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NOT SO SMART

• Judge sides with “Smart Meters” over privacy rights

By Dave Gahary

In yet another blow to the Constitution’s Fourth Amendment, which provides American citizens guarantees “against unreasonable search and seizures,” the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit—overseeing courts in districts in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin—has ruled in favor of the City of Naperville, Illinois’s electric utility’s “smart meter” program against a group of concerned local citizens organized as the group Naperville Smart Meter Awareness.

The group sued, alleging the “smart meter” program revealed “intimate personal details of the city’s electric customers such as when people are home and when the home is vacant, sleeping routines, eating routines, specific appliance types in the home and when used, and charging data for plug-in vehicles that can be used to identify travel routines and history.” They alleged that the collection of this data constituted “an unreasonable search under the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as well as an unreasonable search and invasion of privacy under . . . the Illinois Constitution.”

Although the court ruled that “smart meter” collection of data “constitutes a search under both the Fourth Amendment and the Illinois Constitution,” they also ruled it was a reasonable search.



The Fourth Amendment reads, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

The 13-page ruling issued on Aug. 16 states that while other cities across the country allow residents to opt out of smart meters, “Naperville’s residents have little choice”: “If they want electricity in their homes, they must buy it from the city’s public utility. And they

cannot opt out of the smart-meter program.”

The court also addressed the certainty that “smart meters” are searching the home:

The ever-accelerating pace of technological development carries serious privacy implications. Smart meters are no exception. Their data, even when collected at 15-minute intervals, reveals details about the home that would be otherwise unavailable to government officials with a physical search. Naperville therefore “searches” its residents’ homes when it collects this data.

But then the court even lent their support to “smart meter” technology:

Smart meters allow utilities to reduce costs, provide cheaper power to consumers, encourage energy efficiency, and increase grid stability. We hold that these interests render the city’s search reasonable, where the search is unrelated to law enforcement, is minimally invasive, and presents little risk of corollary criminal consequences.

The court did caution, however, that if Naperville began collecting “smart meter” data at intervals less than every 15 minutes, “our conclusion could change.” They also warned it could change “if the data was more easily accessible to law enforcement or other city officials outside the utility.”

In the end, the court ruled that since the city “conducts the search with no prosecutorial intent,” and the utility’s employees, not law enforcement, “collect and review the data,” the search is reasonable.

This ruling is sure to impact other concerned communities across this once-great nation, who are concerned about increasing infringement upon the liberties enshrined in perhaps the greatest contract between a government and its citizens ever crafted. ★

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

John McCain Was Everything That's Wrong With D.C.

Since the founding of the United States in 1776, this country—the shining city upon a hill, the land of the free, home of the brave—has been at war for 225 out of the 242 years we have been in existence. That's about 93% of the time. War's a huge issue for America, and, today, it ranks up there with the economy as one of the biggest problems we face as a nation.

In the nearly two decades since the 9/11 attacks, Americans have grown to feel so strongly about all the wars that our country is involved in that they chose Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton based on, among other things, Trump's campaign promise that he would put America first and stop meddling in countries we know nothing about and starting "disastrous" wars.

In this week's edition we dedicate considerable editorial space to this subject, including the likelihood of going to war against Russia, Iran, and China in the not-too-distant future—a frightening prospect when one considers the weapons at the disposal of these superpowers, any one of which could destroy almost all life on Earth for generations to come.

Perhaps it was the death on Aug. 25 of Washington's top warmonger, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), that prompted us to take a such a hard look at this subject this week, compiling what we feel is a damning exposé on the state of our union.

In the week before AFP went to press, we found ourselves subjected to dozens of fulsome tributes in the mainstream media that all but sainted the 81-year-old legislator. Painted as a voice of sanity and morality in a city of phonies and cheats, McCain was remembered

The Unvarnished History of McCain
Public portrayal of longtime Arizona senator at odds with the hard facts

By Donald Jetties

Judging by the Deep State's response to the recent death of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), an outsider would think that McCain had inspired upon the legacy of George Washington.

Barack Obama spoke of McCain's "courage" and "integrity." He said in his obituary, "McCain, in a joint statement issued with his wife, Cathy, stated 'I will always be especially grateful for his leadership in our success, but others to remember relations with George W. Bush passed.' John McCain was a man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order. He was a public servant in the finest traditions of our country."

Jimmie Carter and George H.W. Bush were only two of the many voices that categorized the career politician as a "war patriot."

The tributes coming from every corner and pillar of the establishment indicate just how fully accepted McCain was not to the idea that the country was founded upon but to the corrupt means that family controls American politics.

McCain was not any more principled in his personal life. His first wife, Cathy, had married faithfully for his during his five years of captivity in North Vietnam, from which he returned home to great fanfare in 1973. Carol, a former swimmer model, had been degraded in a car crash, and gained a great deal of weight during a long recovery process. She refused to have her husband undressed, knowing he had enough on his plate already. Ross Perot, a genuine American hero, quietly paid for all of her medical expenses. In 1980, McCain left Carol for a much younger woman, who happened to be the mistress to a high-level former.

McCain's new wife, Cindy, would later become addicted to drugs and was caught stealing prescription medications. In typical FN fashion, she avoided the kind of punishment an average citizen would have received.

Ted Sampley, who one time got into a physical altercation in a stairway of the Senate building with one of McCain's aides, was quoted as McCain's character in the June 7, 2008 UK Daily Mail: "I have been following John McCain's career for nearly 20 years. I know him personally. There is something wrong with this guy and let me tell you what it is—deceit."

He added, "When the case home and saw that Carol was not the beauty he left behind, he started running around on her almost eight years... Eventually he met Cindy and she was young and beautiful and very wealthy... This is a guy who makes such a big deal about his character. He has no character. He is a liar. If there was any character in that first marriage, it all belonged to Carol."

In the same article, Perot stated, "McCain is the classic opportunist. He's always reaching for attention and glory. After he came home, Carol walked with a limp. So he threw her over for a younger girl with big money from Arizona. And the rest is history."

McCain had the right connections for future military glory. Both his father and his grandfather were admirals. At the Naval Academy, McCain, a lifelong swimmer, developed a reputation and paraded about with a group of fellow officers who dubbed themselves the "Bad Beach."

Many others besides Donald Trump have pointed out that McCain was not a war hero.

McCain worked harder than anyone else in Washington, D.C. to ensure that countless POWs and MIA's left behind in Vietnam would remain forgotten. Considering that McCain's entire political career was constructed by portraying him-

as a champion of the people and a powerful check on an out-of-control president. But the truth is, Trump was right the whole time: McCain is no hero.

Since AFP's founding in 2001, we have never shied away from reporting on McCain's true legacy of corruption, betrayal, and, of course, warmongering.

We have detailed his time spent as a prisoner of war at the so-called Hanoi Hilton in Vietnam. Our interviews with Vietnam veteran Ted Sampley before he passed away immediately come to mind. Sampley was one of many veterans who blamed McCain for singlehandedly quashing the release of documents and information

about American prisoners of war in Vietnam and the missing in action who have still not been accounted for. In public, McCain claimed he refused to open the records for public viewing because doing so would revive painful memories for former prisoners, their families, and the families of MIAs. Several POW/MIA activists who have talked to this newspaper over the years have called McCain's excuses nonsense, saying that he wanted to keep those records sealed because there's something especially damning in them that would expose him as the traitor many believe him to be.

The fact is, sane people who have been to war never want to see it again—but not McCain. And that is what made the man so perfect for Washington. While he professed to despise killing, bloodshed, torture, and all of the horrors associated with war, few in Washington were bigger cheerleaders for it than McCain was. Iraq, Iran, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Palestine, Africa, Ukraine, Yemen, Russia, China—there hasn't been a war, a conflict, a skirmish, a hostility where McCain didn't choose a side and push to fund, supply, or involve the U.S. military in it.

The establishment's reaction to McCain's death has laid bare all that is wrong with the swamp in Washington, D.C., a city that worships greed, vice, and war. Trump has said he wants to drain that swamp. No wonder he never got an invite to McCain's funeral. ★

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News You May Have Missed

Shocking Exaggeration

Of all the media outlets out there, liberal news agency National Public Radio (NPR) recently debunked a Department of Education report, which “vastly overstated” the number of school shootings that occurred in the 2015-2016 school year. The Department of Education had reported that, from 2015-2016, there were 235 school shootings at different schools. NPR, however, was only able to confirm 11 of them while 161 were errors and four were miscategorized incidents. The Department of Education tried to pass the buck, stating that it relies on schools to self-report. The Education Department said it will publish updated data in the Fall of 2018 to correct the record. Many in the media, however, continue to cite the 235 school shootings as fact.

Facebook Fake News

In related news, social media giant Facebook removed an article by National Public Radio (NPR) debunking an Education Department report that exaggerated the number of school shootings in 2015-2016, claiming the article was “spam.” Facebook later allowed NPR to repost the article after its error was pointed out.

FBI Leaks

During a closed-door interview with the House Judiciary and House Oversight Committees on Aug. 31, FBI special agent Jonathan Moffa admitted that the FBI and Justice Department have leaked stories to the press and then turned around and used them to obtain secret warrants under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). “He more or less admitted that the FBI/DOJ have previously leaked info to the press and then used stories from the press as justifications for FISA warrants,” a source who took part in Moffa’s interview told conservative website “The Daily Caller.”

Secret Kill List

A black man, who grew up just outside of New York City before converting to Islam and moving to the Middle East, believes the U.S. has him on a secret kill list officially called the “Disposition Matrix” and has been trying to kill him for the past two years. In its most recent issue, *Rolling Stone* magazine reports on the story of comedian Darrell Lamont Phelps, who changed his name to Bilal Abdul Kareem in the early 2000s and became a journalist in Syria and started his own media outlet. Since then, Kareem says he has been targeted five times by missiles launched by U.S. drones but narrowly missed being murdered each time. Kareem is now suing the U.S. government in district court in Washington, D.C., demanding the U.S. government take him off its kill list.

Secret Hand Signs

Following the first day of raucous Senate hearings on the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court justice, which were repeatedly interrupted by caterwauling radical activists, multiple leftists accused an aide to Kavanaugh of flashing a hand sign supposedly made by white supremacists. Ironically, the aide in question, Zina Bash, is half-Hispanic and has Jewish grandparents. The purported signal, which is simply the “okay” sign made with the first finger and the thumb, was actually invented by jokers on the Internet as a way to fool gullible liberals.

Human Extinction

Men’s magazine *GQ* recently reported on a new study, which tested sperm from 43,000 men over the course of years and found that sperm counts have fallen precipitously in the past half-century. Even more disturbing, the study by Hebrew University/Mount Sinai showed that the human race is apparently on a downward trend toward becoming unable to reproduce itself in the next 40 years. According to the study, sperm counts went from 99 million sperm per milliliter of semen in 1973 to 47 million per milliliter in 2011, and the decline has been accelerating. Researchers did not find any reasons why this is happening, but the lead author said he believes environmental pollutants such as plastic may play a significant factor.

Race-Based Wrongs

On Aug. 30, the Justice Department (DOJ) sided with a group of Asian students, who had been rejected for admission by Harvard University and allege the school discriminated against them. Filing a “statement of interest” in the years-long case, DOJ insists Harvard can’t show that the university is following legal restrictions established to limit how race is used as a factor in admissions. “Harvard has failed to carry its demanding burden to show that its use of race does not inflict unlawful racial discrimination on Asian Americans,” the statement filed by DOJ in Massachusetts district court said. “To the contrary, the record evidence demonstrates that Harvard’s race-based admissions process significantly disadvantages Asian-American applicants compared to applicants of other racial groups. . . .”

Real Meddling

The Russian government recently released nearly 600 pages of correspondence between the Clinton administration and aides to Russian leader Boris Yeltsin, who oversaw the dismantling of the Soviet Union. The files show how the U.S. government meddled in Russian politics—specifically in Russian parliamentary elections and the 1996 reelec-

tion campaign—to ensure that Yeltsin led the post-Soviet Russia. In one of the worst examples, Russian news agency RT reports that “a transcript from 1993 details how [President Bill] Clinton offered to help Yeltsin in upcoming parliamentary elections by selectively using U.S. foreign aid to shore up support for the Russian leader’s political allies.” In other words, the president of the United States offered to bribe Russian politicians to ensure a Yeltsin win.

Who’s Poisoning the UK?

The Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) released a report on Sept. 4 that proves the chemical agent that poisoned a couple in Amesbury, UK last June was the same one used to poison Sergei and Yulia Skripal in March. Sergei Skripal was a Russian spy who became a prominent critic of the Russian government after he fled to England. Skripal and his daughter were nearly killed last spring when the two came in contact with a highly toxic substance called novichok, which used to be made in the Soviet Union. The Russian government has denied any involvement in the poisoning, and the latest apparently random attack of a couple in Amesbury appears to support that claim, leading some to wonder who is poisoning UK citizens with a former Soviet chemical weapon.

Secret Island of the Templars

Could the alleged ark of the covenant and the legendary holy grail be hidden on a Baltic Sea island? No one knows just what these sacred relics, the ark of the covenant and the holy grail, really are, but there is tremendous interest in finding them. Involved, say researchers Erling Haagenen and Henry Lincoln, are the Danish island of Bornholm and the French village of Rennes-le-Chateau. In a new book, *The Templars’ Secret Island*, Haagenen and Lincoln maintain that medieval round churches were built at sites on the island based on sophisticated geometry also used by the Templars at other places such as Rennes-le-Chateau, France. Most interestingly, it is argued the Templars not only were highly accomplished surveyors but somehow knew the Earth is spheroidal and its exact dimensions, in an era when most folks believed it was flat. Ancestors of the noblemen who founded the Knights Templar lived on the rocky little 226.7-square-mile island, now home to some 45,000 people and four round churches (*rundkirke*) dating from about A.D. 1150.

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Global Elite Fret About Future

• Rothschilds, German PM showing concern over Trump, Putin, populism

By S.T. Patrick

Billionaire banker Lord Jacob Rothschild has sensed a great disturbance in the global order that his family helped shape after World War II. In RIT Capital Investment's semi-annual results commentary, Rothschild pointed to the U.S.-China trade war and the crises in the eurozone as destabilizing factors influencing his pessimism.

"In 9/11 and in the 2008 financial crisis, the powers of the world worked together with a common approach," Rothschild said. "Cooperation today is proving much more difficult. This puts at risk the post-war economic and security order."

Rothschild cited "potentially destructive" debt levels in Europe. The globalist creed regarding debt has been to move countries toward centralization, whereby nations would then be beholden to a central power for providing their economic safety nets—often in the form of bailouts. In return for the assistance, the receptive nations are then fiscally and legally tied to the revolving debts and demands that accompany the funds. It can safely be predicted then that the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and Rothschild-controlled and -influenced mega-banks will serve as lenders with their overt bureaucrats and covert operatives as masters.

President Donald Trump's natural political tendencies worry the globalist cabal. Trump has been justifiably criticized for appointing New World neocons to top cabinet posts and White House positions. The friction that naturally occurs between Trump and his own administration is portrayed by the mainstream media as an effect of Trump's madness. It may, however, be that Trump's tendencies—populism and protectionism—set off fireworks in the minds and mouths of those who believed they could control the reality star whose main task in recent years had been to faux-fire celebrities on national television.

In some ways, the globalists did influence Trump. The bombings in Syria are in direct opposition to his own campaign rhetoric, and he has yet to build the oft-promised wall with Mexican pesos.

Despite these contradictions, there is still something about Trump that diametrically opposes the worldviews of the bankers, financiers, and media moguls who control the flow of money and information internationally.

Considerations over the Nord Stream 2



Jacob Rothschild says he is pessimistic about the future of the New World Order. Top on his list of concerns is the trade war raging between the U.S. and China, Britain's exit from the EU, European debt, and Trump. Angela Merkel is even questioning Germany's role in the NWO.

While Trump can often be ambiguous and confusing on social issues, Putin has continuously pushed toward cultural and social hegemony. Trump can be more boisterous, while Putin can be more calculated. They both care very much about personal popularity and selective protectionism. When fully embracing their instinctive political selves, each can cause reflexive rage in their detractors.

When the global order feels that their power is being threatened, they move to reorganize and refocus. Many in alternative media have predicted a false-flag operation that will throw the administrations of Trump, Putin, or both into turmoil. Americans and Europeans will then overwhelmingly call for a stabilizing force to rise. The global order would produce that force—and the financial backing to help that factor succeed in the early aftermath. Leftist icon Noam Chomsky has already laid the groundwork for a false narrative, predicting that Trump will initiate the false flag.

"We shouldn't put aside the possibility that there would be some kind of staged or alleged terrorist act, which can change the country instantly," Chomsky said in 2017.

The panic of the elite has begun. The final half of Trump's first administration may never be what it appears to be. We may not know what we seek to know until level-headed historians analyze these years decades later. For now, when all parties are righteously indignant, who is to be believed?

As H.G. Wells wrote, "The crisis of today is the joke of tomorrow."

The reports of collusion, advertising, meetings, and porn stars may indeed be the jokes of tomorrow's fair-minded historians, but the power wielded by the disgruntled, nervous elite has historically shown itself to be dangerous. ★

pipeline that brings Russian oil to Germany—as well as concerns similar to Rothschild's—has caused German Chancellor Angela Merkel to question Germany's role within the European sphere of influence.

"The global order is under pressure," Merkel said in July. "We Germans always say that holding the West together is our 'center of gravity,' but the Russian approach has succeeded in dragging Germany, at least in terms of energy policy, out of this Western solidarity."

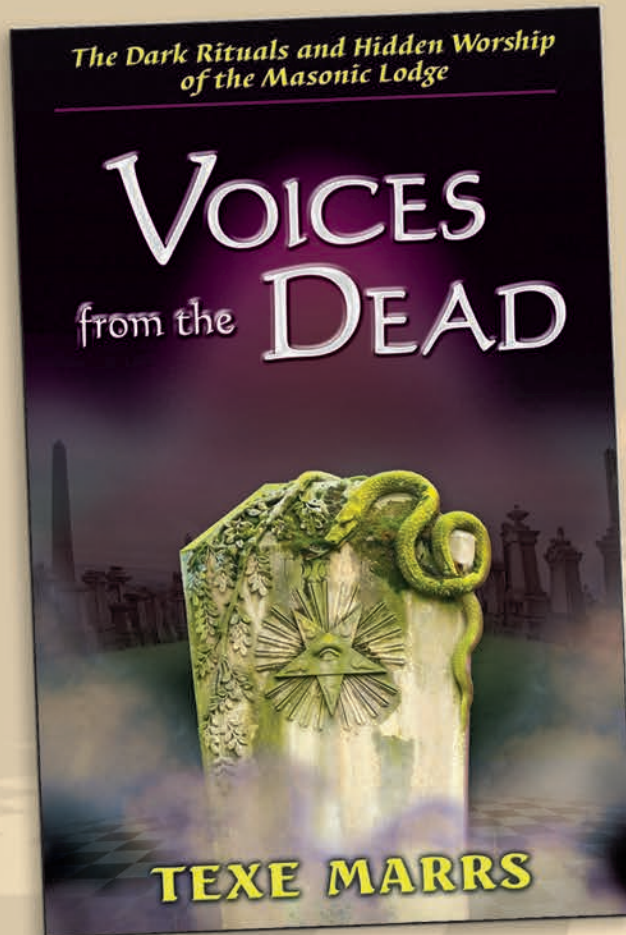
The Russian approach is a not-so-vaguely disguised reference to Russian President Vladimir Putin. EU leaders and think tanks appear to be appalled at the idea the Russian pipeline would serve the Kremlin's strategic interests in its hemisphere. A key to understanding the hostility that Trump and Putin both cause among their regional colleagues and media is the idea that their main objective is to improve the conditions for their bases within their own countries, above all.

There are differences. Trump's domestic decisions have lessened the bureaucratic pressure on businesses, small and large. Putin's economic initiatives are aimed at building a stronger state.

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Finally, the horrible Truth comes out. Freemasonry was founded by a Jewish Rabbi. Not just any rabbi, Simeon Bar Yochai was a hater of Christianity. In the Talmud he is quoted as saying, "*The Best of the Christians—Kill!*"

Rabbi Yochai also advocated sex with children. His word in the Talmud permitting pedophile sex with a three-year old girl is Jewish Law. He claimed that the Serpent is "God" and that the Kabbalah and Zohar, which he authored, were given him by fallen angels. The Kabbalah, said Rabbi Yochai, is superior to the Holy Bible and is full of sorcery, black magic and witchcraft.

In the 30th degree ritual, Rabbi Yochai awakens from his coffin and speaks to participants. He leads the Masonic candidate in renouncing Christianity. He causes him to take a Satanic oath to henceforth worship only the Masonic deity and embrace only the Masonic religion, which Masons say is "identical" to the ancient Mystery religion—the religion of Satan and the Serpent!

Albert Pike, 33°, former Sovereign Grand Commander of Freemasonry, says that Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai reveals the "Mystery of the Kabbalah." He alone, says Pike, provides pure truth and he alone holds the key to man's future. Rabbi Yochai is the Voice from the Dead!

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Soros-Subsidized Activist Group Linked to Escalation of Censorship

- Neo-Bolshevik “Media Matters” wants Internet purged of conservative ideas

By Jacob Tyler

A pattern has emerged in recent events, revealing a leftist agenda to censor conservative viewpoints in the mainstream. This push has been linked to billionaire globalist George Soros as well as other radical far-left activists.

Some of the occurrences culminating in the suppression of opposition to the globalist agenda in the digital world include the Orwellian “thought-policing” of social media and the altering of search-engine algorithms that has directly caused plummeting online engagement for conservative blogs and websites. It also includes the arrest of conservative activists in the wake of rightwing gatherings. Finally, there has been the proliferation of sensational litigation that targets rightwing leaders and organizations for the purpose of shutting them up and gathering inside information on how they conduct business.

These types of actions mirror a laundry list of “desired outcomes” that are listed in a policy document promulgated by the Soros-subsidized Media Matters for America “watchdog” group at a fundraising event in Florida and first revealed on the web in January 2017.

The 49-page document calls for a coalition spearheaded by Media Matters and associated groups including American Bridge 21st Century, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, and Shareblue, together with Silicon Valley big-tech, to defeat Trump and any Republican candidates.

The document, titled “Democracy Matters:



DAVID BROCK

David Brock, founder of Media Matters for America, a George Soros-funded front group with radical ideas on censorship, has developed a four-year plan to rid the nation of any ideas or opinions that he does not agree with.

elections, filing lawsuits against the Trump administration, monetizing political advocacy, using a ‘digital attacker’ to delegitimize Trump’s presidency and damage Republicans, and partnering with Facebook to combat so-called ‘fake news,’” according to *The Washington Free Beacon*, which attended the fundraising event at which Brock released the strategy document.

The brazen memo, authored by Media Matters founder David Brock, claims that the organization has “access to raw data from Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites” so it can “systematically monitor and analyze this unfiltered data.” Brock’s memo also claims to have given Google “the information necessary to identify 40 of the worst fake news websites, including ‘Breitbart,’ ‘The Drudge Report,’ ‘Infowars,’ ‘Zero Hedge,’ and ‘Conservative Treehouse.’”

The strategy already seems to be bearing fruit.

A recent study conducted by the popular conservative news site “Gateway Pundit” found that Facebook had eliminated 93% of the traffic to top conservative news outlets. A corroborating study by *The Western Journal* revealed that conversely, leftwing publishers saw a 2% increase in website traffic from Facebook while conservative publishers lost nearly 14% of their Facebook traffic in the immediate aftermath of changes to Facebook’s algorithm that determines what shows up in the news feeds of the site’s 2 billion users—ostensibly to show each individual user the news that is most relevant to them based on their activity on the popular social media platform.

The infamous Media Matters document, brought back into recent news as a result of increasingly severe censorship, predates a recently drafted 23-page proposal by Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) entitled “Potential Policy Proposals for Regulation of Social Media and Technology Firms” in circulation amongst Senate Democrats. Warner’s plan explicitly details a host of draconian imperatives—strikingly similar to Media Matters’ stated goals—to be implemented across the cornucopia of digital platforms. ★

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Portions of the Infamous Media Matters Document

- “Serial misinformers and right-wing propagandists inhabiting everything from social media to the highest levels of government will be exposed, discredited.” [Translation: All other points of view will be crushed and, if they are correct, they will be smeared anyway.]
- “Internet and social media platforms, like Google and Facebook, will no longer uncritically and without consequence host and enrich fake news sites and propagandists.” [Translation: Even the most powerful Internet companies will be forced to do our bidding or be attacked.]
- “Trump will be defeated, either through impeachment or at the ballot box in 2020.” [Translation: Powerful leftist groups funded by George Soros are behind the effort to smear Trump.]
- “Toxic alt-right social media-fueled harassment campaigns that silence dissent and poison our national discourse will be punished and halted.” [Translation: Only radical leftist groups like Media Matters are allowed to use such techniques; conservative views not wanted.]

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Former Georgia Legislator Remembers 'Silent Sam'

• Ben "Cooter" Jones speaks with AFP about Southern heritage



BEN JONES

By Dr. Ed DeVries

As the host of TBR Radio's "The Dixie Heritage Hour," it has been my privilege on multiple occasions to interview former Georgia Rep. Ben Jones (D). Many of you remember him as "Cooter," the loveable tow-truck driver on the television show "The Dukes of Hazzard."

As a young man, 100 years after the beginning of the War Between the States, in 1961, Jones left his job at a factory in Wilmington, N.C. to hitchhike his way to Chapel Hill where he enrolled in the University of North Carolina (UNC).

He was assigned a bed in the "Battle Dormitory, which faced Franklin Street, Chapel Hill's 'main drag.' My room, 8 Battle, looked out over McCorkle Place, the 'upper quad' of the campus."

"It was from there, over the next two years," Jones said, "that I watched the changing of the seasons on the campus grounds, the blazing autumn hardwoods, and those seductive dogwood and magnolia spring-times, not to mention the

passing co-eds."

Continuing to reminisce, he said, "I was told that Thomas Wolfe, the author of *Look Homeward, Angel* had lived in that room and looked out that same window back in 1916. I could not believe my good fortune in having landed in this 'Southern Part of Heaven.' Like Wolfe, I was overflowing with ideas and dreams and confusion. And, like him, I chased the elusive girls of the night and drank the last drop that was to be had."

But most notably, he said, "The one constant outside that window, in every season, was the noble statue of 'Silent Sam,' the Confederate soldier who stood vigilant watch over the campus."

On the night of Aug. 20, radical far-left activists toppled the statue of Silent Sam. As AFP goes to press, the statue has not been replaced, but university administrators say he will be put back.

"Sam," Jones said, "represented those young students who had left the campus when 'the War' came, those noble students who went off to do their duty. It was said that UNC gave more students to the Southern Cause than any other school."

A few weeks into Jones's career, President John F. Kennedy visited the campus where he gave a speech on Founders Day. Jones remembers the president. "In his first year in office, JFK was in full form, at his handsome, youthful, and charismatic best."

Commemorating the school's Confederate past, Jones recalls, "this liberal Democrat from Massachusetts" said:

There is, of course, no place in America where reason and firmness are more clearly pointed out than here in North Carolina. All Americans can profit from what happened in this state a century ago. It was this state, firmly


fixed in the traditions of the South, which sought a way of reason in a troubled and dangerous world. Yet when the war came, North Carolina provided a fourth of all of the Confederate soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in those years. And it won the right to the slogan, "First at Bethel, farthest to the front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, last at Appomattox."

Jones said that the president's words that day "had a profound effect upon me." And he would remember them again, a little over two years later, when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. "He had asked us, that day he spoke at Chapel Hill, 'Are you going to be a hammer or an anvil?' Within days, I was marching and demonstrating in the civil rights movement. It was my way of dealing with his death."

As a civil rights activist, Jones would ultimately be recruited by Dr. Martin Luther King. He would also be "sucker punched, shot at, threatened," and he would even spend "more than a few nights in jail."

It was during his time as a civil rights activist that Jones, "began to realize that my Southernness was more than just a birthright. I came to believe that it was an honor bestowed upon me by my Maker. I still feel that way."

King and other leaders in "the movement," a



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In this photo by Adam Lau, a UNC-Chapel Hill student pours red paint on the Silent Sam Confederate statue in defiance of a UNC-Chapel Hill police officer's order to stop back in April. The officer appears unwilling to stop the protester, though the vandal was arrested following the event.

movement which Jones describes as a "movement of Southerners," also agreed with him. Asking him what King thought about monuments, like Silent Sam, now being destroyed by protestors in his name, Jones said: "Dr. King never contemplated the destruction of historic monuments or the removal of historic symbols and flags. He was a Southerner, who shared our past. His entire thrust was for Southern whites and blacks to 'dine together at the table of brotherhood.' He understood that our common history would be the essential foundation for our common future."

When asked what he thought about the current situation at his alma mater, he said:

Fifty-plus years ago I would look out at Silent Sam from my window in Battle Dorm and try to imagine what it must have been like to have gone off to war in those days. I thought of Sam as maybe a youth from somewhere like Tarboro or Clinton or Hickory. He was of good heart, I figured, maybe 18 or 19, a bit thin, a bit afraid. He was of that tough North Carolina stock, that "salt of the Earth" fellow whose

character is reflected in the state's motto, *Esse Quam Videri*—"To be, rather than to seem."

He could have been my great-great-uncle Gabriel Jacobs, who was killed at age 21 at Frayser's Farm pursuing [Gen. George] McClellan in his escape to the river. He, in turn, had been named for his great-great-grandfather Gabriel Jacobs, a slave who had been freed by his master, John Custis, in Northampton County, Va., in 1695.

The radical trash who tore down Silent Sam and those academic idiots who enable them are not worthy to walk on the same ground as Gabriel Jacobs. Silent Sam will rise again, and we, not they, shall overcome.

As the former congressman was uttering his prophesy, Thom Goolsby of the university's board of governors was announcing at a press conference: "Silent Sam will be reinstated, as required by state law, on the campus within 90 days. The criminals who destroyed state property at UNC and the police who did nothing will be held accountable. The university will not allow anarchy to reign on our campuses." ★

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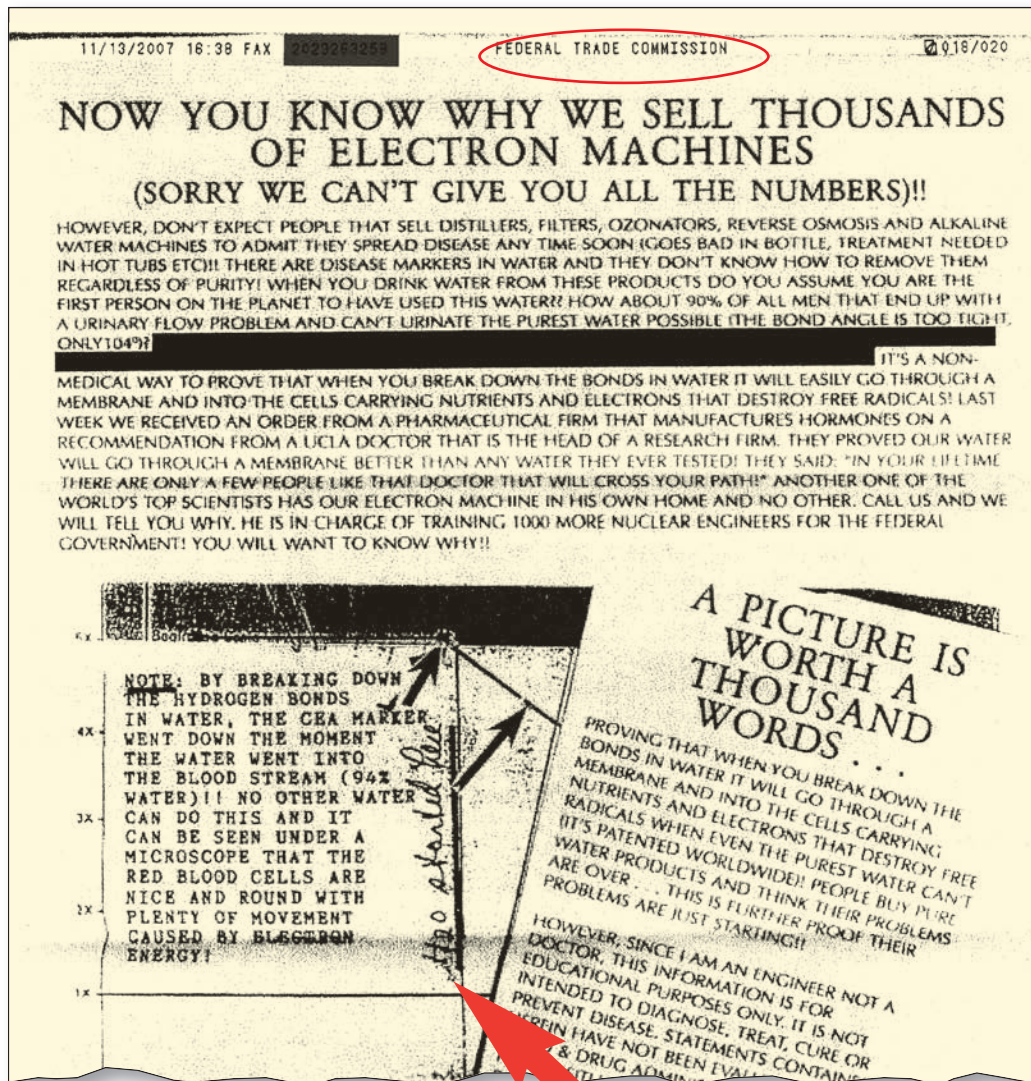
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I am now in my 89th year! One of the reasons is because many years ago I noticed "single-pass" water filters and distillers (like making tinctures; concentrating chemicals you want to remove) were causing heart attacks, strokes and cancer from environmental chemicals like plastic phthalates found in all tap water that DRAIN YOUR ENERGY and HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO CAUSE CANCER!!

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If Only They Would Have Listened to My Health Warnings!

By John Ellis

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Virtually all Americans have plastic phthalates in their bodies because our food is wrapped in plastic with long contact time like bottled water, filters and plastic distillers running boiling water into plastic collection jugs for years ... even causing breast cancer, baby boys with undeveloped sex organs and female characteristics!

Yes some doctors are still promoting plastic water distillers when the FDA informed mothers years ago NOT TO BOIL plastic baby bottles because this method leaches phthalates into the water or milk!

A HISTORY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

As a kid, I lived at the top of Paine Avenue in New Rochelle, NY. Nearby was the Thomas Paine Cottage. A musket ball hole in the wall of the home reminded visitors that Paine was embroiled in major controversy in his life. Fortunately the assassin’s musket ball missed.

My great aunt (Google: Nursing Sisters Port Dover ... a book by Harry B. Barrett) was repeatedly mentioned in wartime dispatches for her heroism and “valor in the face of the enemy.” She was presented a certificate by King George V. Unfortunately, women at the time were ineligible to receive the Victoria Cross.

Later, my grandmother moved to Rochester, NY and befriended SUSAN B. ANTHONY and American Red Cross Founder CLARA BARTON

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cluding one of the ambulances my grandmother donated (before we entered WWII), encouraged by her friend CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, who moved around the corner from her in New Rochelle.

As a youngster, I remember all the sewing machines and their many friends at my grandmother’s house sewing thousands of pre-die cut clothes together to keep children warm during the brutally cold English winters. Carrie is most famous for her speech before Congress that resulted in the 19th Amendment to the Constitu-

and *Scorpion*. I said “they will sink to the bottom of the sea”!

My warnings were ignored and I was proven correct by two ensuing, horrible submarine disasters, but I couldn’t stop them because, after finding a blueprint error, I faced a Military Tribunal for Breach of Contract because I refused to put lives at risk until the fatal flaws were corrected. My warnings were ignored!

Later, I went to the Choate School, where an old chemistry book inspired me to release the measurable energy in water to 30 TIMES the energy in ordinary water and save my own life. You see, Navy submariners and Air Force members—including myself (at 14)—had radium tipped rods inserted into their nasal cavities to treat hearing problems, ear infections, sinus trouble and shrink adenoids. Decades later serious health problems developed for many of these men, including thyroid cancer and head and neck tumors.

Thousands were treated near the submarine base in New London, Conn. I tried to help these people 40 years ago with my health course and free water machine (13 International Patents, 332 FDA Tests), but most ignored my warnings.

As AFP readers know, the U.S. government was never really interested in helping Vietnam vets with Agent Orange poisoning or detoxifying the U.S. servicemen who returned from Iraq after being exposed to depleted uranium and other toxic chemicals. Instead, the government told them there was nothing wrong!

ANOTHER WARNING IGNORED!

In 1957 I had the best discus throw in the World (*T&F News*, Vol. 10, No. 12) but gave it up because I knew Anabolic Steroids would cause users heart damage! All the top athletes were told they were safe by doctors. However, their inventor, John Ziegler M.D., said before he died at 63: “I wish I had listened to [John Ellis]. I damaged my heart!” There is a long list of Olympic friends who are dead because they were “FDA Approved.” I was right then about anabolic steroids and I am right now about viruses and disease!

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Dr. Peale always came to our family gatherings with his “Power of Positive Thinking” that has had a positive impact on millions of lives including Joel Osteen and President Trump!

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I was greatly influenced by all these selfless people and decided that I, too, wanted to help people. But that did get me in trouble . . .

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Warning Shot Prevents Robbery of Pharmacy

• Maryland pharmacist thwarts criminal druggies

By Mark Anderson

While mainstream media aren't always keen on reporting it, armed citizens, including business owners, often exercise their right to self-defense simply by wielding their weapon and thereby avoiding bloodshed. Pakistan-born Wasim Amir—who arrived in the U.S. in the early 1990s, became a citizen in 1999, and owns Karemore Pharmacy in Princess Anne, Md.—is living proof of this reality.

On the afternoon of Aug. 13, Amir, a licensed pharmacist, for the first time ever used his .38-caliber revolver in self-defense when two would-be robbers, wearing ski masks, entered the store, as he described when contacted by AFP.

Amir—who was sitting in the back of the store in his office when the two young men entered the pharmacy—heard some commotion about 3 p.m., prompting him to act. Amir grabbed his licensed revolver from a drawer and confronted the men, firing one shot, which left a hole in the front window, to scare them. Meanwhile, other staffers called the police.

One of the men had an especially powerful AK-

47 military rifle, as Amir recalled for AFP, while adding that his review of surveillance video footage later showed the other man fiddling under his clothing, possibly because he had stashed a weapon there.

"The man with the rifle ordered everyone down on the ground," Amir told local media right after the incident, "including one customer, a woman, who happened to be in the store."

"But when they saw my gun, they were scared and ran away through the door they came in, and then around outside to the back of the store," Amir told AFP, while noting that he believes a third person had driven to the store and dropped the young men off for the robbery attempt.

On Aug. 14, Princess Anne police charged Cody Allen King, 22, and Justin Michael Bull, also 22, both of whom are from Princess Anne, "with armed robbery, robbery, and conspiracy to commit armed robbery," local press accounts say. There were no injuries and no property was stolen.

Asked about their apparent motivation, Amir agreed with this AFP writer that the opioid epidemic may have been a factor. Highly addictive opioid prescription painkillers will motivate people to take extreme measures for profits and to feed the widespread addiction to such drugs.

"If they steal these drugs from pharmacies, they'll end up in the wrong hands, and there will be more addictions and more deaths," Amir said.

"And more armed robberies?" AFP interjected.

"That's a possibility," Amir replied, while noting that stolen drugs either end up being sold on the street or the robbers are addicts themselves, or both.

Although Amir, who built his pharmacy business from scratch, is not outspoken about the



WASIM AMIR

Second Amendment, he expressed appreciation about having a constitutional right to self-defense.

He remarked: "My pistol is for store use. I used to have a concealed-carry [permit], but not anymore."

As this story shows, whenever the principle of the defense of oneself, loved ones, employees, and property is rationally exercised, there are lessons to be learned in this age of reported deadly shootings at schools, churches, and other venues where armed defense is strongly discouraged or illegal.

While venal politicians scramble to get headlines, campaign donations, and votes by calling for more firearms regulations, examples such as this one stand out as a clear indication that school and church officials who truly want to protect those under their wing cannot look the other way if they're serious about safety. Call it "principle before politics." Let's hope it catches on. ★

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America's Third-World Infrastructure

• From sea to shining sea, roads, bridges, schools, mass transit, water systems crumble

By Donald Jeffries

In 2013, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gave the United States an overall grade of “D+” when it came to the nation’s crumbling infrastructure. Five years later, things haven’t gotten much better, as U.S. leaders continue to neglect the growing problem.

In an interview with “Marketwatch” in April 2016, John Rennie Short, a professor of public policy at the University of Maryland, explained why the U.S. is falling behind when it comes to infrastructure repairs.

“The U.S. is investing half of what it spent on transportation infrastructure more than 50 years ago,” he said. “We’re spending close to 1.5% of GDP now compared with nearly 3% of GDP in 1962.”

One of candidate Donald Trump’s most resonating themes was his criticism of the United States’ embarrassing infrastructure and the fact it desperately needs to be repaired and updated.

Whether President Trump follows through on this campaign promise is just another question to ponder as he begins the second half of his presidency. Judging by his track record thus far, it’s hard to be optimistic about it.

In 2013, the ASCE stated, “America’s critical infrastructure—principally, its roads, bridges, drinking water systems, mass transit systems, schools, and systems for delivering energy—may soon fail to meet society’s needs.”

Increasingly, the public has been told to expect lengthy power outages during storms and even heavy snowfalls, which would have rarely caused outages in the past. America’s embarrassingly outmoded power grids may not only fail to keep up with demand but also present attractive targets for whatever real terrorists may exist.

Cities throughout Europe and Asia have built modern railways with trains traveling up to 200 miles per hour. In the U.S., however, our Civil War-style railroads provide commuters from Rochester, N.Y. to Boston, Mass.—a 400-mile distance that a car can traverse in six to seven hours—with a journey that somehow lasts 10 hours, according to *The National Chamber Review*, a quarterly publication marketed to chambers of commerce across the United States.

In contrast, Seoul boasts a fantastic, technologically up-to-date mass transit system that costs riders under \$1 a trip. Tokyo’s public rail system is quiet, clean, and runs on time. Madrid’s system is the envy of Europe; it’s very affordable and commuters can travel the length of the city in approximately 20 minutes. Paris and Berlin have world-renowned transportation systems. Even Santiago, Chile has a far superior mass transit system to any found in America, the wealthiest nation on Earth. In stark contrast, 45% of Ameri-

America Crumbles U.S. Infrastructure Fact Sheet

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers 2017 Infrastructure Report Card, U.S. infrastructure gets a D+ grade. It got the same grade in 2013. The report says:

- The U.S. needs to spend some \$4.5 trillion by 2025 to fix the country’s roads, bridges, dams, and other infrastructure.
- Dams in the U.S. are aging. The average age of U.S. dams is 56 years and there were some 15,500 high-hazard dams in the U.S. in 2016.
- There are about 56,000 structurally deficient bridges in the U.S., according to the latest data from the Federal Highway Administration.
- Out of the 614,387 bridges in the U.S., more than 200,000 are more than 50 years old.
- Many of the one million pipes in America have been in use for almost 100 years. About 240,000 water main breaks each year waste around two trillion gallons of treated water annually.
- Airports face a \$42 billion funding gap between 2016 and 2025.

cans—nearly half the population—have no access to any form of public transportation. And there’s more.

It is conservatively estimated that half of America’s bridges need to be replaced. Most of our airports are still using obsolete radar technology from the 1960s.

The average age of an American dam is 52 years, and many of those have had functional issues since they were first built. Our levees aren’t much better. *The National Chamber Review* estimates that nearly 10% of them would fail in the event of a major flood, as Hurricane Katrina demonstrated quite clearly.

To say that America has neglected its infrastructure is more than an understatement. The last time this country spent any significant money or resources on this issue was in 1956, with the Federal-Aid Highway Act.

Considering that highways remain our primary mode of transportation, it is shocking that they’ve been neglected for more than half a century. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 86% of American workers still commute by automobile.

Our leaders refuse to upgrade and modernize the roads we rely on, in much the same way they have failed to follow the lead of Europe and much of the world in terms of providing a quality mass transportation system. ★

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Land Theft Stopped—for Now

• South African government halts confiscation of white farmers' land after global outcry

By Ed. DeVries

Responding to international pressure, the South African government on Aug. 28 withdrew a controversial land appropriation bill from parliament that would have officially sanctioned the theft of land from white farmers, which would likely then be turned over to black cronies of the government.

Critics of the measure contend that this is probably not a real win since the same politicians are already drafting a replacement measure, but, with the Trump administration and the rest of the world watching, the pressure is on South Africa to do the ethical thing and not steal land from farmers.

In the July-August issue of historical revisionism magazine *THE BARNES REVIEW* (TBR), this writer, in an article titled “The White Holocaust in South Africa,” called attention to the worsening plight of Afrikaners (white South Africans, also called “Boer”), whose pleas for help were simply being ignored by our government.

AMERICAN FREE PRESS followed suit, using its last two issues to highlight developments in the story that the corporate media had been ignoring.

Following that, President Donald Trump tweeted, “I have asked Secretary of State @SecPompeo to closely study the South Africa land and farm seizures and expropriations and the large scale killing of farmers.”

The night before, radio talk show host Michael Savage, host of “The Savage Nation,” had taken the stories TBR and AFP have been faithfully reporting to his national radio audience. Two nights later, on Aug. 23, Dr. Savage launched an online petition asking Trump to give immigration priority to white South Africans fleeing “violent confiscation of their lands.”

“Some farmers are choosing to leave South Africa for Australia and even Russia in an exodus like the biblical one,” Savage said, before reading the petition, to wit:

We the People call upon President Donald J. Trump and his State Department to apply im-



TUCKER CARLSON

migration priority to the South African farmers facing the violent confiscation of their lands by the African National Congress.

The white South African population currently faces ethnic cleansing and persecutions at the hands of the ANC government, the EFF, and various individual anti-white aggressors. White farmers have been brutally murdered, often including torture and rape and mutilation. Many white South Africans today live in poverty and squalor as a consequence of the ANC government's Black Economic Empowerment policy which shuts whites out of the labor pool.

These common injustices have led to more violent rhetoric in recent years as leaders in South Africa, such as Julius Malema has stated that he is “not calling for the slaughter of white people—at least for now.”

This South African minority group faces extinction under this oppressive regime. It is the duty of the United States to properly vet and assist this population to safety.

Therefore, we hereby add our names to this petition calling on President Donald J. Trump and his State Department to grant priority to this persecuted group who pose virtually no threat to the American people and way of life.

Savage concluded, “While the mainstream media, even the conservative media, is transfixed with Mueller, Manafort, and collusion, they choose to ignore this shocking abuse of human rights because it doesn't fit the media narrative.”

On Aug. 22, Fox News's Tucker Carlson featured a long segment on South Africa, reporting:

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has just begun the process of seizing land from his own citizens, without compensation, purely due to their skin color. Literally the definition of racism. . . . That's far more racist than anything Donald Trump has ever done, of course. Racism is what our elites say they dislike most, Donald Trump is a racist they say, but they paid no attention to this at all.

Tucker reported that Barack Obama recently spoke in South Africa where he “praised the racist government of South Africa,” telling his audience that Ramaphosa was one of his “favorite leaders” and calling the racist land grabs and murders aimed at white South Africans “inspiring.”

Curious if Obama's rhetoric represented an official position, Tucker personally reached out to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. He received the following reply from the State Department:

We are aware of these reports and have been following this issue very closely for some time. South Africa is a strong democracy with resilient institutions including a free press and an independent judiciary. South Africans are grappling with the difficult issue of land reform through an open process including public hearings, broad-based consultations, and active civil society engagement. President Ramaphosa has pledged that the land reform process will follow the rule of law and its implementation will not adversely affect economic growth, agricultural production, or food security.

Carlson rightly mocked the statement as “unbelievable,” saying, “The State Department did not mention that by following the rule of law, he has changed the country's constitution to make it possible to steal land from people because they are the wrong skin color.”

He also called out Pompeo for ignoring “the seizures, which should be getting worldwide attention. . . . In other words, ‘Nothing to see here,’ says Mike Pompeo's State Department.”

Tucker ended by suggesting the U.S. withhold

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President Cyril Ramaphosa (left) of South Africa and former U.S. President Barack Obama in Johannesburg on July 17, 2018. Obama has hailed the racist Ramaphosa as a hero.

the \$350 million in foreign aid it gives South Africa annually until that country corrects its racist policies.

Trump was watching and in less than two hours had taken to Twitter ordering an adjustment to the State Department's position.

Corporate media responded by denying everything and calling Savage, Carlson, and Trump "racists." Associated Press even went so far as to solicit commentary from David Duke, enabling their outlets to twist their stories as Trump's "white supremacy" agenda.

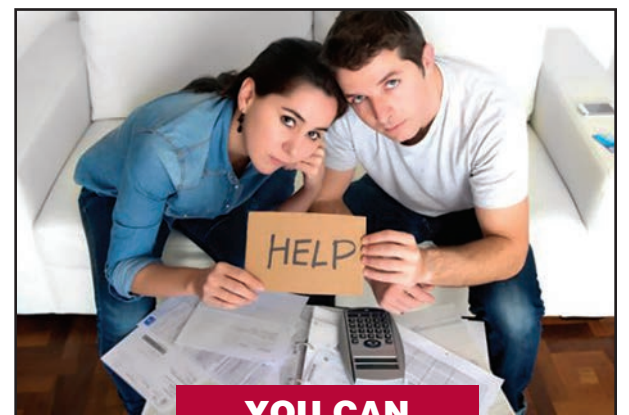
The State Department and White House were unavailable for comment but Christian Whiton, advisor to George W. Bush and current State Department analyst for Fox News, believes Trump's tweet was not a "one-time thing."

"The president will continue to follow through on this," said Whiton, stating Trump has already

developed a list of South Africa policy advisors and fast-tracked his search to fill the currently vacant ambassadorship to that country. He also ordered the State Department to retract its statement to Carlson and announced that the first lady will personally visit Africa later this fall.

Kallie Kriel, chief executive of AfriForum, the main advocacy group for Afrikaners, said the president's tweet was a "huge step forward." He had been largely ignored and refused appointments in his tour of the United States this year. Now, his phone is ringing. ★

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Warhawks Leaderless?

• Senator's death could usher in new era of peace

By Patrick J. Buchanan

“McCain's Death Leaves Void” ran *The Wall Street Journal* headline over a front-page story that began: “The death of John McCain will leave Congress without perhaps its loudest voice in support of the robust internationalism that has defined the country's security relations since World War II.”

Certainly, the passing of the senator whose life story will dominate the news until he is buried at his alma mater, the Naval Academy, on Sunday [Sept. 2], leaves America's interventionists without their greatest champion.

No one around has the prestige or media following of McCain.

And the cause he championed—compulsive intervention in foreign quarrels to face down dictators and bring democrats to power—appears to be a cause whose time has passed.

When 9/11 occurred, America was united in crushing the al Qaeda terrorists who perpetrated the atrocities. McCain then backed President George W. Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003, which had no role in the attacks.

During Barack Obama's presidency, he slipped into northern Syria to cheer rebels who had arisen to overthrow President Bashar Assad, an insurgency that led to a seven-year civil war and one of the great humanitarian disasters of our time.

McCain supported the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe and the Baltic, right up to Russia's border. When Georgia invaded South Ossetia in 2008, and was expelled by the Russian army, McCain roared, “We are all Georgians now!”

He urged intervention. But Bush, his approval rating scraping bottom, had had enough of the

neocon crusades for democracy.

McCain's contempt for Russian President Vladimir Putin was unconstrained. When crowds gathered in Maidan Square in Kiev to overthrow an elected pro-Russian president, McCain was there, cheering them on.

He supported sending arms to the Ukrainian army to fight pro-Russian rebels in the Donbass. He backed U.S. support for Saudi intervention in Yemen. And this war, too, proved to be a humanitarian disaster.

McCain was a war hawk, and proud of it. But by 2006, the wars he had championed had cost the Republican Party both houses of Congress.

In 2008, when he was on the ballot, those wars helped cost him the presidency.

By 2016, the Republican majority would turn its back on McCain and his protege, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), and nominate Donald Trump, who said he would seek to get along with Russia and extricate America from the wars into which McCain had helped plunge the country.

Yet, while interventionism now has no great champion and has proven unable to rally an American majority, it retains a residual momentum. This compulsion is pushing us to continue backing the Saudi war in Yemen and to seek regime change in Iran.

Yet if either of these enterprises holds any prospect of bringing about a more peaceful and prosperous Middle East, no one has made the case.

While the foreign policy that won the Cold War, containment, was articulated by George Kennan and pursued by presidents from Truman to Bush I, no grand strategy for the post-Cold War era has ever been embraced by a majority of Americans.

Bush I's “New World Order” was rejected by Ross Perot's economic patriots and Bill Clinton's baby boomers who wanted to spend America's peace dividend from our Cold War victory on America's homefront.

As for the Bush II crusades for democracy “to end tyranny in our world,” the fruits of that Wilsonian idealism turned into ashes in our mouths.



Americans should be reminded that more than any other U.S. official, John McCain was the driving force behind the training and arming of violent jihadists and terrorists in Syria.

But if the foreign policy agendas of Bush I and Bush II, along with McCain's interventionism, have been tried and found wanting, what is America's grand strategy?

What are the great goals of U.S. foreign policy? What are the vital interests for which almost all Americans believe we should fight?

“Take away this pudding; it has no theme,” said Churchill. “Britain has lost an empire, but not yet found a role,” was the crushing comment of Dean Acheson in 1962.

Both statements appear to apply to U.S. foreign policy in 2018.

We are bombing and fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Yemen, partly McCain's legacy. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has sent a virtual ultimatum to Iran. We have told North Korea, a nuclear power with the world's fourth-largest army, either to denuclearize or the U.S. may use its military might to get the job done.

We are challenging Beijing in its claimed territorial waters of the South China Sea. From South Korea to Estonia, we are committed by solemn treaty to go to war if any one of dozens of nations is attacked.

Now one hears talk of an “Arab NATO” to confront the ayatollah's Iran and its Shiite allies. Lest we forget, ISIS and al Qaeda are Sunni.

With all these war guarantees, the odds are excellent that one day we are going to be dragged into yet another war that the American people will sour upon soon after it begins. ★

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The Unvarnished History of McCain

• Public portrayal of longtime Arizona senator at odds with the hard facts

By Donald Jeffries

Judging by the Deep State's response to the recent death of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), an outsider would think that McCain had improved upon the legacy of George Washington.

Barack Obama spoke of McCain's "courage" and declared, "We are all in his debt."

Bill Clinton, in a joint statement issued with his wife, Hillary, stated "I will always be especially grateful for his leadership in our successful efforts to normalize relations with Vietnam."

George W. Bush gushed, "John McCain was a man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order. He was a public servant in the finest traditions of our country."

Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush were only two of the many voices that categorized the career politician as a "true patriot."

His fellow Arizona senator, Jeff Flake, called McCain "a hero and a statesman."

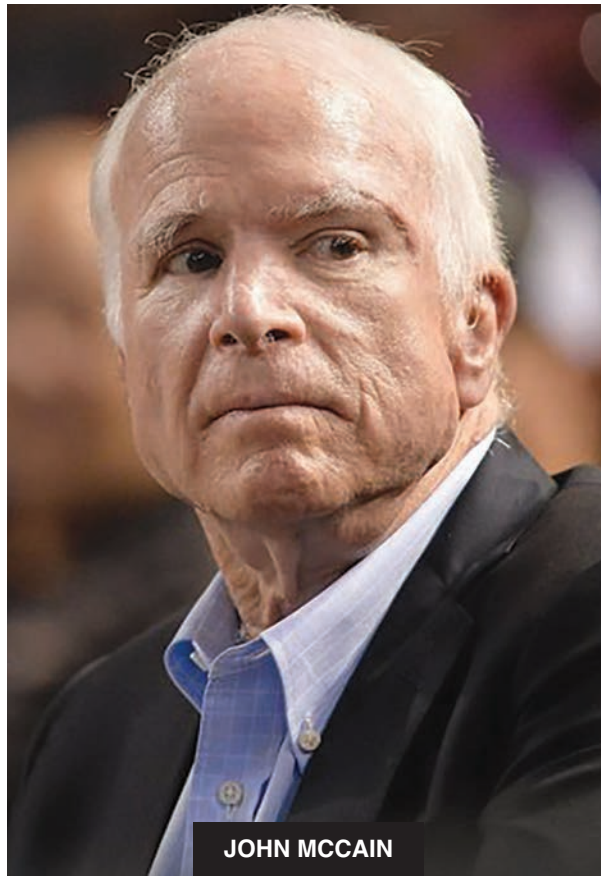
German Chancellor Angela Merkel led the international praise, lauding McCain's lifetime of service to "freedom, democracy, and the rule of law."

The tributes coming from every corner and pillar of the establishment indicate just how fully committed McCain was not to the ideals this country was founded upon but to the corrupt swamp that firmly controls American politics.

McCain was not any more principled in his personal life. His first wife, Carol, had waited faithfully for him during his five years of captivity in North Vietnam, from which he returned home to great fanfare in 1973. Carol, a former swimwear model, had been disfigured in a car crash, and gained a great deal of weight during a long recovery process. She refused to have her husband notified, insisting he had enough on his plate already. Ross Perot, a genuine American hero, quietly paid for all of her medical expenses. In 1980, McCain left Carol for a much younger woman, who happened to be the heiress to a huge beer fortune.

McCain's new wife, Cindy, would later become addicted to drugs and was caught stealing prescription medication. In typical 1% fashion, she avoided the kind of punishment an average citizen would have received.

Ted Sampley, who at one time got into a physical altercation in a stairway of the Senate building with one of McCain's aides, was quoted on McCain's character in the June 7, 2008 edition of the UK's *Daily Mail*: "I have been following John McCain's career for nearly 20 years. I know him personally. There is something wrong with this



Mainstream media adulations for recently deceased Sen. John McCain were almost too much to bear. According to his many critics, he was a characterless man who set a poor example while in uniform, abandoned his first wife, teamed up with gangsters, and pushed war at every turn.

this is beyond ironic.

McCain's performance on the John Kerry-led Senate Committee on POWs and MIAs was shameful. In his most dramatic display, an angry McCain walked out in disgust during the testimony of family members. On another occasion, he himself physically assaulted a group of POW-MIA activists, including an old woman in a wheelchair, in the corridors of the Senate.

McCain's role as one of the members of the infamous Keating Five—a group of five corrupt senators who intervened on behalf of a wealthy bank swindler—has been all but forgotten by the mainstream media. The thoroughly corrupt McCain was exposed as a politician of the lowest order, for this scandal alone, and yet his political career actually ascended afterwards.

According to research done by Jerome Corsi and others, McCain is also tied to organized crime through his second father-in-law, James Hensley, who was convicted by a federal jury in 1948 of filing false liquor records and conspiracy to conceal the names of those involved in a liquor-industry racket behind the two companies he managed. One of the figures tied to Hensley was Kemper Marley, who had been accused of mob connections by reporter Don Bolles, who was murdered in a car bombing in 1976, most likely because of his reportage on the Mafia.

McCain stood out as a war hawk, even among all the warmongers that fill the Washington, D.C. swamp. He never met a war, a bombing, an occupation, or an embargo that he didn't like.

From the mid-1990s on, McCain was the loudest voice in the Senate blathering on about "weapons of mass destruction" in Iraq that clearly never existed. McCain would later famously pose for a photo with "brave fighters" that actually were affiliated with ISIS.

The list of embarrassing incidents, personal and political corruption, and reprehensible moral behavior is lengthy. McCain was certainly the antithesis of the "maverick" the establishment consistently proclaimed him to be. ★

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guy and let me tell you what it is—deceit."

He added, "When he came home and saw that Carol was not the beauty he left behind, he started running around on her almost right away. . . . Eventually he met Cindy and she was young and beautiful and very wealthy. . . . This is a guy who makes such a big deal about his character. He has no character. He is a fake. If there was any character in that first marriage, it all belonged to Carol."

In the same article, Perot stated, "McCain is the classic opportunist. He's always reaching for attention and glory. After he came home, Carol walked with a limp. So he threw her over for a poster girl with big money from Arizona. And the rest is history."

McCain had the right connections for future military glory. Both his father and his grandfather were admirals. At the Naval Academy, McCain, a lifelong womanizer, developed a rebellious reputation and partied hard with a group of fellow officers who dubbed themselves the "Bad Bunch."

Many others besides Donald Trump have pointed out that McCain was not a war hero.

McCain worked harder than anyone else in Washington, D.C. to ensure that countless POWs and MIAs left behind in Vietnam would remain forgotten. Considering that McCain's entire political career was constructed by portraying himself as a self-sacrificing, suffering POW himself,

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From the Author . . .

“9/11 was an intricately planned act of state-sponsored terrorism concocted by a foreign government (Israel) in unison with an ardently loyal faction of neocon ‘crazies’ who had burrowed their way into the Pentagon, State Department, and White House. Assisting them were a host of defense contractors, computer gurus, and explosives experts who made the whole thing happen on the morning of September 11, 2001.”

—VICTOR THORN

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China Ready to Win War in Indo-Pacific

• America needs to abandon dream of dominating realms halfway across globe

By Richard Walker

China's massive military and naval expansion in the South China Sea and beyond means it may soon possess the capability to win a war against the United States in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

China has become increasingly confident that its building of a third aircraft carrier and the militarization of island chains in the South China Sea, as well as its growing ability to use a massive arsenal of short-range, long-range, and intermediate missiles to strike at all American bases in the region as well as U.S. carriers, could give it a military edge. If rumors are true that it is developing hypersonic missiles and its stealth aircraft are on a par with America's F-35 Lightning II, it will have a strike capability of enormous potential. A Congressional Research Service study says China's hypersonic missile is "a big deal" because it could out-range any U.S. air-to-air missile.

Forgotten in much of the mass media coverage of China is that it has moved at an amazing pace to develop a naval force that, within a decade or less, will equal America's. Not mentioned by news reports is that, even if the Chinese do not possess America's naval might, it still has a massive navy. It built over 100 warships from cruisers to frigates and submarines in the last few years alone.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, whom President Donald Trump has consistently praised as his friend, has driven China's insatiable desire to build a navy and air force to rival and outstrip America's. He has told Chinese generals that, with more emphasis on technology, China can become the dominant military power of the future.

Chinese strategy for a war in the Indo-Pacific has been in place for over a decade and, despite promises by Xi to President Barack Obama in 2015 that China would not militarize the South China Sea, the Chinese military has done just that. The Chinese have converted uninhabited islands into forward bases with missiles, runways, and surveillance facilities to fight a war off its shores. The surveillance would be used to provide targeting information to on-land missile sites that would be tasked to take out U.S. carriers. To do that, China has developed some scary anti-carrier missiles called DF-21s and DF-26s that have a long-range capability. To take them out, the U.S. would have to hit bases on mainland China, transforming any naval conflict to a full-blown war on all fronts.

So how did China move this fast militarily? Aside from stealing America's military secrets



Adm. Harry Harris says that China is preparing for war with the U.S. in the South China Sea. Over past decades, China has stolen sensitive U.S. military secrets and vastly improved its own navy, air force and missile capabilities. The question now is whether the U.S. must cede the region to China.

America's generals know what is going on, but their voices have not been loud enough to shift congressional focus on the issue. One is also left to wonder if Trump even read the National Security Strategy document from last November 2017 before or after he signed it. It has a stark warning of the threat China poses:

"Its efforts to build and militarize outposts in the South China Sea endanger the free flow of trade, threaten the sovereignty of other nations, and undermine regional stability. China has mounted a rapid military modernization campaign designed to limit U.S. access to the region and provide China a freer hand there."

The former commander of America's Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris, told Congress this year that he is convinced China is preparing for war with the United States and the country ignores the threat at our peril. He also stressed that China could soon match the U.S. militarily in every sector. Such a stark warning has not served to drive the White House and Congress to address the threat.

A sign of China's buildup is that its fleet has only 34 fewer vessels than the U.S. fleet. It now has 60 submarines compared with five that it had 20 years ago. In the air and on the sea it has made massive strides, and experts cannot decide if America would win a limited war with China on the high seas.

The costs for the American military and personnel, with long supply lines so far from home, could be enormous, and there might not be a political will in Washington to fight such a war.

That is something China is counting on. Meanwhile it prepares for war, sending out aircraft in March 2018 to probe American defenses in what it has called rehearsals for war. ★

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By John Friend

A Russian Internet firm that was indicted in February by a U.S. federal grand jury at the prompting of special counsel Robert Mueller for allegedly meddling in the 2016 presidential election has argued to a U.S. judge overseeing its prosecution that it is being selectively—and unfairly—prosecuted, according to recent reports.

Concord Management and Consulting LLC, one of 16 Russian corporations or individuals indicted by a federal grand jury earlier this year, has argued that it broke no election laws during the 2016 presidential election and that the firm's activities merely amounted to supporting protected and entirely legal political speech.

Concord stands accused of “defrauding the government by failing to register as foreign agents and failing to report its election-related expenditures to the U.S. government,” *The Washington Post* reported earlier this summer.

Mueller alleges that the firm was part of a broader campaign of “information warfare against the United States,” designed to discredit and undermine then-candidate Hillary Clinton in favor of then-candidate Donald Trump, who eventually went on to win the highly contested election.

The allegations against Concord represent just one aspect of the overall narrative of purported Russian interference in America's democratic process, which has been endlessly promoted by the mainstream mass media and political establishment in an effort to harm President Donald Trump and undermine his political legitimacy.

The maligned company is standing firm, now arguing it is being selectively prosecuted for political purposes and requesting that the judge overseeing the case investigate to determine if the company has indeed been unfairly targeted.

In court filings, Concord argued that other foreign nationals and entities, including Ukrainian, British, and Middle Eastern, attempted to influence the 2016 presidential election and some made illegal donations, but these non-Russians never faced charges.

“That only Russian individuals and entities now face criminal liability for substantially similar alleged conduct strongly suggests that the government has selectively prosecuted Russian individuals and entities for being Russian,” the court filing read.

The mass media and political establishment have continued to insist that the Russian government and entities connected to it are attempting to influence America's democratic processes, including the upcoming 2018 midterm elections. The “Russian meddling” narrative, a blatant attempt to discredit Trump and undermine his administration, continues to this very day, pushed and perpetuated by the same dishonest actors.

U.S. national security officials have described the Russian attempts to interfere in the upcoming elections as “pervasive,” with little to no proof or evidence to support their hysterical claims. Russian President Vladimir Putin and other top Russian officials have consistently denied the allegations, even insisting they would cooperate with any honest and legitimate U.S. investigation into the matter. That has not stopped the Deep State and its allies in the mass media from promoting the increasingly discredited narrative.

“We acknowledge the threat, it is real, it is continuing, and we're doing everything we can to have a legitimate election,” Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats recently explained to reporters in the White House briefing room, referring to the alleged “threat” of Russian interference in American elections. “It is pervasive, it is ongoing, with the intent to . . . drive a wedge and undermine our democratic values.”

Coats continued: “Russia has used numerous



ways in which they want to influence, through media, social media, through bots, through actors that they hire, through proxies—all of the above, and potentially more.”

Unsurprisingly, Coats has failed to present any concrete evidence demonstrating the Russian government or its actors are indeed illegally manipulating or influencing America's elections. More and more Americans are becoming skeptical of the “Russian meddling” narrative, viewing it as an increasingly dishonest and blatant attempt to attack Trump.

“The American intelligence apparatus is ‘concerned’ that the Russians are trying to pick and choose candidates in midterm elections—435 Congressional elections and 33-plus Senate elections—but they don't have any information about this activity that they ‘know’ is happening,” former U.S. Defense Department adviser Karen Kwiatkowski recently explained to Sputnik News, a Russian-based alternative media outlet. “This isn't how intelligence is done. It is, however, how agendas are pushed, and propaganda rejuvenated.” ★

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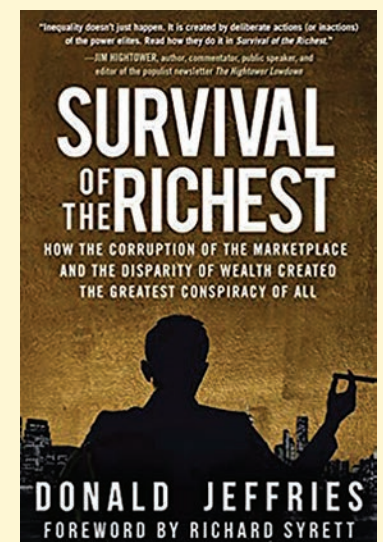
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Just Leave Syria Alone

By Dr. Ron Paul

Syrrian leader Bashar al-Assad was supposed to be gone already. President Barack Obama thought it would be just another “regime change” operation and perhaps Assad would end up like Saddam Hussein or Ukraine’s Viktor Yanukovich. Or maybe even Libya’s Muammar Gaddafi. But he was supposed to be gone. The U.S. spent billions to get rid of him and even provided weapons and training to the kinds of radicals that attacked the United States on 9/11.

But with the help of his allies, Assad has nearly defeated this foreign-sponsored insurgency.

The U.S. fought him every step of the way. Each time the Syrian military approached another occupied city or province, Washington and its obedient allies issued the usual warnings that Assad was not liberating territory but was actually seeking to kill more of his own people.

Remember Aleppo, where the U.S. claimed Assad was planning mass slaughter once he regained control? As usual, the neocons and the media were completely wrong. Even the UN has admitted that with Aleppo back in the hands of the Syrian government hundreds of thousands of Syrians have actually moved back. We are supposed to believe they willingly returned so that Assad could kill them?

The truth is Aleppo is being rebuilt. Christians celebrated Easter there this spring for the first time in years. There has been no slaughter once al Qaeda and ISIS’s hold was broken. Believe me, if there was a slaughter we would have heard about it in the media.

So now, with the Syrian military and its allies prepared to liberate the final Syrian province of Idlib, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo again warns the Syrian government against re-taking its own territory. He tweeted on Aug. 31: “The three million Syrians, who have already been forced out of their homes and are now in Idlib, will suffer from this aggression. Not good. The world is watching.”

Trump’s National Security Advisor, John Bolton, has also warned the Syrian government that the U.S. will attack if it uses gas in Idlib. Of course, that warning serves as an open invitation to rebels currently holding Idlib to set off an-



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other false flag and enjoy U.S. air support.

Bolton and Pompeo are painting Idlib as a peaceful province resisting the violence of an Assad who they claim just enjoys killing his own people. But who controls Idlib province? Trump’s own special envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS, Brett McGurk, said in Washington just last year that, “Idlib province is the largest al Qaeda safe-haven since 9/11, tied directly to Ayman al Zawahiri. This is a huge problem.”

Could someone please remind Pompeo and Bolton that al Qaeda are the bad guys?

After six years of a foreign-backed regime-change operation in Syria, where hundreds of thousands have been killed and the country nearly fell into the hands of ISIS and al Qaeda, the Syrian government is on the verge of victory. Assad is hardly a saint, but does anyone really think al Qaeda and ISIS are preferable? After all, how many Syrians fled the country when Assad was in charge versus when the US-backed “rebels” started taking over?

Americans should be outraged that Pompeo and Bolton are defending al Qaeda in Idlib. It’s time for the neocons to admit they lost. It is time to give Syria back to the Syrians. It is time to pull the U.S. troops from Syria. It is time to just leave Syria alone! ★

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

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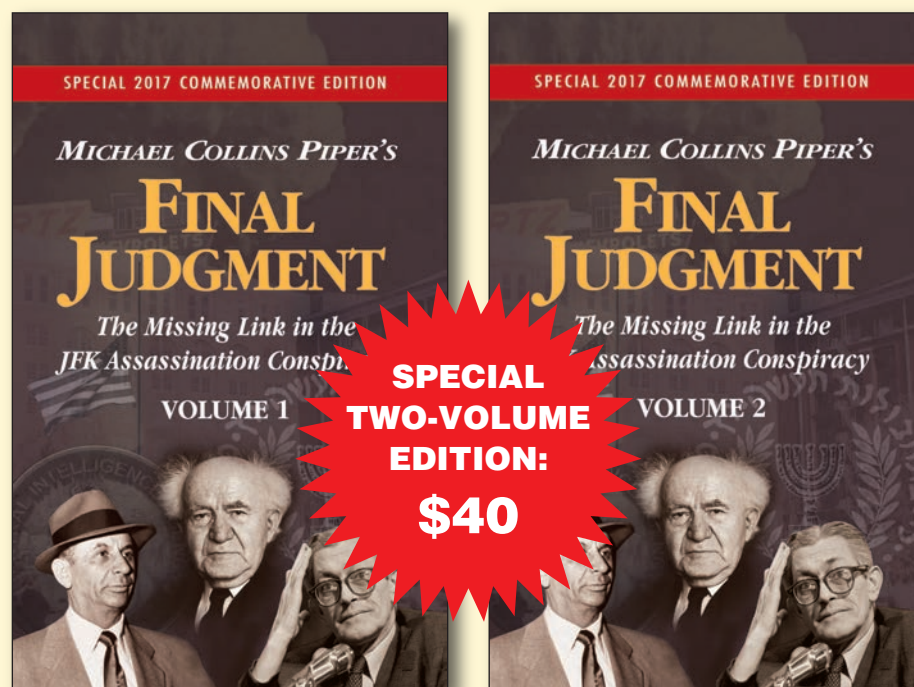
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False-Flag Chemical Attack Is Coming in Syria, Warns Russia

By John Friend

The Russian government has openly warned the UN and wider international community of a potential false-flag operation that could be carried out in Syria designed to frame and discredit embattled Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government, it has been reported.

According to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, there is "no doubt" that Islamic militants with ties to Western intelligence agencies that are hostile to Assad's regime are planning a false-flag chemical weapons attack in Idlib province, the scene of fierce fighting between forces loyal to the Syrian regime and terrorist groups opposed to it. The accusations are familiar to readers of this newspaper, as the Russian government has long accused the West and radical terrorist groups in the region of plotting false-flag-style attacks in Syria that are designed to frame Assad and the Syrian government for war crimes. Lavrov noted that Moscow has submitted documentation for these allegations to both the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), RT.com recently reported.

"We have presented concrete facts obtained from various sources both to the UN and to The Hague, where the OPCW headquarters is located," Lavrov stated. "There is no doubt that such provocations are being prepared," he added, noting that terrorist groups operating in Syria are on the defensive and are getting desperate, as the Syrian government's mission to combat and defeat the terrorist threat continues to make progress. Russia has openly backed the Syrian government's efforts to combat the various ter-

The Russian government has told the UN that Assad will not be the one behind any chemical attack.

rorist groups operating in its territory, many of which are funded, financed, and supported by Western intelligence agencies in their not-so-covert war against Assad.

"We have no plans to conceal what we do to back the Syrian government, which is liberating its land from terrorists to [allow] the Syrian citizens to return to . . . normal life as soon as possible," Lavrov explained in a recent news conference.

Previously, the Russian Ministry of Defense had accused the U.S. government of planning a new round of airstrikes on Syria, using the false-flag attack allegedly being coordinated by terrorist groups on the ground in Syria as a pretext and justification. British forces are working with some of the terrorist groups to set up the false-flag provocation, the Russian Ministry of Defense has alleged.

"The implementation of this provocation, which is being conducted with the assistance of the British intelligence services, is meant to serve as the latest pretext for the U.S., Britain and France to deliver a missile strike against state and economic facilities in Syria," General Igor Konashenkov, a spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry, recently stated.



SERGEY LAVROV

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has issued a warning to the UN that Islamic militants with ties to Western intelligence are planning a false-flag chemical attack in Syria.

The powerful allegations come at a time when President Donald Trump and officials in his administration continue to warn Assad of potential consequences for using chemical weapons or otherwise attacking forces openly at war with his regime. Earlier this week, Trump took to Twitter to lecture not only Assad but also the Russian and Iranian governments about their actions in the region.

"President Bashar al-Assad of Syria must not recklessly attack Idlib Province," Trump tweeted. "The Russians and Iranians would be making a grave humanitarian mistake to take part in this potential human tragedy. Hundreds of thousands of people could be killed. Don't let that happen!"

Will Russia's open warning about a potential false flag be enough to stave off the warmongers and psychopaths from provoking yet another military conflict? ★

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Is War Against Iran the President's November Midterm Surprise?

- Pompeo heads group that wants to “come down hard on Iran”



BRIAN HOOK

By Philip Giraldi

Will a new war be a midterm elections surprise? It is a demonstrated fact that the United States government, be it Democratic or Republican, is not very good at certain things. Every time the White House starts a new “war” on abstractions like poverty, drugs, or terror it gets dragged down into a bottomless pit that seems to empower the very things that it is fighting, leading to the belief that when it says “war” what it really means to say is “quagmire.” And then there are places like Afghanistan where real wars continue ad nauseam with no real objective and no real plan to “win” and exit.

The latest journey into fantasy is Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s recent announcement that the Trump administration is setting up an “interagency task force” consisting of an “elite team of foreign affairs specialists” that will coordinate efforts to come down hard on Iran. Pompeo described the venture as follows: “We are committed to a whole-of-government effort to change the Iranian regime’s behavior, and the Iran Action Group will ensure that the Department of State remains closely synchronized with our interagency partners.”

According to the press release, the group will be responsible for directing, analyzing, and coordinating all phases of the State Department’s Iran-connected activity, though it is unclear whether State will be the principal agency seeking to destabilize the Iranians.

Pompeo elaborated: “For nearly 40 years, the regime in Tehran has been responsible for a torrent of violent and destabilizing behavior against the United States, our allies, our partners, and in-

Senior foreign policy advisor Brian Hook is one of President Trump’s frontmen for the administration’s efforts to halt Iran’s alleged worldwide “malign activity,” believable evidence of which has yet to be presented to the American people.

deed the Iranian people themselves. . . . We must see major changes in the regime’s behavior both inside and outside of its borders. The Iranian people and the world are demanding that Iran finally act like a normal nation.”

The new action group’s director, senior foreign policy adviser Brian Hook, also spoke at the launch, saying that the administration was taking “a comprehensive approach to Iran because the scope of Iranian malign activity is so wide-ranging.” He specifically mentioned Iran’s “aspiration for nuclear weapons” as well as its support for terrorist activity and added that he would be talking to America’s strategic partners to make sure everyone is on board with the new sanctions.

Interagency ventures in government rest on a basic premise that grew out of the so-called war on terror and 9/11, namely that if everyone sits around a table to share information and viewpoints the outcome will be superior to any single agency going it alone. The concept is, however, flawed, first of all because interagency reviewing slows down the entire process as it attempts to find consensus on issues that do not necessarily lend themselves to simple formulations. Second, attempting to find consensus ignores the fact that a number of the government entities sitting around the table are competitors rather than colleagues. Pompeo is delusional if he thinks that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA) are going to allow the State Department to take

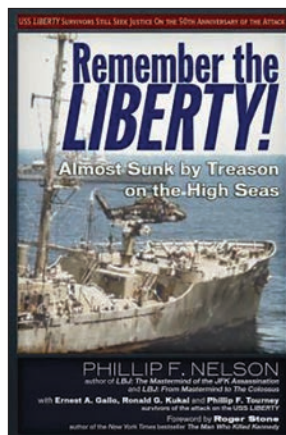
the lead in bringing Iran to its knees.

Those who hate Iran and want to see everything possible done to damage it, are, of course, delighted to see a group dedicated to doing just that. Mark Dubowitz, head of the neocon Foundation for Defense of Democracies, which has been taking the lead in Iran bashing, enthused: “Secretary Pompeo’s establishment of the Iran Action Group led by Brian Hook, one of his most trusted advisers, is further evidence that the Trump administration sees Iran as one of its top foreign policy and national security priorities. The group will be empowered to leverage all instruments of national power to squeeze the regime in Iran.”

Pompeo has considerable experience in beating on Iran. When he took over at CIA in January 2017, one of his first acts was to set up an Iran Working Group to focus clandestine efforts to weaken and eventually subvert the Iranian government. In May, shortly after President Donald Trump withdrew from the Iran nuclear agreement, he spoke about a broad program that most observers would define as regime

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change, pledging to “crush” Iran economically and militarily to bring about major concessions over its behavior in the Middle East. He specifically demanded that Iran end all nuclear-related programs, stop developing ballistic missiles, and cease support for “terrorists and militant partners around the world.”

The White House has advised that countries doing business with Iran will “not be doing business with the United States” and has also unilaterally declared that after Nov. 4 anyone buying Iranian oil will be subject to secondary sanctions, which has created problems with both friends and foes worldwide. China, Turkey, and Russia have declared that they will not submit to U.S. demands, while close allies in Europe are seeking exemptions or creating mechanisms that will move such transactions out of the dollar zone.

The new task force will not really be doing anything beyond what is already being done both openly and clandestinely to inflict pain on the Iranian people in hopes that they will rise up and bring down their government. The obsession with Iran on the part of the Trump administration is curious in any event, as Iran is surrounded by hostile regimes that are militarily far superior to it. Tehran does not threaten the United States or U.S. interests in any serious way, and its alleged nuclear program is a fiction. Iran is, in any event, fully compliant with the nuclear agreement (JCPOA) that it signed together with the U.S. and five other countries, an agreement that was subsequently endorsed by the United Nations.

Many observers believe that the United States is being manipulated and played as a patsy against Iran by Israel and Saudi Arabia, who do have an interest in bringing down the Iranian government. That is certainly true, but there might be another explanation for the strenuous activity by Pompeo and others. Midterm elections are coming up, and there is nothing that rallies the voting public quite as well as a good little war in which the bad guys are soundly whipped.

But, recalling Iraq, one should also consider that a war with a nationalistic and prepared Iran might not go as planned.

Every concerned American should be watching very carefully over the next 60 days to see what is developing around the Iran Task Force. Will Trump adhere to his pre-electoral promise to get out of ongoing wars in the Middle East, or will it be yet another politically motivated bait-and-switch with a bloody new war initiated by a false-flag operation or a deliberate provocation to turn an election? ★

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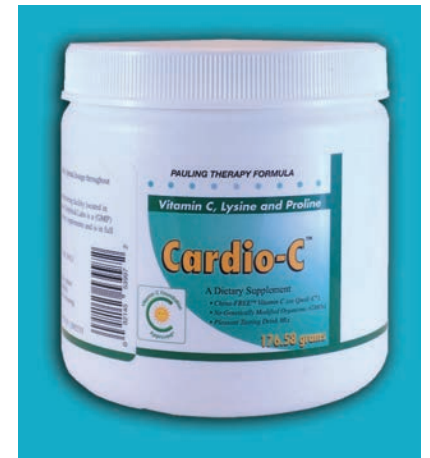
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Trump Enacts First Sanctions on Iran

• White House decertifies nuclear accord spurring response from China, Europe

By S.T. Patrick

After deliberately upsetting U.S. relations in the Middle East by disavowing and then decertifying the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, the Trump administration enacted the first round of sanctions against the Islamic republic. While Secretary of State Mike Pompeo threatened that the whole of the sanctions will be the “strongest sanctions in history,” the world powers that assisted Barack Obama’s administration in its negotiations with Iran—the United Kingdom, Russia, France, China, and Germany—are prepared to rebel.

In an Aug. 7 tweet, President Donald Trump called the sanctions “the most biting ever imposed” and vowed to “ratchet up” the economic restrictions in November. What are meant to be sanctions against Iran will also serve as de facto sanctions against countries that have forged successful business relationships with the most populated country in the Middle East.

The first round of sanctions seeks to end Iran’s ability to trade with U.S. dollars, as well as its trade for cars, metals, and minerals used to buy American and European aircraft. In November, the U.S. will attempt to block 2 million barrels per day of Iranian oil exports, 50% of Iranian production.

In response, Iran’s president, Hassan Rouhani, countered the country could block all oil exports from the region by closing the Straits of Hormuz, through which nearly one-third of all oil traded by sea passes.



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In July, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei commented on the suggestion that the Americans would attempt to block Iran’s crude exports.

“(The) U.S. government’s words or even signatures cannot be relied on; thus, negotiations with the U.S. are useless,” Khamenei said. “The assumption that negotiations or establishing ties with the U.S. would solve a country’s problems is an obvious error.”

Rouhani, Iran’s political leader, displayed an even harsher tone when speaking to Iranian diplomats.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has vowed Iran will close the Straits of Hormuz if the U.S. tries to block Iranian oil from leaving the Persian Gulf.

“Don’t play with the lion’s tail, this would only lead to regret,” Rouhani said. “The Americans must understand well that peace with Iran is the mother of all peace, and war with Iran is the mother of all wars”

Trump warned that any country continuing an economic partnership with Iran “will not be doing business with the United States.”

Khamenei is not the only national leader wondering what American agreements mean if the stability of the agreement can waver with each president that assumes the office.

Two weeks after the sanctions were enacted, China announced that it would buy Iranian oil, which would be shipped via Iranian tankers. China has clearly stated that it does not support the unilateral sanctions. France, conversely, has stereotypically caved to the American threats.

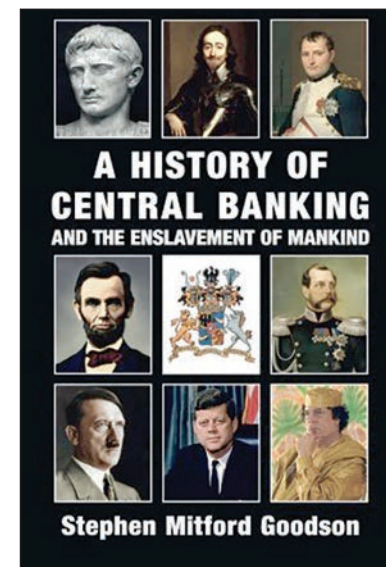
Shortly after China’s olive branch was offered to Iran, the European Union revealed that it would send \$20.7 million to Iran as part of an economic aid package that will total over \$50 million. Neven Mimica, the EU’s commissioner for international cooperation and development, outlined the program’s mission.

“With these measures, the EU demonstrates its support to the Iranian people and their peaceful and sustainable development,” Mimica said. “It en-

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courages stronger involvement of all actors in Iran and in particular the private sector.”

As is the case with seemingly every story during Trump's first term, the world awaits a clear Russian response. *Business Insider* suggested that the Iranians could save face by negotiating through Russia, while *Newsweek* noted that the sanctions would be a gift to Russian President Vladimir Putin, as it would move the affected European nations away from the United States and toward Russia, the world's biggest energy exporter.

The first Trump attack against Iran's economy was against Iran's central bank. The global banking elite that favor cooperation with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have advocated for the isolation of uncooperative central or national banks. Iran, Libya, and North Korea have, for decades, been targets of the elite debt slavery cabal that controls the strings of the world's economic marionettes.

“TheAmericanConservative.com” has bluntly stated that Trump is “pulling a Libya on Iran.” The U.S. had previously reneged on an agreement with Libyan president Muammar Qaddafi, with disastrous, violent results that ended with the attack at Benghazi, the brutal assassination of Qaddafi, and chaos in Libya.

The Iran nuclear deal (officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) required Trump to certify Iran's compliance every 90 days. Iran had agreed to freeze all nuclear weapon development for 15 years in exchange for suspending the sanctions against Iran. By certifying, Trump was saying that Iran was living up to its end of the agreement. Though they were, Trump did not want to publicly endorse the idea that the agreement worked. Now, threats, violence, and unrest are ever-present throughout the region.

Though the sanctions further destabilize an already fiery region, cause riots and rebellions from the Iranian families that will be hit early and often, and cast an even darker shadow over America's tenuous alliances, Trump ended his Aug. 7 tweet with an Orwellian statement of intent.

“I am asking for world peace, nothing less!” Trump tweeted. ★

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A Message from Danny Estulin . . .

In 1992, I had lunch in Toronto with a former Soviet KGB spy who predicted, with great accuracy, the 1995 Quebec Referendum and its dire consequences for the rest of Canada. Back then, it was hard for me to believe that you could actually “know” the future, that is until I realized many years later that world politics are not decided at the ballot boxes but in opulent hotels by a small but very powerful group of people.

Former British Defense Minister Denis Healey put it this way: “World events do not occur by accident. They are made to happen, whether it is to do with national issues or commerce; and most of them are staged and managed by those who hold the purse strings.” Or to quote former British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli: “The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes.”

In 1993, I joined military counterintelligence and, after spending over a decade in the service, I can tell you that I completely agree with Healey and Disraeli. Little of what we are told in corporate media about the functionality of the world around us has to do with reality. In fact, just the opposite is true.

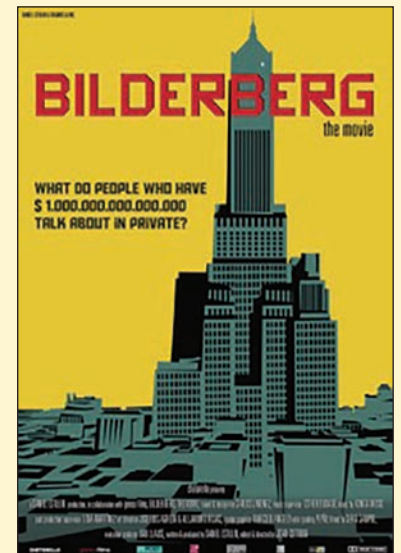
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NWO Goes Local to Circumvent Trump

• Global warming fanatics try to reverse president's dismissal of Paris climate agreement

By Mark Anderson

The Global Climate Action Summit taking place Sept. 12-14 is the most blatant example to date of the reorientation of governance in the 21st century. New constituencies are being formed to try and overturn President Donald Trump's mid-2017 decision to back the U.S. out of the 2015 Paris climate agreement. But beyond rebuffing Trump, the summiteers are charting a new course that generally demotes, and appears bent on eventually replacing, national decision-making in the U.S. and abroad. "Climate action" is merely the battering ram with which to force things through.

Led by California Gov. Jerry Brown (D)—to whom national sovereignty under the Constitution is a doormat on which well-connected internationalist change agents wipe their feet—the summit, taking place in San Francisco, "will celebrate the extraordinary climate action of states, regions, cities, companies, investors, and citizens from around the world. It will be a moment for these climate leaders to come together to inspire deeper commitments from each other as well as national governments, in support of the Paris Agreement," explains a summit press release.

The U.S. Constitution assigns the formation of and ascent to international treaties and pacts to the federal government, and there's been no constitutional convention to change that. Yet summiteers boast that investors, states, Canadian provinces, and even "regions" are now among



JERRY BROWN

Long known as a governor overly interested in hyped-up environmental issues, California's Jerry Brown is spearheading the effort to negate national decision-making across the globe through the NWO's global cities movement.

ideological lines, with often questionable data sprinkled in to keep up appearances.

This is not to say that summit-supported ideas like transitioning to electric cars, more mass transit (e.g., more and better high-speed trains), and other supposedly cleaner "green" energy options are necessarily bad, depending on comparative costs, marketability, new environmental problems, real or perceived, versus old ones etc.

But given the coordination between this summit and the broader "global cities" movement, which is designed to further advance world government from the bottom up not just the top down, this overall movement is mainly about forging a revolution in policy-making through manufactured consent.

Of course, the shifty phrase "climate change" at some point in the last few years suddenly replaced the more precise "global warming" so that any example of erratic weather could be blamed on everything from human respiration and livestock flatulence to backyard grills, automotive and industrial emissions, and so on. Imprecision is key to duping the masses.

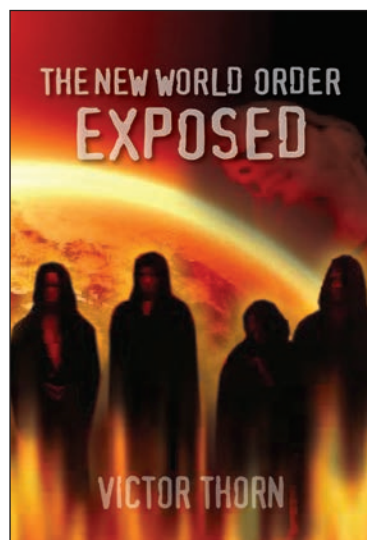
A main organization heading up the summit is the Under2 Coalition, named after the stated goal of limiting worldwide temperature increases to 2 degrees Celsius or less—based on

the "leaders" who've been knighted by the UN-connected transnational elitists organizing the summit to "inspire" policy, including U.S. policy, on a worldwide scale.

We'll be told that these groupings, which seem designed to re-federate the world, are merely advisory in nature. However, the San Francisco summit's strategy is to rework world-governance by using an imprecise issue like "climate change" to move things along, since that issue can largely be addressed along emotional and

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Judge Says Gun Blueprints Can't Be Posted on Internet

By John Friend

Cody Wilson, an American libertarian and gun-rights activist who founded and leads Defense Distributed, a non-profit corporation that develops and publishes open-source digital firearm designs that can be downloaded from the Internet and manufactured by a 3D printer, was recently barred by a federal judge from posting blueprints for 3D printed guns on his website. That ruling, however, has not slowed down the controversial activist from distributing the designs honed and developed by his organization, much to the chagrin of the liberal, anti-gun establishment, particularly in light of yet another recent purported mass shooting, this time in Jacksonville, Fla. at a video game tournament.

Open source designs refer to designs that are not copyrighted and can be freely and widely distributed.

Wilson, who was once described by *Wired* magazine as one of the top five most dangerous individuals on the Internet, was blocked by attorneys general in 19 states plus the District of Columbia from uploading his blueprints online, which allows users to access and download files necessary to manufacture firearms using a 3D printer.

A 3D printer is a machine that is commonly available today and creates a physical object from a three-dimensional digital image, by laying down many thin layers of a material such as plastic.

A federal judge in Seattle agreed with the 19 states and District of Columbia, which sought an injunction against Wilson and Defense Distributed,

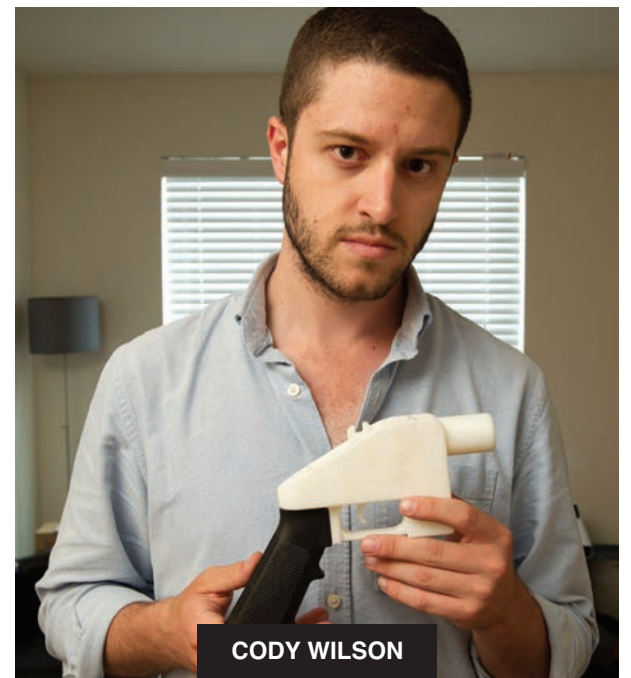
The advent of 3D printing technology allows anyone to make plastic guns at home on a 3D printer.

uted, arguing that online access to 3D printed firearms poses a unique security risk. These firearms could be illegally acquired by terrorists or felons, it was argued. U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik agreed, and barred Wilson from freely posting the blueprints on his website. Wilson vowed to challenge the federal court order, arguing that his activities were entirely legal.

"If I allow you to download an AR-15, the full plans for an AR-15, I don't believe that I provide you with anything other than the general knowledge of what an AR-15 is," Wilson said shortly after the judge's ruling. "I am no different from a publisher of information."

"It's a matter of principle," Wilson explained recently to "CBS This Morning" in an interview. "I know it's absurd to some degree to fight for your principles in a culture like this, but I think it's a worthy demonstration, and, of course, I could always demonstrate, like today, that I can always sell these files. And I'll continue to do so."

Wilson is currently selling the files through Defense Distributed, where customers can name



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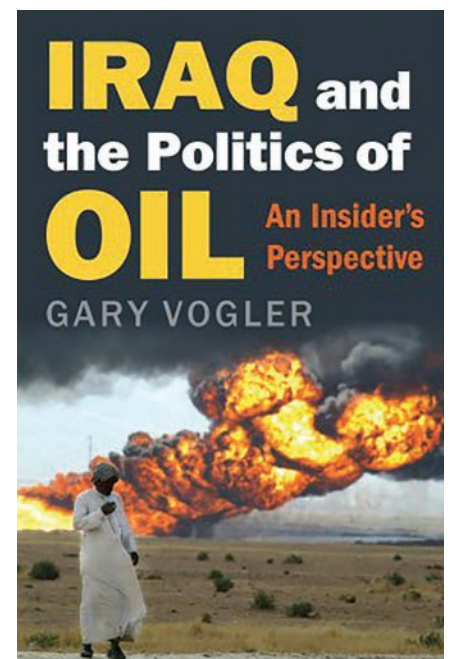
their own price for the various firearm blueprints developed by his company. The judge's ruling contained a key loophole of which Wilson is now taking advantage. "Files cannot be uploaded to the Internet, but they can be emailed, mailed, securely transmitted, or otherwise published within the United States," the ruling reads in part, leaving the door open for Wilson to sell the technology rather than just merely uploading it. Wilson is now exploiting that loophole and is selling the blueprints directly to customers, rather than merely uploading the blueprints for free on his website.

Wilson has always insisted his organization follows all state and federal firearms laws and regulations, and that he tracks the people to whom he sells blueprints.

"I'm required to do all kinds of screening and stuff," Wilson explained to CBS. "I can only ship to U.S. persons, U.S. citizens. There's all kinds of arms-export control stuff that we have to comply with. But, of course, I've had many years to become comfortable and become compliant with these laws." ★

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Actions Expose Federal Criminals

[In regard to AFP's Aug. 27 & Sept. 3 issue], the battle for our land is on like never before. Under Agenda21, the push to fully implement this UN land grab is facing a great threat and opposition from the Trump administration. Without Hillary Clinton to carry on the Obama legacy, Agenda-2030 is not going to happen to satisfy the New World Order's deadline for global control.

As much as I am saddened to see [Cliven] Bundy go through this charade again, I am confident God is in control and this court battle will lead to an even greater victory.

Like the Mueller Russian collusion accusation, this, too, will undoubtedly expose and incriminate those inside the Bureau of Land Management and law agencies that unlawfully came against the Bundys knowing there had been no real crimes committed by the Bundys.

As our patience grows thin watching the bogus accusations against our president go on for so long, it has only served to identify corruption within the FBI, Department of Justice, and Democratic National Committee, that all points back to Mrs. Clinton. And our president? Innocent, just as Bundy is.

What needs to happen is for the patriot movement to bring this case in the face of American viewers, so they can see what the federal government is trying to do to the Bundys is exactly what will happen to all property owners and that is to grab our property and land. People need to become students of Agenda21.

DEBORAH GLADEN
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Rights Come from God

How many Americans today agree with the proposition that our rights come from God and therefore must never be tinkered with by human governments? How many would stand in Patrick Henry's shoes, to also say, "Give me liberty, or give me death"? How many Americans today would sign their names to both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution?

Today, neither major political party strictly obeys the Constitution. Were our government to make all the necessary changes to completely comply with the Constitution text, the American people would rise up in angry rebellion, thinking the American federal government had been

seized by kooks and crazies. Today, most of what the federal government does is not based upon any text found in the Constitution. This is especially true of so-called "domestic social welfare" issues and functions. Under the 10th Amendment, these properly belong to the individual states, to deal with as they see fit. At the federal government level, then, exercise of these powers is based on unconstitutional usurpation.

"Extremism" is nothing more and nothing less than refusal to compromise a set of principles. It is refusal to accede to majority rule. Absolute majoritarian democracy was the farthest thing from the minds of the founding fathers as they wrote the Constitution. They understood all too well the threat of majoritarian democracy to individual liberty, based upon the authority of God.

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Tired of Israeli Bullying

[In regard to the article titled "Israel's Military Strategy a Failure" in the Aug. 13 & 20 issue], the American people have gotten extraordinarily tired of the demands, bullying, and blackmail the American government has received from the nuclear-armed, viciously apartheid theoc-

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racy, which is what Israel has become in the 21st century.

And we have one word for you: Enough.

We will provide you no more American military men to get slaughtered or maimed for life in the process of "neutralizing" all your alleged existential threats in the Middle East. And, of course, as we both know, that includes all of your neighbors in the region.

And on top of that we would appreciate it greatly if the U.S. government immediately pulls all financial and military aid from your country, as all this aid is completely illegal under the Symington Amendment [because Israel, a nuclear power, has never signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act].

We the people would like to see this accomplished immediately. The days of the host and parasite relationship between the U.S. government and that of Israel may well be coming to a very abrupt halt, and it is about time.

Sun comes up, Israel demands money. Sun goes down, Israel demands money. Moon waxes, Israel demands money. Moon wanes, Israel demands money. Weather is sunny, Israel demands money. Weather is rainy, Israel demands money. I sense a pattern here.

EDWARD HUGUENIN
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Go, Goldy!

The current mayor of Toronto is on a tour of the various mosques in Toronto. Under his watch, crime has skyrocketed, and Toronto has suffered two terrorist attacks. [Except for AFP's article in the Aug. 13 & 20 issue], there has been a media blackout on Faith Goldy's campaign for mayor. That alone tells me she will be the right choice for mayor.

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