar's basic message—that AIPAC and the vast network of pro-Israel lobbies operating in D.C. more generally have incredible influence over American politics due to their ability to fundraise and generate support for sympathetic politicians—is undoubtedly true, as readers of this newspaper know well. Some pundits were bold enough to admit as much, including Ady Barkan, a Jewish author and



ILHAN OMAR

political organizer who wrote a commendable piece for *The Nation* following Omar's controversial tweets.

"As a Jew, an Israeli citizen, and a professional lobbyist (ahem, activist), I speak from personal experience when I say that AIPAC is tremendously effective, and the lubricant that makes its operation hum is dollar bills," Barkan frankly argued.

In the article, Barkan went on to describe AIPAC lobbyists working on Capitol Hill as "the best in the business," a persuasive argument considering how subservient virtually the entire Congress is toward the pro-Israel lobby and the public policy positions it energetically and enthusiastically champions.

The controversy sparked by Omar has proved once again how the media and political establishment use weaponized buzzwords such as "anti-Semitism" to demonize and denounce any honest, legitimate criticism of Israel and the pro-Israel lobby dominating Washington, D.C. ★

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Ending War Makes America Great Again

This is a reply to Richard Walker's article on war with China in a recent issue of AFP. Walker says this would be a no-win war because both the U.S. and China would lose, and I agree. We are now in an economic war with China, however, and they are winning. All China has to do is wait until the U.S. spends itself into bankruptcy and keeps its borders open to third-world immigration. Another way China could win would be to sell the \$2 trillion of U.S. debt they hold. That would collapse the dollar.

If the U.S. goes to war with China, we wouldn't have all of the cheap Chinese goods to buy nor would we have China to buy our Treasury bonds. It's a no-win situation for both countries.

Wars are fought so the small minority can profit and the majority gets to pay. Wars are also fought so admirals, generals, and the Pentagon crowd can glorify themselves. Let's end the wars and bring our troops home and put them on the Mexican border. Let's put America first. Let's make America great again.

LEE SMOOT JR.
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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Hail to the chief, President Donald Trump. He is absolutely correct to declare, "Bring our troops home." His actions emphasize his honest words that he is much concerned for America and the citizenry. Not since President Ronald Reagan have we had an American president of such concern. Peace should be everyone's concern. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

JOANN LYNCH
Connecticut

Help Make America Great

President Donald Trump says he's going to make America great again. Yeah, right. It all sounded good while he was a renegade bucking the old-time political hucksters, but he's slowly becoming a



Republican in name only (RINO) himself. This 92-year-old World War II Air Force vet is getting sick of seeing America lose its mind.

Let's look at the national debt amounting to \$21 trillion with interest escalating beyond eyesight of an average individual. How many know who the major lender is supporting this burden? Why isn't that being stated? How many Americans understand that socialism is a condition that's 100% paid for by taxpayers—and guess who creates the money?

If Americans really want a successful nation, they should look to the past to see how previous generations made sacrifices and endured so the country could prosper.

The average American can help. It's as simple as keeping yourself healthy by keeping your weight down. How about growing a tomato or pepper instead of shrubbery? Buy fewer pills. Exist less on pizza, soda, and French fries, and take care of your nutritional needs.

AL SESONA
Florida

Who Do They Really Care About?

I would like to comment on the recent issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS. The bought-and-paid-for Republicans who oppose President Donald Trump are no better than Democrats. The government was shut down over \$5 billion for the necessary wall while the Democrats spend \$113 billion a year to care for illegal aliens so Democrats can get elected to office.

This money, my friends, comes out of our own pockets. At 84, I'm too old to go back to work, and my retirement is at risk. That's the world we live in today, where politicians care more about illegal aliens than citizens.

CLINTON A. NALL
Idaho

A Right to Life

Think about this. What if the attitude on abortion were switched around so that, instead of the mother having a right to abort a baby, the baby had the right to call for ending the mother's life if he or

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she wanted? How many mothers would like their lives to end that way? I bet no one would sign up for their lives to be put in the hands of someone else to be killed by a doctor. Just something to think about.

ANNE ARNETT
Colorado

Will It Ever End?

In the Jan. 14 & 21 issue of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, Christopher J. Petherick, in his "Personal from the Editor," provides actual dollar amounts of taxpayers' money that has been wasted on wars that benefited no one. In fact, some of them caused great harm to us—in terms of lives lost—and to whatever country we were supposedly "helping."

Will this carnage ever end? Will I, at the age of 87, ever see an end to it before I go into the hereafter? It is something I shouldn't dare to hope for, and yet I do.

I still do hope for an end to this mess that we humans have managed to get ourselves into over the years, so that all of those dollars, which you so meticulously mentioned, plus all of the lives of some of our very best citizens that were sacrificed to the good war, could have been put to use for much better purposes.

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USS Liberty Expert Responds to Letter Writer

Please allow me to respond to your letter to the editor in the last issue, entitled "Why I Hate AFP." I would strongly suggest you keep your subscription to AFP, Sol, because if you do, you might learn some truth about the Six-Day War. Even an Israeli prime minister admitted Israel attacked the Arabs preemptively. If you did keep your subscription to AFP, you might even learn the truth about the attack on the USS Liberty. Then you would never write "Everyone knows it was a case of mistaken identity," a claim so ludicrous in light of all the available evidence that it is nothing more than an extreme insult to the memory of that unarmed ship, its inhabitants, the U.S. Navy, and the United States.

Finally, Sol, when you wrote, "We gave up all of the Sinai and everything else we captured in the Six Day War after Israel was attacked by the Arabs," does "we" mean you're an Israeli, or are you an American with dual Israeli citizenship? And if so, with which country does your allegiance lie?

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Maybe nobody has said it better than author and war propagandist Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Giesel: "When at last we are sure you've been properly pilled, then a few paper forms must be properly filled. So that you and your heirs may be properly billed."

True, it was written for children, but there is a message in there for us old folks, too. He's right: You can lose a large portion of your hard-earned life's

savings to the IRS, bills from estate lawyers, creditors and the probate court—inevitably funding causes you never supported in your lifetime—like perpetual war or radical leftist objectives.

Avoid this disaster by naming THE FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT (FDFA) in your will, trust or beneficiary designation.

In this way you can pass on your love of truth to future generations—and FDFA stands ready to assist. FDFA is a

501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that's main mission is to disperse financial grants to those fighting for free speech. AMERICAN FREE PRESS, for one example, has been a recipient of much-needed free speech grants in the past. Call FDFA at 202-544-5977 Mon.-Thu. 9-5 to talk with an expert or use the form below and return it to FDFA c/o Legacy Department, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. We will respond promptly!



I have already included THE FOUNDATION TO DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT and/or AMERICAN FREE PRESS in my will or beneficiary designation.

Please send me information about easy ways to ensure my legacy and that of AMERICAN FREE PRESS.

I would like to speak to an officer of AFP about making a gift or bequest. Please call me. I list the best phone number to do so at right.

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