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BIG MEDIA REJECTED

America's trust in corporate mainstream media hits historic lows

By the AFP Staff

Two polls released in the past month show that trust in the so-called mainstream media is at historic lows among Americans. The Associated Press and the Knight Foundation released surveys in November and late October, both of which found that the majority of average folks believe that Big Media is overly partisan and regularly publishes fake news. Should we be surprised by their findings, considering what has been going on for the past year in this country?

In late October, Knight found, in a poll conducted by Gallup, that 31% of Americans have "very little" trust in national media and an additional 38% only have "some" trust. AP found similar results in a survey conducted around Thanksgiving, finding that 31% of respondents "rarely or never believe that media reports based on facts." Another 53% said they "sometimes" don't trust the media. Can we blame them?

For several years now, Big Media has been hyping the claim that President Donald Trump and his staff, while campaigning, conspired with Russia's leader Vladimir Putin to steal the election from Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. Throughout that time, major media outlets, despite having multi-million-dollar



budgets, were completely dismissive of any contrary opinion that said, no, in fact, Trump and his staff never worked with Russia and simply won the election fair and square over Clinton, because Clinton, to this day, remains a terrible candidate, who is widely despised across the U.S.

Last April, special prosecutor Robert Mueller issued his report, having been tasked with uncovering the truth about Russiagate. Despite having dozens of FBI agents and prosecutors on staff, interviewing hundreds of witnesses, and issuing thousands of subpoenas, Mueller found zero evidence that Trump or anyone on his team conspired with

Russia when it came to the election.

The findings were not just damning for the Democrats, who had claimed that Trump had to cheat in order to beat Clinton. They were also devastating to the credibility of Big Media, which had been telling the American people with the utmost certainty over and over and over again that there was concrete evidence Trump and his staff were part of a massive global conspiracy to undermine the integrity of U.S. elections.

And then there was the recent release of the Department of Justice inspector general's (IG) report, which showed that the FBI had lied repeatedly to courts in order to get warrants to spy on the Trump campaign.

The IG's findings were equally damning for Big Media, which had unquestioningly defended the FBI's investigation, which was predicated almost entirely on an infamous dossier on Trump that was paid for by the Clinton presidential campaign, containing claims that have now been totally debunked.

Since Trump's election in 2016, AMERICAN FREE PRESS has consistently provided readers with honest, fair, balanced coverage of Russiagate, providing credible information that questioned the veracity of claims made by both the Democrats and Big Media. We are encouraged by having received vindication by both the Mueller and IG reports.

As the impeachment process ramps up in 2020, we at AFP will remain committed to giving Americans the truth no matter where it takes us. While the credibility of Big Media continues to decline, ours stands untarnished. We are proud of our record, and grateful for our supporters who continue to make our work possible. As 2019 draws to a close, we hope you will consider including AFP in your year-end giving. ★

THE INSIDE SCOOP



"Afghan Papers" divulge just how badly we've been lied to about war.

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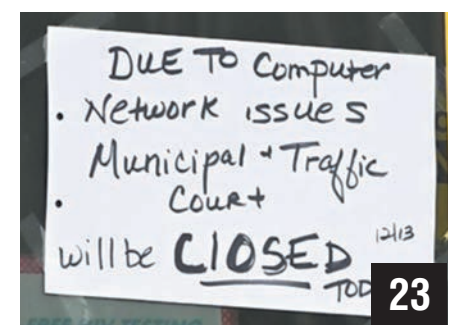
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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Trump Becomes Fourth President to Be Impeached

Well, that happened. It's hard to believe, but a week before Christmas—on Dec. 18—the House voted nearly straight down party lines to impeach President Donald Trump on two articles: abuse of power and obstruction. Only two Democrats, Reps. Collin C. Peterson (Minn.) and Jeff Van Drew (N.J.), voted “No” on both counts, while one Democrat, Jared Golden (Maine), voted “Yes” on the first article but “No” on the second. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) bravely defied the Democratic leadership and voted “Present” on both articles, saying she did not support the partisan politics behind the process. One independent, Rep. Justin Amash (Mich.), voted “Yes,” while all Republicans voted “No.” Trump has now become the fourth president in U.S. history to have been impeached by the House, behind presidents Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton.

As it stands, it is unlikely impeachment will go anywhere, as Republicans control the Senate, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has already stated he will coordinate closely with the White House to counter the quick and shoddy show trials carried out in the Democrat-controlled House.

There have been a few reports in the mainstream media that attempt to compare Trump to past leaders, such as Johnson and Nixon, but the two articles of impeachment passed by the

Donald Trump joins Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton in club nobody wants to be a member of

House against Trump stand out when compared to Johnson's 11, Clinton's four, and Nixon's three articles. Moreover, as AFP has reported already, all the evidence against Trump abusing his power consists of hearsay on the part of disgruntled partisan bureaucrats, who are mad that Trump is ending decades of neoconservative, provocative, interventionist foreign policy when it comes to Ukraine and Russia.

Poll results have been mixed as to what the American public really thinks about impeaching Trump. An NBC survey taken on Dec. 17 found respondents split evenly, 48%-48% over whether the president should be removed. In a *Politico* poll conducted a few days earlier, 50% of respondents said Trump should be impeached while a Quinnipiac poll found on that same day 51% of respondents said Trump should not be removed.

Given that the mainstream media—even Fox News—is almost totally biased against the president, no one should be surprised about the mixed, confused polling numbers. Every year, the Media Research Center (MRC) releases a study on media coverage of Trump. This year offered no surprises, except to possibly say that Big Media has been even worse.

In November, MRC editor Rich Noyes spoke with Fox News, saying his organization took a look at all coverage of Trump and his administration on ABC's “World News Tonight,” CBS's “Evening News,” and NBC's “Nightly News” since Trump took office in 2017. It's been terrible for the past two years, said Noyes, but Big Media has been even “more hostile than normal” since Sept. 24 when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) kicked off impeachment proceedings.

“Out of 684 evaluative comments included in these broadcasts, a whopping 96% have been negative,” said Noyes, “versus a meager 4% that have been positive.”

Even Nixon, who regularly skewered the media for its liberal bias, was treated much better than Trump, who has been treated unfairly and often the subject of lies and smears in the controlled press. It is no wonder that the average American has no idea what is really going on with the impeachment charges.

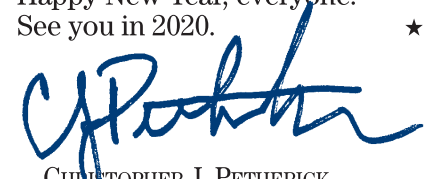
For what it's worth, some 50% of the population believes Trump is doing a good job while, overwhelmingly, polls show that Americans believe Congress is pretty terrible. The most recent survey by *The Economist* found that only 19% of Americans believe Congress is doing a decent job while 61%

disapprove of their job performance. Pelosi's job approval rating is better with 43% of respondents approving of her job performance, but that is still below Trump's solid numbers—and Pelosi has most of the big media outlets behind her providing positive commentary.

The truth is, the only reason the Democrats are impeaching Trump is because they despise him so much and they are terrified that he will win again in 2020. So far, none of their presidential candidates—former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders (Vt.), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.), and South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg—have anywhere near the charisma Trump has, and, despite the terrible news coverage Trump receives, polls show that they are tied neck and neck—if anyone can actually believe polls these days as accurate.

With the New Year upon us, anything could happen in the leadup to the presidential election on Nov. 3, 2020. That's why it's critical you stay on top of the news. Who better to give you the most fair, unbiased, candid, and honest news out there than AMERICAN FREE PRESS, America's last real national newspaper?

Happy New Year, everyone.
See you in 2020. ★



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News You May Have Missed

Good Sanctuary State

Since the Nov. 5 election, where Democrats took control of the state capital of Richmond, a grassroots pro-gun movement has spawned, prompting the governments of 86 of Virginia's 95 counties (around 90% of the state), as well as 15 towns and cities, to adopt sanctuary language protecting Virginians' Second Amendment rights. "I did not think it would be that high of a number," said sanctuary advocate and Culpeper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins, who bears some credit for kicking off the firearms rights push. Orange County, Va. has also voted to be a gun sanctuary county, as have many others.

Gun Myth Busted

A new report from the *College Fix*, a news outlet that focuses on news at universities in the U.S., looked into the claim that more guns on college campuses will lead to more gun violence—and found that this claim is simply a myth. A reporter with the *Fix* recently contacted multiple universities that permit campus carry, and wrote that "all of the schools that responded confirmed that they have seen no uptick in violence since their respective policies were put in place." The colleges included Emporia State University, Dixie State University, and Valdosta State University. The *Texas Tribune* subsequently reported that, after Texas implemented campus carry at four-year colleges statewide, it saw "no sharp increase in violence or intimidation," and, in fact, the following year was "quiet" and "uneventful."

FBI Broke the Law

Following news that FBI agents committed 17 violations in pursuit of a FISA warrant against Trump campaign official Carter Page, a new Fox News poll has found that 53% of Americans believe it is at least somewhat likely the FBI broke the law when investigating the campaign: 22% say "extremely" likely, 14% "very" likely, and 17% "somewhat" likely. In other words, the majority of those polled think the FBI was guilty of colluding to sway a U.S. election.

More Fake News

There is nothing more that Big Media loves to do than "virtue signal" and "shame" the rest of the country for not supporting the latest leftist cause. Recently, though, "Vox," a left-wing media outlet worth hundreds of millions of dollars, showed its true colors when it fired a huge number of contractors following the passage of a new California law that would have forced the media giant to treat the contractors like employees and offer them health insurance and other benefits. A few months earlier, "Vox" had celebrated the law with a headline extolling it as a "victory for workers everywhere."

Trust in Big Media Wanes

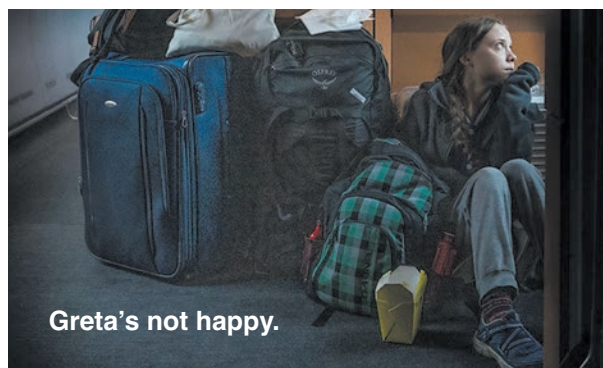
A new Knight-Gallup poll shows 31% of Americans have "very little" trust in national media, while an additional 38% only have "some" trust. Less than a third of Americans reported that they trust national news organizations anymore. Can you blame them? [See page 1 for more.—Ed.]

Way Too Expensive

A new study by the Urban Institute, a moderate-left-wing, pro-Democrat think tank, found that the "Medicare for all" plan pushed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) would require \$34 trillion in additional federal spending over its first decade in operation. That's more than the federal government's total cost over the coming decade for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid combined.

Whiny Teen Activist

Radical climate activist Greta Thunberg, after attending a climate change conference in Spain, had to take the train north through Germany to get back home to her native Sweden. While traveling, Thunberg whined on the internet that she had to sit on the floor because the trains were so crowded. German railway company Deutsche



Greta's not happy.

Bahn was not having any of it, though, calling the 16-year-old out on her staged photograph. "Dear Greta," a company representative publicly responded to her, "Thanks for supporting us railroaders in the fight against climate change. We were happy that you were traveling with us Saturday. . . . It would have been even nicer if you had also reported how friendly and competently you were taken care of by our team in your seat in first class." Thunberg was recently awarded *Time* Magazine's Person of the Year despite having done nothing except yell and cry during her public speeches.

A Real Activist

While eco-activist Greta Thunberg was tooling around the Atlantic Ocean on million-dollar yachts and riding in first class on trains, 25-year-old Dutch engineer Boyan Slat announced that his "Ocean Cleanup" project had finally made it

to the great Pacific Ocean trash pile and had already removed two cargo containers full of trash. Slat added that he expects to have more than 50% of the floating trash pile, which is twice the size of Texas, cleaned up in the next five years. If that's not good enough, Slat's company has also deployed giant robotic trash collectors in six rivers throughout Asia, which account for the bulk of plastic being dumped into the ocean. He is currently working to deploy hundreds more river cleaners in the coming years.

Oh, the Irony

U.S. Naval pilots recently sent an open letter to Capitol Hill and the Pentagon, urging them to reconsider allowing servicemembers to be armed on U.S. bases, because local civilian law enforcement, tasked with policing America's military bases, are too fat and not up to the job. The pilots say they hope the military and Congress "will discontinue what has become a severe irony burdening our servicemembers: that they can be entrusted to fly multimillion-dollar aircraft over hostile territory, command companies of infantrymen into battle, or captain ships around the world, all while holding the nation's top security clearances, but when back home are not trusted to carry a simple pistol in order to protect themselves, their families, and their fellow servicemembers."

Resignations

In the past three years, 35 staff members, including six psychologists, have resigned from London's so-called "gender-identity service" for children, because the clinic, according to psychologists, has been over-diagnosing children and putting them on drugs that render them sterile. The whistleblowers said too many children were being put on puberty-blocking drugs when they should not have been given a diagnosis and treated by psychologists. Former staff said they were unable to properly assess patients over fears they will be branded "transphobic" by rabid activists.

Crazy

The author of the popular Harry Potter book series, J.K. Rowling, was recently attacked online, because she had the audacity to vocally support a woman in the UK, who had been fired from her job for simply saying that men cannot be women. The woman in question, Maya Forstater, had been fired from her job at a charity for the poor for simply stating her opinion on her own private Twitter account. She then sued the charity, saying she was wrongfully terminated. A judge in the UK recently sided with the charity, saying that Forstater's views—that it is biologically impossible for a man to become a woman—was "absolutist" and "incompatible with human dignity and fundamental rights of others."

U.S. People Have Been Lied to About the War in Afghanistan

By Richard Walker

A trove of secret Pentagon papers confirms that the two decades-old Afghan War has not only cost over \$1 trillion, as well as thousands of American lives and an untold number of Afghan lives, it was based on lies, told over and over again during three presidencies. The lies were told by politicians, generals, bureaucrats, and the mainstream media.

Perhaps the biggest lie was that the war was about our national security, about ridding Afghanistan of al Qaeda. The fact is that after al Qaeda fled into the Tora Bora mountains of Afghanistan during the early days of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, they never again had a foothold in the country, but the U.S. turned its military might on the Taliban just as Washington announced an invasion of Iraq. The fact is that the U.S. was never going to defeat the Taliban, but no one in power was prepared to admit that. When the U.S. eventually leaves Afghanistan, the Taliban will be the victors, along with their backer, Pakistan. That is something the U.S. military has known for a long time but has refused to concede publicly. Instead, generals and politicians opted for surges, with plenty of bipartisan backing in Congress. From Bush to Obama, and now Trump, the deception has been ongoing. But the game is up and it is time for the American public to demand answers of their elected leaders. The chance of that happening is slim, since the media and Congress have shown little

appetite for discussing the issue.

This is all part of an emerging story from what are being called the “Afghan Papers,” documents acquired after a three-year court battle by *The Washington Post* to pry them from the Pentagon. The papers are from an investigation by the Office of Special Inspector General for Reconstruction (SIGAR). Over several years, SIGAR interviewed more than 300 people connected to various elements of decision-making in the Afghan conflict. The SIGAR findings are being compared to the leaked “Pentagon Papers” of 1971 that lifted the lid off the Vietnam War to expose similar deceptions. The parallels between the two foreign wars are hard to ignore, and many military families are left asking the same questions military families once asked about the Vietnam War: Questions like, what did our sons and daughters die for, and what was this war really about?

The Afghan people are surely asking similar questions, wondering how many of their countrymen and women died over the past 20 years of conflict during which the Pentagon refused to release the actual Afghan casualty figures. This also happened during the Iraq War. The bottom line is that the Pentagon hid the truth about the real course of the conflict, including issues related to massive fraud in the use of money allocated for reconstruction projects. Evidence was swept under the carpet. Bush and Obama in particular ignored the warning signs and continued to talk about nation-building in Afghanistan when they must have known from secret Pentagon reports that it was mere fantasy.

In light of the “Afghan Papers” release, Gold Star families are asking the hard question about



Although AFP is critical of the mainstream media, we must congratulate *The Washington Post* for fighting a three-year battle to get hidden documents about the war released.

their losses, but there may be no appetite in Congress to admit guilt or even to address the questions. Military families that have suffered losses or are left caring for wounded veterans are entitled to demand special compensation for suffering resulting from conflict based on lies. However, support for such a move may not be overwhelming on Capitol Hill. The U.S. military casualty figures are 2,300 with 20,589 wounded—an enormous amount of loss to compensate.

If one were to distill what it is most striking about the SIGAR papers, it is that the American public has been isolated from the decision-making process for too long. In a recent issue of *Time* magazine, Elliot Ackerman, a highly decorated veteran of the Iraq and Afghan Wars put it this way: “Is it a coincidence that in our history the wars we’ve decisively won—such as the Civil War and First and Second World Wars—were largely fought by citizen soldiers, who would never abide our cyclical quagmires?”

Veterans are understandably angry about the revelations. Military newspaper *Stars and Stripes* points out that veterans have always known that a “disinterested American public” was being deceived about the war. Trump is, however, confident that he can reduce the troop numbers in Afghanistan by 4,000, with or without a deal with the Taliban. The rhetoric is familiar and the Taliban has heard it before. It holds the ace cards and is biding its time until there is a full U.S.-NATO capitulation, which is a foregone conclusion. The only thing remaining to be set is a withdrawal date. According to Defense Secretary Mark Esper, troops being removed from Afghanistan will be retrained and “redeployed to the Indo-Pacific to face off our greatest challenge in terms of the great power competition that’s vis-à-vis China.”

If Trump is contemplating a war with China, it is one we could lose, with potentially massive casualties. Before it begins, the American public should demand to know if our leaders are really ready for such a conflict. ★

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Afghanistan Papers Reveal Details About War

“We were devoid of a fundamental understanding of Afghanistan — we didn’t know what we were doing. . . . What are we trying to do here? . . . We didn’t have the foggiest notion of what we were undertaking.”

—DOUGLAS LUTE, retired three-star Army general who helped the White House oversee the war in Afghanistan in both the Bush and Obama administrations.

“Afghans knew this influx of funds wouldn’t last, and they wanted to make the best of the windfall without endangering themselves. It was a fantasy that we could do that.”

—BARNETT RUBIN, senior adviser to the American special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan from 2009 to 2013.

“If you look at the overall amount of money spent in Afghanistan, you see a tiny percentage of it went to help the people of the country. . . . It almost all went to the military and even most of that money went for local militia and police training.”

—ROBERT FINN, U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan in 2002 and 2003

[One thing ignored by too many people is the toll on the people of Afghanistan. All told, more than 157,000 people died as a consequence of the U.S. invasion. Of these, 149,898 are Afghans. That number includes 43,074 civilians and 64,124 members of the Afghan security forces. That number, though, does not include Afghans wounded, displaced, and physically or mentally traumatized by the war, which could be in the millions.—Ed.]

Crime of the Century: The Afghanistan War

By Dr. Ron Paul

“We were devoid of a fundamental understanding of Afghanistan. We didn’t know what we were doing.” So said Gen. Douglas Lute, who oversaw the U.S. war on Afghanistan under Presidents Bush and Obama. Eighteen years into the longest war in U.S. history, we are finally finding out, thanks to thousands of pages of classified interviews on the war published by *The Washington Post* last week, that Lute’s cluelessness was shared by virtually everyone involved in the war.

What we learned in what is rightly being called the “Pentagon Papers” of our time, is that hundreds of U.S. administration officials—including three U.S. presidents—knowingly lied to the American people about the Afghanistan war for years. This wasn’t just a matter of omitting some unflattering facts. This was about bald-faced lying about a war they knew was a disaster from almost day one.

Remember Bush’s Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld? Remember how supremely confident he was at those press conferences, acting like the master of the universe? Here’s what he told the Pentagon’s special inspector general who compiled these thousands of interviews on Afghanistan: “I

have no visibility into who the bad guys are.”

It is not only members of the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations who are guilty of this massive fraud. Falsely selling the Afghanistan war as a great success was a bipartisan activity on Capitol Hill. In the dozens of hearings I attended in the House International Relations Committee, I do not recall a single “expert” witness called who told us the truth. Instead, both Republican- and Democrat-controlled Congresses called a steady

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stream of neocon war cheerleaders to lie to us about how wonderfully the war was going. Victory was just around the corner, they all promised. Just a few more massive appropriations and we’d be celebrating the end of the war.

Congress and especially congressional leadership of both parties are all as guilty as the three lying administrations. They were part of the big lie, falsely presenting to the American people as “expert” witnesses only those bought-and-paid-for Beltway neocon think-tankers.

What is even more shocking than the release of this “smoking gun” evidence that the U.S. government wasted \$2 trillion and killed more than 3,000 Americans and more than 150,000 Afghans while lying through its teeth about the war is that you could hear a pin drop in the mainstream media about it. Aside from the initial publication in the *Post*, which has itself been a major cheerleader for the war in Afghanistan, the mainstream media has shown literally no interest in what should be the story of the century.

We’ve wasted at least half a year on the Donald Trump impeachment charade—a conviction desperately in search of a crime. Meanwhile one of the greatest crimes in U.S. history will go unpunished. Not one of the liars in the “Afghanistan Papers” will ever be brought to justice for their crimes. None of the three presidents involved will be brought to trial for these actual high crimes. Rumsfeld and Lute and the others will never have to fear justice. Because both parties are in on it. There is no justice.

Just days after the “Afghanistan Papers” were published, only 48 members of Congress voted against the massive military spending of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. They continue as if nothing happened. They will continue lying to us and ripping us off if we let them. ★

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Impeachment Trial a Risk for Democrats

• Investigators could expose depth of corruption of Bidens, others in Ukraine

By Donald Jeffries

The Democrats' plan to convert a nebulous phone conversation involving Donald Trump into an "impeachable offense" may well blow up in their faces. While there appears to be extensive corruption on the part of American officials in Ukraine, Donald Trump doesn't seem to be one of them.

Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani has been engaged in an extensive investigation, through what he called "hundreds of hours of research" into improprieties in Ukraine. Giuliani met with officials in Kiev in the process, as he investigated the Biden family and other Democrats' connection to Ukrainian interests. Giuliani, as seems fitting during the Trump presidency, began revealing his explosive information in individual Tweets. One shocking exposé was the fact that Ukrainian prosecutor Victor Shokin, whom Joe Biden infamously bragged about getting fired, had barely survived being poisoned.

"Shokin holds documents proving money laundering by Burisma and Bidens," Giuliani revealed in one Tweet. "He was fired due to VP Joe Biden's threat not to release \$1 billion in vital U.S. aid. Shokin's medical records show he was poisoned, died twice, and was revived. Lots of heads will roll in Ukraine if this opens up."

Giuliani's allegations were quite detailed. "All of



Former Vice President Joe Biden should be concerned that opening any investigation into corruption in Ukraine could lead to an airing of his family's dirty laundry.



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Has the goods on Bidens?



VIKTOR SHOKIN
Survived poisoning.



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HUNTER BIDEN
History of corruption.

a sudden Shokin gets this communique from Latvia that shows a \$16 million laundering transaction—classic laundering transaction," the former New York City mayor stated. "It goes from Ukraine, to Latvia; it's disguised as a loan to another company, to 'Wirelogic' I believe—it then goes to Cyprus, gets disguised as another loan—this is called 'Digitech' then it's dispersed as payment as board fees." Calling it a "straight out violation of a money-laundering statute," Giuliani pointed at the former vice-president's son: "Now, you don't make two loans to make board fees unless you're laundering the money; \$3 million gets to Hunter Biden in that way."

Former Trump presidential campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who recently suffered a heart attack, is languishing in prison after being convicted of laundering millions while working for Ukrainian officials. It is difficult for nonpartisan observers to discern the difference between what Manafort allegedly did to deserve a seven-year prison sentence and what Hunter Biden seemingly was guilty of.

The notion that Trump could be impeached over a vague reference to withholding military aid to the Ukraine, while the letter prominent Democrats sent to Ukrainian officials, clearly threatening just that, and Biden's public boast that he got the Ukrainian prosecutor fired, for exactly that reason, garner absolutely no repercussions whatsoever, illustrates the broken nature of our sham two-party system. As former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Steven Pifer said last year, Hunter Biden's employment by Burisma "undercut that message of anti-corruption."

Hunter Biden has a history of tainted business activities. Prior to Burisma, he teamed with his former Yale roommate Devon Archer to create Rosemont Capital and Rosemont Seneca. One of their first business moves was with a Chinese nuclear company under investigation by the FBI. Archer would subsequently be charged with "conspiracy to commit securities fraud" against Native Americans. Biden and other Western lawyers and

bankers were hired by Burisma to improve its public image. As *The Guardian* put it, "Hunter Biden is an undistinguished corporate lawyer, with no previous Ukraine experience. Why would a Ukrainian tycoon hire him?" To think that his father's position as the then-young president of the United States didn't help young Biden attain this lucrative job would be extremely naïve. The alleged millions laundered by Manafort are chicken feed compared to the billions in laundered money some claim Burisma, and Hunter Biden, were connected to.

Giuliani is under federal investigation himself over his lobbying efforts in Ukraine. Like all of the probes directed at Trump and anyone ever associated with him, the allegations seem far less substantial or documented than those against Hunter Biden. Under this "Russiagate"-type theory, Giuliani is accused of improperly conspiring with two Russian-born businessmen to "dig up dirt" on Hunter Biden. These men, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, were arrested in October on charges of funneling money to Republican politicians. Giuliani called the timing of the arrest "suspect," given his own impending investigation into Ukrainian corruption.

As he has done all too often, Trump appeared to distance himself from Giuliani at the time, telling reporters, "I haven't spoken to Rudy."

Giuliani recently tweeted, "After hundreds of hours and months of research, I have garnered witnesses & documents which reveal the truth behind this impeachment, which includes no wrongdoing by @realDonaldTrump." The embattled former mayor went on: "Evidence revealed that corruption in 2016 was so extensive it was POTUS's duty to ask for U.S.-Ukraine investigation. Impeachment is part of Dem cover-up. Extortion, bribery and money laundering goes beyond Biden's. Also, DNC collusion with Ukraine to destroy candidate Trump." ★

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Media Mocks Trump Letter

The following excerpt contains key portions of the letter President Donald Trump sent to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). AFP is publishing portions of this because Big Media continues to destroy any remaining credibility it has by choosing to mock the historic correspondence rather than actually report on it in a fair and objective manner.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I write to express my strongest and most powerful protest against the partisan impeachment crusade being pursued by the Democrats in the House of Representatives. This impeachment represents an unprecedented and unconstitutional abuse of power by Democrat lawmakers, unequaled in nearly two and a half centuries of American legislative history. . . .

Your first claim, "Abuse of Power," is a completely disingenuous, meritless, and baseless invention of your imagination. You know that I had a totally innocent conversation with the president of Ukraine. I then had a second conversation that has been misquoted, mischaracterized, and fraudulently misrepresented. Fortunately, there was a transcript of the conversation taken, and you know from the transcript (which was immediately made available) that the paragraph in question was perfect. I said to President Zelensky: "I would like you to do us a favor, though, because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it." I said do us a favor, not me, and our country, not a campaign. I then mentioned the attorney general of the United States. Every time I talk with a foreign leader, I put America's interests first, just as I did with President Zelensky.



NANCY PELOSI

You know full well that Vice President Joe Biden used his office and \$1 billion of U.S. aid money to coerce Ukraine into firing the prosecutor who was digging into the company paying his son millions of dollars. You know this because Biden bragged about it on video. Biden openly stated: "I said, 'I'm telling you, you're not getting the billion dollars' . . . I looked at them and said: 'I'm leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you're not getting the money.' Well, son of a bitch. He got fired." Even Joe Biden admitted just days ago in an interview with NPR that it "looked bad." Now you are trying to impeach me by falsely accusing me of doing what Joe Biden

has admitted he actually did.

The second claim, so-called "Obstruction of Congress," is preposterous and dangerous. House Democrats are trying to impeach the duly elected president of the United States for asserting constitutionally based privileges that have been asserted on a bipartisan basis by administrations of both political parties throughout our nation's history. Under that standard, every American president would have been impeached many times over. As liberal law professor Jonathan Turley warned when addressing congressional Democrats: "I can't emphasize this enough . . . if you impeach a president, if you make a high crime and misdemeanor out of going to the courts, it is an abuse of power. It's your abuse of power. You're doing precisely what you're criticizing the president for doing."

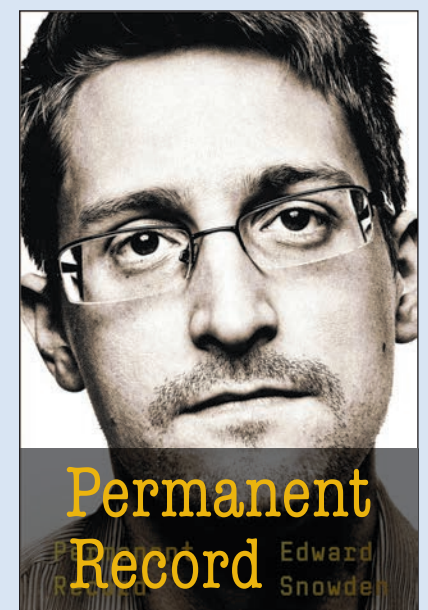
Everyone, you included, knows what is really happening. Your chosen candidate lost the election in 2016, in an Electoral College landslide (306-227), and you and your party have never recovered from this defeat. You have developed a full-fledged case of what many in the media call Trump Derangement Syndrome and sadly, you will never get over it. . . .

Speaker Pelosi, you admitted just last week at a public forum that your party's impeachment effort has been going on for "two and a half years," long before you ever heard about a phone call with Ukraine. Nineteen minutes after I took the oath of office, *The Washington Post* published a story headlined, "The Campaign to Impeach President Trump Has Begun." Less than three months after my inauguration, Rep. Maxine Waters (Calif.) stated, "I'm going to fight every day until he's impeached." House Democrats introduced the first impeachment resolution against me within months of my inauguration, for what will be regarded as one of our country's best decisions, the firing of James Comey (see inspector general reports)—who the world now knows is

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one of the dirtiest cops our nation has ever seen. A ranting and raving congresswoman, Rashida Tlaib, declared just hours after she was sworn into office, “We’re gonna go in there and we’re gonna impeach the motherf*****r.” Rep. Al Green said in May, “I’m concerned that if we don’t impeach this president, he will get re-elected.” Again, you and your allies said, and did, all of these things long before you ever heard of President Zelensky or anything related to Ukraine. As you know very well, this impeachment drive has nothing to do with Ukraine, or the totally appropriate conversation I had with its new president. It only has to do with your attempt to undo the election of 2016 and steal the election of 2020!

Rep. Adam Schiff cheated and lied all the way up to the present day, even going so far as to fraudulently make up, out of thin air, my conversation with President Zelensky of Ukraine and read this fantasy language to Congress as though it were said by me. His shameless lies and deceptions, dating all the way back to the Russia hoax, is one of the main reasons we are here today. . . .

Before the Impeachment hoax, it was the Russian witch hunt. Against all evidence, and regardless of the truth, you and your deputies claimed that my campaign colluded with the Russians—a grave, malicious, and slanderous lie, a falsehood like no other. You forced our nation through turmoil and torment over a wholly fabricated story, illegally purchased from a foreign spy by Hillary Clinton and the DNC in order to assault our democracy. Yet, when the monstrous lie was debunked and this Democrat conspiracy dissolved into dust, you did not apologize. You did not recant. You did not ask to be forgiven. You showed no remorse, no capacity for self-reflection. Instead, you pursued your next libelous and vicious crusade—you engineered an attempt to frame and defame an innocent person. All of this was motivated by personal political calculation. Your speakership and your party are held hostage by your most deranged and radical representatives of the far left. Each one of your members lives in fear of a socialist primary challenger—this is what is driving impeachment. Look at Rep. Nadler’s challenger. Look at yourself and others. Do not take our country down with your party. . . .

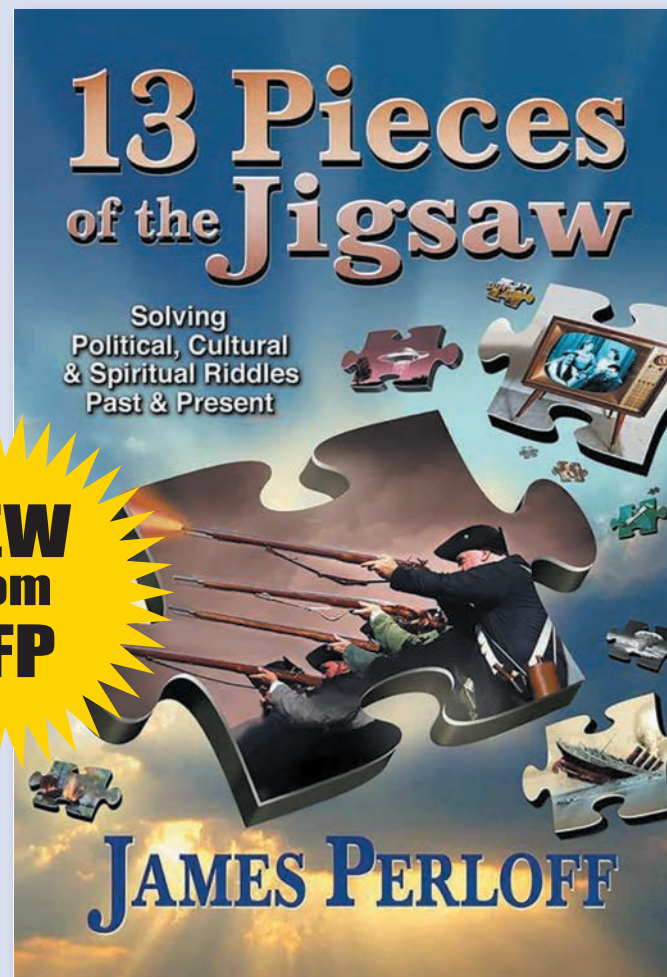
Any member of Congress who votes in support of impeachment—against every shred of truth, fact, evidence, and legal principle—is showing how deeply they revile the voters and how truly they detest America’s constitutional order. Our founders feared the tribalization of partisan politics, and you are bringing their worst fears to life.

Worse still, I have been deprived of basic constitutional due process from the beginning of this impeachment scam right up until the present. . . . More due process was afforded to those accused in the Salem Witch Trials.

I have no doubt the American people will hold you and the Democrats fully responsible in the upcoming 2020 election. They will not soon forgive your perversion of justice and abuse of power. . . .

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Controlled Media Silent on Assault on White Student

By John Friend

Five young black students have been charged with misdemeanor battery after video emerged of them viciously attacking a white student, who was a known supporter of President Donald Trump, on a bus in Hamilton County, Fla. late last month.

The mother of the victim posted the disturbing video, which was captured by another student, on social media on Dec. 12 after consulting with her attorney. The attack occurred on Nov. 21.

According to the victim's mother, the young man purchased an iconic red "Make America Great Again" Trump hat at a flea market a few weeks prior to the violent attack. He had proudly worn the hat to school initially, but was immediately bullied and attacked by other students, the victim's mother has claimed. Due to the attacks, he chose not to wear the hat to school, but "sadly, the damage was already done, and [he] was now a target," the victim's mother claims.

"From that point on he was steadily getting messed with," she explained on her personal Twitter profile, which has amassed over 444,000 followers, one day after the violent assault. "He was getting hit, tripped, and verbally abused on the bus, but it all came to a head yesterday on his bus ride home."

The video, which has gone viral having been

viewed over 18 million times as this newspaper goes to press, is only 21 seconds long, but its graphic nature has caught the attention of millions on social media. It shows a group of young black students attacking the young white student, slapping and punching him repeatedly while he is in his bus seat. It does not show what led up to the violent attack, but the mother of the victim was quick to imply that her son being a known Trump supporter played a major role in the assault.

On Nov. 21, the day the violent attack occurred, the victim's mother posted a photo of her son following the assault, apparently taken while he was at a local hospital being treated for the injuries he sustained as a result.

"I guess that's what happens when you wear a Trump hat to school," she lamented. "Earlier today they poured milk all over his head."

The Hamilton County School District released a statement on Dec. 13 noting that the district has investigated the violent attack and disciplined those involved. They also "turned the information over to the local sheriff's office for criminal action," according to the press release.

The statement went on to note that the district's investigation found no evidence that the student who was attacked was wearing any apparel supporting Trump at the time of the attack or that "his wearing of such apparel on a prior occasion motivated the incident," which seemingly contradicts the mother's statements.

The video has sparked outrage on social media and among Trump supporters, who view the vi-



The leftist media has convinced millions of minorities that Donald Trump is a racist and that wearing his hat makes you one, too. Of course, one of the goals of the mainstream media has always been to incite racial discord.

cious assault as yet another example of how unhinged the president's opponents have become since he took office. Unsurprisingly, the attack has received very little national media coverage. Fox News was one of the only major outlets to cover the incident.

"This makes me sick!" Terrence K. Williams, a black pro-Trump social media influencer, posted on Twitter recently. "A 14-year-old boy was brutally attacked by a bus full of students because he likes President Trump. Why is the mainstream media not covering this? If some white kids beat up someone for liking Obama this would be national news."

A fundraiser has been established to financially assist the young student and his family. As AMERICAN FREE PRESS goes to press, over \$9,000 has been raised for the family.

AFP reached out to Foye Buchannon Walker, the attorney representing the family. Walker said:

The Hamilton County School district released a statement after the video appeared on Breitbart.com. The release in my opinion was "fake news." We have been consistent from the beginning. Tyler wore a Trump hat two weeks before the incident. He was always very vocal about his support for President Trump, but, after that, this bullying escalated. On the day of the incident "white milk" was poured on Tyler's head and he was called "Casper" and a "cracker." No child's, much less an adult's, political beliefs warrant a beating like this. This beating was unprecedented.

Regarding the charges that were brought against the five students, they were all charged with misdemeanors. I believe this was a hate crime or, at the very least, felonious assault. However, he is not a member of a protected class. The black children are, so I trust the state attorney made the right decision on that.

The lack of media coverage is a disgrace. CNN and MSNBC aren't covering it, because the attack was on a white child instead of a black child. If it had been a black child, who was an Obama supporter, people would be marching in the streets.

I must say that I believe they would be paid supporters, because hundreds if not thousands of black people have been very vocal that this was wrong and they find it appalling as well. ★



A video taken by a fellow student shows five black children attacking a white student because he had worn a Trump "Make America Great Again" hat to school, though he was not wearing the hat at the time of the vicious attack. Cops said the assault was not a hate crime, though we all know if a black student had been attacked by five white students, it would have been immediately deemed a hate crime and the presstitute media would have hyped it 24 hours a day.

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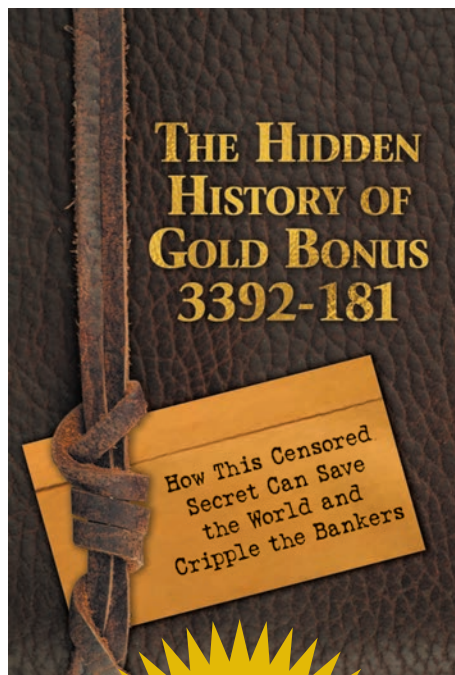
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Slandered Christian Teenager Refuses to Abandon Legal Fight

By Donald Jeffries

Embattled Covington, Ky. teen Nicholas Sandmann and his attorneys didn't let early discouraging results dissuade them from seeking legal redress against the powerful mainstream media outlets that defamed the youngster. A federal judge has ruled that Sandmann's lawsuit against powerhouse CNN can proceed to discovery. In addition, as Sandmann's attorney Todd McMurtry shared on Twitter, "Federal Judge William O. Bertelsman partially reversed his ruling to dismiss #nicksandmann's claims against the @washingtonpost. Nick's case may now proceed into discovery. The ruling bodes well for the NBC and CNN cases, as well."

For those with short memories, Sandmann participated in a field trip to Washington, D.C. last January, along with his Covington High School classmates. The Catholic school group was in the nation's capital to support a pro-life march. The state-controlled media showed brief snippets of an encounter between Sandmann and Native American activist Nathan Phillips. The incident was consistently touted as an example of "white privilege" run amuck, and Phillips was portrayed sympathetically as a Vietnam veteran and disrespected victim. In response, young Sandmann and his fellow students were attacked by several celebrities, with some advocating violence against the kids.



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As the entire video became available on the internet, however, Americans discovered that the actual trigger for the confrontation was a group of loud, profane, and vile racist Black Hebrew Israelites. Phillips was found to have never served in Vietnam and was later shown to have had a decidedly anti-Catholic animus.

The Washington Post predictably tried to blame dreaded "conspiracy theorists" for its irresponsible news coverage. The newspaper claimed, "A viral story spread. The mainstream media rushed to keep up. The Trump internet pounced. That outrage came from a parallel universe online, one that has been waiting for a moment like this. The pro-Trump internet has, for years, worked to create a media environment that is designed to destroy the traditional news media and replace it. Mike Cernovich, a popular figure in this world, helped to promote the Pizzagate conspiracy theory in 2016. Pizzagate falsely accused a D.C. pizza shop of housing a secret pedophile ring, and ultimately inspired a believer to show up at the shop with an assault rifle."

References to "Pizzagate" are often thrown out by state-controlled media sources in an attempt to demonize all questioning of authority. "Pizzagate" had absolutely nothing to do with the Washington, D.C. incident involving aggressive Black Hebrew Israelites (whose crucial involvement is still rarely mentioned by anyone), Native Americans, and a group of high school students on a field trip, waiting for their bus to take them back to Kentucky.

Out of all the celebrities who blasted Sandmann and the other Catholic students on Twitter, only actress Jamie Lee Curtis ever apologized. She tweeted, "There are two sides to every story. I made a snap judgment based on a photograph and I know better than to judge a book by its cover. I wasn't there. I shouldn't have commented. I'm glad there wasn't violence. I hope these two men can meet and find common ground as can we all!" Actor Ron Pearlman called Sandmann a "little bitch," but deleted his offensive tweets, as did Kathy Griffin, who had posted a photo of Covington basketball players making "a Nazi salute," when in fact they were holding up three fingers. Film producer Jack Morrissey had posted the most offensive tweet of all, in which he advocated that



SANDMANN

"MAGA kids" be sent "screaming, hats first, into the woodchipper." Comedian Bill Maher called Sandmann "a little prick. Smirk-face!" None ever retracted their inflammatory comments.

It wasn't only establishment leftist media organs like CNN and *The Washington Post* that attacked Sandmann. Neocons like Rich Lowry of *National Review* and young Ben Shapiro also initially jumped on the attack bandwagon, although they at least subsequently issued half-hearted apologies.

In a Dec. 18 email, Sandmann's attorney Todd McMurtry told this author, "On July 26, 2019, the United States Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Judge William O. Bertelsman initially dismissed Sandmann's claims against *The Washington Post*. Sandmann asked the court to reconsider and submitted a First Amended complaint that more specifically detailed how Nathan Phillips lied and was an unreliable news source. This bolstered Sandmann's claim that all defendants (WaPo, NBC, and CNN) were negligent when they republished Phillips's false and defamatory statements. One that republishes defamatory statements is as liable as the one who initially made the statement.

"On Oct. 28, 2019, Judge Bertelsman partially reversed himself and held that Sandmann could proceed against all defendants for claims arising from Phillips's statement that Sandmann 'blocked' him and 'would not allow him to retreat.' The matter is set for an initial conference on Jan. 7, 2020." ★

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Remembering Author Who Outed Rock Stars, Spies and Assassins

By Donald Jeffries

Dave McGowan was an important researcher whose work garnered him a loyal following before his premature death on, of all days, Nov. 22, 2015. This author first discovered McGowan while searching for information on the strange death of former *Saturday Night Live* star Phil Hartman. McGowan wrote extensively about both political corruption and the murky connections and strange fates that befall all too many in the entertainment business.

McGowan's book, *Weird Scenes Inside the Canyon: Laurel Canyon, Covert Ops, & The Dark Heart of the Hippie Dream*, shed light on heretofore unpublicized information about the rock scene in the 1960s and 1970s. The backgrounds of many rock stars are exceedingly curious. Why did so many have fathers with intelligence or military backgrounds? The Doors' front man Jim Morrison's father was the admiral in command of U.S. Naval forces during the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin false flag, which precipitated an increased American involvement in the Vietnam War. Iconic radical Frank Zappa's father was a chemical warfare specialist at Maryland's Edgewood Arsenal. John Phillips, leader of the Mamas & the Papas, had a Marine Corps captain for a father and attended a series of elite military prep schools, receiving an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Stephen Stills came from a similar background and went to military schools, as well. David Crosby came from a distinguished, wealthy family (direct descendants of both Alexander Hamilton and John Jay), and his father was a World War II military officer. Jackson Browne's father was career military, and McGowan inferred that he worked for the OSS (forerunner of the CIA) in postwar Germany. All three members of the huge 1970s group America came from career military families. The late Warren Zevon's father wasn't a military officer; he was a top aide to mob boss Mickey Cohen.

McGowan was the first to document all this, and to ask the obvious question: What are the odds that so many "rebellious" rock stars, as representatives of the counter-revolution, would come from such homes?

McGowan wrote about the unreported real history of Charles Manson. In reality, Manson was just as talented a singer-songwriter as most of his Laurel Canyon peers. Neil Young said of Manson, "He was great, he was unreal— really, really good. He had this kind of music that no-

body else was doing. I thought he really had something crazy, something great. He was like a living poet." Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys was so enamored with Manson that he invited him and some of his "family" to move into his mansion. Legendary producer Terry Melcher recorded Manson, and judged him to be a less difficult personality than David Crosby. One of Manson's prominent comrades, musician Bobby Beausoleil, would play in the popular band the Grass Roots before killing a former associate of the "family," supposedly at the behest of Manson.

McGowan tabulated all the unnatural deaths in Laurel Canyon. In the years between 1966-1976, Art Linkletter's daughter, Diane, cutting-edge comedian Lenny Bruce, movie star Sal Mineo, actress Inger Stevens, and silent heartthrob Ramon Novarro, were all found dead under suspicious circumstances in their Laurel Canyon homes. That might be a natural occurrence in poverty-stricken, high-crime areas, but so many murders and suicides seem wildly out of place in such a sought-after, high-priced neighborhood. Mineo, who was stabbed to death, had publicly expressed his doubts about the Warren Report, and was set to portray Sirhan Sirhan in Orson Welles's never-filmed project on the RFK assassination. Other curious deaths include the car crash that took the life of the teenage founder of the Byrds's fan club, who was also David Crosby's girlfriend, the murder of Graham



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Nash's 20-year-old girlfriend, who was stabbed almost 50 times, and a teenage

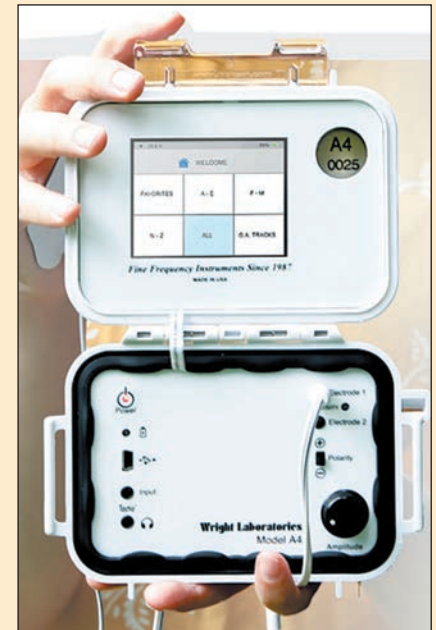
"Jane Doe" whose body was dumped in the thick Laurel Canyon undergrowth, stabbed 157 times.

McGowan recounted the connections of California Gov. Jerry Brown to the Laurel Canyon scene, including his romantic relationship to huge recording artist Linda Ronstadt. Brown's one-time lieutenant governor, Mike Curb, was a film producer and record company executive, whose work included "Mondo Hollywood," which features Manson family members, as well as their future victims, along with an assorted slew of Laurel Canyon's notorious "freaks" and odd, high-profile characters.

McGowan was also one of the first to delve into the dark world of child sex trafficking. His "The Pedophocracy" series can still be accessed online. His website, Center for an Informed America ("CIA" as a satirical acronym), contained detailed work on subjects like 9/11 and the Lincoln assassination.

McGowan's shockingly quick death from a Jack Ruby-style galloping cancer shocked the alternative research community. His death at just 55 was a huge loss for those interested in historical truth and justice. ★

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A Tale of Two American Economies

• Economy & production versus the financialized economy of the elite's paper wealth

By Paul Craig Roberts

According to official U.S. government economic data, the U.S. economy has been growing for 10.5 years since June 2009. The reason that the U.S. government can produce this false conclusion is that costs that are subtracted from GDP are not included in the measure. Instead, many costs are counted not as subtractions from growth but as additions to growth. For example, the penalty interest on a person's credit card balance that results when a person falls behind in his payments is counted as an increase in "financial services" and as an increase in GDP. The economic world is stood on its head.

It is aggregate demand that drives the economy. Payments made on a rise in interest rates on credit card balances from 19% to a 29% penalty rate reduce consumers' ability to contribute to aggregate demand by purchasing goods and the services of doctors, lawyers, plumbers, electricians, and carpenters. Contrary to logic, the fee is magically counted in the "financial services" category as a contributor to GDP growth. The extortion of a fee that reduces aggregate demand lowers GDP but builds paper wealth in the financial services sector.

GDP growth is also artificially inflated by counting as GDP abstract concepts that do not produce income streams. For example, for homeowners the Department of Commerce estimates the rental values of owner-occupied housing—that is, the amount owners would be paying if they rented instead of owned their homes—and counts this imputed rent as GDP.

These and other absurdities have caused econ-



As more of consumers' discretionary income is drawn off to service mortgage, credit card, automobile, and student debt and for compulsory health insurance, less is left to purchase the goods and services in the real economy.

omist Michael Hudson to conclude correctly that the "financial reality of how the U.S. economy works is no longer captured in GDP statistics."

Today we have two economies. One is the real economy of production and consumption. The other is the financialized economy of paper wealth. The former is doing poorly, and the latter is doing well. The financialized economy is growing much faster than the real economy. Indeed, the real economy might not be growing at all.

Hudson describes the difference. The stock market is at all-time highs that have created massive wealth in financial assets for stock and bond owners. In the real economy the situation is totally different: "The Federal Reserve's Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2018 reports that 39% of Americans do not have \$400 cash available for a medical or other emergency, and that a quarter of adults skipped med-

ical care in 2018 because they could not afford it. The latest estimates by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that nearly half (48%) of households headed by someone 55 and older lack any retirement savings or pension benefits. Even in what the press calls an economic boom, most Americans feel stressed, and many are chronically angry and worried. According to a 2015 survey by the American Psychological Association, financial worry is the "number one cause of stress in America today."

The data are completely clear. The rich are becoming much richer, and the rest are becoming poorer. Hudson explains:

The creation and trading of property and financial assets at rising prices has been fueled by rising debt levels owed to the financial sector. This sector's returns therefore are best seen not as real wealth on the asset side of the balance sheet, but as over-

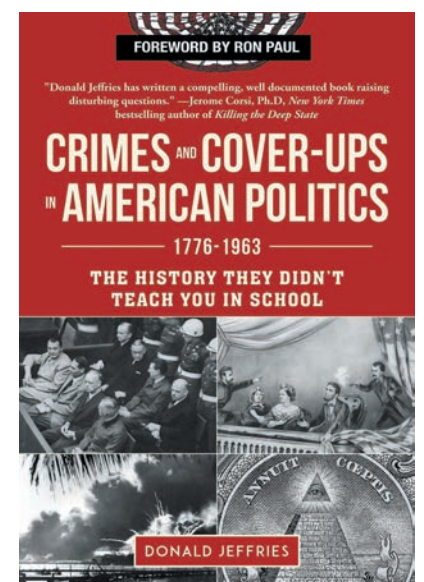
head on the liabilities side. And the process is multi-layered: income accruing to the financial wealth owned by the top 10% is paid mainly by the bottom 90% in the form of rising debt service and other returns to financial and other property.

In the textbook models of industrial capitalism's mass production and consumption, an asset's price is determined by its cost of production. If the price rises above this level, competitors will offer it cheaper. But in the financialized economy an asset's price is determined by how much credit buyers can borrow to buy it, not by its cost of production. A home is worth as much as a bank will lend to a bidder.

The engine of industrial capitalism and its consumer society is a positive feedback loop in which widely shared income growth, expanding consumption and markets generated yet more investment and growth. By contrast, the feedback loop of financial capitalism is an exponential growth of credit-driven debt, driving up as-

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set prices and hence requiring yet more borrowing to buy homes, retirement income, and other assets. Corporate management and investment today is mainly about obtaining capital gains for real estate, stocks, and bonds than about earning income.

We illustrate this by charting the flow of income and capital gains in the real estate sector to show the dominance of asset-price gains over net rental income—and how rental income is used up paying interest in our financialized economy. Likewise, corporate income is spent (and new debt taken on) largely for stock buybacks to raise share prices. The resulting dynamic is exponential and destabilizing.

This dynamic is destabilizing, because as more of consumers' discretionary income is drawn off to service mortgage, credit card, automobile, and student debt and for compulsory health insurance, less is left to purchase the goods and services in the real economy. Consequently, credit-driven debt grows faster than the income that services it, and this impoverishes the 90%. However, for the 10%, money creation by the Federal Reserve in order to protect the balance sheets of the "banks too big to fail or jail" drives up the values of financial assets. As a result, the distribution of income and wealth becomes highly polarized.

Think about the many Americans who meet their living expenses by making only the minimum payment on their credit card balance. At 19% interest their debt grows monthly. Eventually they hit a credit card debt cap and can no longer use the card to cover their living expenses. But they have the burden of a large debt balance to service without an income stream capable of servicing it.

Think about the corporation that decapitalizes itself in order to produce short to intermediate term capital gains for shareholders and executives by indebting the firm in order to buy back the firm's shares. The end result is that all income goes for debt service.

In a financialized economy, the only possible outcomes are debt forgiveness or collapse.

As Hudson makes clear, the combination of nonsensical categories in the National Income and Product Accounts and a financialized economy means we have no accurate picture of the economy's condition. Hudson has a proposal for correcting these problems and making GDP accounting more accurate, but as ecological economists such as Herman Daly have made clear, GDP measurement also omits the external costs of production. This means that we do not know whether GDP is growing or declining. It is entirely possible that the ecological and social costs of an increase in GDP (as currently measured) are greater than the value of the increased output.

Perhaps the major way in which GDP is overstated is the exclusion of external or social costs. External or social costs are costs of producing a product that the producer does not incur but imposes on third parties or on the environment. For example, untreated sewage dumped into a stream imposes costs on people downstream. Runoff of chemical fertilizers from commercial farming produces dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico and toxic algal blooms such as Red Tide that result in massive fish kills, make seafood unsafe, cause human ailments, and adversely impact the tourist trade of beach areas. The result is lost in-

comes, ruined vacations, and health expenses, and none of these costs are born by the commercial farmers.

Real estate development produces massive external costs. Scenic views from existing properties are blocked, thus reducing their values. Construction noise and congestion impose costs on existing residents and reduce the quality of their lives. Water runoff problems are often created. Infrastructure has to be provided, such as larger highways to provide evacuation from hurricane-impacted areas, usually financed by taxpayers. If the global warming case is correct, the external cost of human economic activity can be the life of the planet.

Lakshmi Sarah in the May/June 2019 issue of the Sierra Club magazine provides an excellent detailed account of the external costs of coal-fired power plants being built in India by the Indian conglomerate Tata with a loan from the International Finance Corporation, a branch of the World Bank. The ground water in the area has been ruined and is no longer drinkable. Farmers are no longer able to grow crops on half of the area farmland. Heated wastewater that is dumped into the Gulf of Kutch is destroying fishing. The ecology and the livelihoods of the population are essentially destroyed. None of these costs are born by the private power companies.

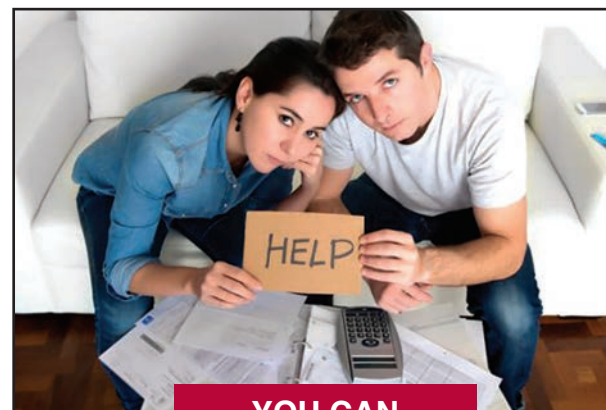
Tired of being doormats for capitalists and the World Bank, the residents of the affected provinces rebelled. It seems that the International Finance Corporation is so accustomed to financing projects that produce large external costs that it overlooked its obligation to examine the environmental impact of the projects it finances. This oversight resulted in Indian farmers and fishermen getting their case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The International Finance Corporation's lawyers argued that the World Bank lending agency had "absolute immunity." The Supreme Court said no and remanded the case to the circuit court to rule on the damages.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about this apparent victory for ordinary, faraway, little people in an American court against the World Bank, a principle instrument of American imperialism, is that the Trump administration appeared in court as a friend of the Indian farmers and fishermen. The U.S. solicitor general, represented by Jonathan Ellis, rejected the notion that international organizations have absolute immunity. The establishment exists on its immunity. Here we see the ultimate reason that the ruling establishment wants rid of President Donald Trump.

Already the senior staff of the International Finance Corporation have come to the realization that they have other responsibilities than just to shuffle money out the lending chute. If the Indian farmers and fishermen succeed in protecting themselves from ruination by external costs, perhaps Americans who suffer external costs will follow their lead.

Perhaps economists will also come to the realization that they owe us accurate GDP accounting and not fanciful accounts that serve elite wealth in the financialized economy. ★

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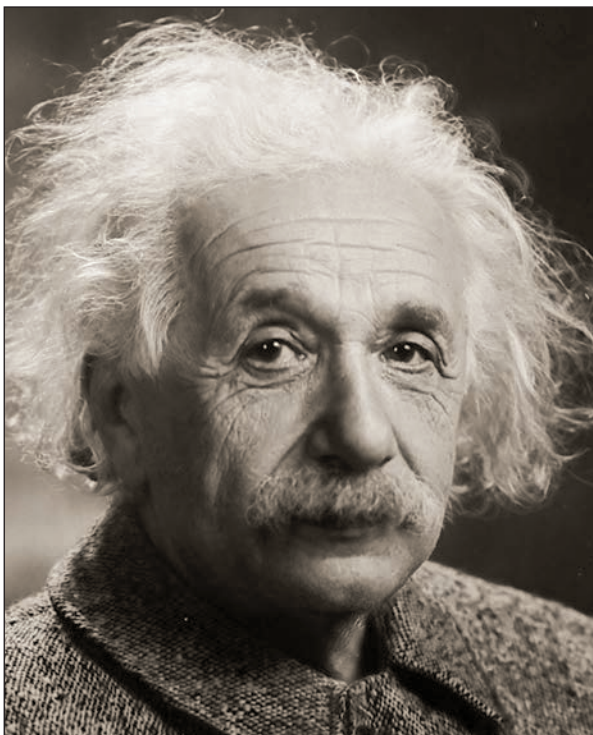
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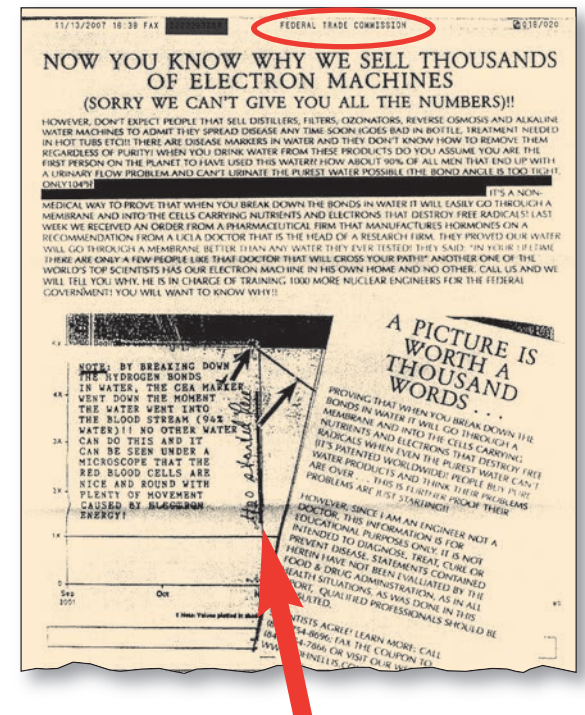
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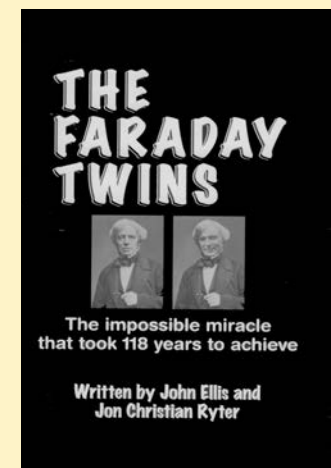
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Thousands of Supporters Mourn Passing of Texe Marris

By Mark Anderson

It's always a solemn event when someone from the patriot community passes on to what one might call "the great newsroom in the sky," yet it's difficult to think of someone who left a bigger mark on the movement than Texe Marris.

As gutsy in his writing as he was passionate about Christ and country, Marris was a man on a mission against the forces of the New World Order. Having authored scores of books and producing myriad radio shows and video productions, Marris devoted the better part of his life to exposing the dark designs and illicit influences of the Illuminati, and the Babylonian Talmud and Kabbala, among many other things, including freemasonry. Thankfully, he managed to complete his most recent book, *Psychopaths: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*, released on Dec. 1.

"Texe was a tenderhearted man who would tear up just talking about the tragedies that were happening to our world," remarked Michelle Hall-

Texe Marris and his *Power of Prophecy* newsletter were adored by thousands of Christians across the nation. Marris was known foremost for his books and videos exposing the global elite, subversive secret societies, and the influence of political Zionism. His wife Wanda was an integral part of his success.

mark Powell, Marris's longtime staff associate at Power of Prophecy Ministries based in Austin, Texas, where Marris's religious and scholarly pursuits were based.

Sharing with AFP the remarks that she made at Marris's funeral, Ms. Powell continued: "Texe tried to make a difference, so he constantly warned the world of the evils that were at-hand and coming. He was a watchman on the wall! But, to the glory of his Savior, he tried his utmost to help us to understand the mercies of Christ Jesus."

At the age of 75, Marris, who actually retired in 2017 due to health concerns, passed on to his heavenly home on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at his



TEXE & WANDA MARRS

home in Spicewood, Texas.

"Texe had been physically failing for some time with a combination of heart, kidney, and lymphedema issues. He would be down for a time, bounce back for a bit, and then relapse, each time recovering less and less. [His wife] Wanda started calling the family together. On Nov. 16, he asked Wanda and his sister to take him to the hospital, and he never recovered. . . . Wanda and many of the grandchildren were by his side when he passed," a post on the Power of Prophecy website explains.

Besides his wife, Wanda, survivors include his sister Sharon (Gary) Peltier, sister Essie Holder, and son Steve Rogers as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other relatives. Texe was predeceased by his parents, brothers Joe Edward Marris and Troy Marris Jr., sisters Shirley McConnell and Joyce Carter, and by his beloved daughter, Sharon Kaye Rogers Norris.

Born Texe William Marris to Troy Marris Sr. and Josephine Marris on July 15, 1944 in Fred, Texas, he graduated from Port Neches-Groves High School in 1962. He joined the Air Force the day he left school and embarked on a stellar military career of 20 years of service. His obituary added, "Texe was an ordained minister and pastor of Bible Home Church. He and . . . Wanda, founded Living Truth Ministries in 1985 and later in 1999 changed the name to Power of Prophecy and RiverCrest Publishing. He authored over 55 books, including three number-one international bestsellers. He retired as a captain from the Air Force. . . . He served on the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin for five years and also taught political science and psychology for two other universities."

Several well-wishers who are accomplished writers and researchers contacted the Power of



Texe Marris (left) and AFP's Pete Papaherakles (center) present Liberty Lobby founder Willis Carto with an illustration depicting the Battle of the Alamo at a joint AFP/Power of Prophecy conference held in Austin, Texas in November 2013. Texe was a dynamic speaker who graced several of AFP's conferences.

Prophecy office.

Right before Texe passed, Canadian blogger and Illuminati researcher Henry Makow wrote in an email, “Michelle, tweeted the news about Texe to my 17,000 followers and had an unusual response of 160 ‘likes’ and 74 retweets. This is 10 times my usual response and shows that many people love Texe.”

James Perloff, the author of *The Shadows of Power*, one of the top books on the infamous Council on Foreign Relations about which Texe also wrote, noted: “Michelle, I heard this news over the weekend. Have been praying for Texe’s family and for all of you at Power of Prophecy. . . . Texe was a unique individual, with insights into both geopolitical and theological truths that very few clergy have. He will be sorely missed by all of us, but surely welcomed with joy into the ranks of Heaven.”

This AFP writer recalls meeting Texe at a 2010 AFP conference in Austin that he helped organize. He was courageous in the face of controversy. And he was always in good cheer—a true gentleman, preacher, and scholar. Other clergy, many of whom are scared of their own shadow, would do well to grow a spine and follow his example.

A funeral service with military honors was held Nov. 27 at Cook Walden Mortuary in Austin. Memorial contributions may be made in Texe’s name to Bible Home Church or RiverCrest Publishers, 4819 R.O. Drive, Suite 102, Spicewood, Texas 78669.

The Power of Prophecy staff plans to continue Marrs’s work. The regular radio show continues at www.TexeMarrs.com and via shortwave at WWCR 4.840. Those wanting to write to the staff please email either Sandra@texemarrs.com or Michelle@texemarrs.com. ★



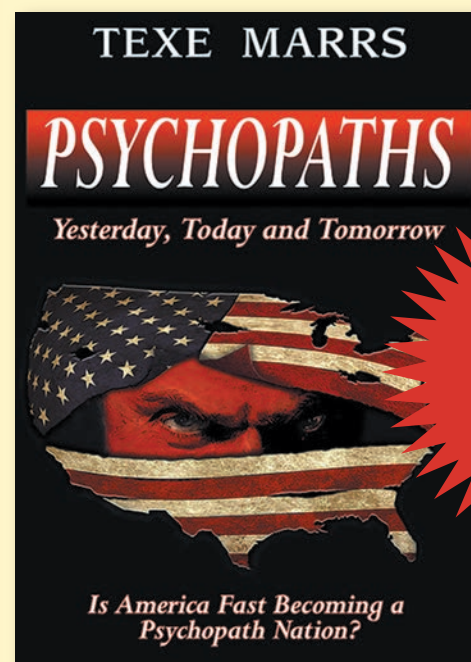
With the death of Texe Marrs, colleague Jerry Barrett—also a riveting orator—and others at Power of Prophecy have picked up the torch. Barrett’s weekly radio program is broadcast 24/7 at TexeMarrs.com. The inspirational show may also be heard on WWCR 4.840 shortwave radio each Sunday night from 9-10 p.m. central time.

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Donald Trump's Support Is Rising

• Poll numbers in black community, in particular, look promising for 2020

By S.T. Patrick

The popularity of President Donald Trump is rising, and some of the fastest-growing support comes from an unlikely demographic. Recent polls by Rasmussen, Emerson University, and NPR/PBS/Marist show that Trump's numbers are escalating in African-American and other non-white communities throughout America.

The Rasmussen poll showed Trump's support at 34% among black "likely voters." In the Emerson University poll, the numbers rose slightly to 34.5%. It might have been easier to excuse as an anomaly had the third poll—the poll conducted by the liberal institutions of public radio and public television—not showed Trump's popularity at 33% among "non-whites."

The mainstream media would have gone apoplectic about these numbers had they bothered noticing. But it appears that the greatest bias in news is still the bias of omission. If a network news anchor didn't say it, it didn't happen. If the media simply ignores the upward trend, maybe, in time, it will "normalize" (which to the MSM means the number will fall). The MSM constructs its most faulty narratives under the pretense that Trump supporters are either toothless trailer-dwellers, unhinged evangelicals, elite bankers, or destructive warmongers. There is no possibility that Trump support could come from any other demographic. Yet the recent numbers make sense, historically.

Bill Clinton received the silly moniker of "America's First Black President" because his support among African-Americans peaked when he was most under fire for the Gennifer Flowers, Paula



Black voters are starting to realize that the narrative of Trump as a "racist" is fake news.

Jones, Juanita Broaddrick, and Monica Lewinsky stories. When support among his own party waned, his support among the black community remained strong. The more Clinton fought back, the stronger his support became in the black community. In the historical support for Clinton there is a distinct, analogous parallel to Trump.

Trump has been under fire since his first day in office—and before. He has fought back. When anti-Trumpers and Never-Trumpers said things about him that would be far beyond the normal political discourse had it been any other adminis-

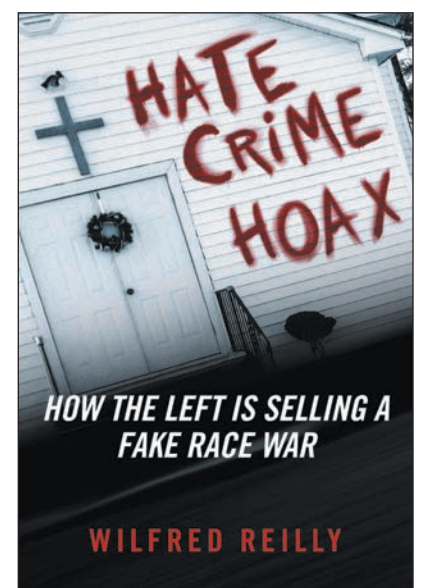
tration, Trump fought back. When Trump calls the media out for maintaining a massive bias against him, it's something that seems very plausible to a community that has experienced it, themselves. The black community understands the media not presenting a person in an unbiased manner. By being so vitriolic, the media has actually hurt its own false narratives. Russiagate strengthened Trump, and impeachment will do the same, just as it strengthened support for Clinton.

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that far outweighs the crime, is understood in many black households across America. Though the Clinton impeachment centered around perjury, it appeared as though the Republicans were trying to extricate him from the presidency because he had a plethora of sexual liaisons. To the African-American community, it seemed woefully unfair. The attacks on Trump began before he had spent his first day in office. Many Americans still don't quite understand what Russiagate was about, and they're equally confused as to what he did to be impeached. There is a base unfairness to it all that looks intensely political and increasingly hateful. For an African-American community that has a strong tie to its churches, this creates a visceral sense of inequality. It's the billion-dollar media machine against one man.

Since the 1980s, there has been a strong rise of black Republicans. Many came of youth in Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society," when entitlement spending became the legal way votes were bought. But rather than viewing the left as the ultimate life-line, many African-Americans realized, over time, the impossibility of overcoming amidst government-sponsored poverty. Dependency on entitlements drives poverty to exist as the new normal in many poor communities—black, white, and other. The more the left touts "free" as the cost of government programs, the more working blacks will also wonder why they've struggled twice as hard to achieve anything. With Trump, business numbers are up, employment in black communities is up, and the economy looks stronger. This is appealing to all demographics. Because of this, Trump will maintain a base of support throughout all communities.

The recent numbers among blacks aren't anomalies at all. They are a reaction to a ferocious media that has converged in an attempt to destroy one man and everything around him. This, of course—for better or for worse—is how the African-American community has viewed the government, the courts, and the schools for decades. They know what it is to be that man, and they know what it is to fight back. In this, Trump is excitingly appealing. ★

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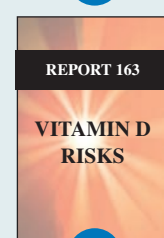
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New Discoveries in Martin Murder Indicate Lawyers Faked Evidence

By John Friend

George Zimmerman, the maligned former volunteer neighborhood watchman who gained international notoriety following his violent encounter with Trayvon Martin in 2012, is suing the Martin family and others for roughly \$100 million, alleging he is the victim of a conspiracy and malicious prosecution.

Zimmerman and his attorney, Larry Klayman, recently filed a lawsuit in Polk County, Fla. against Martin's parents and several others, including the state of Florida, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and attorney Benjamin Crump, who represented Martin's parents, alleging a conspiracy to violate Zimmerman's constitutional rights, defamation, and malicious prosecution. Rachel Jeantel and Brittany Diamond Eugene, half-sisters who were friends with Martin, are also named in the lawsuit.

Critically, the lawsuit contends that the defendants conspired to replace Ms. Eugene, who was on the phone with Martin when the incident took place, with Ms. Jeantel, who was not, leading up to and during the trial of Zimmerman. Ms. Jeantel, it is alleged, was coached as an alleged witness in order to demonize and bring concocted murder charges against Zimmerman, who had acted in self-defense. During testimony, Ms. Jeantel alleged that Zimmerman targeted Martin for racial reasons. Her testimony, as well as a barrage of fake news pumped out by the dishonest mainstream mass media, sparked racial tensions in America, igniting the divisive Black Lives Matter movement.

"George Zimmerman seeks justice not just for himself, but for all of those others victimized

by dishonest prosecutors who seek convictions to further their political and other unethical agendas to advance their careers," Klayman, the well-known attorney representing Zimmerman, stated following the filing of the lawsuit. "He also seeks justice against those who would divide the nation by pitting the races against each other for 'fun and profit,' including the Martin family attorney Benjamin Crump and his friend Al Sharpton." Although Sharpton is not named in the lawsuit, the deceitful, self-serving pundit played a major role in igniting and instigating the racial animosity and tension so prevalent in American society today.

Zimmerman fatally shot Martin in a Sanford, Fla. neighborhood over seven years ago. While driving his vehicle, Zimmerman spotted Martin, a black 17-year-old high school student whose mother lived in the neighborhood, who had recently stopped at a convenience store for a bag of Skittles candy and a watermelon iced tea, ingredients that, when mixed with prescription codeine, make an intoxicant known as "Purple Drank."

Martin was lurking between houses wearing a hooded sweatshirt, and Zimmerman was closely monitoring the young man after calling a local non-emergency police line to inform them of the suspicious individual. The neighborhood had been plagued by robberies and thefts for months leading up to the encounter.

Martin fled while Zimmerman was monitoring him, prompting Zimmerman to park his vehicle and exit to see if he could find him. After being told by police dispatch to end the pursuit, Zimmerman headed back to his vehicle before being violently confronted by Martin. Martin attacked Zimmerman, punching him in the face and slamming his head into the cement sidewalk. Zimmerman, fearing for his life, ended up fatally



BENJAMIN CRUMP

George Zimmerman is suing the family of Trayvon Martin, the state of Florida, Florida law enforcement and Ben Crump (above), the attorney for the Martins. Zimmerman believes they all conspired to present fabricated testimony.

shooting Martin, which he has always maintained was in self-defense.

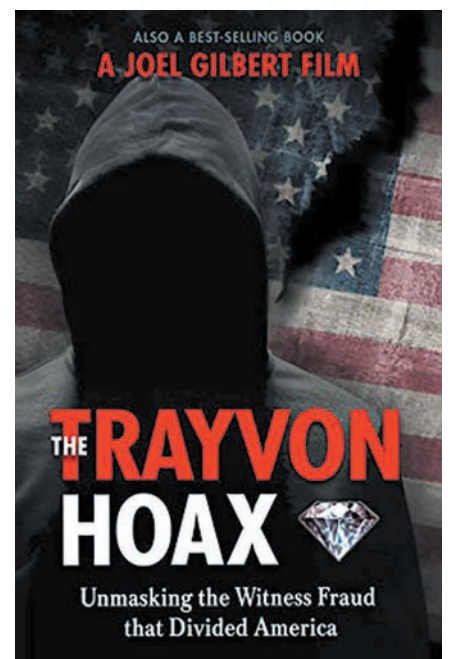
Following dishonest media coverage, Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of Martin. Zimmerman was found not guilty in July 2013.

Crump's office has condemned the lawsuit, insisting, "It's time to close the door on these baseless imaginings."

A recently published book and video documentary entitled, *The Trayvon Martin Hoax: Unmasking the Witness Fraud that Divided America*, available from the AFP Bookstore, was instrumental in uncovering the facts laid out in Zimmerman's lawsuit. (See ad below.) ★

The Trayvon Hoax: Unmasking the Witness Fraud that Divided America

By examining Trayvon Martin's 750-page cell phone records, Joel Gilbert discovers that the key witness for the prosecution of George Zimmerman, the plus-sized 18-year-old Rachel Jeantel, was a fraud. It was, in fact, a different girl who was on the phone with Trayvon just before he was shot. She was the 16-year-old named Diamond whose recorded conversation with attorney Benjamin Crump ignited the public, swayed President Obama, and provoked the nation's media to demand Zimmerman's arrest. Gilbert's painstaking research takes him through the high schools of Miami, into the back alleys of Little Haiti, and finally to Florida State University where he finds Trayvon's real girlfriend, the real phone witness, Diamond Eugene. Gilbert confirms his revelations with forensic handwriting analysis and DNA testing. After obtaining unredacted court documents and reading Diamond's vast social media archives, Gilbert then reconstructs the true story of Trayvon Martin's troubled teenage life and tragic death. In the process, he exposes in detail the most consequential hoax in recent American judicial history, that was ground zero for the downward spiral of race relations in America. **BOOK:** Softcover, 272 pages, \$17. **DVD:** 120 minutes—\$19. Get both the Book AND Video for just \$30! Add \$4 S&H inside the U.S. for the book *or* video. Add \$6 S&H when ordering BOTH the book and video inside the U.S. Outside the U.S. email Bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net. Order from AFP, 117 La Grange Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET. Order online at www.AmericanFreePress.net.



Multiple Cities Crippled by Hack Attacks

By S.T. Patrick

The internet is a dangerous place, and it's something many American cities have yet to learn. The most common dangers of a life online are ones your mother would warn you about: online dating, identity theft, ripoffs, and losing your savings to a Nigerian scammer who begs for your help in releasing his \$10 million prize into your personal bank account. Large American cities, however, are only now learning that their infrastructure and vital services are also at risk.

In May, for the second time in a year, Baltimore's city computers were infected with a ransomware attack. Hackers took over city computers, rendering them inoperable, while demanding payment to set them free. Emergency services like 911 and 311 were reportedly not affected, but Baltimore city officials say that a majority of their other network servers were disabled. Baltimore's teams of IT (information technology) specialists were able to quarantine the ransomware within a day, but it took weeks for things to return to as-normal condition. A previous attack had affected the city's 911 and 311 automated dispatches. The ransomware attack cost Baltimore \$6 million and officials are still considering some kind of insurance measures against such attacks.

"You've got increasingly sophisticated and very persistent bad guys out there looking for any vulnerability they can find and local governments, including Baltimore, who either don't have the money or don't spend it to properly protect their assets," said Don Norris of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC). "I'm not surprised that it happened, and I won't be surprised when it happens again."

A similar event did happen again months later—this time, in the heart of the Big Easy.

On Dec. 14, New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell declared a state of emergency throughout her city. It was the first of its kind in New Orleans, a city that had just been hit by a major cy-



Signs reading "closed" were pasted on the doors of municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans after a hacker took command of the city's computer system. In Baltimore, hackers have infected the city's computers on several occasions, once downing 911 emergency services. This is a nationwide problem.

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berattack from unidentified hackers. At 11 a.m., NOLA Ready, a project managed by the Department of Homeland Security, ordered city employees to power down all computers, unplug from wi-fi, and unhook all their personal devices that may have also been connected to the city's internet. Cantrell confirmed later that the city was under a ransomware attack, which led her to file with the court for a state of emergency, which may release federal and state funds to help pay for damages.

We later found out that Texas, in August, had 23 agencies taken offline by a similar attack.

Louisiana school districts were ordered offline in July. In October, the FBI issued a high-impact cyberattack warning to all state and local governments. The problems are escalating as aging cities (and aging city council members) are becoming more vulnerable to modern cyber warfare.

Democratic nominee for president Andrew Yang tweeted about the growing problem. "The city of New Orleans recently declared a state of emergency after being hit by a cyberattack," Yang wrote. "Cybersecurity isn't something we hear politicians talk about much, because they don't know much. That needs to change."

In 2018, Congress passed a law which determined that clandestine military activity in cyberspace may proceed without presidential approval. The military-industrial complex had

implanted viruses meant to wreak havoc on the Russian power grid. This was "traditional military activity," the likes of which, had it been done to America, could be considered an act of war.

There is no evidence yet that the recent attacks on American cities and states emanated from outside the U.S. in a way that could be tied to a foreign government. If it did, it could be retaliation for the growing U.S.-sponsored cyberattacks against other nations. The danger is that we may be in the earliest stages of a cyberwar, or that an "attack" could be used as a false-flag event designed to allocate resources to favored agencies, place more power in the state, or, worst-case scenario, portray it as a literal act of war from an "enemy nation." It would be an invisible act of war that cannot be seen on television news and cannot be understood by most Americans without a deep knowledge of computer networking and forensic technology. Americans would simply be asked to believe it happened because government officials were telling them it did so.

Cyberattacks will continue throughout the American landscape. If cities such as Baltimore and New Orleans can be greatly affected, imagine the thousands of small towns such as Bend, Ore., Carbondale, Ill., or Vero Beach, Fla. that are even more vulnerable. The internet may be the largest battleground in the world, and IT professionals today have no way to assure peace. ★

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Israel Gets a Sack of Gifts

• First order of business is more presents for Israel

By Phil Giraldi

If Israel were actually one of the states that together make up the United States of America it would clearly be the object of envy due to the special benefits that the federal government showers upon it. As the end of the year is approaching, it would be a good time to take a closer look at some of the gifts that Israel has received from Congress and the White House in 2019.

Bear in mind some fundamental truths about Israel and what it does. Israel is an apartheid state. Its non-Jewish citizens have only limited rights because the nation's government has in the past year self-designated as a Jewish state. Even though politicians and media talking heads constantly refer to Israel as a major ally and great friend, it is in reality neither, and President Donald Trump has overturned long-standing foreign policy positions to favor Israel even more than has been the case hitherto. Israel relentlessly conducts espionage against the United States, most recently having placed mobile phone spying devices near the White House and other government buildings in Washington.

Beyond the highly visible pro-Israel positions adopted by the White House, Congress has been relentless in considering and approving resolution after resolution favorable to Israel. Kathryn

Shihadah of If Americans Knew has undertaken the arduous task of going through last year's legislation to find all of the pro-Israeli bills. There were more than 50 such pieces of legislation in 2019.

Shihadah notes how "On Jan. 3, 2019, freshly elected United States senators and representatives took the oath of office before beginning their work of legislating for their country. One phrase of the oath includes the promise to 'defend the Constitution.' How odd, then, that the first order of business for the new Senate was not a call to end the government shutdown, boost the economy, or improve healthcare. The Senate's first bill of the year focused on the interests of a foreign country, advancing policy that is costly to U.S. taxpayers—and unconstitutional. Our senators chose to prioritize the state of Israel. S.1, the 'Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act of 2019' . . . [authorized] \$38 billion in aid to Israel over the next 10 years. . . . Three additional bills supporting Israeli interests came up that first day, all in the House, and a total of at least 11 in Congress's first month."

According to Shihadah, the House of Representatives is currently considering no fewer than 11 security-related Israel-friendly bills and resolutions. Proposed areas of security cooperation with Israel include cybersecurity, laser weapon development, and increasing training of U.S. law enforcement in Israel.

One bill, H.R.3186, sponsored by Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.), is called the "U.S.-Israel Indirect Fire Protection Act of 2019." It authorizes the Department of the Army to procure two Iron Dome batteries by Sept. 30, 2020." Iron Dome is "an air defense system designed to intercept and destroy short-range rockets and artillery shells" that was developed through funding provided by the United States. It competes with the U.S. Army's Patriot missile system, which means that the U.S. government is buying from Israel a system that it helped develop that will take jobs away from American workers in the defense industry. Nice



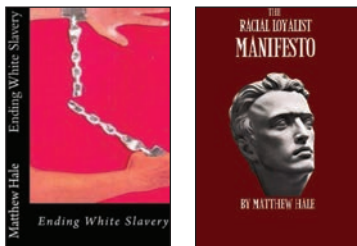
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And then there is the "Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act" (H.R.221), which elevated the special envoy position to the rank of ambassador. After the bill was passed, Trump appointed Elan Carr to the post. Carr has unflinchingly declared any criticism of Israel to be anti-Semitism. He has also demanded that "Every law enforcement office and every prosecutorial agency [in the United States] must force everybody who has even a hint of anti-Semitism to undergo a tolerance program."

And finally, to make sure that everyone is primed to accept the official Holocaust narrative, there are joint bills in the House (H.R.943) and Senate (S.2085), the "Never Again Education Acts," which promote both federal and private funding for Holocaust education, to "improve awareness and understanding of the Holocaust." ★

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Politicians Pile More Spending Onto Already Bloated Budget

By Mark Anderson

The border wall, further abortion-funding restrictions, and a phasing out of Obamacare taxes are among the key highlights in a spending package ironed out as Congress sought to settle differences in order to finish its 12 appropriations bills for the 2020 fiscal year and avoid another government “shutdown.”

While the White House and Congress had reached a \$1.37 trillion deal in July that increased domestic spending by \$12 billion and almost twice that for defense, a \$22 billion increase, a final deal was reached that brings the grand total to \$1.394 trillion and includes emergency funding for natural disasters, the 2020 census, medical funding and other priorities.

A closer look at this massive spending plan shows that it provides:

- \$1.375 billion for border barriers, the same figure that was part of last year’s bill. The funding for such barriers is expected to provide a steady flow of funds as the federal government builds new wall sections where none had stood before, such as in Donna, Texas, as this AFP writer recently reported.

- A GOP measure to block abortion-related riders that Democrats had hoped would stave off Trump’s tough new restrictions on abortion providers. Those restrictions led to Planned Parenthood dropping Title X federal funding.

- The elimination of several taxes associated with Obamacare, effectively ending the widely disliked “individual mandate” that has forced Americans to purchase health insurance with the threat of an income tax penalty.

- The quantity of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention beds, a major source of contention in the budget talks, will remain stable, as will the overall funding level for Customs and Border Patrol.

- Raising the legal age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21. This includes vaping devices and e-cigarettes.

- The pensions and healthcare for 100,000 coal miners shored up in the bill.

- \$7.6 billion to the 2020 census.

- Offers business-friendly provisions on export financing, flood insurance, and immigrant workers—with the latter part unfortunately representing even more incentives for illegal immigrants to

be hired.

- \$25 million for gun violence research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a measure secured by Democrats, after more than 20 years of gun lobby opposition.

- A 3.1% pay raise for both the military and federal civilian employees. Democrats controlling the House succeeded in winning that percent raise for federal civilian employees and the military.

One particularly large chunk of this appropriations process will cost \$860.3 billion and will include defense, homeland security, commerce, justice, science and financial services spending packages.

Another, at \$534.4 billion, contains labor, health, human services, education, agriculture, state and foreign operations, military construction, veterans affairs, transportation, housing, urban development, energy and water, interior, environment, and legislative branch spending bills.

There are other significant bills that will pass in this process, including “retirement legislation and the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank,” *The Hill*, a beltway newspaper, added.

Also at year-end, the Senate voted 86-8 to approve the annual National Defense Authorization Act. The thunderously large \$738 billion bill to authorize defense spending and outline Pentagon policy guidelines includes a *quid pro quo* arrangement to grant federal employees 12 weeks paid parental leave in exchange for creating Trump’s proposed Space Force.

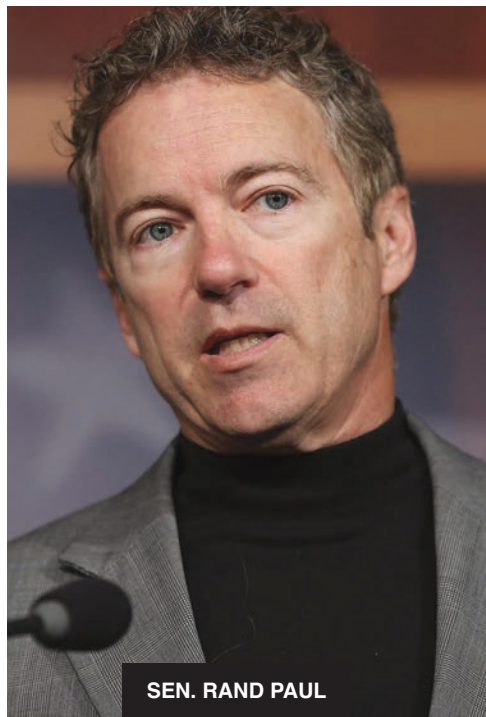
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Rand Paul (R-Ky.) argued that the bill consisted of some “bad compromises” that had “nothing to do with the national defense.” Paul was also quoted as saying: “The dirty little secret in Washington is that there’s actually too much compromise. We’re going to have paid leave for everybody, but we’re going to borrow the money from China,” thus hinting at the fundamental issue at hand here that no one dares to touch.

Congress needs to recreate a national debt-free currency and stop its borrowing altogether—which would make the government sovereign and free it—and the people—from endless debt and interest payments to the private bankers running the Federal Reserve.

The spending sprees described here are expected to force the annual spending-versus-revenue deficit over \$1 trillion for the first time since 2012.

President Donald Trump signed the massive package on Dec. 20. ★



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Secessionist Fever Is Spreading

• People across the globe are creating nations based on common race, religion, culture

By Patrick J. Buchanan

Fresh from his triumphal “Get Brexit Done!” campaign, Prime Minister Boris Johnson anticipates a swift secession from the European Union. But if Britain secedes from the EU, warns Scotland’s first minister Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland will secede from the United Kingdom. Northern Ireland, which voted in 2016 to remain in the EU, could follow Scotland out of Britain, leaving her with “Little England” and Wales.

Not going to happen, says Johnson. His government will not allow a second referendum on Scottish independence.

Yet the Scottish National Party won 48 of Scotland’s 59 seats in Parliament, and Sturgeon calls this a mandate for a new vote to secede: “If (Boris) thinks . . . saying no is the end of the matter then he is going to find himself completely and utterly wrong. . . . You cannot hold Scotland in the union against its will.”

She has a point. If a majority of Scots wish to secede, how does a democratic Great Britain indefinitely deny them the right of self-determination?



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Prime Minister Boris Johnson says that, although he is pressing hard for the United Kingdom to secede from the European Union, there is no way he is going to let Northern Ireland and Scotland secede from the United Kingdom. All across the world, ever-growing numbers of people want to carve out their own nations.

Is Scotland fated to become for Britain what Catalonia is to Spain? Where does this phenomenon, this continuing unraveling of old and proliferation of new nations, this epidemic of secessionism, end?

The most recent population explosion of new nations began three decades ago, when 15 republics of the USSR became independent nations. Soon, several of the 15 began to unravel further.

Transnistria seceded from Moldova. South Ossetia and Abkhazia seceded from Georgia. Chechnya sought to break free of Russia, only to be crushed. Since 2015, the Donbass has sought to secede from Ukraine. When Josip Tito’s Yugoslavia collapsed, six “nations” seceded from Belgrade.

When did secessionism begin?

The Americans started it all. The first great secessionist cause was the American Revolution, when the 13 American colonies declared and won independence from the British crown. It is solemnly declared today that our revolution was about ideas, such as the equality of all men. But the author of the Declaration did not believe in equality.

Thomas Jefferson was a Virginia plantation owner, some of whose slaves were with him in Philadelphia. He described Native Americans in the Declaration as “merciless Indian Savages.” The British are fraternally called “brethren” with whom we share “ties of a common kindred,” but who have been “deaf to the voice of consanguinity,” i.e., our cousins have been deaf to the call of our common



BORIS JOHNSON

blood. John Jay, in *Federalist No. 2*, before the Constitution was even ratified, spoke of the elements that formed the nation—“one connected country to one united people . . . descended from the same ancestors, speaking the same language, professing the same religion . . . similar in their manners and customs.”

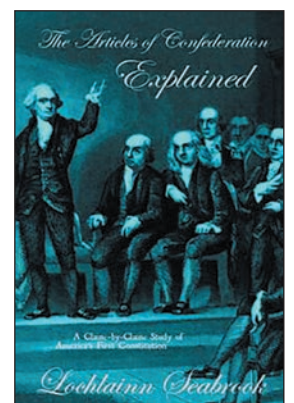
A second secessionist movement, six decades later, created a second American nation. Independence-hungry Texans under Sam Houston rose up and ripped that vast province away from its young mother country, Mexico.

The third secessionist movement united 11

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states that sought to create a new confederated nation outside the Union, as the revolutionary generation had created a new nation outside of Britain. This resulted in the American Civil War.

In the 19th century, a dozen new nations were created by Latin American secessionists of the Spanish and Portuguese empires, who emulated the example of the Americans of 1776.

After 1945, colonies of the British, French, Portuguese, and Belgian empires seceded to produce a baby boom of new nations whose most common characteristic seems to be that all receive foreign aid, and all have seats in the UN General Assembly.

If the secessionism epidemic is to someday expire, then its causes will have to be addressed. And what are they?

Secessionism appears rooted principally in issues of national identity—ethnicity, religion, race, language, culture, and “the mystic chords of memory”—most of which Jay identified as both uniting Americans and separating us from our British “brethren.” Yet these issues of identity appear not to be receding but rising in the Caucasus, the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia.

The Kurds, the Palestinians, the Baluch, and many more seek their own nations. Taiwan’s secession is not recognized by China. The secession of Russian-speaking Donbass is not recognized by a U.S.-armed Ukraine, or by the United States.

As more and more people identify themselves by who they are, and are not, secessions of people from each other will continue.

These are not inconsequential matters. In 1939, the question of whether 300,000 Germans in a Polish-controlled city, Danzig, should be restored to German rule led to the worst war in the history of the world.

The peace of mankind in the 21st century may well depend upon our ability to accommodate this inexorable secessionist drive to some degree.

In June 1945, the UN had 50 members. It begins 2020 with 193. Last week, Bougainville, a South Pacific island cluster of Papua New Guinea, voted 98%, in a nonbinding referendum for independence, to become the world’s newest nation. Papua New Guinea won its own independence from Australia when Gerald Ford was president. ★

Pat Buchanan is a writer, political commentator, and presidential candidate. He is the author of *Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever* and previous titles including *The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose From Defeat to Create the New Majority*, *Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?* and *Churchill, Hitler and the Unnecessary War*, all of which are available from AFP’s BOOKSTORE.

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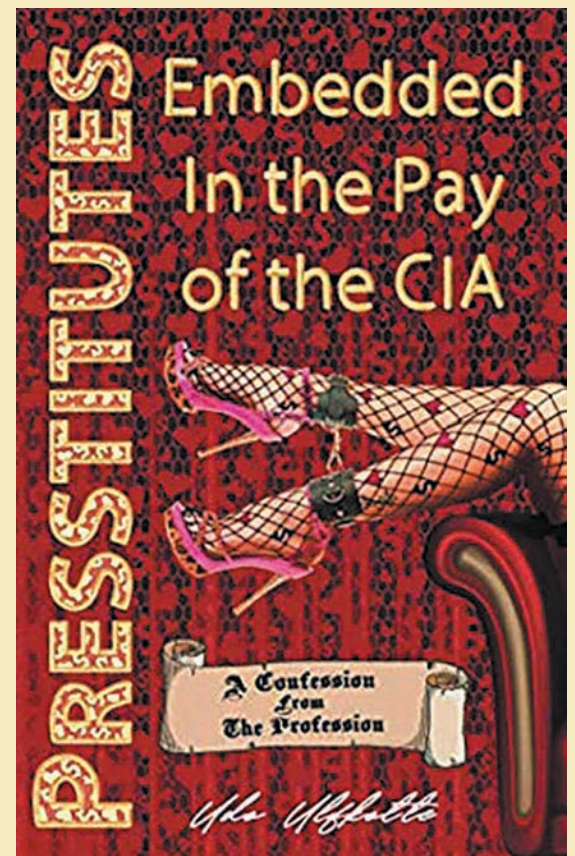
Embedded in the Pay of the CIA-- A Confession from the Profession

BY DR. UDO ULFKOTTE

German journalist Udo Ulfkotte reveals how he and his colleagues are corrupted and entrapped like modern-day mockingbirds in the tentacles of the ultimate paymaster—the CIA. The book became a bestseller in Germany—then Ulfkotte died under mysterious circumstances. A small U.S. publisher named Tayen Lane promised to publish an English edition—but apparently never got as far as translating it. Tayen Lane, which looks to have been a print-on-demand vanity press, is now defunct. There was considerable speculation that the translation was suppressed by Deep State actors, which certainly did not want this book published in English or any other language.

The original title translates to “Bought Journalists: How Politicians, Secret Agencies and High Finance Steer Germany’s Mass Media.” Understand that there was no need to slip payoff envelopes to newsmen. They would get the bribes in their regular paychecks! The entire system is not only bought and corrupt, it was installed by the U.S. during the Allied occupation after WWII and continues to this day. Ulfkotte hammers away at the corruption of Elite organizations and the “mockingbird press,” which set the tone and the rules of the game for the puppets who pen their pieces for this fake news scheme.

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What Can U.S. Learn from the UK?

- Adoption of radical leftist policies, endorsements from celebrities are “political poison”

By S.T. Patrick

Extrapolating one country’s national election results into a global trend or a long-term lesson can be challenging, yet there must be something said for conservative Boris Johnson’s smashing defeat of Jeremy Corbyn’s left-wing Labour Party in the UK. In America, political analysts are wondering whether the UK results were a part two to America’s 2016 election, a precursor to election 2020, or a rigged election that will result in another scandal—always the preference of the losing party’s favored media.

Certain left-leaning celebrities in both countries have urged moderation from their more liberal parties. The UK’s Piers Morgan wrote, “Johnson’s triumph proves democracy-denying radical socialists backed by self-righteous celebrities on Twitter are electoral poison—and if Democrats fall for the same delusion, Trump will decimate them in 2020.”

American comedian and talk show host Bill Maher tweeted, “The apparent beating that Jeremy Corbyn led the Labour to in the UK election should serve as a cautionary tale for the Democrats as 2020 approaches.”

Maher has been more specific in the past, criticizing the Democratic Party’s frontrunners for trending too far to the left. “If you run on taking away people’s healthcare and taxing them too much and taking away all of their guns and trans women get abortion rights—I think that came up



in the first debate—I don’t think you are going to win this election,” Maher told MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” program in September.

Former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has also predicted that a shift in platform priorities would be the only thing that could bring

The defeat of left-leaning Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn in recent elections in the UK shows that voters on both sides of the Atlantic are rejecting the culture-destroying radical liberalism of the new left. This could bode well for Trump in 2020.

victory to the Democrats.

“There are so many more important things to do. Decriminalizing border crossings is not something that should be at the top of the list,” Reid said.

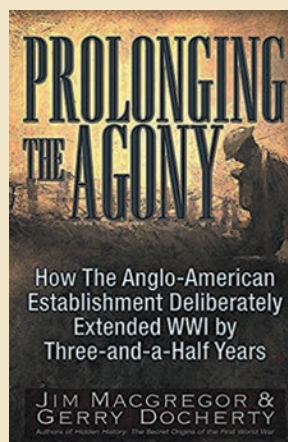
Maher has gone so far as to urge for a denunciation of the more extreme landmarks of the 2020 campaign, the race to the most extreme poles of the party. Since 1992 this has been called a “Sister Souljah moment,” which refers to candidate Bill Clinton distancing himself from DJ Sister Souljah’s racial comments in the midst of the 1992 campaign. Now the phrase indicates a movement away from extremist positions and supporters of those positions.

The bases of both parties lie in those who are the farthest right and left, respectively. But those bases are often ideologically opposed to the centrist national committees (DNC and RNC) that control the primaries. After Pat Buchanan’s conservative “Culture War” speech defined the 1992 Republican National Convention, GOP strategists pushed for a move to the middle. Over the next 20 years, Republican moderates were chosen by the RNC to prevail in the primaries: Bob Dole, George

Prolonging the Agony

How The Anglo-American Establishment Deliberately Extended World War I by Three-and-a-Half Years

The fact that governments lie is generally accepted today, but World War I was the first global conflict in which millions of young men were sacrificed for hidden causes. They did not die to save civilization; they were killed for profit and in the hopes of establishing a one-world government. By 1917, America had been thrust into the war by a president who promised to stay out of the conflict. But the real power behind the war consisted of the bankers, the financiers, and the politicians—referred to in this book as “The Secret Elite.” Scouring government papers on both sides of the Atlantic, memoirs that avoided the censor’s pen, speeches made in Congress and Parliament, major newspapers of the time, and other sources, *Prolonging the Agony* maintains that the war was deliberately and unnecessarily prolonged and that



the gross lies ingrained in modern “histories” still circulate because governments refuse citizens the truth. Featured in this book are shocking accounts of the alleged Belgian “outrages,” the sinking of the *Lusitania*, the manipulation of votes for Herbert Hoover, Lord Kitchener’s death, and American and British Zionists in cahoots with Rothschild’s manipulated Balfour Declaration. The proof is here in a fully documented exposé—a real history of World War I. By Jim Macgregor and Gerry Docherty—authors of the popular TBR book *Hidden History: The Secret Origins of the First World War* (also available from TBR for \$25). Softcover, 624 pages, #852, \$27 minus 10% for TBR subscribers plus \$5 S&H inside the U.S. Order from TBR, P.O. Box 550, White Plains, MD 20695. Call TBR toll free at 1-877-773-9077 to charge, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 ET.



According to “Breitbart,” “At a Labour Party meeting, 70-year-old socialist Jeremy Corbyn was told that he was the ‘the biggest drag’ on the [Labour] Party in the election and that his socialist spending promises made Labour look ‘economically illiterate’ to the public.”

W. Bush, John McCain, and Mitt Romney.

The Democratic Party is now going through a similar identity crisis. Joseph Biden and Pete Buttigieg are the party favorites, while Bernie Sanders is the outlier, despite his overwhelming popularity at live events.

Just as the GOP was stymied by Buchanan’s populist support in 1992 and 1996—which re-emerged as Trump support in 2016—the DNC has no idea what to do with a populist candidate like Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii).

Though downplayed as a major factor by the British media, Brexit was a major winner in the UK election. The British people were asked to

vote yea or nay on Brexit in June 2016, and they did just that. They voted to leave the European Union. Since 2016, they have withstood Labour Party leaders shouting for nullification of the people’s vote, compromises that would lead to permanent ties with the EU (thus indirectly nullifying the vote), and mockery by the British left. The mockery they have received in the UK (being called everything from “fascists” to “Nazi white supremacists”) was the equivalent of being told they were “deplorables” who “cling to their God and guns.”

The British media had also worked faulty polling to show that Brexit was no longer even a

majority opinion—and by a wide margin. If the Johnson win didn’t show that the polling and media barrage was faulty, then the Labour leaders have learned nothing. The British withstood three years of being propagandized by a state-run media, and they won. Their 2016 vote stood.

The American people, especially those who live between the coasts, have been listening to three years of political statements supporting unchecked immigration, drivers licenses for illegal aliens, higher taxes, globalism, and an unconstitutional curbing of free speech. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) proved that, no, you couldn’t keep your healthcare if you liked it, not when companies abandoned healthcare altogether due to the rising costs of the ACA. There has also been a war fatigue that has started to take American hearts and minds slowly. Throughout both parties, the underdog Gabbard has been the only candidate to address the permanent war state. No matter which party won, no matter if either party moved left, right, or to the center, war has won. Beyond policy, however, the core issue may be one of respect.

Will Americans vote in droves for a left-leaning candidate who is out of touch with those who still pride themselves on being the majority of the Americans who are employed? Will they accept being told that everything will be “free to all” when they know that they will be working harder and making less to pay for it all? That America doesn’t always identify with either party, not in name. What they do understand is that there are two lines: givers and takers. The givers have spent their lives being givers for ethical, moral, and spiritual reasons. But the line of takers has gotten longer and more aggressively entitled. They will vote for the party (candidate) who outwardly respects them most. It’s that easy. ★

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George Orwell Should Be Required Reading

I am writing to respond to Jordan Gollub's letter to the editor [in AFP's Dec. 2 & 9 edition] titled, "Author George Orwell Was No Hero to Me." I want to start by saying that the author presented a well-articulated letter that raised valid concerns about Orwell's personal history. I agree that Orwell was an imperfect messenger; however, that does not detract from his message.

Orwell was a prophet. Both *1984* and *Animal Farm* were written as warnings to future generations. In my opinion, *Animal Farm* is the best anti-socialism book ever written. It should be required reading for America's schoolchildren. Yes, I know that will never happen, as Big Brother has complete control of America's failing school system.

MICHAEL YORK
West Virginia

Obama vs. McCain

My older brother, who is now deceased, asked me years ago who I voted for in the Obama-McCain presidential race. I told him, it was Obama. He was shocked, asking how a DAV [disabled American vet] from the Korean conflict could do such a thing. My response was that with all of the pro-Israel backing McCain received, he would have let Israel get us into endless war with Iran or another long-lasting Vietnam. Besides that, McCain left a cancer-ridden wife for a multi-million-dollar princess. A reporter asked him how many homes he owned. He couldn't answer that question, but the reporter answered for him: He had seven.



I did tell him that I didn't vote for either candidate when it came time for Obama's reelection. We would've been better off with no presidential leadership for the next four years. After Bush left us with a \$10 trillion debt, Obama doubled that.

ROBERT FADELL
Indiana

Solution to Rape Crisis

In regard to Sweden's rape problem, the death penalty for rape in the southern states of America reduced that crime to almost zero. Yankee law change that in the 1960s, however. National governments tend to protect the criminal class because it justifies a large police force.

COLEMAN D. GIMNICH
Texas

It's OK To Be White

The Democrat Party is trying to put a guilt trip on white people, saying they should be ashamed of themselves on account of the alleged wicked and evil deeds of their ancestors.

To begin with, the geographic distribution of the white race extends from Spain and Portugal all the way to India and Pakistan. It also includes Australia and New Zealand. It includes speakers of more than 30 languages. Surely, not all of these people are the racist villains Democrats have in mind.

It is to be granted that the white race has its share of wicked and evil villains, past and present. But the white race also has its heroes, those who have made great positive contributions to the edification of the human race. To this musician's mind come first the great musical compositions of those "wicked and evil" European white male composers, who lived between 1700 and 1900. Guilt by association is no valid basis for condemnation of the entire white race.

Arthur Kemp is the author of a politically incorrect book called *A History of the White Race*. He recounts going through several libraries, finding there a vast plethora of books about other peoples: African-Americans, American Indians, Malay-Polynesians, Chinese, Maori etc. But he found no books about white people, so he took the politically incorrect step of writing his book, after doing prodigious research, far and wide, to correct a racial imbalance. Racist? On the contrary, it is racist to exclude

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equal treatment of white people with all others, even as hate crimes laws and affirmative action laws do.

In our day, white people are the most vilified, hated, and slandered of all races. Why? William Shakespeare had the answer, which he wrote in his play "Julius Caesar." "The good that men do is oft interred with their bones, but the evil they do lives after them."

LAWRENCE K. MARSH
Maryland

Wildfire Mystery

[In regard to Mark Anderson's article on the California wildfires in the Nov. 18 & 25 issue of AFP], being a veteran with boots on the ground, I have no illusions about malign government. This story, however, and its implications of government criminality on a grand scale, reaches a new dimension, and I do hope that you have been responsible in reporting it.

The term "terrorism" has been bandied about too freely of late, but the destruction of property and lives lost due to this arson—if it was arson—does put it in that category. I hope that you continue to pursue this story. Kudos to you and AMERICAN FREE PRESS. Where would we be without you alternative media?

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Photo Got Flipped

In your recent issue of AFP, Issue 49 & 50, Dec. 2 & 9, 2019, page 12, you have the picture of [national security staff] Alexander Vindman reversed. The U.S. above the crossed rifles on his brass is backwards, and the decorations, including his expert blue rifleman's badge, are on the wrong side. They should be pinned on his left chest, not his right.

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