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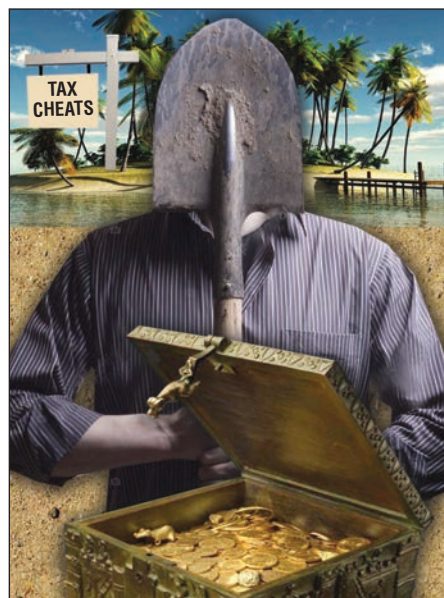
- Paradise Papers reveal how wealthy hide massive riches offshore
- World's biggest corporations avoid paying billions in taxes

By John Friend

After a year of research, a group of independent journalists has released a treasure trove of information on where and how the elites hide their money around the world to avoid paying the taxes with which millions of middle-class Americans are saddled. Known as the "Paradise Papers," this latest document dump follows closely on the heels of the release of a similar batch of banking details in the so-called "Panama Papers," documenting the secrets and corrupt practices of the global power elite and some of the world's most powerful and influential corporations.

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) launched an international examination into "the offshore activities of some of the world's most powerful people and companies," according to the organization's website. The ICIJ is an independent, U.S.-based nonprofit organization with a global network of over 200 professional journalists that collaborate across borders on in-depth investigations.

In 2016, the ICIJ, working in collaboration with the German newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, released the so-called Panama Papers, which comprised roughly 11.5 million anonymously leaked documents from Mossack Fonseca, a



Panamanian law firm and corporate service provider, exposing the personal financial information of a number of top corporate and political elites, along with the various tax havens and offshore practices utilized by some of the world's most powerful figures and corporations to avoid taxes and hide assets. Many of the leaked documents were published online by the ICIJ, and major global investigations were launched as a result of the leaked documents, sparking an international scandal.

Now, the ICIJ, once again working in collaboration with *Süddeutsche Zeitung*,

has launched another global investigation into the shady and corrupt business practices of the global political elite as well as some of the most powerful international corporations. The investigation, based on 13.4 million secret electronic documents anonymously leaked earlier this year known as the Paradise Papers, dovetails with the release of an investigation into the Panama Papers. The current investigation is largely based on documents that emanate primarily from the offshore service firms Appleby and Asiatic Trust, which were leaked to a journalist with *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, who then shared the information with the ICIJ.

The investigation reveals the secrets and underhanded dealings of the global power elite and exposes a number of the world's top multi-national corporations as operating offshore companies in order to avoid major tax liabilities and to conceal their wealth. Facebook, Twitter, Apple, Uber, Disney, Nike, Walmart, Allianz, Siemens, McDonald's, and Yahoo! are among the corporations implicated in utilizing offshore accounts, which has allowed these politically powerful and influential corporations to avoid billions of dollars in taxes.

The ICIJ's investigation and disclosure of the Paradise Papers has also exposed the offshore interests and activities of over 120 top political and world leaders, including Queen Elizabeth II and a number of major donors and members of President Donald Trump's administration, including current U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. The Paradise Papers also implicate a number of top Democratic donors, including Penny Pritzker, an extremely wealthy Democratic donor and former U.S. secretary of commerce.

"We're seeing some of the biggest corporations in the world, and the lengths that some companies go to avoid taxes," said Gerard Ryle, ICIJ director in Washington, D.C. ★

THE INSIDE SCOOP



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CHALLENGING YEAR FOR AFP COMING TO A CLOSE

This year isn't even over, but it's pretty safe to say that it has been the hardest we've ever faced since we first opened our doors in August 2001. This is not to say that we haven't had our share of adversity. Certainly we've seen hard times in the past 16 years. The entire media business has changed due to technology, and we've been forced to adapt to those changing times whether we want to or not. The Post Office is a shadow of what it used to be. Young people are not subscribing to newspapers like their parents and grandparents did, and they believe everything should be free on the Internet.

But that is not what we're talking about right now.

In just one year—2017—we faced down concerted efforts on the part of radical left-wing groups, liberal billionaires, and even trillion-dollar tech and banking behemoths—all of which want to see AFP closed for good with an “out of business” sign hanging in our window.

First up was Google, which decided to shut down our online advertising account because they didn't like what we say in our news articles. Google controls over 80% of advertising on the Internet, which meant we had to scramble to go directly to advertisers. We did manage to salvage some ads, but that abrupt closure has cost us a few hundred dollars every month, no small sum when you consider we operate on a shoestring budget.

Then Wells Fargo decided to cancel our credit card processing overnight without even informing us. Worse still, they added us to a blacklist, which prevented us from doing business with any regular credit card processor in the U.S. We

did manage to bounce back from that, but it cost us dearly. Our revenue in the ensuing months was down close to 20%.

So far this year, we have had to change credit processors four times after they found out we are blacklisted, but we still have not completely recovered from that hit, because we still cannot process our automated billing where subscribers

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are charged \$5 every month for their subscription. We have reached out to those subscribers, and many of them have worked out alternative payment arrangements with us, but there are people who have not responded. We are still mailing to them, but the bill is adding up, and we may just have to eat those losses.

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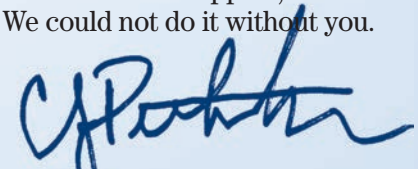
For over two years now, we at AFP have been aggressively cutting costs so that we can be leaner in these tough times. Thankfully, it has worked well; otherwise we'd be out of business right now after all of these attacks. It's worth mentioning that, before the liberal groups and the financial industry came after us, we were breaking even, but then the kicks kept coming at us almost as if someone out there somewhere was coordinating all of this, and we've been looking at losses for a few months this year.

The good news is, we must be doing something right to scare these humongous companies so badly, but we do need help. If there is anyone out there willing to pledge \$25, \$50, \$100 or more a month in extra donations to help us survive, please feel free to write or call this editor directly. Really any help you can afford is greatly appreciated, as it means we can keep the doors open that much longer.

It is a testament not only to our staff but also to our readership who understands, just like the enemy does, that AFP is doing something that no other national newspaper of any consequence is doing: speaking truth to power.

And they don't like that at all.

For your continued support, we are truly thankful. We could not do it without you. ★



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News You May Have Missed

Transforming Fed Courts

President Donald Trump is nominating white men to America's federal courts at a rate not seen in nearly 30 years, reports Associated Press. So far, 91% of Trump's nominees are white, and 81% are male.

Blame Charlottesville

The city authorities of Charlottesville, Va. bear blame for the violence that erupted there in August during the Unite the Right rally, says an independent report from Old Dominion law enforcement agencies, according to G. Edward Griffin's "Need to Know" online newsletter. The city placed only minimal restrictions on the left-wing protesters, failed to establish a unified command post for the event, used multiple action plans when there should have been only one, and ignored the state's police standards for handling potentially violent events.

Hoax Hate Crime

In September, Air Force Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria got his 15 minutes of fame when a speech he gave concerning allegations of racism at the Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs was broadcast across the U.S. Now we know the incident that sparked Silveria's reaction has been proven a hoax. According to *The Washington Post*, the message "Go home," followed by the N-word, was written in black marker on the message boards of five black cadet candidates. The academy launched an investigation and found that one of the black students himself had written the messages. The cadet, who confessed to writing the messages, is reportedly no longer at the school. His name was not released by the school.

Strange News

The mother of Leigh Corfman, the woman who says that Alabama Senatorial candidate Roy Moore tried to engage in a sexual encounter with her when she was 14, told Breitbart News recently that it was *The Washington Post* that talked her daughter into giving an interview about allegations against Moore. Ms. Corfman's mother,

Nancy Wells, 71, said that her daughter would not have come forward if it weren't for the *Post* reporter's alleged actions.

Global Wealth

The world's richest people have seen their share of the globe's wealth increase from 42.5% at the height of the 2008 financial crisis to 50.1% in 2017. That equals \$140 trillion, according to Credit Suisse's global wealth report published earlier in November.

Gun Self Defense

In the debate about gun control, we must never forget this key fact: Guns save lives. On Nov. 7, three suspects robbed and assaulted an elderly man in his home in Graves County, Ky. Culprit Timothy Roper, 46, ran afoul of the Second Amendment—he was shot fatally by the armed elder. Alleged accomplices Miranda Murphy and Joshua White got away from the scene but were arrested the following night by Kentucky State Police. Guns are great equalizers.

Screw-Up

The military screw-up that allowed deranged atheist Devin Patrick Kelley in Texas to buy weapons and shoot up a church is a perfect example of how the failure to enforce existing laws often leads to tragedy—and yet liberals continue to call for ever more gun laws. If the Air Force had done what it was supposed to do and informed the FBI and police that Kelley had been dishonorably discharged after beating his wife and cracking the skull of his infant stepson, he would not have been allowed to legally purchase any firearms. But the Air Force failed in its legal obligation to share the information, and Kelley passed all background checks.

Who Cares About Them?

The media was intently interested when a young white guy named Dylann Roof shot up a black church in Charleston, S.C., but very little ink was spent on a recent church massacre in Antioch, Tenn. This mass murder just didn't fit into the liberal-establishment agenda, because the alleged perpetrator was a Christian black man from Su-

dan and the victims were all white, though the congregation makeup was racially mixed. On Sept. 25, Emanuel Kidega Samson, 25, wearing a ski mask and packing two pistols, fatally wounded Melanie Smith Crow, 39, in the church parking lot, then turned the fallen woman over and finished her off execution-style. He then entered the building and fired into the group of 42 worshippers, wounding six. Heroic church usher Robert Caleb Engle, 22, bare-handedly confronted and disabled the killer, who was eventually taken into custody. A note found in Samson's car explained his motive: revenge for what a deranged white man did in Charleston, S.C. two years prior. Had Engle not left his own gun in his car, the hero could have acted even more effectively and certainly more safely. However, once the bad guy was down, Engle did fetch his gun and guard him until the police arrived.

What Do You Say to That?

Not satisfied with their destruction of Confederate heritage, the rabid left is attacking heroic navigator Christopher Columbus as part of its war against Western civilization. Recently, a handful of protesters demanded the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue at Columbus Circle in New York City. Elsewhere Columbus statues were splashed with red paint as an insult. The truth is that Western colonization around the world, while flawed, had a net benefit for lands that embraced Western values and institutions, as opposed to those that followed other pathways. Those facts are censored because leftists do not like them. Why don't leftists condemn the genocidal governments of the communist world, the massacres, tortures, and rapes of the Pacific Rim, the enslavement of blacks by blacks in Africa and other dictatorships—all ongoing today—and the murderous practices of the Aztecs and Incas?

Texas City Lies to Taxpayers

San Antonio has reported a whopping \$258,680 in taxpayer money was spent to remove the Confederate monument in Travis Park in San Antonio. Some city council members have complained they were misled as to what the destruction would cost and that they only approved \$150,000 for the statue

removal. Councilman Greg Brockhouse said he had personally asked the director of the city department responsible for the removal what the bill would be and was told, "\$150,000." Said Brockhouse: "I was very clear that \$150,000, in itself, is a lot of money. But to go over another \$100,000 makes absolutely no sense to me."

Just Plain Crazy

While the U.S. continues to remove statues to great American heroes like Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis, Washington, D.C.'s city council just voted to spend taxpayers' dollars to erect a statue to the city's infamous former mayor, Marion Barry. In 1990, Barry was videotaped smoking crack cocaine with a prostitute, but he was not forced to resign. Instead, his prison sentence meant he could not seek reelection. But after Barry left prison, he was elected to the city council and then as mayor again. He died in 2014.

Increasing Terrorism

In an interview with the Russian news and commentary website RT, Republican Virginia state Sen. Richard Black said: "There is no doubt that we are spending an immense sum of money on wars in the Middle East... \$23,000 per taxpayer... There are going to be future costs. We are moving more troops into Afghanistan. There is no question that eventually we will lose that war; it is just a question of when we decide to pull out... [B]y fighting these wars... are we actually increasing terrorism?"

Demilitarize Police

According to the magazine *In These Times*, Minneapolis mayoral candidate Raymond Dehn, 60, is working to demilitarize the city's police force. Minneapolis has been in the news for police shootings of two black men, Jamar Clark and Philando Castile, and bride-to-be Justine Damond, a white woman. Says Dehn: "I don't believe all cops should carry guns all the time. One, it's not necessary. Maybe people in the community would be safer, and then maybe the officers would be safer. We have people in our community who won't call the cops because they are afraid—afraid for themselves and afraid for the person committing the crime."

Left Wingers in a Tizzy Over New Jimmy Carter Interview

• Former president pulls no punches in scathing critique

By S.T. Patrick

Once hailed as a great president and an even greater ex-president by the political and historical left, Jimmy Carter has now unnerved his loyal followers by declaring in an Oct. 21 *New York Times* interview that the Russians didn't steal the 2016 election for President Donald Trump, that Barack Obama woefully underperformed in his two-term presidency, that he and wife Rosalynn didn't vote for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in the primaries, that the media has been harder on Trump than any other president, and that NFL players should stand for the national anthem.

The headline assigned by the *Times* was that Carter "lusts" to go to North Korea as a special envoy for the Trump administration. Following this narrative would be par for the modern journalistic course that largely favors a view of Carter as the "Great Peacemaker" as much as President Ronald Reagan was the "Great Communicator."

When asked if the Russians purloined the 2016 election from Clinton, Carter answered that he "[doesn't] think there's any evidence that what the Russians did changed enough votes, or any votes."

The Carter Center, which the former president founded in 1982, has a positive working relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The discussion of the Clinton loss prompted the Carters to reveal that they did not vote for Mrs. Clinton in the party primaries.

"We voted for Bernie (Sanders)," the former president noted.

When the *Times* asked Carter to compare the Clinton Foundation with the Carter Center, he firmly replied, "Rosie and I put money in the Carter Center. We never take money out."

Asked to assess the "hope and change" that was to characterize the Obama legacy, Carter seemed unimpressed, especially on issues in the Middle East.

"He made some very wonderful statements, in my opinion, when he first got in office," Carter said, "and then he reneged on that." He noted specifically that Obama refused to dialogue with North Korea and took part in the bombing of Yemen, which Carter referred to as the most interesting place he has ever been.

A recent Harvard University study showed that 93% of the media coverage regarding Trump has been negative. Carter didn't disagree.

"I think the media have been harder on Trump than any other president certainly that I've known about," Carter said. "I think they feel free to claim



JIMMY CARTER

Former President Jimmy Carter has been vocally critical of both Democrats and Republicans in his later years. Carter candidly told *The New York Times* that the Russians did not steal the election from Hillary Clinton, and that he and his wife Rosalynn voted for New Hampshire Rep. Bernie Sanders for president. Carter has volunteered to meet with North Korea's political leadership to broker a deal for peace.

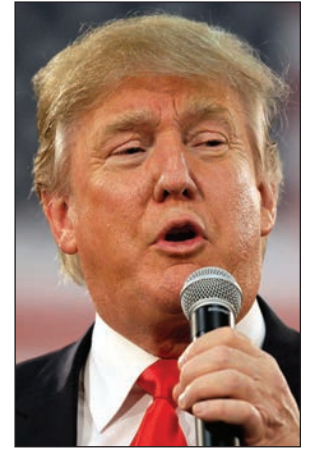
that Trump is mentally deranged and everything else without hesitation."

The Carters still reside in Plains, Ga., 150 miles from Atlanta, home of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. While a vast majority of the left are backing the decision of many NFL players not to stand during the national anthem, Carter believes differently.

"I think they ought to find a different way to object, to demonstrate," he said. "I would rather see all the players stand during the American anthem."

As evidenced by his appearance at a recent hurricane relief fundraiser, Carter still chooses to place his hand over his heart during the anthem.

It is not overly surprising that Carter would accept a Trump posting as special envoy to North Korea. The Carter Center believes in talking to dictators as a means by which peace can be waged. Carter believes he was successful when he flew to Pyongyang in 1994 and struck a deal with Kim Il-sung, the grandfather of current leader Kim Jong-



Ex-President Jimmy Carter says he did not vote for Hillary Clinton. Instead, he voted for Bernie Sanders. He also says the media has been harder on Donald Trump than any other president he knows about.

un. Despite President Bill Clinton's public objections to Carter's unilateral diplomacy, some historians believe that Clinton privately accepted, encouraged, and guided Carter's negotiations with Kim Il-sung.

Carter questions the level of Chinese influence over the current North Korean regime.

"(W)e greatly overestimate China's influence on North Korea, particularly to Kim Jong-un," Carter said. "He's never, so far as I know, been to China. And they have no relationship. Kim Jong-il did go to China and was very close to them."

Carter relayed his availability through National Security Adviser Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, who asked to sit next to the former president at the funeral of globalist Zbigniew Brzezinski.

"I told him I was available if they ever need me," Carter said.

Surprising to some, Carter also seemed optimistic that Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner could make progress in Saudi Arabia. Trump pointed to the family ties as a potential benefit to progress.

"I've seen in the Arab world, including the Palestinian world," he said, "the high esteem that they pay to a member of one's own family."

Carter and Trump do have a history, as outlined in Trump's 1987 book *The Art of the Deal*. Carter visited Trump to ask for \$5 million to help build his presidential library. Trump turned him down.

It is not unusual for former presidents to take a giant leap for political independence as they age. Harry Truman questioned his own decision to form the Central Intelligence Agency. Richard Nixon wrote a series of foreign policy books not tied to the strategies of either mainstream party. The Bushes have often worked with the Clintons, even forming a joint foundation.

Carter's newfound support for the Trump administration, as well as his anti-Clinton rhetoric, is sure to send a measurable level of shock-and-awe through Democratic National Committee offices busily strategizing every county for 2020. Yet it has made Carter interesting in such a way that there is now widespread speculation over what his next move will be. ★

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24 States Pass Laws Protecting Israel

• Two dozen states set to punish companies, individuals who support 'BDS'

By Mark Anderson

When Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) issued an executive order Oct. 27 directing state agencies to refrain from engaging with businesses that have “ties to the anti-Israel BDS movement,” the state became the 24th to forbid state contracts and other official activities with companies that they believe boycott Israel.

“We stand firmly against discrimination in any form and we wholly support our friends in Israel,” Walker was quoted as saying by *Breitbart News*, without explaining how the state defines a company with “ties” to BDS. “I look forward to leading a trade delegation to Israel to foster new trade partnerships between Wisconsin and Israeli businesses.”

That 15-member delegation was in Israel until Nov. 2.

The executive order states: “Consistent with existing Wisconsin nondiscrimination provisions and regulations governing purchases . . . [state] agencies may not execute a contract with a business entity if that entity is engaging in a boycott of Israel. Further, agencies shall reserve the right to terminate any contract with a business entity that engages in a boycott of Israel during the term of the contract.”

BDS stands for boycott, divestment, and sanctions, a civil-protest tactic adopted by Israel’s critics to work to end its occupation, expansive construction of settlements, and military assaults within Palestine, especially in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. BDS calls for consumers and companies in the U.S. and abroad to not buy Israeli-made products and to curtail investments in and cease overall business with Israeli companies.

According to investigators such as Alison Weir, a former journalist who operates the “IfAmericansKnew.org” website about Israel-Palestine issues, lopsided press portrayals of the situation there have gravely aggravated the situation, clouding public perception about why Israel’s critics support BDS.

Among other things, Ms. Weir told AFP at a Dearborn, Mich. rally in July 2016 that during her on-the-scene visits to Palestine, whenever attacks are carried out by those on the Palestinian side against Israel—typically involving sporadic rocket forays that inflict comparatively little damage—those attacks are given prominent press coverage.

However, disproportionately destructive attacks by Israeli pilots—using U.S.-made warplanes and laser-guided bombs derived from the nearly \$4 billion in official U.S. foreign-aid dollars provided in one lump sum annually to Israel’s government—



Above, Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin, whom some like to portray as a maverick, fell right in line, recently announcing that his state will not do business with any companies that are part of the Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions movement against the state of Israel, even though Americans have a right to do so.

often level entire buildings and blocks of buildings with brutal force, sometimes burying defenseless men, women, and children in the rubble. According to her organization’s research, 1,242 Israelis and at least 9,510 Palestinians have been killed between Sept. 29, 2000 and the present.

While many Palestinians are Christians, pro-Zionist Christian preachers such as John Hagee of San Antonio, Texas, turn a blind eye to the extreme suffering endured by Palestinians in the land that Jesus Christ once walked, which includes Bethlehem.

THE ANTI-BDS TALLY

During the same week Walker made his anti-BDS announcement, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan signed an executive order blocking his state from awarding contracts to companies thought to be supportive of BDS.

This anti-BDS movement goes back at least as far as 2015, with some states having fully passed the legislation and others on the brink of doing so. Besides Maryland and Wisconsin, the other states with anti-BDS measures in place are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. In addition, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued an executive order banning state agencies from investing in companies that support boycotts of Israel.

The Jewish press can be quite informative in

anti-BDS mechanics. For example, a March 2016 *Jerusalem Post* article reported: “An Illinois state agency named 11 companies barred from doing business with the state for boycotting Israel or its settlements, the first such designation by an official U.S. body.”

But even the *Post* conceded that the situation can be tricky: “A number of the entities on the list approved . . . by the Illinois Investment Policy Board have pulled money from Israeli businesses that operate in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem, but have not boycotted Israel within its 1967 [border] lines. At least two of the entities have said their disinvestment from Israel in recent years was based on commercial, not political, calculations.”

A key unanswered question is whether the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution—which delegates to Congress the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes”—blocks or limits the states from being so deeply involved with commerce in the first place, regardless of the entities involved. AFP readers may want to contact their state legislators with that and related questions. ★

Hypocrites in D.C. Cover for Deviants?

• If Roy Moore were an insider, Congress would probably ignore allegations against him

By Sophia Meyer

Accusations of sexual impropriety with teenage girls—and now a claim of attempted rape—continue to mount against former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore. Best known for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments statue from his courthouse and for ordering state probate judges to deny same-sex marriage licenses, Moore is currently the GOP candidate for the Alabama Senate seat vacated by Jeff Sessions.

Republican politicians and pundits are quickly distancing themselves from Moore, but it seems clear that they are more motivated by the threat Moore poses to their leadership than a desire to stop sexual perversion given the GOP leadership's past support for deviants.

In a Nov. 9 *Washington Post* article, three women claimed Moore inappropriately flirted with them when they were between 14 and 18 years old. Another woman, the article disclosed, also claims Moore sexually touched her when she was 14. At the time, Moore was an assistant district attorney in his early 30s.

Three of Moore's four accusers told the *Post* they found his flirtation "flattering at the time, but troubling as they got older." With Moore having just won the primary, they've apparently become troubled enough to publicly accuse him.

Moore immediately denied the allegations, calling them politically motivated, and threatened to sue the *Post* and other newspapers reporting what he is calling "libelous" news.

At a Nov. 13 press conference, another woman accused Moore of attempted rape when she was 15, reports "The Daily Beast." Beverly Young Nelson said Moore choked her as he attempted to remove her clothes, then warned her when she escaped from his car not to tell anyone because she would not be believed. "You are a child. I am the District Attorney of Etowah County," he said. And on Nov. 15, two more women accused Moore of inappropriately pursuing them as teens.

The Washington Times reports "Republicans in Washington have gone to war" with Moore. With Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell leading the charge, politicians from Mitt Romney to Ohio Gov. John Kasich to Sen. John McCain, (Ariz.), Sen. Pat Toomey (Penn.), and Sen. Tim Scott (S.C.) are calling for Moore to "step aside."

The White House, via statements from Press Secretary Sarah Sanders and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, maintains the position that if the allegations are proven true, Moore should step down.

Even President Donald Trump's former advisor Steve Bannon of "Breitbart News" is beginning to indicate he may abandon the Moore campaign ship. Publicly, Bannon said on Monday, "This is just another desperate attempt by Mitch McConnell to keep power, and it's not going to work." But "The Daily Beast" re-



JUDGE ROY MOORE
Serious accusations.



DENNIS HASTER
Longtime child abuser.



MARK FOLEY
Stalked male aides.



LARRY CRAIG
Caught in the act.

It's time the people take a hard look at the number of deviants in Congress and ask that they all be treated appropriately.

ports Bannon's private conversations are not nearly as supportive.

When it comes to the Senate seat, the GOP establishment initially supported Moore's strongest opponent, Sen. Luther Strange. A longtime "good old boy," Strange was a safe choice for those who want to maintain GOP politics-as-usual.

The populist Moore, on the other hand, had the backing of Bannon and his fellow anti-establishment Republicans at Breitbart. Growing support for populist-leaning, America-first candidates poses a significant threat to the GOP establishment.

Thus, it seems likely mainstream Republicans' immediate demands for Moore's withdrawal may have much more to do with the potential threat to their control than any concern over his perceived ethical shortcomings or even criminal behavior.

After all, the GOP has a history of avoiding, denying, and even covering up the sexual crimes and deviancy within their own party.

• Speaker of the House and pedophile Denny Hastert (Ill.) paid \$3.5 million in hush-money to buy a former student's silence and eventually admitted in court to sexually abusing boys while he was a high school wrestling coach. Yet before his sentencing, 41 people including former congressmen, a former CIA chief and Tom Delay, former House Majority Leader,

wrote to the judge requesting leniency for Hastert.

• Florida Rep. Mark Foley, an outspoken crusader against child pornography, resigned after his penchant for exchanging sexually explicit messages and photos with young male congressional aides came to light. Ironically, Foley's resignation was tendered in response to a threat from Hastert to "resign or be expelled" when it became clear leadership could no longer maintain silence on his perversions.

Hastert and Foley are only two obvious examples, but there are many more who demonstrate that the Republican leadership is more interested in power and money than doing what is right for the country.

Yet another example of corruption and sexual perversion in the GOP is former Utah Sen. Larry Craig.

In 2007, Craig was arrested at the Minneapolis airport after he propositioned a male undercover police officer for illicit acts in a men's bathroom. At first, Craig pled guilty to the crime and said he would resign from his position. Shortly thereafter, he changed his mind and said he planned to stay. He was allowed to serve out the rest of his term in the Senate but did not seek re-election. While certain members of the Senate did condemn Craig for his actions, Sen. Mitch McConnell, who was Senate minority leader, only questioned whether Craig should hold leadership positions in committees.

Other notable Republican deviants include:

- Louisiana Sen. David Vitter, who was outed by the infamous D.C. Madam for hiring prostitutes;
- Indiana state Rep. Phillip Hinkle, who was busted after he paid an 18-year-old man for illicit acts;
- Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, who had multiple affairs with women while married; and
- Chris Meyers, the ex-mayor of Redford, N.J., who was outed in the national press for paying men for illicit acts.

None of these men faced the level of condemnation that Moore has so far, leading objective observers to deduce that Moore's populist, America-first leanings are more concerning to Republican leaders than any sexual improprieties he may have committed. ★

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Modern Thanksgiving Just a Tall Tale

By S.T. Patrick

Every American educated in a government or private elementary school remembers the Thanksgiving scene well. It was taught to us as a moment of peace and harmony between the “savage natives” known as Indians—named as such because Christopher Columbus believed he had found the East Indies—and the Pilgrims, the religious independents roughing it for Christ.

Among the earliest of what became American traditions was the open mealtime prayer, the turkey, the corn on the cob, and the idea of gathering with your best friends and most bitter enemies alike to celebrate the holidays as one unified group. The Thanksgiving story is the perennial scene remembered from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Historians are still undecided as to the veracity of the tale detailing how Walmart offered a Black Friday DVD player for \$5.99 the next day, yet there seems to be a general agreement amongst the learned that the Detroit Lions lost a game. While that’s a tongue-in-cheek historical recollection, the reality is that the Walmart and Detroit Lions scenarios are just as truthful as the Pilgrims and Indians story mimicked in many elementary schools on a dress-up day.

Myth and legend have permeated American history from the day the Pilgrims landed neither on Plymouth nor on any other rock. Columbus discovered zero of the 50 American states. George Washington never chopped down a cherry tree and never admitted his misbegotten case of amateur logging to his father by humbly confessing that he “cannot tell a lie.”

Paul Revere never rode through Boston warning that the British were coming. In 1775, Bostonians were British subjects and thus British, after all. Townspeople would have responded, “We’re already here!” Revere was one of three “Midnight Riders,” yet in 1860 he became the only one to be immortalized in verse by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. That is why we remember Revere more than William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott, the two other Midnight Riders.

Abraham Lincoln never walked through hours of knee-high snow to return an extra penny to a store or an overdue book to a library. World War II hero and future president Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower never saw combat.

Both John F. Kennedy (*Profiles in Courage*, for which he won the Pulitzer Prize in 1957) and Barack Obama (*Dreams of My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*) used un-credited ghostwriters to fully author the books that helped propel them to political-cultural stardom and cult-like hero worship among certain segments of the masses.

For much of the past century, textbook publishers have glossed over consequential individual decisions, populist trends, and real conflicts to



present progressive moments of cultural unity. The largest textbook conglomerates in America—Cengage, Houghton Mifflin, and McGraw-Hill—have led this fight to sanitize history. The History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and most history publications have followed. The ends (cultural harmony and social progress) have justified the means (inaccuracy and distortion).

There is no evidence that the Pilgrims and Indians ever sat down to turkey or popcorn, no evidence that they—knowingly, for the Indians—prayed together, and no evidence that Thanksgiving, as it is today, began in that fabricated moment. In truth, many meals were had by intermingling cultures for a variety of reasons.

Thanksgiving was made an official U.S. holiday in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln, hoping it would build morale for northern troops fatigued by war. Many years had passed before Dixie viewed Thanksgiving as anything more than a northern conspiracy to push Yankee traditions south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Thanksgiving is now legally celebrated in America on the fourth Thursday in November. President Franklin D. Roosevelt tinkered with the date by moving it up one week, but it was returned to its rightful place on the calendar two years later when FDR admitted that his micro-tinkering was once again unwanted and unneeded by Americans.

Pre-American cultures and traditions commemorated days of thanks as celebrations for a completed harvest. They were community celebrations of a job well done and a plentiful bounty, not days of thanks to anyone or for anything.

The contemporary idea of Thanksgiving—the one shared by Americans today—is relatively new in our history, yet it is an idea with arguable levels

Relations between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians of the northeast coast of America were not as harmonious as some portray. They did share a three-day feast in September 1621 (not November), but they probably did not share a table, although the famed Massasoit was in attendance. For 10 years before the Pilgrims arrived, European ships had been visiting this area of North America. Unfortunately for beneficial relations, many Indians were taken as slaves, some later to be trained as interpreters. When the Pilgrims arrived, archeologists estimate there were about 25,000 Indians in the vicinity of Plymouth Rock. But plague diseases brought by the whites wiped out entire villages, leaving the Wampanoag easy prey for surrounding tribes. At about the same time, the Pilgrims were starving through the winter of 1620. It was their common plight that led to an alliance—and valuable fur trading. After the diplomatic “Thanksgiving” of 1621, things slowly soured. In 1675, Massasoit’s son Metacomet launched King Philip’s War, a war our European ancestors nearly lost.

of value. There is some unity in our shared traditions, even when they are based on stories distant from the factual truth.

Truth, however, is important and should be told—even at times when it is most difficult, times when the telling of it at most shakes the foundations and at least causes irritated discomfort. For what is the country’s history if it is not worthy of a truthful retelling to the extent that it can be truthfully retold? ★

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A Dual System of Justice: Separate & Unequal

The Story of Michael Weaver and the Corruption of Columbus, Georgia's Judicial System

A tale of two systems; two systems of justice, separate and unequal; an egregious double standard in the application of the laws as they are written.

By David Carothers

There are two main characters in this tale of two systems:

Jeffrey Foxx, a disgraced former Columbus, Ga. police corporal, and **Michael Weaver**, a Columbus-born, long-time white-rights activist.

Foxx, who is black, resigned from the department after a long litany of misconduct charges dating back to 2002. During this period, Foxx had been suspended from duty seven times for various misdeeds while a police officer.

Foxx's misdeeds while under the "color of law" first sparked the attention of the local media in March of 2007, when he was accused of targeting white motorists for traffic tickets. While patrolling the predominantly white area of University Avenue in north Columbus on March 7, Foxx was talking to a female friend on his cell phone. Unbeknownst to him, his conversation was being recorded by the recorder in his cruiser.

The recorder recorded Foxx's statements to his friend: "They make me work these white folks' areas, somebody's going to pay the price," he said. He added: "I am hooking these white folks up with tickets."

Although Foxx violated several state and federal laws via his misconduct, he kept his job as an officer of the law. Had Foxx been a white officer, he would immediately have been fired for racial profiling, an egregious violation of state and federal law and the iron law of political correctness. But he was not.

Instead, Foxx was "punished" with a one-day paid suspension and ordered to attend a few hours of sensitivity training by his superior officer, police Major Julius Graham, who is black.

In Feb. 2009, Foxx was fired by Police Chief Ricky Boren for lying about an incident that occurred in the Muscogee County Jail, the details of which have never been disclosed. His dismissal was subsequently reversed by the department's Personnel Review Board, and he was rehired.

In early May of 2013, Foxx accused Chief Boren of using the "N-Word" while conversing with three of his lieutenants in a bathroom on the fourth floor of the Public Safety Center, 2013, an allegation that Boren denied. In a May 14 interview conducted by the Columbus *Ledger-Enquirer*, Boren said that he has a private bathroom in his office, and never uses the public facilities.

Mayor Theresa Tomlinson hired retired Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) agent Michael Rundles to investigate the alleged incident. Rundles' investigation and subsequent 24-page report found no evidence of misconduct on the part of Boren. In a statement to the *Ledger-Enquirer*, Tomlinson told reporters: "There is no question in my mind that the chief ever made such a statement."

Foxx submitted to a polygraph test regarding his alle-



Michael Weaver is shown with his family.

gation, which he failed.

No state or federal charges were filed against Foxx for his violations of the civil rights of the white citizens of Columbus under the color of law. He resigned years after he was busted saying the "white people" comments. He resigned because he accused his chief of police of calling him "the N-word."

The two-tiered, separate-and-unequal system of justice that prevails in Columbus, an erstwhile slave-owning town, treated white-rights activist Michael Weaver much differently. While sitting in his car after leaving a friend's house, he was accosted by two black thugs wielding 40-ounce glass beer bottles, potentially deadly weapons. One thug converged on Weaver's passenger side door, the other on the driver's side. When the thug on the driver's side sought to enter the car, Weaver sprayed him with non-lethal pepper spray. The thug turned his head, and the spray ran down the back of his neck.

Weaver was arrested about an hour later by a black police officer and was charged with simple battery, a misdemeanor. The report filed by the officer indicated that the "victim" sustained no injuries and declined medical treatment. Both thugs were on felony probation at the time and were not legally allowed to consort with each other.

Weaver attended state court on three separate occasions to answer the misdemeanor charge, accompanied by this writer. His case was never called.

Weaver and this writer didn't know it at the time, but the die had already been cast, the fix was in. At the urging of a white female police detective who has hated Weaver for decades due to his politically incorrect activism ... his misdemeanor case was referred to the district attorney's office headed by D.A. Julia Fessenden Slater, the office that adjudicates felony cases. On the Tuesday morning of Aug. 23, 2011, Weaver was indicted by a Muscogee County grand jury on the charge of aggravated assault, a felony. Later that day, as Weaver and this writer passed by his house, Weaver's car was pulled over by five county sheriff's department vehicles. The deputies rushed from their vehicles, guns drawn, and arrested Weaver.

Weaver's subsequent "trial" on Nov. 14 and 15 of 2011 was a hoax, a cruel joke, a kangaroo court travesty of jus-

tice, even for the dark, dirty, dangerous city of Columbus, Ga. In Georgia, an aggravated assault charge carries, upon conviction, a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Although Weaver's use of pepper spray to repel two would-be carjackers does not normally justify a felony charge as written in Ga. Code 16-5-21, aggravated assault, Weaver's public defender warned him that if he opted for a trial by jury, a jury that would be stacked, biased against him by the prosecutor, Asst. D.A. Michael Craig, he would likely be convicted and receive the maximum sentence, a verdict and sentence based not on the facts of the case but, rather, on his political ideology. Weaver, frightened and intimidated, opted to plead guilty to a crime he did not commit.

Weaver's "best interest" guilty plea brought him a sentence of 10 years, one to be served in prison, the remaining nine years on supervised probation with the stipulation that he be banished from the six-county Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit that includes Muscogee County, the county of his birth. The presiding judge, Superior Court Judge Bobby Peters, warned Weaver that if he were within these boundaries he would be arrested and serve the remaining sentence in state prison. Banishment is a punishment that harkens back to Medieval times, a punishment outlawed by the 1215 English Magna Carta.

In all, Weaver served 20 months and four days in jail and in two Georgia prisons for the heinous crime of defending his property ... and life ... from two low-lives who sought to take what was not theirs.

Weaver was finally released from the gulag on April 24, four days after his 33rd birthday. He now resides in a county in northern Georgia, a county that, unlike his home county, is comprised mainly of his racial kinsmen. Since his release, Weaver has been updating the blog he started before his unjust incarceration, the White Information Network (WIN) at news4whites.blogspot.com. His efforts have borne succulent fruit. The site has grown into a Tree of Knowledge for people seeking truth and understanding. The story of his travails was featured in the July 1, 2013 edition (issue No. 26, page 17) of AMERICAN FREE PRESS written by AFP writer John Friend.

The whereabouts and activities of the black racist rogue cop, Jeffrey Foxx, are at this time unknown. One hopes that he has not moved on to another police department where he can, under the auspices of the law, continue to use his tarnished badge to violate the rights of white citizens. *

A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

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Secret Movers & Shakers Behind Smear Dossier on Trump Revealed

- Entire “Russian collusion story” a Democrat fabrication

By John Friend

The CEO and co-founder of Fusion GPS, the Washington-based investigative firm linked to a controversial background dossier on Donald Trump, met with a Russian attorney with ties to the Kremlin before and after she had a meeting with Donald Trump Jr., according to multiple sources. This is the same Russian lawyer who has been cited by the mainstream media, the left wing, and establishment elites as proof that Trump officials colluded with Russia to influence the U.S. election.

In the year before the presidential election, Fusion GPS was hired by the Clinton campaign to produce an opposition research report that was intended to portray then-candidate Donald Trump as a Russian stooge during the heated 2016 presidential election. That report was eventually leaked to the press, Congress, and the FBI. After months of poring over the report, however, its contents have been widely refuted as fiction.

During the timeframe while the dossier was being assembled, Donald Trump Jr. had agreed to meet with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya, who claimed to have evidence of financial crimes linked to Hillary Clinton. When the younger Trump met with the woman, however, she reportedly had nothing of the sort. Instead, according to Trump, the meeting was a waste of time.

Now it has been revealed that Fusion GPS's CEO Glenn Simpson, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, met with Veselnitskaya twice during the summer of 2016.

The latest revelations regarding Fusion GPS's ties to Russia have sparked controversy and raised eyebrows across the political spectrum, particularly since the Clinton campaign, acting through an attorney, hired the firm specifically to link Trump and his inner circle to the Russians.

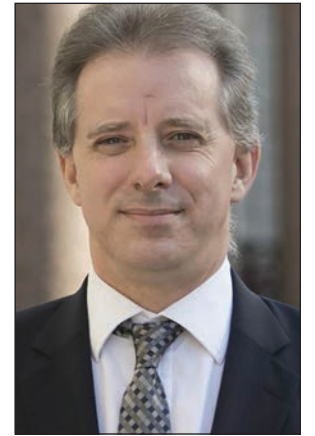
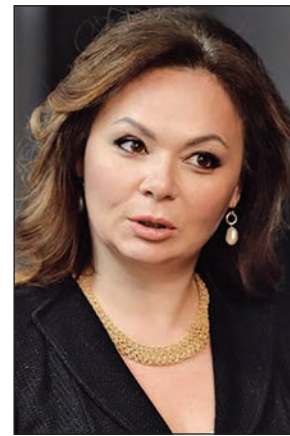
The “report that Fusion GPS CEO Glenn Simpson met with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya both before and after her meeting with Donald Trump Jr. in June 2016 is breathtaking,” Rick Manning, president of Americans for Limited Government, recently stated. “It is clear the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign paid for a consultant who was using Russians in an attempt to create the appearance of collusion through false offers of dirt on Hillary Clinton. Even the Clouseau-like Robert Mueller should be able to piece this together and see that Fusion GPS is at the center of his investigation into the 2016 election.”

The Clinton campaign hired Fusion GPS in April 2016 through Mark Elias, a top lawyer for the



GLENN SIMPSON

Former *Wall Street Journal* reporter and the co-founder of the company behind the smear dossier on Trump has his own connections to Russia.



Natalia Veselnitskaya and Chris Steele: Can we believe anything these operatives have said?

Manning and others have contended that the meeting between Simpson and Ms. Veselnitskaya is a red flag indicating the entire narrative relating to Russian election interference on behalf of Trump is set up to discredit and marginalize the current president.

“It is also reasonable to assume that the Clinton campaign did not receive any information from that meeting that they deemed relevant in the campaign, except for the meeting itself, or else they would have used it,” Manning noted. “If taking a meeting with Russians is deemed a criminal act, then Simpson and everyone else who used Russian sources for the dossier, including the Clinton campaign since they paid for it, should apparently be in jail. It should also be clear to anyone with an ounce of honest blood flowing through their veins that the entire foundation of the Mueller investigation is based on a manufactured concept. If taking a meeting is criminalized, no one in Washington, D.C. can be exempt from Mueller's witch hunt. It's time to close Robert Mueller's desperate search for criminality where none exists.”

The claim that Russia interfered in the 2016

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campaign who also had close ties to the Democratic National Committee (DNC). The firm then hired former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele, who assembled the so-called Russian dossier alleging Trump had close financial and political ties to the Russian government.

Based almost entirely on anonymous sources, the dossier was nonetheless lauded in the fake news media in its coordinated campaign to smear and discredit Trump, and even caught the attention of the FBI, which is currently investigating alleged “Russian interference” in U.S. politics. Former FBI Director James Comey, however, described Steele's report as “salacious and unverified.”

presidential election in order to help Trump get elected—endlessly promoted by the Clinton campaign, the DNC, and other anti-American leftists working in conjunction with the fake news media—is becoming increasingly discredited with each passing day. The real story is that the “Russian dossier” produced by Fusion GPS on behalf of Clinton and the Democrats represents “one of the dirtiest political tricks in U.S. history,” as *Wall Street Journal* columnist Kimberley Strassel recently averred. More and more Americans are coming to the same conclusion. ★

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Former Senator Shares Secrets

• Adlai Stevenson III laments the loss of Congress to powerful lobby groups

By Dave Gahary

There are very few U.S. public figures who come from such a long line of, well, public figures. In fact, Adlai Ewing Stevenson III may be the only living American whose ancestors served this country honorably and who can boast such a storied generational pedigree, stretching back to the mid-19th century.

Stevenson's great-great-great grandfather—William—emigrated from Scotland to Ireland and then to the Province of Pennsylvania (the modern-day state of Pennsylvania) in the 1730s. Stevenson, now a spry 87 years old, gave this reporter a bit of his family's background.

"Well, the one that's overlooked by history is my great-great grandfather," he began, "who persuaded Lincoln to run for president and he proposed the Lincoln-Douglas debates. My great-grandfather was Adlai I, vice president of the United States and a member of Congress.

Adlai Ewing Stevenson I, who served as an Illinois congressman from the late 1870s to the early 1880s, and made a name for himself when, after his appointment as the assistant postmaster general during President Grover Cleveland's first administration, "he fired many Republican postal workers and replaced them with Southern Democrats." This led to him being Cleveland's running mate in 1892 and being elected as the 23rd vice president of the United States, Stevenson recounted.

"My grandfather had a short political career," Stevenson continued, as Illinois secretary of state. "My father was the U.S. ambassador to the UN at the time of his death. He had been governor of Illinois, been a diplomat with many assignments, assistant secretary of the Navy during World War II, and then my public service."

THE MOST FAMOUS ADLAI

Stevenson's father, Adlai Ewing Stevenson II, was a noted public servant who received the Democrat Party's nomination for president in 1952 and 1956 and was soundly defeated by Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1960 he sought the Democrat presidential nomination, but was defeated by Sen. John F. Kennedy, who appointed Stevenson as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. wrote that Stevenson was a "great creative figure in American politics [who] turned the Democratic Party around in the 1950s and made JFK possible. [To] the United States and the world he was the voice of a reasonable, civilized, and elevated America. He brought a new generation into politics, and moved millions of



ADLAI STEVENSON III



Adlai Stevenson III comes from a long lineage of respected public servants.

people in the U.S. and around the world."

Stevenson told this reporter: "We didn't reach the highest levels, but we may have served through more generations than just about any other family."

Although his father was a tough act to follow, Stevenson was certainly no slouch. In 1952 he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Korean War until he was discharged from active duty in 1954, then discharged from the Marine Reserves in 1961 as a captain. During that time—in 1957—he received a law degree from Harvard, and in 1964 served as an Illinois state representative and then as Illinois's treasurer from 1967 to 1970. Stevenson then served in the U.S. Senate from 1970 to 1981, racking up a series of significant accomplishments. He authored

Left, Sen. Adlai Stevenson III (shown during his time in office, ca. 1970-1981) recently spoke candidly about his long career in public service, his famous family and his sadness that Congress seems unable to work together for the betterment of the American people.

the International Banking Act of 1978, which brought all U.S. foreign bank branches and agencies under the jurisdiction of U.S. banking regulations, the Stevenson Wydler-Technology Innovation Act of 1980, which was the first major U.S. technology transfer law, and the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 (the Patent and Trademark Law Amendments Act). He also conducted "the first in-depth congressional study of terrorism," which led to the introduction of the Comprehensive Counter-Terrorism Act of 1971. It was while serving as chairman of the Subcommittee on the Collection and Production of Intelligence that Stevenson discovered where modern terrorism had its roots: Israel, due primarily to their illegal land grab during the so-called Six-Day War of June 1967, the same time the massacre aboard the USS *Liberty* occurred.

USS LIBERTY

"This was not a mistake and was ascribed at the time an accident," Stevenson said during the interview. "Even Dean Rusk, the then-secretary of state, later acknowledged that it was not an accident. The flag was flying, the *Liberty's* name was inscribed; it was obviously an American ship. The fact that it was deliberate and not accidental is not and never has been in doubt."

It was while Stevenson was chairman of the aforementioned subcommittee that he got his first taste of the power of the Israel lobby.

"Since this was an intelligence-gathering mission by the *Liberty*," he said, "I suggested to my colleagues in that subcommittee, and the full Intelligence Committee of the United States Senate, that we had a duty to investigate. But nobody would go along. They refused to investigate. They were all complicit, which tells you something about the influence of the Israeli lobby in our politics."

AIPAC

Ironically, Stevenson, a great supporter of Israel, sponsored a pro-Israel bill, only to find out about the ruthless, unforgiving nature of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

As chief sponsor of a bill, which passed, amending the Export Administration Act of 1969, Stevenson stood up for the Zionist state.



Adlai Stevenson III has worked in 80 countries, but it was what he saw in Palestine that spurred him to force Congress to review whether Israeli settlements in the Holy Land were consistent with U.S. policy. For that he was punished politically. Stevenson has lectured widely, authored numerous articles, and is the recipient of many honors, including Japan's Order of the Sacred Treasure with Gold and Silver Star. Here, Stevenson is shown during a trip to China in 1975. Stevenson is in the back row, second from right, next to George H.W. Bush, who is on the far right. Sen. Charles Percy (left) and Sen. Jacob Javits (right) flank Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping.

"I was a friend of Israel," he said. "In fact, I wrote the Arab anti-boycott law, which made it unlawful for U.S. companies to participate in the Arab boycott of Israel. Boy, was that easy to pass. I never got a bill passed so easily as that bill. It sailed through the Congress."

From Stevenson's terrorism analysis background, he knew where the problem originated.

"After the Likud had come to power," he said, "and had begun its aggressive settlements policy—and having been there I could foresee the results and the possibilities of terrorism—I offered an amendment on the Senate floor suggesting that U.S. funding for Israel be cut by \$200 million a year, a small part of what we were spending on Israel, until such time as the president could certify that Israel's settlement policy was consistent with U.S. policy. Well, my amendment got seven votes."

After the amendment went down in flames, a colleague offered Stevenson some advice.

"One senator," Stevenson explained, "who was from Montana—not exactly a citadel of Jewish [power]—came up and just said, 'Well, sorry Adlai, but I'm up for reelection.' Money went far."

"I support Israel," Stevenson told this reporter, "but I also support the United States and peace, and I do not support deceiving the American people."

Stevenson elaborated on what happened in Congress when trying to pursue the interests of the country he was elected to serve and the fallout from opposing AIPAC.

"I tried to halt the Israeli aggressive settlements of the West Bank and the Golan Heights after the Likud came into power," he said, "and I paid a pretty high price for that effort. I experienced the wrath of AIPAC and the lobby on several occasions."

He added: "They'll go after you no matter what office you run for, and make a lesson of you if you dare to represent the United States, and if, in fact, you dare represent Israel and its best interests. It's almost treasonable. But who can complain? You get punished if you do."

Stevenson touched upon some colleagues who had also dared oppose AIPAC.

"My dear friend and colleague Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois," he said, "they got him. All he did was support certain arms sales to Saudi Arabia, which were disapproved by AIPAC at the time. Look what

happened to Pete McCloskey and Paul Findley, first-rate American public servants. AIPAC has very successfully intimidated the American politicians, and Israel is paying a high price for it, and so are we. The whole Middle East is destabilized, and at the root of it is [the] aggressive settlements policy and the occupation of the West Bank and the Golan Heights, and the continued oppression of the Palestinian people."

He continued: "Many Israelis, many American Jews agree. In fact, it's much easier to stand up in the Knesset than in the U.S. Congress for peace in the Middle East and an end to this aggressive, right-wing settlements policy of the Likud."

One such American Jew was a big supporter of Stevenson.

"Phil Klutznick, the former president of the World Jewish Congress, former Department of Commerce secretary, and a former ambassador, with some experience in the world and some standing in the Jewish community," he explained, "agreed with me completely, and contributed generously to one of my subsequent campaigns for governor when the Israeli lobby came after me. They finally got me by one vote in the Illinois Supreme Court, which denied us a recount."

Stevenson was alluding to his 1982 Illinois gubernatorial campaign where he was literally robbed of the prize. For the first time, he reveals how that happened.

Although the initial vote count had him winning, the final official count recorded Stevenson losing by 0.14%. Petitioning the Illinois Supreme Court for a recount while presenting "evidence of widespread election irregularities, including evidence of a failed punch card system for tabulation of votes," he was denied the recount by a one-vote margin, three days before the gubernatorial inauguration.

"This one judge was Jewish—nothing wrong with that—and he was a Democrat and he went over and voted with the Republican judges, to deny us a recount, even though we had proof that I had won the election," Stevenson said. "And this one judge told a mutual friend (who's still living) who later confided to me that that judge told him he had voted as he did because of 'just one word, Israel.'"

Although Stevenson was shattered by the loss, he shared his feelings on who the real losers were.

"What hurt was the fact that the people of Illinois had been deprived of their choice for governor, and in favor of somebody who deserved to lose," he said. "It's a sad commentary on our politics, and maybe I'm responsible. I'm an example of what happens if you stand up to the lobby. [That's why] nobody does."

FAKE NEWS

Stevenson lays some of the blame on the mainstream media's doorstep.

"The American people just aren't informed, [and] nobody will inform them," he said. "Can you look to the mainstream media for truth of this history? I never saw it, and, in the few interviews I had, rarely would it get reported. My efforts like the ones I've mentioned never got reported in the press. The American people are in the dark, and I think if they were informed they'd be outraged."

Stevenson had positive things to say about the alternative media, however.

"What you're doing [by conducting this interview] is really very important," he explained. "It will help to inform people about the corruption in our politics, which not only undermines our own interests in the world but undermines Israel's security and contributes to the instability of the entire region."

Although Stevenson is in his late 80s, he is still going strong and holds out hope for the future of American politics.

"Our politics is broken in many, many respects, at many levels of government," he said. "Here in Illinois our government is dysfunctional. And so the Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy has adopted a very comprehensive, ambitious agenda for political reform. We address all levels, all branches of government, and now we're putting together a nationwide coalition of good-government organizations, reformers, to help refine the agenda and to support it and fund it."

You can find out more about this initiative at StevensonCenterOnDemocracy.org. ★

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

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to \$10)! She also paid for machines to be sent to Africa where EBOLA dropped like a rock!!

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CONTROVERSY IS HEALTHY

Like **THOMAS PAINE** the author of *Common Sense*, **anyone not generating controversy isn't doing much of anything** . . . as true as God's accuracy revealed to me in the Power of a Perfect circle (360 degrees divided by Pi = 114 degrees almost exactly!).

Can atheists explain any of this?

Think about this:

- Eggs of each species always hatch at the same exact time divided by seven.
- Watermelons always have an even number of stripes.
- Oranges have an even number of segments
- Corn has an even number of rows.
- Waves of the sea roll 26 per min. in all weather.
- All grains have even numbers on the stalks.

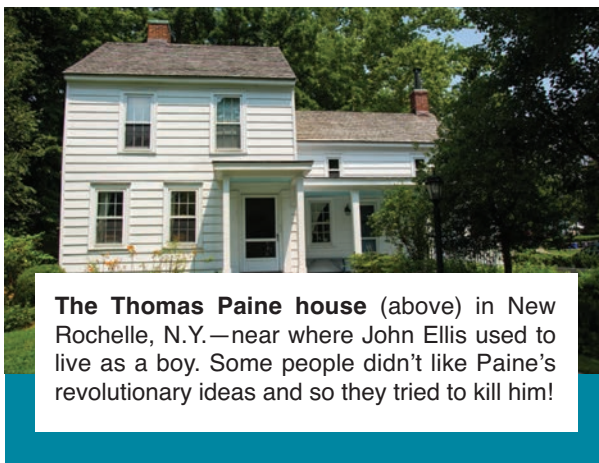
The Lord specified: 30-, 60- and 100-fold—all even numbers!

THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

As I listened to **DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE** eulogize my father to an overflowing congregation in New Rochelle, I thought about increasing the lifespan of people like my Godfather, **DR. JAMES E. WEST**, Chief Boy



NORMAN VINCENT PEALE



The Thomas Paine house (above) in New Rochelle, N.Y.—near where John Ellis used to live as a boy. Some people didn't like Paine's revolutionary ideas and so they tried to kill him!

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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 Donald Trump!

Like the Catholic Priest who saw the Cross at ground Zero 9/11, forget controversy and dwell on a positive outcome like the Olympic athletes I have known that imagined themselves competing using Dr. Peale's powerful message!

WE'RE NOT NEW TO CONTROVERSY

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

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Louisiana Senator Focusing on Curbing Rampant Immigration

By the American Free Press Staff

There is a new Kennedy in Washington who is attempting to repeal some of the immigration mess the old Kennedys (no relation) created during their generations. His name, like the former senator and president, is John, though his political positions are different. The junior senator from Louisiana puts America first.

On Nov. 6, Sen. John Neely Kennedy (R-La.) introduced S.2802. This bill would end the Diversity Immigrant Visa, or green card, Program, run by the State Department. About 50,000 people from countries with lower numbers of immigrants to the United States in the past five years benefit. The visas are distributed further by regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America (other than Mexico), Oceania and South America, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

When people are killed when a criminal shoots up a populated area, liberals are usually quick to attack the Second Amendment and propose gun-grabbing legislation. However, liberals were quiet when a “diversity green card” immigrant used a truck to kill eight and injure 12 in a terrorist attack in New York City on Oct. 31.

In contrast, President Donald Trump demanded the visa program be stopped. Sayfullo Habibullae-

vic Saipov, the New York City killer, was the fifth Diversity Visa Lottery recipient to be involved in terrorist acts in the United States, according to the Center for Immigration Studies.

Enter Kennedy with his bill, which does what Trump asked for. Kennedy told “Breitbart News,” “We’ve got to get past this idea that it is somehow immoral to ask ‘Why do you want to come into our country? What can you add to our country?’ ”

Kennedy continued, “A country has borders—that is the definition of a country—and every country that I’m aware of asks ‘Will you assimilate? Who would you bring with you? Do you have skills that will enhance our economy?’ It is immoral, in my opinion, to not ask rational questions.”

Other legislation to eliminate the Diversity Visa Lottery Program has been introduced in the Senate by Sens. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.). The RAISE Act (S.354) has a companion bill in the House, the Immigration in the National Interest Act (H.R.3775), sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas).

Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) was one of several senators who approved the 1990 Immigration Act that created the visa diversity program. Then-Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) championed the bill in the House. The bill had support from both parties.

Ted Kennedy also championed the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. He said the law would not:

- raise the immigration level;



SEN. JOHN KENNEDY

- inundate Americans with foreigners from any one region;
- flood our cities with immigrants;
- upset the ethnic mix of our society;
- relax standards of admission; or
- cause American workers to lose their jobs.

Of course, Teddy wasn’t the first Kennedy to promote open borders. His brother, Jack, the other John Kennedy, called for anchor-baby parents to receive “non-quota status” in his 1963 book *A Nation of Immigrants*. President Kennedy wrote those changes would have little effect on the number of immigrants admitted.

We all know now how that turned out. ★

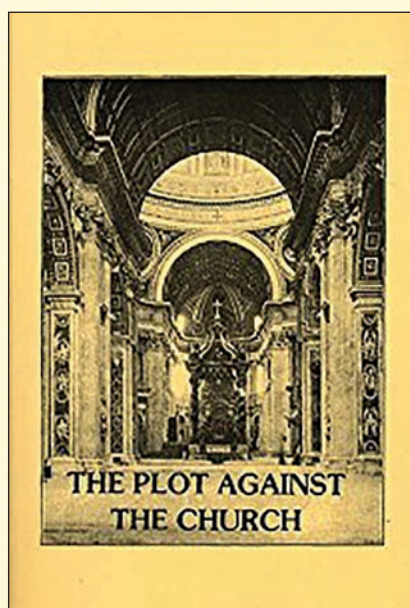
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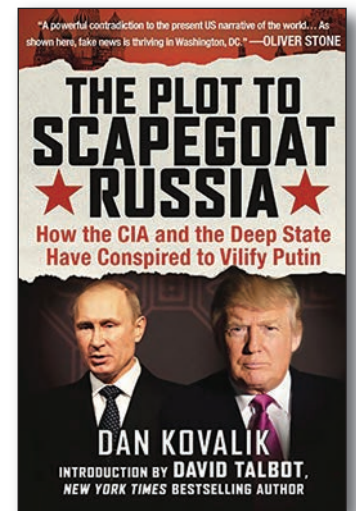
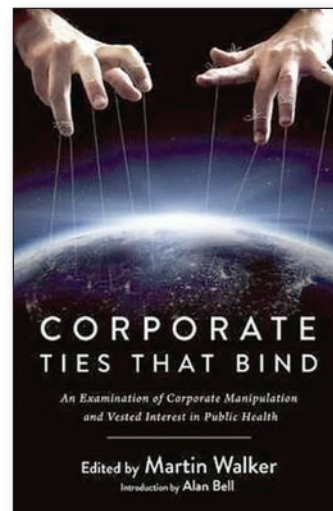
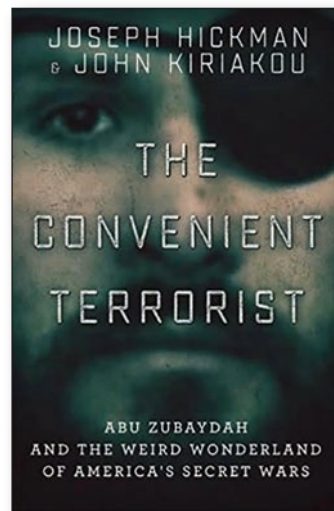
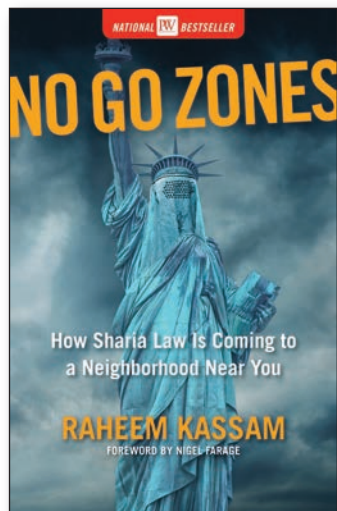
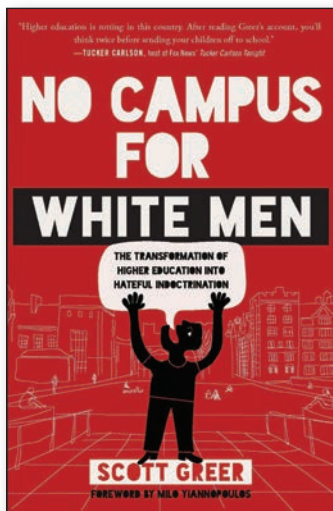
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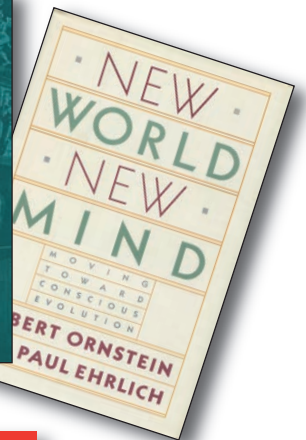
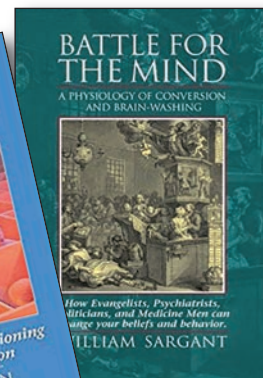
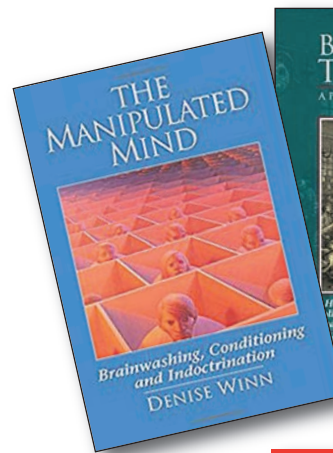
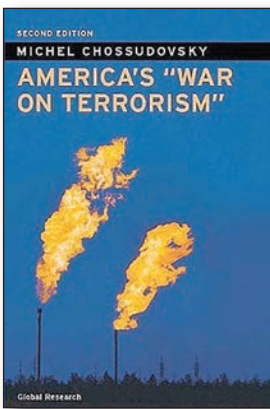
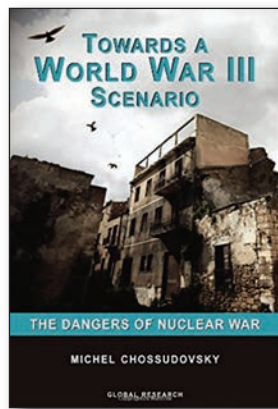
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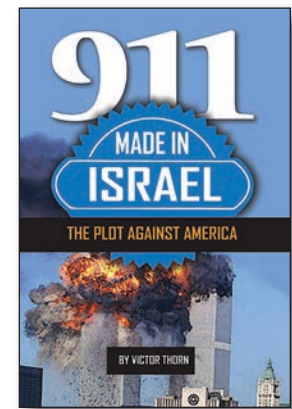
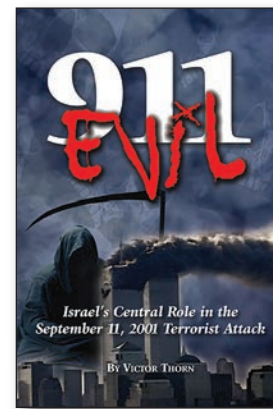
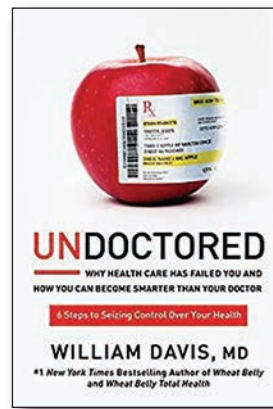
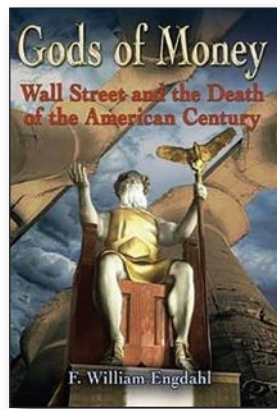
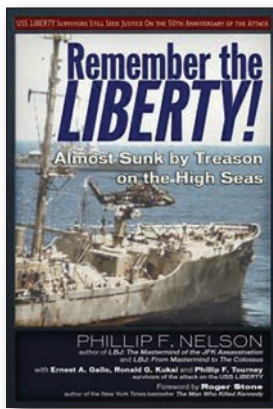
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Conservative Student Group Fights LGBT's Hate Label

• Catholic “hate group” advocates abstinence, dating, marriage

By the American Free Press Staff

Gay and transgendered activists at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. have thus far failed in their attempt to rid the school of a “hate group” that believes marriage should be “a monogamous and permanent union between a man and a woman.” According to the Love Saxa student club, “a group dedicated to healthy relationships and sexual integrity,” it’s not just about \$250 in annual funding and access to school resources such as meeting space. It’s about fighting censorship of conservative viewpoints

Georgetown is the oldest Catholic university in America. The Catholic Church teaches the marriage covenant is a relationship between husband and wife, a permanent union of persons, capable of knowing and loving each other and God, according to the Catholic Diocese of Dallas.

The university’s Student Organization Standards state no student groups are “eligible for access to benefits if their purpose or activities . . . foster hatred or intolerance of others because of their race, nationality, gender, religion or sexual preference.” This standard formed the basis of complaints filed Sept. 25 by student groups Pride and Queer People of Color against Love Saxa.

After an editorial penned by Love Saxa’s president Amelia Irvine was published Sept. 6 in the school newspaper, *The Hoya*, which advocated “abstinence, dating, and marriage,” some critics accused her of being homophobic while others applauded her stand. “We believe that marriage is a conjugal union on every level—emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental—directed toward caring for biological children,” she wrote.

An overflow crowd attended an Oct. 30 Student Activities Commission (SAC) hearing to discuss Love Saxa’s fate as a university-recognized club. However, the meeting ended after three hours, at 12:30 a.m., without a decision on the club’s fate. Students Jasmin Ouseph and Chad Gasman, who filed the complaints, testified at the hearing they felt Love Saxa nurtures “hatred” and “intolerance” by promoting marriage only between one man and one woman, and argued the club’s purpose is both “dehumanizing” and “homophobic.”

At a follow-up meeting Nov. 1, the SAC voted 8-4 to reject the complaints and recommend Love Saxa keep its recognized status and funding. The commission’s non-binding recommendation was forwarded to Georgetown’s director of student engagement for a final decision, which can then be



Love Saxa president Amelia Irvine hands out literature on the campus of Georgetown University. Simply because Love Saxa advocates meaningful, non-sexual, pre-marriage dating relationships and heterosexual marriage, two campus LGBT groups are smearing Love Saxa as a “hate group.”

appealed to the vice president of student affairs.

The Hoya has provided extensive reporting on the tension between Love Saxa and gay and transgender groups, which has been ongoing for several years. In an email to the paper, Georgetown’s senior director for strategic communications noted the university provides benefits to over 100 co-curricular organizations. “We strongly support a climate that continues to provide students with new and deeper contexts for engaging with our Catholic tradition and identity,” she wrote. “We also support a climate that is welcoming to all students and supporting of our LGBTQ communities.”

LGBTQ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (male homosexual).

Discrimination rules such as Georgetown’s student organization standard cited here are an important two-edged sword in college administrators’ toolkits to apply fairness in all walks of campus life. Those who accuse others of “fostering hatred or intolerance of others because of their race, nationality, gender, religion or sexual preference” are at risk of having that same standard applied to themselves. Since Georgetown student groups Pride and Queer People of Color foster hatred and intolerance toward the religious beliefs and sexual preferences of Love Saxa members, what is to stop the university from defunding those hate groups and denying them access to school resources? ★

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Patriot Attorney Sues Venues That Deny Freedom of Speech

• Attorney Kyle Bristow thinks conservatives have right to speak

By Dave Gahary

Kyle J. Bristow, the 30-year-old Michigan-based lawyer, is now the “go-to attorney” for the “alternative right,” or alt-right. According to a Sept. 3 complaint filed by Bristow against Michigan State University (MSU), the alt-right “is a Eurocentric political ideology which advocates the preservation of national identity, a return to traditional Western values, and advances European racial interests.”

“Race-based preferential treatment for non-Europeans (aka affirmative action),” the suit continues, “non-European immigration to European countries and their former colonies, international free trade agreements, radical feminism, sexual deviancy, and the ideology of multiculturalism are strongly criticized by adherents of alt-right philosophy.”

Bristow Law, PLLC and another law firm filed suit against MSU for having violated Richard Spencer’s free speech rights “guaranteed by the 1st and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution,” by refusing to rent a room for Spencer to speak at.

Spencer, the president of the National Policy In-

stitute—who coined the term alt-right, well-known to readers of this newspaper for a while, and now known worldwide—“is arguably the foremost advocate for alt-right philosophy in the world and is rapidly becoming a major figure in contemporary American politics,” states the lawsuit.

This isn’t Bristow’s first lawsuit—or threat of a lawsuit—in defense of Spencer’s free speech rights, and it won’t be his last.

In April 2017, Bristow assisted another attorney with legal research and document drafting, and sued Alabama’s Auburn University for the same action, and a judge ordered Auburn to rent the room, while causing the university to settle out of court for \$29,000.

Bristow merely threatened to sue the University of Cincinnati (UC) if it failed to rent a room on campus for a Spencer speech, and UC agreed on Oct. 13 to his demands.

“Dear UC Community,” wrote UC President Neville G. Pinto, “. . . the University of Cincinnati will uphold the First Amendment and allow Richard Spencer to speak on campus.”

On the heels of the MSU suit, Bristow—along with another law firm—filed suit against Pennsylvania State University (PSU) on Oct. 18 for a similar action.

Oct. 22 found Ohio State University (OSU) in Bristow’s sights, after the school failed to heed the warning the attorney issued the previous week for refusing to rent a room for a Spencer speech.

Bristow, who’s known Spencer for years and is keeping the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) busy updating their “hate” files, told this reporter that “people nationwide—and even a few from Europe—contact me for assistance, and I help them if I legally can or refer them to lawyers in their jurisdictions.”

Bristow is also the executive director of the Foundation for the Marketplace of Ideas Inc., a



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501(c)3 non-partisan educational organization that the SPLC says is “the legal arm of the alt-right.”

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All the above lawsuits—except involving Auburn—are pending. ★

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Trump Pushes American Energy Dominance

By Printus LeBlanc

Despite what the media is spewing, President Donald Trump is continuing his push to improve the American economy, making not just energy independence a priority of his campaign and now his administration but energy dominance.

An independent study conducted by Rystad Energy released in 2016 estimates the U.S. holds more recoverable oil than both Saudi Arabia and Russia. If the report is accurate, it would be worth an estimated \$50 trillion. Even if the estimates are off by half, it is still trillions of dollars' worth of oil just waiting for U.S. firms to pull out of the ground.

Much of this oil is on federal lands. This has been a problem in the past, but not so in the Trump administration.

On June 29, while speaking at the Department of Energy, Trump outlined six concrete steps his administration is taking to promote strength and

innovation in America's energy sector. The president's sixth step was crucial, wherein he stated that he would unlock 94% of offshore land closed to development under the previous administration. The Department of Interior is proposing the largest oil and gas lease sale it has ever held. Next March, 76 million acres of federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico will be made available. It is estimated there is at least 48 billion barrels of oil and 141 trillion cubic feet of gas.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the petroleum extraction industry employs almost 180,000 people in the U.S. This does not include the truck drivers that deliver the supplies or the steelworkers making the pipes and equipment needed for the industry. These are not minimum-wage jobs, either. Entry-level jobs in the industry start between \$19-\$21 per hour. Rig foremen make \$150,000-plus, while engineers and consultants make \$200,000-plus.

People in the petroleum extraction industry also pay a lot of federal, state, and local taxes, increasing government revenues.

Contrary to popular belief, the industry is not made up of a few large corporations. The petroleum extraction industry is driven by small businesses.

Because everything involved in oil and gas production is highly specialized, from personnel transportation to the gloves rig workers wear, the oil and gas sector is made up of thousands of businesses. Exxon or Shell may lease a plot, but they hire dozens of smaller companies to test for, extract, and transport the product.

Those companies, in turn, hire more companies and buy products to complete their part of the operation. One offshore platform can involve dozens of companies across the United States.

The president is getting the government out of the way of the free market, so it can put people to work in good-paying jobs.

Thanks to this administration, the U.S. could very well be on its way to a golden era of American energy. ★

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Mistreatment of Protesters Designed to Dissuade Dissent

By Mark Anderson

Two words—degradation and humiliation—best describe the plight of long-time rancher Cliven Bundy, his sons Ammon and Ryan, and Ryan Payne, all of whom finally went to trial as of the morning of Nov. 14 at the Las Vegas District Federal Court.

Legally-trained court observer Roger Roots, who has attended virtually every court session in the Bundy proceedings, explained to AFP the purpose of the insanity of the federal tactics.

“It’s really designed for humiliation,” he said, while going on to say that the body-cavity searches conducted on Ammon and Ryan every time they’re transported between their jail cells and the court is only the most grotesque example among several abuses.

Employing such tactics, which amount to punishment before the verdict, as if they’re already assumed guilty, are employed to erode the dignity and mental and physical faculties of the very men whose testimony could be most damaging to a federal “cattle battle” case that’s already faltering in most respects, added Roots.

That “Battle of Bunkerville,” as it’s also called, took place in spring 2014 and came to a head in

mid-April of that year, involving armed federal Bureau of Land Management agents, armed FBI agents, and private contractors. They said they had a court order to confiscate a sizable herd of the elder Bundy’s cattle over claims that he hadn’t paid grazing fees due for using federal land over a lengthy period of time. But Bundy, citing history and legal issues, does not believe the federal government has jurisdiction in Clark County, located in southern Nevada.

Bundy and a cross-section of supporters from across the nation showed up during the attempted cattle impoundment to practice what they saw as civil disobedience—exercising their First and Second Amendment rights to resist the confiscation, without either side firing a shot. Some but not all resisters were armed.

The feds eventually backed down and went home, but they came after certain participants with a vengeance through the courts, issuing a 16-count indictment against 17 individuals including the Bundy family.

Other abuses reportedly include Cliven, who’s now 71, being denied proper dental care most of the time. As a result, he’s developed gum infections, which may risk tooth loss.

On a brighter note, Ryan Bundy on Nov 13 was released to a halfway house, where he’ll finally be given pen and paper or maybe a computer to work on his own case. Yet, he was released only



Roger Roots, a frequent attendee of the trials, says that the mistreatment of the Bundy family and other defendants is designed to disorient, degrade, and humiliate them.

after the prosecution had unloaded reams of discovery documents on him. Even though he’s representing himself, Bundy was only rarely provided with a means of writing while in the Parumph, Nev. private prison where the three Bundys and Payne have been housed since early 2016.

The previous week, the request of all three Bundy for house arrest were denied. Cliven and Ammon also had hoped to go home and nurse their health, so they could put up the best possible defense in corroboration with their legal counsel.

Cliven and Ryan Payne were very recently moved to the City of Henderson’s jail, about 20 minutes from the court. Ammon was to go to Henderson, too, but when he refused to be anally searched once again in the process, he was dumped back in Parumph. As a result, he has to wake up at 3 a.m. to prepare for the 90-minute drive to the court, which guarantees fatigue.

Another crack in the federal case may have developed. The prosecution appears to be hiding the laptop computer of Dan Love, the controversial agent-in-charge of the cattle confiscation convoy. Since he is said to have kept detailed records, the defense gaining possession of that laptop could be pivotal. ★

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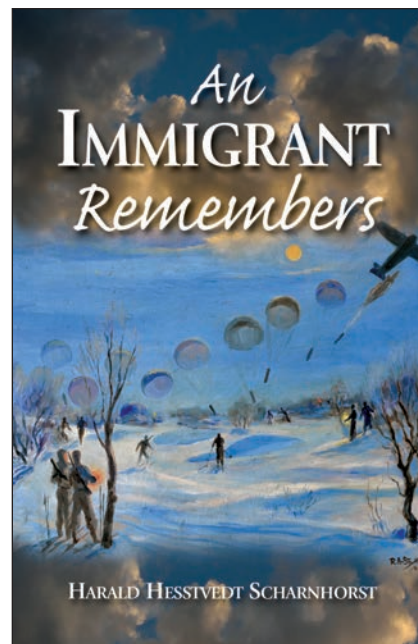
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Is it Insanity, Evil, or Both That Has Gripped the West?

• Administration, NATO play dangerous game in Korea

By Paul Craig Roberts

As the prostitute media has no allegiance to truth, one has to wonder if we can even believe obituaries. For what it is worth—perhaps nothing—the prostitutes report that three U.S. aircraft carrier battle groups are off North Korea or on the way there.

What for? Why are the morons in Washington following the 19th-century British practice of sending warships? This is juvenile.

China has already said that it will allow no attack on North Korea unless Korea strikes first. The Russians have indicated their opposition as well. Both China and Russia have missiles that can wipe out the three aircraft battle groups at will, so what is the point of sending obsolete ships, like the battleships anchored in Pearl Harbor for the Japanese, other than to have them obliterated and to use their demise as an excuse to start World War III?

Washington's puppet, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, has declared, "We recognize that Europe has also entered the North Korean missile range, and NATO member states are already in danger." Remember, this was the same lie told about Europe being in range of non-existent Iranian missiles, an excuse for putting U.S. missiles on Russia's border just as North Korea is being used to put U.S. missiles on China's border.

We also have the report that Vice President Mike Pence visited the Minot, N.D. nuclear missile base and recklessly and irresponsibly told the launch crews:

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This irresponsible and reckless statement by a U.S. vice president comes as the Russians celebrate the Soviet military official who refused to believe the Soviet warning system of incoming U.S. nuclear missiles and did not start the process that would have resulted, for a warning system failure, in nuclear Armageddon.

We should be scared to death that U.S. political



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leaders are so insensitive to the ever-present chance of false warnings. Pence is a danger to all humanity. Pence is not a patriot protecting us; he is an idiot who should be impeached for his utter and total irresponsibility before he destroys us all.

False nuclear-attack alarms were commonplace during the Cold War, but both Washington and Moscow were too responsible to act on them. Now we have a vice president who wants to act on them.

The idiots in Washington have ordered outmoded B-52 bombers to be on 24-hour alert. Why? Not a single one of them could penetrate Russian air defense. What is the purpose of this nonsensical order except to worsen distrust between nuclear powers? What crime is worse than worsening distrust between nuclear powers? Why is Washington completely hooked on criminal behavior? Who is responsible? Why are they not arrested for the endangerment of humanity and life on Earth?

Washington's disregard of urgent warnings from Russia and China is the most extraordinary thing I have experienced in my life.

Why is it that Washington and Washington's vassals can't hear when powers capable of destroying all of them clearly state that they have had enough of Washington's arrogance and hubris? ★

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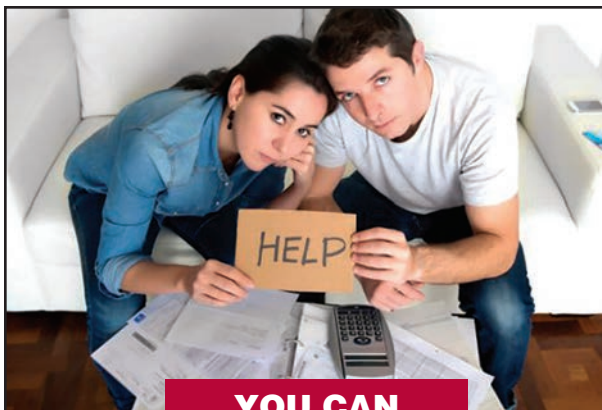
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Atheist Terrorist Strikes

• Was recent Texas church massacre an act of “Godless terrorism”?

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

When a crazy Muslim truck driver ran people down in New York, *The New York Times* headline screamed out: “8 Killed in ‘Act of Terror’ in Manhattan.” One week later, when a crazy atheist Air Force veteran massacred people in Sutherland Springs, Texas, the *Times* headline read: “Gunman Kills at Least 26 in Attack on Rural Texas Church.”

Why is one killer a “terrorist” while the other is only a “gunman”? The answer is obvious: The truck driver, Sayfullo Habibullaevic Saipov, is nominally Muslim, while the church shooter, Devin Patrick Kelley, was an atheist. Clearly, the *Times* and the rest of the mainstream media are working hard to demonize Muslims as “terrorists.”

Atheists, however, are a protected category—like gays, Jews, and to some extent other minorities. So when someone from a category of people that harbors an animosity to Christianity (for example, atheists) commits a crime targeting Christians in a Christian house of worship, their atheism is barely mentioned. Nobody even asks whether Kelley’s “radicalization” that led him to target a church might have something to do with his atheist worldview. Nor does anyone wonder whether such a philosophy as atheism, which denies that life has any inherent moral value or meaning, might sometimes lead unstable people to do immoral things.

Those aware of the history of the MK Ultra mind-control program and the Operation Gladio false-flag terror campaign may wonder whether the real issue is not Saipov’s and Kelley’s religious or anti-religious worldview, but rather their possible manipulation by experts in fabricating deep-state violence. This is a legitimate avenue of inquiry. But since I have not yet seen strong evidence supporting the false-flag hypothesis for either event, I will simply analyze the way the mainstream media propaganda apparatus is reporting each story, and explore what that reveals about the propagandists’ agenda.

The MSM’s reporting of the Saipov story strongly emphasized the “radical Islam” connection. The media focused on Saipov supposedly yelling “Allahu akbar” and demanding an ISIS flag for his hospital room. It suggested that Saipov was “radicalized” by ISIS propaganda videos he encountered on the Internet.

But the reporting on the church massacre barely noted in passing that Kelley “liked” various atheist organizations on his Facebook page. It did not suggest that he was an “atheist terrorist” who had been “radicalized.” Instead, the MSM simply took



Above, FBI agents stand outside the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, where a gunman opened fire on worshippers Nov. 5. Dr. Kevin Barrett believes that, when acts of terror are committed, the news media should report the religion—or non-religion—of the terrorists for accuracy.

it for granted that he was crazy.

There is nothing whatsoever in Islam that makes Muslims harbor animosity toward pedestrians or bicyclists. From an Islamic perspective, Saipov’s actions are utterly nonsensical. Islam demands that, even in times of all-out war, civilians must be protected.

But from an atheist perspective, Christians (and to some extent other religious people) are the enemy—or at least dangerously deluded believers in an enemy ideology. If a murderously angry atheist were going to “act out” ideologically, the first place he would shoot up would be a church. But nobody interprets the Sutherland Springs shooting this way. Why not?

The mainstream elite and intelligentsia in Western countries is overwhelmingly made up of actual and *de facto* atheists. They, and the institutions they control, commit mass murder every day. Today’s Godless elite is behind most of the fabricated “Islamic terrorism” in the headlines, which they deploy to justify their murderous looting all over the world. About 32 million Muslims have been murdered in the 9/11 wars according to one expert, Dr. Gideon Polya, while more than 55 million civilians have been murdered in CIA and U.S.

military operations since World War II according to Noam Chomsky and Andre Vltchek.

As Tony Cartalucci writes in a recent article titled “the Truth About Radical Islam”:

The source of terrorism is not the Qu’ran—a book that few critics of Islam have even picked up let alone genuinely read—but rather a very easily traced money trail that leads to Washington and London. It is indeed the Western World that has created, branded, and marketed “radical Islam,” which is—for all intents and purposes—a strictly political tool designed to provoke direct Western military interventions where possible, and fight conflicts by proxy whenever direct military intervention is not possible.

The people who run the Western world are atheists, even though their ancestors were Jewish or Christian. And they are by far the biggest terrorists on Earth. They are working overtime to conquer the world and establish a “New World Order”—the atheist equivalent of an all-embracing global caliphate.

Yet just as a fish is not aware of the presence of water, few of us are conscious that we are swimming in a sea of blood shed by atheist terrorists. Indeed, the very concept of atheist terrorism—a commonplace 100 years ago—is now unthinkable. ★

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This Saudi Prince Is Agitating for War

• Is Trump giving bin Salman a free pass so U.S. can profit from Aramco sale?

By Richard Walker

The U.S. and its allies would be wise to keep a close eye on Saudi Arabia where the king's son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has not only consolidated his power over the kingdom and all its security elements but is clearly itching for a war with Lebanon and Iran.

His ongoing war in Yemen has led to charges of war crimes and a famine of severity not seen for decades. This has not attracted the disapproval of London or Washington, two capitals seeking to benefit when he sells a 5% stake in Aramco, the world's biggest Saudi-owned oil company.

The sale, which President Donald Trump would like to see go through Wall Street, will likely raise \$3 trillion in 2018. Perhaps that is why there has been no Washington or London condemnation of the continued Saudi bombing of civilian targets in Yemen, using U.S. and British munitions. On the contrary, the Saudis have had unqualified support from Trump despite a UN warning of a cholera outbreak in Yemen and the real risk that one million women and children could starve by the end of the year because of a Saudi blockade of Yemen's ports.

All of this is highly concerning, but behind the scenes there is an even more worrying side to the rash policies of the Saudi crown prince whose father became king in 2015.

The moment his aging father, King Salman, was on the throne, Crown Prince Salman, often referred to as MBS, seized control of the Saudi military, one of the best-equipped in the world, before adding all elements of state security to his portfolio. He subsequently launched the war in Yemen, and in August 2017 sought to isolate Qatar—a move backed by Trump but opposed by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense General James Mattis, who praised Qatar's loyalty as a U.S. ally.

Lately, MBS has been busy arresting his perceived Saudi enemies, a move that received approval from Trump. He may not have known that one of the perceived enemies was Prince al-Waleed bin Talal who happens to be an American citizen with big stakes in American banks and corporations. While this move was happening, Jared Kushner made a secret visit to Riyadh for private talks with MBS.

Interestingly, the Kushner visit preceded what is now seen as a bizarre and potentially dangerous move by MBS. He invited Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri to Riyadh and had him arrested the moment he got off his plane. Within days, Hariri made a bizarre resignation speech on Saudi television in which he talked about threats to his life and the need for Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah



President Donald Trump speaks with Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Deputy Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, during their meeting in March this year, in the Oval Office of the White House. Bin Salman has shown himself to be a loose cannon whose sometimes unpredictable actions are being ignored so that, when he sells his 5% share in the hugely profitable Saudi oil company Aramco, the U.S. and UK might benefit.

The U.S. and UK are seeking to benefit when bin Salman sells a 5% stake in Aramco, the world's biggest Saudi-owned oil company.

and remove its members from government posts.

To most observers, as well as the Lebanese people, it was a set-up. The plan quickly backfired when it was made clear people in Lebanon, Sunnis and Shias alike, did not want to see Hezbollah disarmed, a move that would spark a civil war. It was soon obvious to most Lebanese leaders that Hariri had been abducted and forced to make a statement at odds with his own policies. The Saudis were accused of trying to destabilize Lebanon.

MBS also suggested he might attack Iran if missiles he claimed Iran gave the Houthis in Yemen were fired at Saudi territory.

If all this sounds troubling, it is worth recalling that in 2015 the BND—German intelligence—controversially warned the world that the prince was a dangerous risk-taker. The BND described him as an impulsive interventionist who might seize total power for himself. Little attention was paid by

Washington to the BND's assessment of the prince, but events have shown it was accurate. Russia, however, took note of his expanding interventionism in Syria in 2015 on behalf of the al-Nusra Front. It may have been the catalyst that persuaded Vladimir Putin to commit to outright military support for the Syrian government.

A Russian diplomatic source who wished to remain anonymous told AFP that Moscow has since made it clear to MBS and his father, King Salman, that it would be unwise to threaten Iran and that any effort to destabilize Lebanon would be catastrophic.

It is therefore puzzling that Trump has, despite his pre-election criticisms of Saudi Arabia, given it unconditional support, and that he has relied on a rookie diplomat who also happens to be his son-in-law, Kushner, to hold secret talks with the Saudis.

If the Aramco sale is guiding the president's policy, it could prove problematic. Should the Saudis choose Wall Street over London for the Aramco deal, they will want Trump to veto legislation permitting 9/11 victims' families to sue Riyadh.

A Wall Street sell-off would send massive amounts of Saudi cash into Washington wealth funds, making it vulnerable to seizure by American courts. Trump would be obliged to abandon a pre-election promise he made that the families would be free to seek damages from the Saudi government for its role in financing the 9/11 atrocity. ★

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

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Ins & Outs of the Trump Tax Plan

• Tax reform bill could provide much-needed relief for middle class families

By Mark Anderson

House Ways and Means Committee members have been touring the country to gather input on the much-heralded tax-reform legislation the panel has crafted, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). The goal is to send what Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas) calls the most “pro-growth” and “transformational” tax-reform measures since the Reagan administration to President Donald Trump’s desk before year’s end. Trump reportedly supports the bill. On Nov. 16, the House passed the tax reform plan in a vote of 227 to 205. Now it goes to the Senate, which had not scheduled a vote as AFP went to press.

At a Nov. 9 press conference, Brady declared that the legislation will usher in “more jobs, fairer taxes and bigger paychecks” to people from “all walks of life.”

The bill calls for doubling the standard deduction for individuals and married couples. Brady noted a family of four earning \$59,000, considered the median household income, would see an annual tax savings of about \$1,200.

Given a \$200,000 home typically requires a monthly payment of \$1,400 to \$1,500, a \$1,200 cut may appear quite modest, especially when local property taxes are high.

But considering the TCJA’s perks, like child-related credits, such a tax cut may have a cumulative effect, leaving the taxpayer a lot better off.

Brady added that “a Main Street business making \$62,000 a year, working day and night,” would see an annual tax cut under the TCJA “of over \$3,000.”

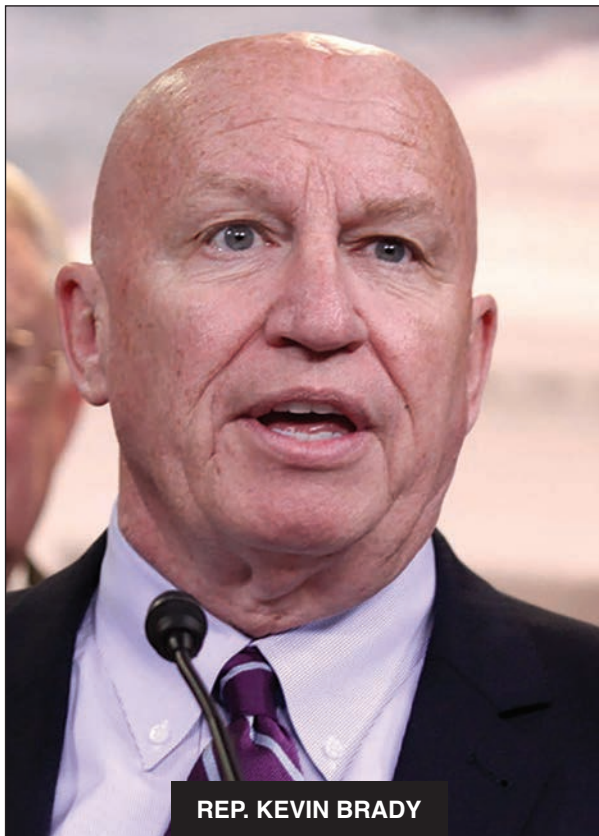
Dallas-area building and property manager Alan Knutson, who runs a typical small business, told AFP that \$3,000 is a decent start but the real issue is whether deductions can be written off the way they are now.

“Section 179 deductions allow you to write off all your [applicable] expenses in a single year,” said Knutson.

He added: “I’m thinking that \$3,000 is probably a third of some [self-employed person’s] tax obligation, but with FICA [Medicare and Social Security withholdings] you cannot get away from that 15.3% on earned income,” referring to those who are self-employed shouldering all of FICA unlike an employee, who shares that burden with the employer.

The TCJA summary also calls for:

- slashing the number of income tax brackets from seven to four: 12%, 25%, 35%, and 39.6%;
- increasing the standard deduction for individuals from \$6,350 to \$12,000, and from \$12,700 to \$24,000 for married couples; and



REP. KEVIN BRADY

- establishing a new “family credit,” which would include “expanding the Child Tax Credit from \$1,000 to \$1,600.”

Furthermore, the legislation preserves the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit “to help families care for their children and older dependents,” while preserving the popular Earned Income Tax Credit as well.

The equally popular mortgage-interest deduction will be preserved, applying to “existing mortgages and [maintaining] the home-mortgage interest deduction for newly purchased homes”—up to \$500,000—thus “providing tax relief to current and aspiring homeowners.”

Moreover, the TCJA helps with college-tuition savings while maintaining charity write-offs. And taxpayers can still deduct state and local property taxes—though only up to \$10,000. The 401(k) and Individual Retirement Account plans will remain.

Both the corporate and individual Alternative Minimum Tax would be repealed, doing away with an optional, more burdensome tax that permits fewer deductions and adjustments.

In addition, the TCJA phases out the inheritance tax, or “death tax,” by “doubling the exemption and repealing the . . . tax after six years,” affecting “family-owned farms and businesses,” as indicated in the summary.

According to an analysis by Tax Foundation, a Washington non-profit think tank, the TCJA indexes tax brackets and other components using the often criticized “chained” consumer price index (CPI) measure of inflation, which former Rep.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady says the Trump tax act is the most pro-growth plan since the Ronald Reagan era.

Ron Paul sees as a means of hiding what he calls “the hidden inflation tax” caused by the Federal Reserve printing too much money and lowering the dollar’s value.

Former Texas A&M economist Dick Eastman told AFP that if the government maintains ultra-high expenditures like defense but enacts these tax cuts, “they’ve eventually got to borrow more money, with greater principal and interest,” although he’s aware that lower taxes can spur economic growth and enable more people to pay into the system at lower tax rates.

Another option, he said, is for the government to enact austerity measures by spending less, thus needing less revenue.

“But the real problem is the all-borrowed money supply,” Eastman stressed, referring to Congress’s failure to constitutionally produce new money and spend it into the economy interest-free, on par with production data, to balance output and consumption.

The TCJA also creates a “territorial” tax system. According to a Republican National Policy Committee study, “Under a territorial tax system, the U.S. would tax only the U.S. income of a corporation and would exempt [from taxation] most or all foreign income. By doing this, a territorial system would allow U.S. corporations to compete . . . on a level playing field.”

With the “worldwide” tax system the U.S. now has, “a corporation headquartered in the U.S. must pay the corporate income tax on all its income, regardless of whether it is earned in the U.S. or overseas. The corporation pays this tax when . . . foreign earnings are ‘repatriated’ by bringing the income back to the U.S.”

If the foreign country taxes the U.S. company 20%, but the U.S. tax is 35%, then the company pays the difference, or 15%. Yet, interestingly, the Tax Foundation found the TCJA “would reduce the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 20%.”

Perhaps that’s why the elitist Business Roundtable, according to its chairman Jamie Dimon, who is also CEO of JPMorgan Chase, is supporting the TCJA. In a prepared statement released Nov. 2, Dimon said: “If we are serious about growing the

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Who Controls Fed More Important Than Tax Bill

By Rep. Ron Paul

In early November, congressional Republicans unveiled their tax reform legislation. On the same day, President Donald Trump nominated current Federal Reserve Board Governor Jerome Powell to succeed Janet Yellen as Federal Reserve chair. While the tax plan dominated the headlines, the Powell appointment will have much greater long-term impact. Federal Reserve policies affect every aspect of the economy, including whether the Republican tax plan will produce long-term economic growth.

President Barack Obama made history by appointing the first female Fed chair. Trump is also making history: If confirmed, Powell would be the first former investment banker to serve as chairman of the Federal Reserve. Powell's background suggests he will continue Yellen's Wall Street-friendly low interest rates and easy money policies.

Powell is an outspoken opponent of the audit the Fed legislation. In 2015, Powell delivered an address at Catholic University devoted to attacking audit the Fed. Like most Fed apologists, Powell claims the audit would compromise the Fed's independence and allow Congress to control mone-

etary policy. However, like all who make this claim, Powell cannot point to anything in the text of the audit bill giving Congress any power over the Federal Reserve. Powell's concerns about protecting the Fed's independence are misplaced, as the Fed has never been free of political influence. The Fed has a long history of bowing to presidential pressure to tailor monetary policy to help advance the president's political and policy agenda.

The Republican tax cut plan has some positive elements, such as increasing the standard deduction, creating a new family tax credit, eliminating the death tax, reducing the corporate tax rate, and lowering taxes on small businesses. It also has some flaws, such as the "millionaire surcharge" imposed on upper-income taxpayers. This provision reflects a belief that upper-income taxpayers only "deserve" a tax break if reducing their taxes serves the interest of government by increasing economic growth.

The worst part of the tax plan is that it adopts the chained consumer price index (CPI). Chained CPI is a way of measuring CPI that understates inflation's effects on our standard of living. It does this by assuming inflation has not reduced Americans' standard of living if, for example, people can buy hamburgers when they can no longer afford steak. This so-called full substitution ignores the

fact that if individuals viewed hamburgers as a full substitute for steak they would have bought hamburgers before Fed-created inflation made steak unaffordable.

Chained CPI increases the inflation tax. The inflation tax may be the worst of all taxes because it is hidden and regressive. The inflation tax is not even a tax on real wages. Instead, it is a tax on the illusionary gains in income caused by inflation. The use of chained CPI to adjust tax brackets pushes individuals into higher tax brackets over time.

Politicians love the inflation tax because it allows them to increase taxes without having to vote for higher rates. Instead, the Fed does the dirty work.

Since their creation in 1913, the Federal Reserve and the income tax have both enabled the growth of the welfare-warfare state and the erosion of our freedom and economic well-being. The key to restoring our liberty and prosperity, as well as avoiding a major economic crisis, is reversing the great mistakes of 1913 by repealing the 16th Amendment and auditing and ending the Federal Reserve. ★

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

Bitcoin Touted as Currency of the Future

By John Friend

Bitcoin, the world's first decentralized digital currency, is a worldwide cryptocurrency and digital payment system designed to facilitate anonymous transactions that are outside the control of the Federal Reserve and other financial bodies.

Bitcoin was first created and designed by a Japanese group called Satoshi Nakamoto and has gained worldwide esteem, particularly among anarchists, libertarians, and tech gurus, since being first released as open-source software in 2009.

As AFP goes to press, the digital currency is valued at over \$7,000, which represents an increase in value of more than 900% over the course of the past year. Despite some recent price fluctuations—the cryptocurrency dropped over \$1,500 in value recently, only to recover days later—the future looks exceedingly bright for what bitcoin expert and author Andreas M. Antonopoulos calls "the Internet of money."

Bitcoin is purchased, stored, and transferred through an online software system called a bitcoin wallet, and a variety of developers offer bitcoin wallets to utilize the digital currency, which

is purchased with cash or credit card and then stored in the wallet. Owners of bitcoin can then begin trading the digital currency, as well as accepting and making payments from and to other individuals and organizations who also hold a bitcoin wallet. Bitcoin can be sent to individuals and organizations instantly and privately across the world, and is increasingly being used to purchase products and services from vendors who accept the cryptocurrency.

Political dissidents, as well as libertarians and anarchists skeptical of centralized banking systems subject to state intervention, interference, and inflation, are increasingly using bitcoin to finance their operations and accept donations, especially in recent years as other more mainstream forms of payment processing are being taken from controversial and politically incorrect individuals, organizations, and media outlets.

A number of right-wing and conservative writers, news outlets, and websites—including this newspaper—have been banned from utilizing the services of a variety of online payment processors, such as PayPal and Stripe, and are increasingly relying on bitcoin transactions for raising funds and generating revenue.

Richard Spencer, the president of the National Policy Institute and a leading figure in the burgeoning alt-right movement, has described bit-

coin as "the currency of the alt-right."

While many Wall Street insiders and executives are skeptical of the cryptocurrency—Jamie Dimon, the infamous CEO of JP Morgan Chase, recently described bitcoin as a "fraud" while "Wolf of Wall Street" insider Jordan Belfort called it "the biggest scam ever"—proponents of bitcoin see a prosperous future for the digital payment system, which Nicolas Courtois, a cryptographer at University College London, once called "the most important invention of the 21st century."

And the data is there to back that assessment.

The price of bitcoin continues to steadily climb, more and more individuals, organizations, and businesses are trading and accepting bitcoin payments, and the system continues to evolve and develop.

AFP recently established a bitcoin wallet and is now accepting payments and donations. If you have access to the Internet, consider setting up a bitcoin wallet today and supporting this newspaper with the cryptocurrency of the future. Be forewarned, though. Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are not backed by federal regulators and there is no safety net should you lose your digital currency. It is absolutely recommended by experts that you do your homework before acquiring cryptocurrencies and make sure you are using a secure platform to store them. ★

Addicted to Facebook

- Tech exec explains psychology behind world's addiction to Facebook
- All social media has been carefully crafted to exploit human weaknesses

By S.T. Patrick

The first corporate president of Facebook recently told online news source “Axios.com” that social network creators such as Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s CEO, purposely designed and structured their social media applications in ways that hook and then potentially hurt the human brain.

According to Sean Parker, 38, the psychological effects of social media were both inherent in and strategically part of the building of Facebook.

“That thought process was all about ‘How do we consume as much of your time and conscious attention as possible?’” Parker said. “That means that we needed to sort of give you a little dopamine hit every once in a while because someone liked or commented on a photo or a post or whatever.”

That burst in dopamine in a person’s brain then causes the user to contribute more content so that the user can get even more likes and comments. The compiling of likes and comments then becomes what Parker calls a “social validation feedback loop.” The user looks to social media feedback for instant gratification and social validation, often from other people with whom the user has no significant relationship.

Parker, who founded one of the biggest music sharing sites on the Internet, discussed the hidden intentions of the social media strategy, saying, “It’s exactly the kind of thing that a hacker like myself would come up with, because you’re exploiting a vulnerability in human psychology.”

To Parker, there is no debate regarding whether he, Zuckerberg, and other founders were initially knowledgeable about the potential psycholog-



MARK ZUCKERBERG

ical effects of widespread social media use.

“We, the inventors, creators—it’s me, it’s [Zuckerberg], it’s Kevin Systrom on Instagram, it’s all of these people—understood this consciously, and we did it anyway,” he said.

Researchers at the University of Chicago have already concluded that social media addiction can be stronger than addictions to alcohol and cigarettes. Harvard used MRI studies to map the brain’s reactions to people talking about themselves on the Internet and concluded that this behavior, com-



Sean Parker, a former executive at Facebook, says it and all social media are carefully designed upon psychological models to get you hooked, keep you coming back and exploit you.

mon to dedicated social media users, stimulates the human brain in ways comparable to sex and food.

Parker, who *Forbes* lists as being worth \$2.6 billion, was concurrently open about the future state of a growing healthcare and financial disparity between the billionaire class and the populace.

“Because I’m a billionaire, I’m going to have access to better healthcare, so . . . I’m going to be like 160 and I’m going to be part of this, like, class of immortal overlords. Because, you know the [Warren Buffett] expression about compound interest . . . Give us billionaires an extra hundred years and you’ll know what . . . wealth disparity looks like.”

Parker may be delusional and self-centered, but he is not alone in his chase for billionaire immortality. PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, Google’s Larry Page and Sergey Brin, and Google Ventures’s Bill Maris have all invested hundreds of millions of dollars into anti-aging and genetics companies. Zuckerberg, answering a Facebook question and answer with Stephen Hawking about the mysteries of science that he would like answered, posted that he would like to know how to cure all diseases and how to live forever.

Though Parker still maintains a presence on Twitter and Facebook, he considers himself “something of a conscientious objector” on social media, given “the unintended consequences of a network when it grows to a billion or 2 billion people.” He cautioned, “It literally changes your relationship with society, with each other. It probably interferes with productivity in weird ways. God only knows what it’s doing to our children’s brains.” ★

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Time to Clean Out D.C. and Revoke Soros Citizenship

Cleaning out Congress [AFP's Nov. 6 & 13 issue] certainly sounds good to me. One thing still lacking in Washington right now, though, is the total removal of all political appointees and other hangers-on from the eras of the Bushes, Clinton, and Obama. They all need to be canned and forbidden to ever again attempt to influence in any way the government of, by, and for the people. This nation will be in turmoil so long as these moles are left in place to surreptitiously undermine the government.

Another thing that needs to be done is to revoke the citizenship of George Soros and ban him from ever again entering the United States. He must be barred from conducting any business in the United States no matter what he may title the organization he is using as the vehicle for disrupting the peaceful activities of citizens throughout the U.S. and its territories. If the small country of Hungary can do this then so can the U.S.

DARROLD J. HUNTLEY
Florida

Co-opting Populist Movement?

I think if Donald Trump were a real America-first president, cleaning house in Congress would be news. These characters are merely acting on the stage. Trump has shown himself to be an Israel-firster and war-firster from the get-go. And he is a politician and a master of the deal—the deal still being about the money and power of the elite, not about protecting and promoting liberty. Trump

is only going to manipulate, play, and co-opt the populist movement out of any significance. If you can't shut them up or out, swallow them. Call me cynical, but that is how I see it.

ROGER SLEMMER
Missouri

Give Thanks for Blessings

As soon as Halloween is past, all too much of America transitions to Christmas mode, perhaps better-acknowledged as "X-mas" mode. Everyone says, "Happy holidays," but we have no idea why those days should be any happier than all others. Gratitude is at best a secondary afterthought. Before that comes a sense of entitlement—gimme, gimme, gimme.

Thanksgiving Day, while gratefully acknowledged by some, is still no longer in our overall national consciousness. The words "thank you" are simply not in the vocabulary of most people of our time, at least not so of most people I know.

When President Abe Lincoln established Thanksgiving Day as an official national holiday, he referred to God as "the offended power." He was saying even then that we as a nation have taken God's choicest blessings upon America too much for granted without gratitude back to Him.

Who do we think we are, to be entitled to anything unearned? The correct question to ask on Thanksgiving Day is, "Who do we say Jesus Christ is?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

LAWRENCE K. MARSH
Maryland



Time to Buckle Up

Regarding S.T. Patrick's article in the Nov. 6 & 13 issue on President Donald Trump releasing the JFK files, if John F. Kennedy simply had to go, they would have killed him the old-fashioned, stealthy way—up close and personal. But that's not what happened in his case. With Kennedy, they made a spectacular show of massive force, blasting his brains all over the people in the car and the officers following behind the car.

Kennedy seriously enraged the self-appointed owners of the government, and they spent a tremendous amount of money and murdered a lot of people, including many of their own soldiers, to set an example that would last 100 years.

We are now in Civil War III, pitting the anti-Trump NWO forces against the pro-Trump NWO forces. We'd all better buckle up.

DALE THORN
Texas

Hepatitis & Homelessness

In reference to Dave Gahary's article in AFP issue 43/44 for 2017, the San Diego, Calif. health department knew of the hepatitis A outbreak among its homeless population months ago, but initially did nothing. Our local news here in Texas reported the county has a \$2-billion cash surplus but just sits on the money.

There has been no explanation as to how or why San Diego County spent \$630 million on the estimated 9,000 homeless in two years. When I personally questioned what they'd spent the \$35,000 per year for each homeless adult or child on, no one had an answer. Renting a two-bedroom apartment in the area costs

about \$2,000 a month, so there must be some skimming happening. Otherwise, that \$35,000 per person would be enough to cover just about all living costs for those who want to better themselves.

South Bay Community Services, an area non-profit providing services to youth and families, got a \$60 million grant three years ago, but nobody knows what they did with that money, either.

San Diego "found" \$500 million to give the millionaire-owner of the San Diego Chargers to entice him to stay, but the city complains about helping the problem of hepatitis and homelessness.

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