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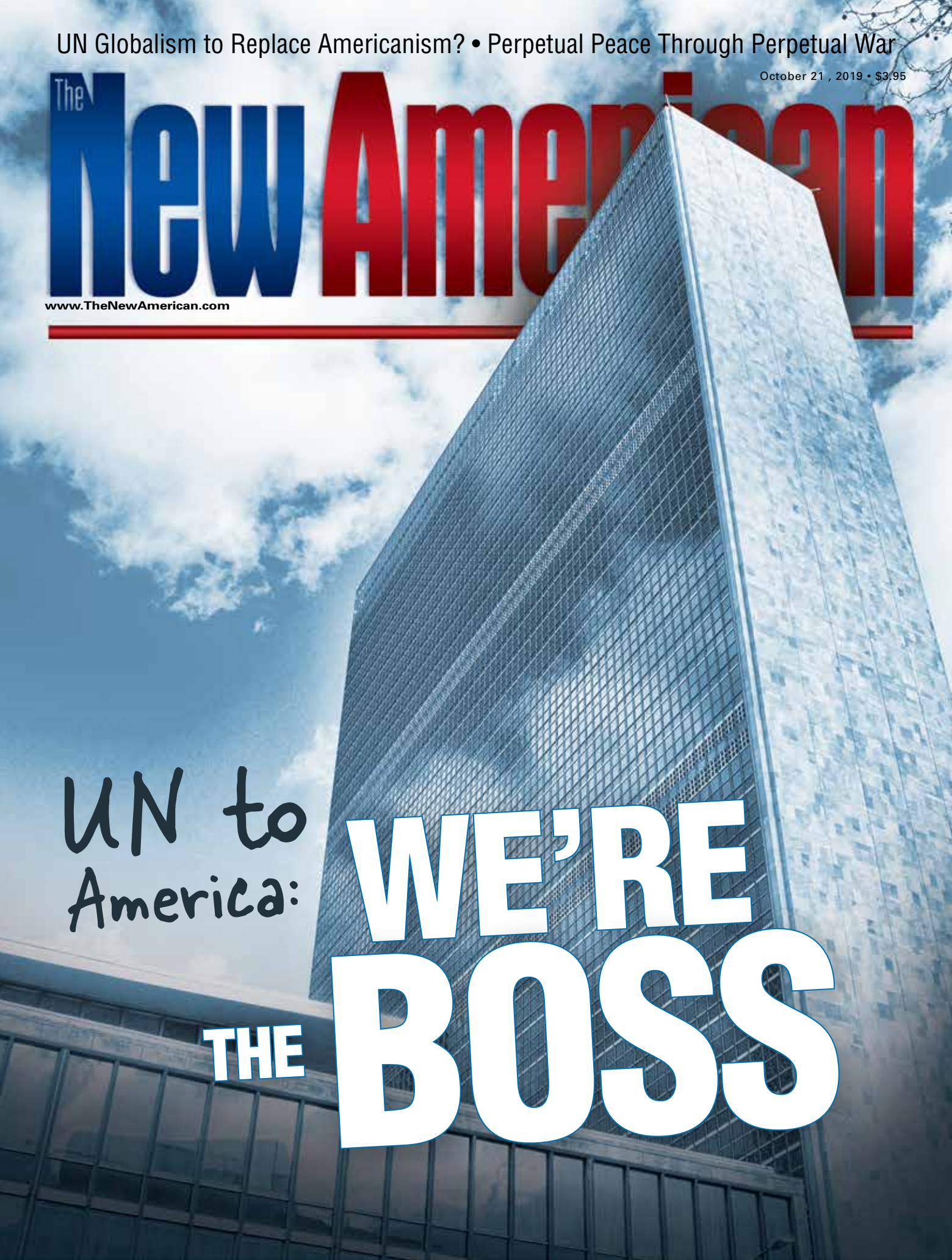

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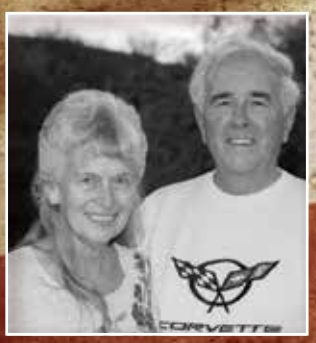

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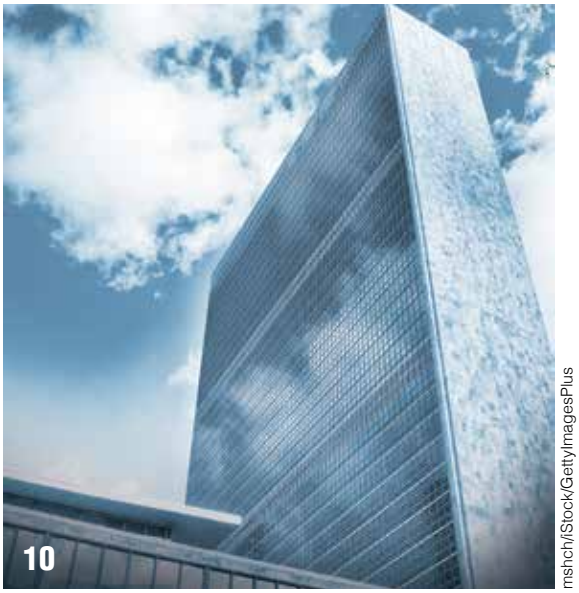

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Venezuelan Socialism

The images we see of what's happening on the streets of Venezuela are heart-rending. I had supposed this type of chaos and destruction took many years — but it's only been 21 years. Twenty-five years ago Venezuela was the fourth-richest economy in the world. Socialism vastly expanded in Venezuela in 1998 (21 years ago) with the election of Hugo Chávez. He brought in a new constitution, and, with it, redistribution of wealth and land. He took control of oil projects and nationalized banks and took control of fuel distributors. In 2014, the inflation rate hit 63 percent, and the country went into a recession.

Chávez passed away in 2013, but he had already hand-picked another socialist to continue his regime: Nicolás Maduro. The country has since gone into total economic failure. The unemployment rate in 2014 was 17 percent. As a result of government control of businesses and prices, today there is anarchy — with citizens taking to the streets in protest. The people are starving. They have broken into the Caracas Zoo to steal the animals to eat them (and the animals are starving too). Daily, thousands cross into Colombia to buy toilet paper and other essentials. People don't go to the hospitals because there are no medicines. Electric power is sporadic — even in hospitals.

There was an election, and Maduro won, but the results are highly suspect. Tampering is not new to elections held in socialist countries. At any rate, Maduro refuses to leave.

Socialism brings poverty, chaos, and harm. In our country, we must not let the pledges of "free stuff," such as free college, free healthcare, and forgiveness of debt, trick us into believing that socialism is our friend.

Roberta Sutton
Evergreen, Colorado

Carbon Dioxide Is Essential

Carbon dioxide provides the carbon that is the building block of *all* life. Plants consume carbon dioxide to grow and animals consume plants to obtain the necessary carbon for existence. If the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere were to dip below 150 ppm (parts per million), there would be a mass extinction of plant life, per Gregory Wrightstone (a geologist with 35 years experience) in his book, *Inconvenient Facts: The Science Al Gore Doesn't Want You to Know About*. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere during the last 140 million years dipped to a dangerously low level of 182 ppm. Carbon dioxide emissions during the Industrial Revolution saved plants from mass extinction and saved animals from mass starvation.

A graph in Wrightstone's book shows that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over the past 140 million years has declined in nearly a straight line from 2,500 ppm 140 million years ago, to a dangerously low level of 182 ppm just 20,000 years ago. Carbon dioxide emissions during the Industrial Revolution hiked the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to about 400 ppm, replenishing the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere so as to save plants.

Why does the graph show a continuous decline in the carbon dioxide in our atmosphere? All plants and animals die. When living things die, carbon goes into the ground, and much of it becomes coal, natural gas, and crude petroleum locked inside the Earth. Therefore, plants have been depleting carbon from the atmosphere at a faster rate than Earth processes, such as volcanic activity, can recycle the carbon back into the atmosphere — until man reversed the adverse trend. Man's use of fossil fuels recycles the carbon dioxide into the atmosphere for the benefit and survival of plants and animals.

Gregory Wrightstone notes that carbon dioxide comprises a minuscule .04 percent of the atmosphere and has a negligible effect on temperature. In fact, a summary of 270 lab studies in the book shows increasing carbon dioxide by 300 ppm would increase average production of crops by 46 percent with minuscule effect on temperature. So why are we hearing the nonsense that man is destroying the planet by using fossil fuels?

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40 of 50 States Don't Have Enough Money to Pay Their Bills

Now that states are required to follow new rules of full financial disclosure, the truth is coming out: Most of the states in the union don't have enough money to pay all of their bills. In Truth in Accounting's (TIA) *Financial State of the States* report, released in September, Sheila Weinberg noted:

> At the end of the fiscal year (FY) 2018, 40 states did not have enough money to pay all of their bills. This means that to balance the budget — as is supposedly required by law in 49 states — elected officials have not included the true costs of the government in their budget calculations and have pushed [unreported] costs onto future taxpayers.

While most states report that they are making efforts to fully fund their pension plans, in the past they weren't required to account for liabilities for pensioners' healthcare costs. Now they are.

For example, the state of New York touts its fiscal responsibility by reporting that it has funded 93 percent of its pension liabilities. But under the new full-disclosure rules, the state has been forced to reveal that it has only funded one penny out of every dollar of its enormous retiree healthcare obligations.

Added together, those 40 states — the worst of which TIA refers to as "sinkhole" states — owe more than $1.5 trillion in total debt. When each state's unfunded liabilities are divided by the number of each state's taxpayers, the truth is staggering. For example, each taxpayer in New Jersey (50th on the list) owes $65,100 in order for the state to meet its promised obligations. Illinois is right behind, with each taxpayer liability calculated to be $52,600.

Only three states received A's for their fiscal condition. Another seven received B's, 13 received C's, and 18 received D's, while the rest earned failing grades of F for their fiscal irresponsibility.

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Poll: Majority of Young Voters Believe World Could End Within 15 Years

A new survey conducted by ScottRasmussen.com found that 51 percent of under-35 voters believe it's "somewhat likely" that man will be wiped out within 10 to 15 years. Only 12 percent of seniors agree, however, and there was an urban-rural divide as well, with city dwellers far more down on the future. Not surprisingly, the doomsayers' main fear appears to be "global warming."

Overall, 29 percent of voters believe it's likely that man will become history within 10 to 15 years, with 71 percent considering it unlikely. Among those two groups, 37 percent said it was not likely at all, and 10 percent said it was very likely (close to the same percentage using antidepressants!). The latter number drops to four percent among seniors, however.

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Forty-five percent of city folks think man may meet his end due to climate change within 10 to 15 years. But this sentiment is shared by only 23 percent of rural voters and 22 percent of suburban voters.

Moreover, "Twenty-one percent (21%) of urban voters consider it Very Likely the earth will quickly become uninhabitable," writes ScottRasmussen.com. "Just 6% of rural voters and 5% of suburban voters consider that a Very Likely outcome."

In reality, there's not the remotest chance that man will be wiped out by "climate change," nature- or man-caused, within the next 15 years. The idea is preposterous.

The problem is that false prophets of doom — such as Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), who predicted disaster in 12 years — have been filling tender minds with end-of-the-world propaganda. Yet these young people would feel better if they understood the doomsayers' actual track record.

For example, Breitbart's John Nolte reported September 20 that "Climate Alarmists in the scientific community and environmental movement" are 0 for 41 in their predictions of "imminent disaster." Nolte asks rhetorically about this, "If you had an investment counselor who steered you wrong 41 times, would you hang in there for number 42?"

Health Concerns Prompt Thousands of Swiss to Protest 5G Networks

Thousands of people gathered in front of the Swiss Parliament building in Bern on September 21 to protest the expansion of 5G wireless technology across the country. The protesters fear that 5G technology could be harmful to people's health. The technology's critics in Switzerland argue that the electromagnetic radiation the new system emits poses health and environmental risks compared to previous generations of mobile technology.

"The fact that so many people turned out today is a strong sign against the uncontrolled introduction of 5G," Tamlin Schibler Ulmann, co-president of Frequenica, the group that organized the rally, told Techspot.

Telecom operators in Switzerland began the installation of new 5G-compatible antennas earlier this year, and by July, 334 such antenna stations for 5G were operational across the country.

5G, so-called because it is the "fifth generation" of cellular network technology, had come into general use by late 2018. Because 5G technology employs millimeter waves, which have a shorter range than the current microwaves, the cells are limited to smaller size. Millimeter-wave antennas are also smaller than the large antennas used in previous cellular networks, so the signals are poorly transmitted through solid materials. This will require additional antennas to be placed closer together, nearly every 10 to 12 houses in urban areas, and increase exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields (RF-EMF).

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While the science concerning the potential harmful effects of such exposure has not been settled, since the technology is too new to have been thoroughly studied, many people nevertheless are concerned over 5G's health risks.

On August 8, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai shared with his colleagues a proposal that would "continue to ensure the health and safety of workers and consumers of wireless technology."

Of course, those who are skeptical of federal agencies may not be reassured by such statements. Since the technology is too new to have been thoroughly studied, it is too early to have determined if it has any negative health effects.

Seminary Students Confess Their Sins Against Plants — to Plants

At last, the students at leftist Union Theological Seminary (UTS) have dropped any pretense of association with traditional Christian thought. On September 18, the school proudly announced on Twitter, the scholars gathered in their chapel and confessed their sins to houseplants.

The tweet from the citadel of "progressive" Christianity showed a young woman sitting cross-legged, like a Hindu in meditation, or a Navajo in his sweat lodge, in front of potted greenery, which in turn rested upon what appears to be soil tossed on the floor.

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Behind this thoughtful setting sat the students, presumably uttering silent reparation for their sins against Kingdom Plantae.

"Today in chapel, we confessed to plants," the tweet began. "Together, we held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor. What do you confess to the plants in your life?"

Normal folks don't confess anything to plants, but in any event UTS's tweet about the event inspired an amusing litany of replies, including this gem: "Jesus spoke to a plant once....didn't go so well for the plant."

"What Jesus said: Let us pray," a Christian mom wrote. "What they heard: Lettuce pray."

UTS was not amused, and hurled an 11-tweet encyclical defending the pagan ritual, which it called "beautiful," and averred that our "work must be building new bridges to the natural world" and "creating new spiritual and intellectual frameworks by which we understand and relate to the plants and animals with whom we share the planet."

"Union's daily chapel is, by design, a place where people from all the wondrous faith traditions at Union can express their beliefs," the *mea culpa* continues.

In other words, UTS does not base its theology on the words of Christ: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me." ■

National Rifle Association President Remembers Larry McDonald

"When I look back on the people whom I have admired most in my life — those who truly influenced me — it's been a small group: my father; Phyllis Schlafly; Lawrence 'Larry' McDonald, a Democrat congressman from Georgia who died in an airplane shot down by the Soviets in 1983; and Wayne LaPierre of the NRA."

Writing in the organization's American Rifleman *magazine, NRA President* **Carolyn Meadows** *expressed praise for the man who, six months before the Soviet attack on the KAL 007 flight in which he was a passenger, had been named chairman of The John Birch Society.*

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Maryland Sheriff Urges Congress to Combat the Illegal-immigration Problem

"From my perspective, the infiltration of criminal aliens and criminal gangs such as MS-13 across our borders and into our communities has severely endangered the public safety of every county in America."

At a hearing before the House Judiciary Subcommittee, Sheriff **Chuck Jenkins** *of Frederick County, Maryland, pleaded for enforcement of immigration laws and for an end to the hostility directed at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.*

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A Democrat Nominee Takes a Bold Stand Against Citizen Gun Ownership

"Hell yes, we're going to take your AR-15 [and] your AK-47. We're not going to allow it to be used against your fellow Americans anymore."

Asked if he was proposing laws that would take away guns legally owned by many Americans, **Beto O'Rourke** *emphatically stated his intention to do exactly that.*

Candidate Would Wage War on Any Restrictions Aimed at Abortion

"Let's make democracy work and make *Roe* the rule of this land in every state."

Taking a no-exceptions stand for abortion up to actual birth, **Elizabeth Warren** *told a Democrat rally that she strongly favors doing away with any law prohibiting the grisly practice.*

High Cost of Guantanamo Prison Gets Some Attention

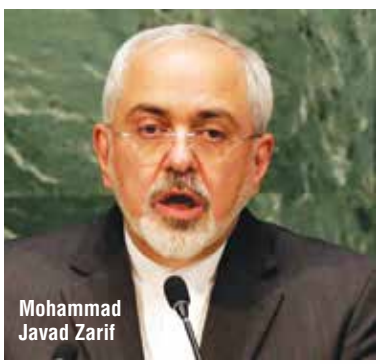
"It costs a fortune to operate, and I think it's crazy."

The United States spends $13 million per year per inmate and there are only 40 prisoners still incarcerated in the Cuba-based detention center. That's a cost of approximately $500 million per year. President **Trump** *labeled the situation crazy and pointed out that "President Obama said it would be closed and he never got it done."*

Would Military Action Against Iran Lead to All-out War?

"I'm making a very serious statement that we don't want war; we don't want to engage in a military confrontation. But we won't blink to defend our territory."

During his visit to the UN for the yearly opening of the General Assembly, Iran's Foreign Minister **Mohammad Javad Zarif** *emphatically denied that Iran had any role in the recent attack on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities.*



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She Despises Trump but Asks a Penetrating Question

"What exactly was Biden's son Hunter doing in that foreign country [Ukraine] and why was he hired to do it? These are fair questions, which the media would never stop asking if the son under scrutiny happened to be Donald Trump Jr."

Boston Globe *columnist* **Joan Vennochi** *exhibits little restraint when criticizing President Trump. But the questions she asks are reasonable and should be asked by all political columnists.* ■

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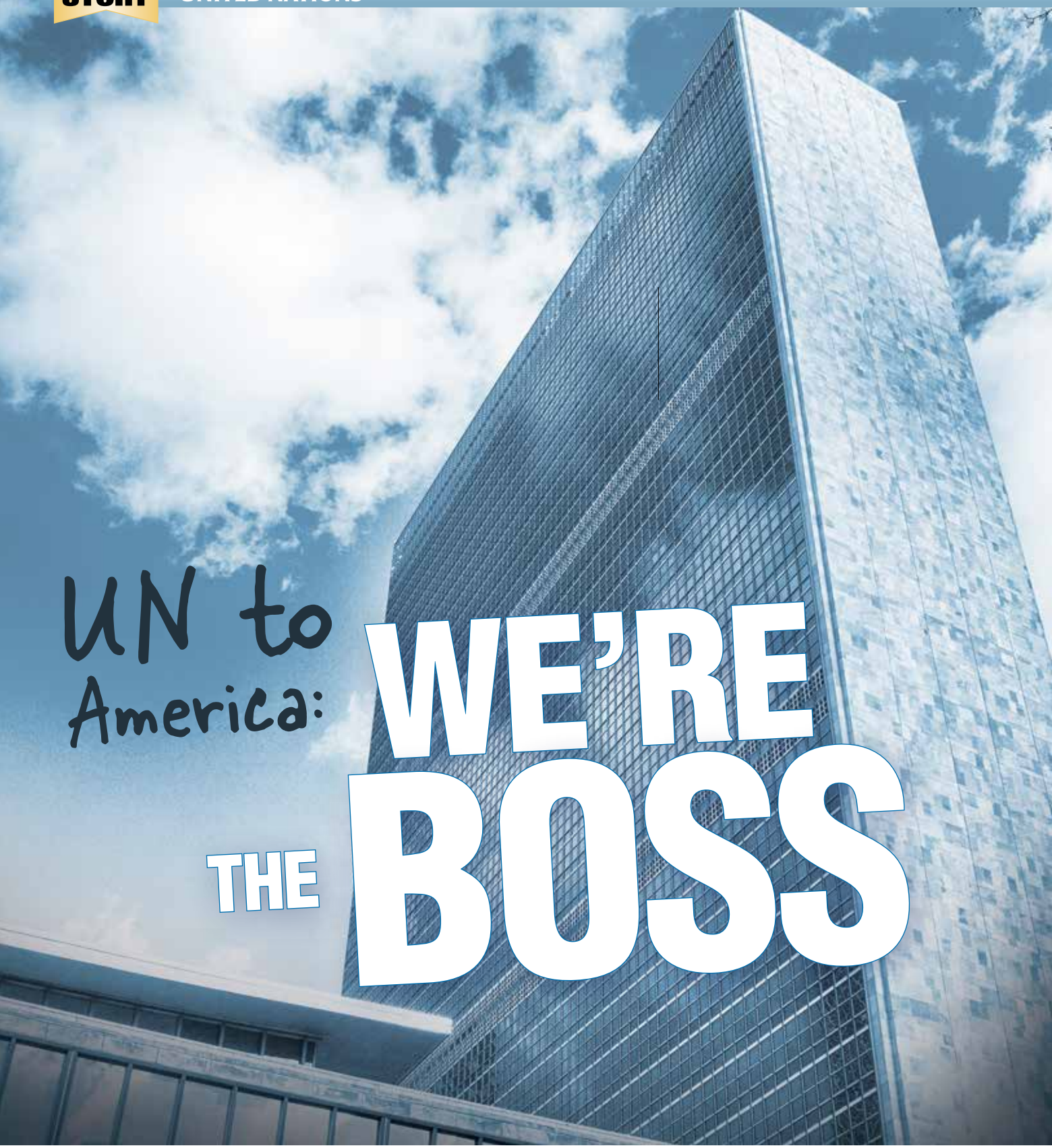

UN to America: WE'RE THE BOSS

The UN is working hard to subvert U.S. policy in the areas of abortion, immigration, healthcare, and constitutionally protected rights, trying to gain authority over us.

In Communist China, by contrast, top UN officials actively intervened to prevent even independent nongovernmental organizations from drawing attention to that dictatorship's network of brutal re-education camps housing over a million Uighurs.

by Alex Newman

Despite globalism-skeptic President Donald Trump being in the White House, the United Nations is behaving more and more like the global government it seeks to become. Indeed, in recent years, the UN has continued escalating its attacks on America on subjects ranging from immigration policy and border security to abortion, healthcare, and the protection of God-given rights. It is now at the point where senior UN officials are barking orders at the U.S. government as if America were a mere administrative unit in what globalists describe as the "New World Order." And the battle may be heating up.

In a recent pro-abortion screed, for example, a spokesman for the UN "human rights" apparatus said the global body was "very concerned" about state laws proliferating across the United States that regulate or restrict the killing of pre-born babies. Killing babies is a human right, according to the UN. More recently, the leader of the UN's refugee bureaucracy said the agency was "deeply concerned" the United States is trying to slow the immigration influx. And in August, a top UN official teamed up with the "fake news" propagandists at CNN to describe the nuclear family as a "fantasy" that government must actively subvert.

In short, if the UN gets its way, America will resemble Communist Cuba and Communist China far more than the self-governing Christian republic envisioned by her Founders. As part of that shift, the traditional American understanding of God-given rights protected by government will give way to the UN's vision of "human rights" — a vision that includes slaughtering unborn children and being cared for (and controlled) by government (see article on page 17) as if people were cattle, without the freedom to think, speak, and act autonomously. And all of it is advancing quickly thanks to a seemingly endless supply of American tax money.

Abortion: Responding to state laws across America protecting unborn children, the UN claims the U.S. government must intervene to ensure the "human right" to kill babies is upheld.

The agenda has powerful supporters in the United States — very much including globalists inside the Trump administration. And the actual and ideological links between subversives in the United States and globalists within the UN are becoming clearer and clearer. For instance, the top UN human rights official recently praised the coalition of far-left extremists in Congress that includes Representative Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) and Representative Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) as "fantastic" for their criticisms of the United States. That same UN official is currently in hot water for involvement in the Latin America-wide scandal involving public money looted from state companies such as Petrobras being used to finance communists and socialists across the region. And the Somalia-born Omar showed her true allegiances, calling for the UN to take over management of America's borders much like it does in her homeland of Somalia.

But while the UN has become bolder than ever in attacking self-government in America and the freedoms of Americans, the same is not true when it comes to dealing with totalitarian regimes. Everything from gun rights and free speech to due process and self-government in America has been directly attacked by the UN in recent years. In Communist China, by contrast, top UN officials actively intervened to prevent even independent nongovernmental organizations from drawing attention to that dictatorship's network of brutal re-education camps in Western China housing over a million Uighurs. Amid all that, Beijing's agents have now seized control over about one-third of all UN agencies, while Americans control just one.

The implications of the globalist UN's anti-American, anti-life, anti-family, and anti-freedom meddling are enormous. It is now becoming clear that the agenda is to subjugate the United States under a global authority that recognizes no fundamental

human rights and no power higher than itself. As the UN and globalist Americans prepare to celebrate "UN Day" on October 24, it is more urgent than ever before to expose this. Congress and President Trump must put an end to it — and especially the U.S. taxpayer subsidies for the UN and its growing extremism — before the UN and its allies put an end to a free America, the greatest experiment in political liberty ever conceived. The time is now.

UN to America: Kill More Babies

To single-issue voters on abortion — and there are millions — all one needs to know about a candidate for political office is whether he or she supports the killing of unborn children in the womb. The reason this issue is so prominent to so many is that if a politician is willing to tolerate the taking of innocent human life for personal convenience, it is obvious that the politician disrespects individual rights. Even though most of the UN's own member states reject abortion, it has come down firmly on the side of killing babies. In fact, the UN is not satisfied merely with killing babies — it is actively seeking to define abortion as a "human right" protected by "international law."

In May of this year, citing a law that had recently been passed in Alabama that "defines all unborn children as persons" and provides punishments for unlawful abortions, as well as similar laws being passed in other states, the UN sprang boldly into action. Among other demands, a UN official publicly urged the U.S. government to intervene to ensure that babies could continue to be aborted with impunity across all 50 states. "We are very concerned that several U.S. states have passed laws severely restricting access to safe abortion for women, including by imposing criminal penalties on the women themselves and on abortion service providers," complained UN human rights spokesman Ravina Shamdasani in an interview with Reuters Television in Geneva.

Abortion bans, the UN official continued, would cause abortions to go underground. And that, she said, would end up "jeopardizing the life, health and safety of the women concerned." Obviously, she expressed no such concerns for the life, health, and safety of the babies concerned.

But under the UN's logic, assassinations of adults should be legalized too, to ensure the safety of the assassins.

Ironically, considering the fact that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was an advocate of the pseudo-scientific racial quackery known as eugenics, Shamdasani also claimed abortion bans are "inherently discriminatory." That is because they affect "minority" women and other "marginalized communities" more than others. Now, it is true that black and Hispanic babies in America are far more likely to be killed via abortions than European-descent children, but the macabre irony of Shamdasani's comments went unmentioned by the pro-abortion establishment media, which treated the UN's views as praiseworthy.

Apparently oblivious to America's constitutional system of government limiting federal power and jurisdiction, the UN official went on to call for the U.S. government to intervene against states that are working to protect babies. "We are calling on the United States [government] and all other countries [national governments and dictatorships] to ensure that women have access to safe abortions," she said. "At an absolute minimum, in cases of rape, incest and fetal anomaly, there needs to be safe access to abortions." Where the UN believes it derives the authority to dictate abortion

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Grandi: As the Trump administration worked to secure the U.S. border, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi intervened to ensure the growing tsunami of mass migration would continue.

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Migrant caravan: In response to the U.S. government's enforcement of its asylum laws, the UN ordered America to continue allowing ineligible migrants on to U.S. soil.

laws was never made clear, aside from references to nebulous "international human rights law."

While Americans have traditionally understood that all human beings have an unalienable and God-given right to life, globalists in America and beyond have long been seeking to flip the concept of rights upside down. (See article on page 17 and sidebar on page 36.) Indeed, the UN and leading Deep State globalists in America have been busy working to define the slaughter of babies as a human right, and efforts to stop the killings as a violation of human rights. For instance, the global-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations, a key Deep State tentacle in America, has been a leading promoter of aborting babies without legal consequences.

In a recent article, two CFR writers argued that killing pre-born children in the womb is a "human right," thereby illustrating perfectly the farce that is the globalist vision of "human rights" for all to see. "Access to safe abortion has been established as a human right by numerous international frameworks, the UN Human Rights Committee, and regional human rights courts, including the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights," claimed the CFR pro-abortion propagandists, Rachel Vogelstein and Rebecca Turkington.

UN to America: Open the Border Wide

Globalists seeking to undermine nation-states and self-government are busy working to define migration into the United States and Europe as a "human right," too. They made that clear in the UN Global Migration Compact that was scuttled by President Trump and other conservative-leaning leaders late last year. And so UN officials have been lambasting U.S. authorities for trying to impose limits on massive immigration from Latin America and beyond, which has resulted from abuse of the asylum and refugee process.

After policy changes announced by the Trump administration that would make it harder to scam the asylum system to enter the United States, the UN again sprang into action. "We understand that the U.S. asylum system is under significant strain. And we are ready to play a constructive role if needed in helping alleviate this strain," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, without elaborating on what sort of "constructive role" the UN might play in helping America with Americans' tax money. "But we are deeply concerned about this measure. It will put vulnerable families at risk. It will undermine efforts by countries across the region to devise the coherent, collective responses that are needed. This measure is severe and is not the best way forward."

The measure in question, published in the *Federal Register* this summer, was simple and completely in line with so-called international norms. Basically, the rule stated that if would-be refugees passed through a safe country prior to arriving in the United States, then they must apply for asylum in the first nation they arrive in instead of the United States. While the measure is not always enforced, even European governments have such a policy in place. Under the plan, though, which has survived legal challenges, most Central American refugees who pass through Mexico would be denied entry. To the UN, that is totally unacceptable, with Grandi acting as if America were erecting concentration camps.

Grandi's faultfinding was hardly the first example of UN meddling in Ameri-

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Why wreck families? UN Women boss Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka worked with CNN to attack the "fantasy" of the "nuclear family," demanding more divorce, more women working, and more children in government care.

In fact, the UN is not satisfied merely with killing babies — it is actively seeking to define abortion as a "human right" protected by "international law."

ca's border crisis. After being encouraged to migrate by globalists, tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of Central Americans took off for the U.S. border in recent years believing they could receive asylum if they claimed to be fleeing general "violence" or "poverty." Of course, neither of those is recognized in U.S. law as a valid cause for the granting of refugee status. But when the Trump administration attempted to enforce U.S. law, globalists in the United States and throughout the UN bureaucracy went ballistic.

"We wish to reiterate and underline that any individuals within that group that are fleeing persecution and violence, they need to be given access to territory and they need to be allowed to exercise their fundamental human rights to seek asylum and have access to refugee status determination procedures," decreed UN high commissioner for refugees spokesman Charlie Yaxlie, citing "international law" and speaking as if the UN were America's overlord. "I think there has been well documented some of their issues around the separation of children in the U.S. We have repeatedly called for families not to be separated and for detention not to be used."

Of course, the UN has made clear that it intends to flood Western nations with migrants. And the objective has been stated clearly, too. Late UN migration czar Peter Sutherland, a former Goldman Sachs boss, expressed hope that governments would use mass migration to undermine the "illusion" of sovereignty and the "shibboleth" of borders for unique, self-governing nations. "I will ask the governments to cooperate, to recognize that sovereignty is an illusion — that sovereignty is an absolute illusion that has to be put behind us," the globalist told the UN News Centre in 2015. "The days of hiding behind borders and fences are long gone. We have to work together and cooperate together to make a better world. And that means taking on some of the old shibboleths, taking on some of the old historic memories and images of our own country and recognizing that we're part of humankind."

Incredibly, the idea of having the UN run American immigration policy and border security has supporters in the United States — including backers in high places. Representative Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), for example, called for the UN to handle the refugee crisis on the U.S. Mexico border. "We have to bring in the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees — an agency that has the expertise and the training to handle massive flows of refugees humanely," claimed Omar, a Somali who has been credibly accused of perpetrating immigration fraud to enter the United States. She added that Trump's efforts to stem the massive human influx across the Southern border were costing America the "moral high ground." Inviting the UN in, by contrast, would be the "serious way" to deal with it, she said.

UN to America: Smash What's Left of the Family

In yet another instance of hypocrisy, even as the UN claims it is distraught about the separation of family members by immigration officials, it celebrates the tearing apart of families.

In a screed published on August 8 by CNN, the UN advocated escalating attacks on the nuclear family, starting by redefining it. UN Under-Secretary-General Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, a South African communist who heads the pro-abortion UN Women agency, claimed, "The fantasy of the nuclear family is holding us back." To deal with the problem of nuclear families, she demanded a range of policies designed to force mothers into the workforce and children into government care at earlier and earlier ages, while facilitating divorce, expanding access to abortion, redefining marriage to include homosexuals, and much more.

"Look around, and you will see that our societies and cultures are made up of a spectrum of family forms," Mlambo-Ngcuka claimed, adding that families need "well targeted government policies in order to flourish." Among the problems

she identified, pointing to a UN report her agency produced, is that "across the world, marriage and childbearing currently depress women's employment rates." In other words, women who get married and have children sometimes become homemakers and full-time mothers, and the UN hates that idea so much, it wants government to intervene.

"Policies are needed that allow more mothers to stay in employment, such as maternity and parental leave, and policies to trigger equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work within families," she said, demanding UN-guided social engineering on a massive scale, including "efforts to redistribute care in the home" as well as "explicitly written legislation to create more jobs in the care sector and to promote early child development by providing accessible, affordable and quality education and care for children under five." In short, government should care for all the children so women can work at government day cares caring for other people's children. What could go wrong?

Another drastic intrusion into family life by the UN is the outfit's global campaign to have parents who spank or smack their children jailed. In 2016, for example, UN Violence Against Children Czar Santos Pais celebrated Sweden's 1979 law making it a crime to use physical discipline or any form of "humiliating treatment" to punish children. Parents who disobey can have their children kidnapped and placed in foster care. The year before that, the UN Human Rights Committee released a report demanding that the British government prosecute parents who smack or spank their children as a disciplinary measure, alongside a government-funded propaganda campaign demonizing parents who use physical punishment.

According to the UN, all this government interference in the parent-child relationship is necessary to comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The international agreement, which has not been ratified by the U.S. Senate so far, purports to shred parental rights under the guise of creating "children's rights," such as the right to defy their parents. The implications are Orwellian to the core. For instance, to comply with the UN CRC, the Scottish government literally assigned a government bureaucrat to oversee the life and development of *every single child in Scotland*.

UN to America: Government Must Control Healthcare

Top UN leaders have also decreed that everyone has a "human right" to government-controlled and -funded healthcare. That means, to the extent that the private sector is still involved in healthcare in America, the U.S. government is supposedly infringing on the human rights of people. Seriously. In late 2017, a group of UN bigwigs styling themselves "The Elders" demanded that the American people submit to a tax-funded "universal healthcare" regime immediately. The international alliance suggested that the profit motive inherent in markets was causing a crisis in the U.S. health sector.

At the heart of the push for government healthcare is the UN Agenda 2030 and its "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), which then-UN General Assembly boss Peter Thompson declared were the "masterplan for humanity." In Goal 3, the UN scheme demands "universal" healthcare, also known as government-controlled healthcare. The UN agreement, which has not been ratified by the U.S.

Healthcare: In order to comply with "international law," the UN has been aggressively demanding that the U.S. government completely take over the healthcare system.

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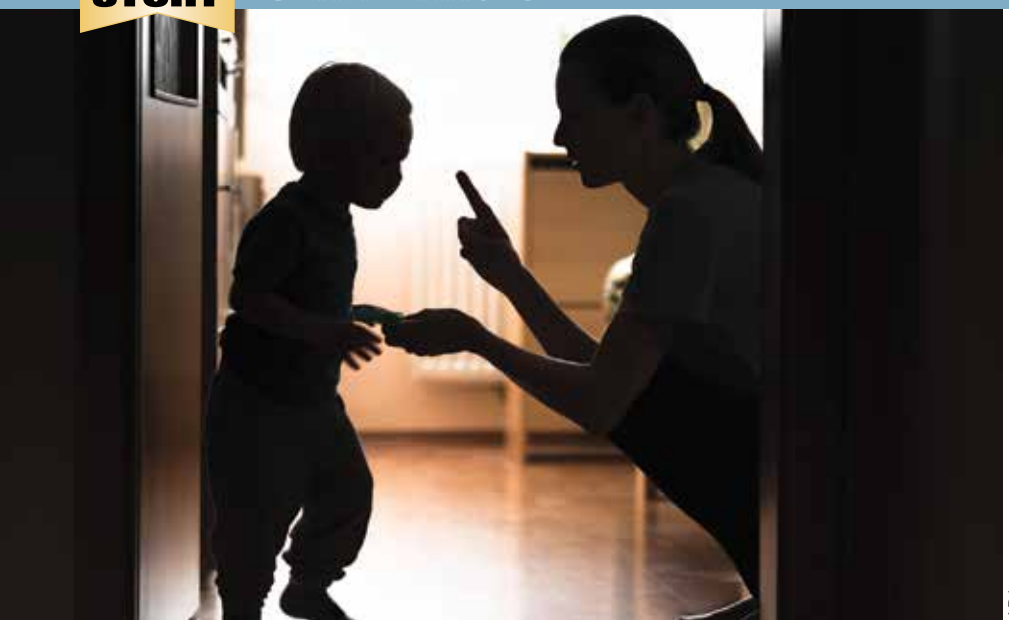

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Parent spanking: Among other radical changes in family policy, the UN is demanding that governments jail parents who spank or smack their children, to comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Senate but is being implemented anyway, goes on to demand "universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services" (read: abortion and contraception). And this "reproductive health" must be integrated "into national strategies and programs," the agreement demands.

"Unfortunately, in the U.S., all too often only rich people get access to expensive, life-saving treatments," claimed former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in 2017, after referring to Agenda 2030 as the global "declaration of interdependence" and the UN as the "Parliament of humanity." "As America is demonstrating, you simply cannot reach UHC [Universal Health Coverage] if your health system is dominated by private financing and ultimately functions to prioritize profit over care." Repeatedly using Marxist rhetoric, he also blasted America for being the only remaining "high income" nation where everybody is not yet dependent on government for their medical care. "Global evidence shows that the only way to reach equitable UHC is through public financing," Ban added, without citing any evidence to prove his claim.

When President Trump and the Republican Congress were working on a plan to repeal ObamaCare, the UN *again* sprang into action. In a letter, Dainius Puras, the UN "Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health," (yes that is his real title) claimed that repealing the unconstitutional federal takeover of health insurance violated "international law." As proof, he pointed to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which the United States never even ratified. Puras went on to threaten U.S. officials with "accountability" for failure to comply with "international law."

Aside from the rationing and declining choices inherent in government-controlled healthcare systems, the U.S. Constitution delegates no power over healthcare to the federal government. But the UN does not care.

UN to America: Drop Dead

The sort of extremism outlined in the pages of this article is merely the tip of the iceberg. All day, every day, countless thousands of overpaid, U.S.-funded bureaucrats ensconced in the UN and other international organizations — not to mention their Deep State allies currently in American institutions — are plotting new attacks on self-government in America. The ultimate objective is to submerge the United States into a world system of government (see article on page 17). If and when that happens, liberty as Americans have known it for over two centuries will disappear. Totalitarian rule and arbitrary, unlimited government will take its place. It is time to fight back with every ounce of strength and courage that Americans can muster.

President Trump has already withdrawn from a growing array of UN bodies, including the disgraced and discredited UN Human Rights Council and UNESCO. He has also ended U.S. government participation in various international agreements that undermine self-government and national sovereignty. That is all an excellent start. However, the extremism of the UN's war against faith, family, freedom, and America is accelerating, even with Trump in the White House. And it will not stop unless and until the United States defunds and withdraws from the entire UN monster.

A bill to do just that — H.R. 204, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act — is currently sitting in the House Foreign Affairs Committee. If approved, it would end U.S. membership in, and funding for, the UN and all of its agencies. It would be an #Amexit, as sponsor Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) put it. It would also expel the dictators club's headquarters from U.S. soil. That would mean that never again could the UN give orders to America on abortion, borders, family, healthcare, or anything else. And it would restore the Constitution to its rightful place as the Supreme Law of the Land in America. Americans must keep pressuring Congress to pass it. Trump could play a key role, too. But he needs to hear from you, now! ■

UN Globalism to Replace AMERICANISM?

As the United States cedes more and more power to global entities, the UN's vision for tomorrow is increasingly likely to be foisted on Americans — and it won't be pretty.

by Alex Newman

With the UN now acting as if America must submit to its whims and decrees, it is more important than ever to understand how significant the implications of allowing this to continue would be. The whole notion that the UN was scheming to become a global government-style institution with centralized coercive powers was once dismissed as a "conspiracy theory" for "kooks." Today, it is obvious to anyone willing to pay attention to the news. As we reported in the companion article "UN to America: We're the Boss" (page 10), the UN now regularly makes demands on America that fly in the face of traditional Americanism, across a broad range of crucial policy fields. And if left unchecked, this is only the start.

Ultimately, liberty, self-government, nation-states, and God-given rights will give way to total government if this is not stopped. And this is plain to see from the UN's own documents, statements, and agreements. Liberty is literally on the line, with globalists and the Deep State seeking to replace it with a fraud that sounds similar, at least at the most superficial level, but could not be more different in reality.

At the core of the UN's ongoing attacks against America is the drive to replace self-government under God and the God-given rights enshrined in America's founding documents with "global governance" and UN-granted revocable privileges described by the UN as "human rights." And it is not exactly a secret. In fact, as The New American has documented extensively over a period of many years, the UN now brazenly and routinely claims that Americans' inalienable rights are actually *violations* of "international human rights law," and as such, must be drastically curtailed to comply with UN demands.

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Against free speech: After the demonstrations in Charlottesville surrounding Confederate monuments, the UN demanded that the U.S. government restrict and criminalize speech deemed to be "hateful."

Indeed, in the January 6, 2015 article headlined "United Nations Exploits Pseudo-'Human Rights' to Attack U.S.," The New American magazine documented this clearly with an array of examples. Among other concerns, the article gave multiple examples of the UN and its top officials publicly claiming that "human rights" and "international law" require

Self-defense rights: The UN now regularly targets Americans' rights to self-defense and to keep and bear arms, claiming these God-given freedoms are actually a violation of "international human rights law."

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that governments outlaw and punish certain speech, impose more gun control, ignore due-process protections, overturn state self-defense laws, eliminate constitutional limitations on federal power, prohibit spanking of children as a disciplinary tool, fund abortion with tax money, regulate private schools to comply with UN demands, provide more welfare and subsidized housing, and much, much more.

Attacks on Free Speech, First Amendment

Since the days of the Soviet Union's push to ban "hate speech" internationally, the UN has been waging war on free speech. The UN actually claims international human rights law now requires nations to ban all sorts of speech — basically, anything the UN deems hate, intolerance, discrimination, and so on. In 2014, for instance, two separate UN outfits, the dictator-dominated UN Human Rights Commission and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, slammed Japan for not violating the free speech protections in its Constitution to ban speech, rallies, and groups that the UN considers "hateful." Even "propaganda" that might "incite discrimination or hostility" must be banned, the UN demanded of Japan, specifically targeting groups and rallies perceived as being "Anti-Korean."

Then UN Human Rights Czar Navi Pillay, a South African who condemned the United States after the killing of Trayvon Martin, offered some chilling insight into the dictator-dominated global body's views on the fundamental right to free speech. "Defining the line that separates protected from unprotected speech is ultimately a decision that is best made after a thorough assessment of the circumstances of each case," she argued. In other words, every time somebody speaks, they run the risk of violating the UN-backed restrictions on free speech. And in many nations, such outlandish international schemes are being cited as justification for jailing — yes, jailing — pastors, critics of Islam, critics of homosexuality, critics of mass migration, supporters of marriage, those who disagree with escalating gender confusion, and more.

After the rally in Charlottesville over monuments that turned bloody, the UN openly called for free speech rights to be curtailed in America. In official statements, the UN said the U.S. government must "provide the necessary guarantees so that such rights [free speech] are not misused to promote racist hate speech." First, it will be "racist hate speech." Then, anything the UN and its member governments hate will be banned as "hate speech," as has occurred in so many nations. The UN also called on the U.S. government to wage a propaganda campaign that would "actively contribute to the promotion of understanding, tolerance, and diversity between ethnic groups, and acknowledge their contribution to the history and diversity of the United States of America." In other words, ban speech the UN dislikes, and use tax money to spread the UN's ideas.

Attacks on Gun Rights, Second Amendment

It is not just free speech and freedom of the press that are in the UN's cross hairs. Gun rights are under threat, too. In 2016, after a jihadist with widely reported homosexual proclivities shot up a homosexual bar in Florida, the UN immediately interjected itself. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Hussein, an Islamic prince, claimed the U.S. government has an "obligation" to implement "robust gun regulation." "It is hard to find a rational justification that explains the ease with which people can buy firearms," Hussein said, claiming that "evidence" shows firearms make society less safe and that the U.S. government must intervene.

Two years earlier, a UN report on supposed human-rights abuses in America claimed the U.S. government must adopt more gun-control legislation, including gun registration, and remove self-defense

rights. Countless similar statements and reports have been disgorged by the UN in recent years. In 2013, for example, the UN released a statement by "experts" claiming the Obama administration was "required" to "amend, rescind, or nullify any laws or regulations which have the effect of creating or perpetuating racial discrimination." Specifically, the UN was demanding an end to "stand your ground" self-defense laws in Florida and other states, along with other laws protecting fundamental rights.

And of course, as readers of this magazine know well, the global body has been working hard to force all nations to adopt draconian gun control through the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). Among other claims, the treaty purports to grant a monopoly over weaponry to "authorized state parties," in other words to governments, ignoring the dangers signaled via the 300 million murders perpetrated by governments in the last century alone. Ammunition falls under the treaty's prohibitions, too. And in Article 5, the UN agreement commits all national governments to "establish and maintain a national control system, including a national control list," over "the broadest range of conventional arms." That means all of your guns are in the cross hairs.

It is hardly a pipe dream. In Venezuela, the UN helped socialist tyrant Hugo Chávez disarm civilians as part of a 2012 disarmament campaign that banned all private firearms. Speaking to regime-run "reporters," UN Coordinator for Venezuela Alfredo Missair urged them to actively support the gun ban. "You are also responsible in this important fight — we need the cooperation of not only the United Nations but of the media," Missair said. "So, we are offering all the support they require to do a good job." Murder and crime rates promptly soared as the newly empowered regime stepped up its persecution of the opposition. Today, Venezuela has among the worst crime rates and the worst tyranny of any country on Earth.

Yet despite all that, the UN has plenty of friends in America who would love to see the same exact thing. In late 2017, Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin went to New York City and asked the UN to send peacekeeping troops into Chicago to help deal with gun crime. "I'm hoping to appeal to the UN to actually come to Chicago and meet with victims of violence, and maybe even possibly help out in terms of peacekeeping efforts, because I think it's so critical for us to make sure that these neighborhoods are safe," Boykin was quoted as telling the press, claiming there was a "genocide" going on against black Americans because most victims of shootings were black. "So we must protect these population groups, and that's what the United Nations does. They're a peacekeeping force. They know all about keeping the peace, and so we're hopeful that they'll hear our appeal."

Aside from attacks on speech and gun rights, the UN also routinely denigrates America's federalist system of government. In direct violation of the 10th Amendment, which states that any powers not specifically given to the U.S. government remain the province of state governments or the people themselves, the UN has long been demanding that the U.S. government usurp all sorts of powers that were never delegated to it in order to comply with UN demands. It has also repeatedly derided the American justice system with its due process protections, presumption of innocence, trial by jury, and more. This was perhaps most extreme in the wake of the Trayvon Martin shooting, but continues to this day. Under the guise of fighting "terrorism" and "crime" and other issues, the UN now routinely demands all sorts of abuses of privacy, too, including global biometric databases, national biometric IDs, support from Big Tech to censor and spy on citizens, and much more.

In short, there are no fundamental rights enjoyed by Americans that the UN does not seek to eliminate.

UN's "Human Rights": Homosexual "Marriage," Government Control

By contrast, the UN celebrated the Supreme Court's usurpation of power to invent a right to a "homosexual marriage" as a great leap forward in human rights. "I wholeheartedly welcome this historic decision," then-UN boss Ban said in San Francisco about *Obergefell* while commemorating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter. "This is a great step forward for human rights in the United States." In a speech given that same day at a lunch for the UN pro-homosexuality and -transgender campaign "free and equal," Ban celebrated June 26 as "a day we celebrate not only the birth of the United Nations but marriage equality for all Americans."

The UN's legions of discredited "special rapporteurs," meanwhile, have long made clear that they view "rights" in the same way the regimes enslaving the people of the Soviet Union, Cuba, Vietnam, China, and other communist nations have viewed rights. In the United Kingdom, for example, a UN special rapporteur infamous for

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Its inclinations: Then-UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who refers to the UN as the "Parliament of Humanity," claimed the SCOTUS ruling on homosexual "marriage" was a great leap forward for "human rights."

In other words, every time somebody speaks, they run the risk of violating the UN-backed restrictions on free speech.

sacrificing an animal to Karl Marx was relentlessly ridiculed for accusing the U.K. government of "human rights violations" because welfare recipients were not being given large enough houses. In Switzerland, UN bureaucrats attacked stay-at-home mothers as human-rights violators. In Canada, they claimed supposedly "low" taxes were a "human rights" violation because the government needed more resources to battle everything from obesity to inequality.

There is a method to the madness (See sidebar on page 36). The UN's vision of human rights for the world is exactly the opposite of the views held by America's Founding Fathers that produced the greatest and freest nation in history — not to mention the moral code outlined in the Bible that is at the core of Western civilization. As explained in the Declaration of Independence, the Founders said it was self-evident that God had created people and endowed them with unalienable rights such as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They also said governments exist to protect those unalienable rights. The Founders literally viewed rights as a sacred gift from God, as they explained repeatedly.

The UN, by contrast, believes that governments and international agreements confer privileges that can be revoked at any time for little to no cause. In Article 29 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, for instance, the document makes clear that rights can be limited by law under virtually any pretext. It also says that the alleged rights may "in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations." In other words, individuals have no unalienable rights under the UN's view of human rights, only privileges that can be revoked at will by governments and international organizations.

The UN Human Rights Council, meanwhile, is literally dominated by dictatorships, with unfree regimes holding the majority of seats. The predecessor organization, the UN Human Rights Committee, was once led by the late Libyan tyrant Moammar Gadhafi. And current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet is a known supporter of socialism and even mass-murdering communist dictatorships such as the Castro regime enslaving Cuba. In her younger years, as victims were being slaughtered trying to flee East Germany, she defected *to* that mass-murdering communist regime. She recently praised the "squad" of fringe left-wing congresswomen (AOC et al.) famous for hating America and Trump. "I believe that those four women are fantastic," she said, describing them as "bright" and celebrating their alleged courage "to say what they think" about supposed U.S. deficiencies.

Nor does the UN itself respect even the most fundamental rights of people. According to the organization Hear Their Cries, UN troops and international aid workers and bureaucrats have raped and sexually exploited over *60,000* women and children just in the last decade. A poll conducted by the non-profit Save the Children revealed that just in the Ivorian town of Toulepleu, which was occupied by UN peace troops, eight out of 10 minor girls admitted to regularly being raped and forced into sexual acts by UN soldiers. Unspeakable horrors perpetrated by the UN's "blue helmets" have been documented from Africa and Asia to Europe and the Americas and everywhere in between. And yet, because of "diplomatic immunity," there has been virtually no accountability at all.

The hypocrisy of the UN's supposed quest for human rights in America is perhaps most perfectly illustrated in its hypocrisy over Communist China. While the United States is constantly under fire, the regime in Beijing does not just get a pass — top UN officials bend over backward to protect the mass-murdering dictatorship from criticism. Consider the recent case at the UN Human Rights Council, where a coalition of more than 120 organizations sought to file a formal complaint against Beijing's network of "re-education" camps holding well over a million Uighur Muslims, but was prevented from even publishing a formal complaint at the UN Human Rights Council, in violation of its own procedures. Before that, a top UN "human rights" official was exposed by a whistleblower handing straight to Beijing the names of Chinese dissidents seeking to testify against the regime. The whistleblower was persecuted, while the highest echelons of the UN worked to cover up the whole matter by firing judges and suppressing the facts.

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Where her bias lies: UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet of Chile's Socialist Party, part of a Latin American communist network, once defected to the mass-murdering communist regime in East Germany.

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Right idea: Congressman Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), cosponsor of the American Sovereignty Restoration Act (H.R. 204), told The New American that the United States should withdraw from the UN as soon as possible.

UN Seeking to Become Global Government

Ultimately, the globalist goal is to turn the UN into a global government that would actively deny individual rights — one that could not be effectively resisted by its victims. It already has courts, armies, self-styled "law enforcement" and "crime fighting" divisions, and much more. Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon repeatedly referred to the UN as the "Parliament of Humanity." A parliament, by definition, is a law-making body of a government. Before that, Ban referred to the UN Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals — essentially a roadmap to global technocratic government — as the planetary "declaration of interdependence." The head of the UN General Assembly when the scheme was adopted, Peter Thompson, referred to it as a "master-plan for humanity."

This has been the objective from the start, when U.S. diplomat (and Soviet agent) Alger Hiss led the conference to create the UN. Among those involved in the process who have admitted the goal was John Foster Dulles, a leading Deep State globalist who also helped create the UN and went on to become U.S. secretary of state. "The United Nations represents not a final stage in the development of world order, but only a primitive stage," he wrote in his book *War or Peace*. "Therefore its primary task is to create the conditions which will make possible a more highly developed organization." Dulles also observed in his book, "I have never seen any proposal made for collective security with 'teeth' in it, or for 'world government' or for 'world federation,' which could not be carried out either by the United Nations or under the United Nations Charter."

Under President Trump, there have been some efforts to rein in the UN, including leaving some UN agencies. There have also been some tepid efforts to reverse the perverted UN view of human rights. This summer, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo created a commission to deal with the corruption of discourse about human rights. Dubbed the "Commission on Unalienable Rights," the body was tasked with recommending "reforms of human rights discourse where it has departed from our nation's founding principles of natural law and natural rights." It was a nice thought. But the commission was endlessly demonized and mocked by globalists and totalitarians, and it is not clear that it will accomplish much, if anything.

The real solution to the UN's escalating attacks on American sovereignty and liberty must involve getting out of the UN, something The John Birch Society, which publishes this magazine, has been advocating for over 50 years. Legislation to do that is in Congress already. One of the sponsors of the American Sovereignty Restoration Act (HR 204), Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), has been a leader in the campaign for an #Amexit from the UN. He told The New American in an interview last year that there are many reasons why the U.S. government should get out of the globalist institution.

"The best thing that you can say about the United Nations is it's mostly ineffective and a waste of money," said Congressman Massie, who started campaigning for an "Amexit" from the UN after the British people voted for a "Brexit" from the European Union. "That's the best thing you can say about it. So I'm glad that they are somewhat ineffective, but I don't like that we waste the money." But that is just the start. "It's full of dictators, and it's also something that I don't think our sovereign government should defer to," he explained. "For instance, a lot of these foreign relations bills that come in front of us in Congress and the whereas clauses — they might say 'whereas the UN has said this,' or 'the UN decided this, now therefore be it resolved' — well that's almost an automatic no for me, because why would I defer to the United Nations if we're a sovereign country?"

Massie also noted that many of his colleagues love the UN and would like to see the United States even more deeply ensnared within its grasp. And therein lies the problem. These members of Congress were elected by ignorant Americans who do not understand their own heritage, their freedoms, or the existential threat posed to them by the dictators club. As such, beyond simply ending U.S. membership in the UN, Americans must educate the electorate. Absolutely essential to that mission will be restoring a proper public understanding on the nature of rights, the role of government, the U.S. Constitution, and the danger of phony ideas on "human rights" that require the government to redistribute wealth extracted from others by force. Without that understanding, even an #Amexit would be only a temporary solution. By getting involved in the JBS campaign to "Get U.S. Out of the United Nations," you can join with others and turn the tide today. ■

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UN INCITING YOUTH RENT-A-MOBS FOR GLOBALISM

The UN, in conjunction with national governments and private organizations, is pulling off a smoke-and-mirrors charade to project a fake image of popular support for the UN.

by William F. Jasper

How does one go about organizing a worldwide protest involving millions of grade-school, high-school, and college students in hundreds of cities on the same day, such as, say, the recent Global Climate Strike that coincided with the United Nations Youth Climate Summit on September 20? While the central stage for this mass spectacle was New York City, parasympathetic events miraculously materialized in London, Paris, Tokyo, Bangkok, Bogota, Budapest, Bucharest, San Salvador, Belgrade, Zagreb, and virtually every other major city.

Anyone who has ever organized a kindergarten birthday party, a church bingo, or a high-school homecoming football game can appreciate the fact that global events such as these mammoth UN-generated climate extravaganzas do not come together without massive preparation, organization, coordination, promotion — and funding. The global spectacles surrounding this latest campaign to stampede the world into empowering the United Nations as the planetary environmental regulator and policeman are prime examples of stage-managed AstroTurf events made to appear to be spontaneous, grassroots efforts. We are witnessing a huge "Civil Society" charade in which over 5,000 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) — most of which are unapologetically "progressive" and reliably support an ever-expanding role for the UN — claim to be "stakeholders" who speak for all humanity.

Climate (mob) science: New York City's public schools excused 1.1 million students to support Greta Thunberg's Climate Strike and attend the UN's Youth Climate March on September 20.

This reporter recently attended the 68th United Nations Civil Society Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 26-28, 2019. The organizers of that affair had taken particular care to bring together over 1,000 pre-selected "youth leaders" from around the globe to help orchestrate the chorus of young people demanding that politicians "*do something!*" to stop the global-warming doomsday, or, they say,

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Global orchestration: Student protesters in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 20, mimic climate agitators in New York City and around the world — with the same banners, posters, slogans, and chants.

we all will face "extinction." Although the Civil Society Conference dealt with a broad array of issues detailed in the UN's Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the UN poohbahs running the show repeatedly stressed the importance of attending the Youth Climate Summit in New York and organizing similar protests across the planet.

Here's how the "Civil Society" process works:

1. The organized globalists at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and related organizations, together with the UN hierarchy, select a crisis du jour (global warming, poverty, refugees, etc.) that will justify calls to empower the UN for "collective action";

2. Nongovernmental organizations organized and funded by tax-exempt foundations, globalist corporations, and government agencies clamor for enacting UN-proposed "solutions";

3. The UN's NGO army recruits and trains thousands of young people to be the "youth leaders" for building the impression of widespread global support;

4. Youth conferences with fully funded airfare, living accommodations, meal stipends, etc. are provided to the new youth activists to hone their organizing and media communication skills;

5. The Fake News Media and the "progressive" educational establishment saturate our children and youth with nonstop propaganda aimed at terrorizing them about alleged "existential crises"; and

6. The same "mainstream" media provide an outlet for the fear they have generated by providing heroes and heroic action for the terrified youngsters to emulate (in this case, Swedish schoolgirl sensation Greta Thunberg and her Climate Strike);

To ensure success, "progressive" politicians and their educrat allies declared support for the Climate Strike, releasing millions of kids from classroom drudgery to join the excitement of mob action, in the name of high moral purpose. New York City's public-school system, the largest in the nation (1.1 million students) encouraged students to skip school to attend the Climate Strike. (It's not too hard to inflate your crowd size when you have that type of political leverage!) New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio likewise signaled his support for the strike, saying, "New York City stands with our young people. They're our conscience."

UN-Civil Action

Many of the tens of thousands of student protesters attending the Global Climate Strike in New York City on Friday, September 20 held a poster depicting a flaming planet Earth, along with the caption, "Our House Is On Fire!" Another apocalyptic banner popular with the protesters sported a similar blazing globe image with the slogan, "There Is No Planet B." In times past, the banners carried a slightly milder message — "The Planet has a Temperature" — with a cartoon image of a sick planet with a thermometer in its mouth. But we're past that now; if we want to kick the panic level up into hysteria range, we have to talk real end-of-the-world, scream-your-lungs-out, terrifying, immediate, existential threat. And not just once; we must repeat it over and over and over again.

Did we mention "terrifying"? Yes, that's the word of the day. In fact, just so we get the point, the *New York Times* is not above repeatedly bludgeoning us with the word. With the headline "This Is Our Terrifying World," the *Times* ramped up the fright factor in a report on the Climate Strike in New York and around the planet. The two-page article, heavily illustrated with photos, tells us, "Around the globe, young people are demanding action on climate change in a day of protest. Meet eight of the local leaders."

"It's like the door is slamming and we're trying to run in through that door right before it slams shut," said hyper-anxious 17-year-old Jamie Margolin at the New York protest. She is identified as the founder of the climate-alarmist group This Is Zero Hour.

At London's massive Climate Strike, the *Times* found Elijah McKenzie-Jackson, age 15, to voice what is, supposedly, the dire, heartfelt message of "Generation Z." "I would like politicians and policymakers to actually hear students on the street who are terrified. Our planet is dying and I want them to find a solution. I want to go net zero by 2030," McKenzie-Jackson is quoted as saying.

"When he went to his first climate strike in February, Elijah was not sure it was his place to 'stand up and speak,'" the *Times* reported. "He was only 15, after all. He should be worrying about exams. But then he met a child younger than him, and watched her burst into tears because she was afraid she would not have anywhere to live when she grew up."

"It's so out of this world that children

are so terrified of literally being on this planet, being able to survive," the youngster told the *Times*. "I thought enough is enough. It's time to do something now."

"I am terrified for the future," Elijah said. "I feel like if I think about it too long, I won't be able to do what I do."

Yes, unfortunately, many children are indeed "so terrified" of global warming. But should they be? And whose fault is it that they are petrified and have no hope for the future? Is it not mass child abuse to terrorize generations of children to serve a political agenda? Especially if the "crisis" used to terrorize them is a delusion, a cruel hoax? As we have reported here extensively, that is precisely what the *real science* — not the fake UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change — shows the "climate crisis" to be: nothing to be frightened silly about, nothing more than the natural variability of "climate change" as it has existed throughout the history of our planet. The science shows that human (anthropogenic) sources contribute relatively little measurable impact on the planet's global temperature, as compared to natural causes.

However, according to *Newsweek* and other voices in the media chorus, any divergence from global-warming dogma must be treated as a dangerous threat to the planet and our children.

Among its lead-up stories to the Youth Climate Summit, *Newsweek* featured an op-ed entitled "The Gloves Are Off: Predatory Climate Deniers Are a Threat to Our Children," by Tim Flannery, a "professorial fellow at the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia."

"In this age of rapidly melting glaciers, terrifying megafires and ever more puissant hurricanes, of acidifying and rising oceans, it is hard to believe that any further prod to climate action is needed," opines Professor Flannery. But, he warns, "the climate crisis has now grown so severe that the actions of the denialists have turned predatory: They are now an immediate threat to our children."

So much for diversity, civility, and tolerance! If one dares question climate-doom dogma, one is a "denialist," a favorite epithet employed by the climate extremists to vilify and dehumanize their opposition, equating them with neo-Nazi "Holocaust deniers." The demonization is intentional, signifying that "climate deniers" are beyond the pale, deserving of whatever punitive action the climate extremists decide to mete out.

"As I have become ever more furious at the polluters and denialists, I have come to understand they are threatening my children's well-being as much as anyone who might seek to harm a child," the professor continues, suggesting that climate realists be considered as dangerous as pedophiles. "Young people themselves are now mobilizing against the danger. Increasingly they're giving up on words, and resorting to actions." He applauds the "enormous impact" of criminal actions, such as practiced by Extinction Rebellion, which, he notes, "shut down six critical locations in London, overwhelmed the police and justice system with 1,000 arrests, and forced the British government to become the first nation ever to declare a climate emergency."

"Should we continue to use words to try to win the debate?" Flannery asks, "Or should we become climate rebels?" The professor is being cagey here, apparently attempting to shield himself from the consequences of openly promoting felonious "direct action" (with all its interpretations) instead of just "words." "Changing the language around climate denialism will, I hope, sharpen our focus as we ponder what comes next," he says.

The Anointed One: Global-warming crusader and teen idol Greta Thunberg meets with UN Secretary-General António Guterres during the Youth Climate Summit at United Nations headquarters on September 21.

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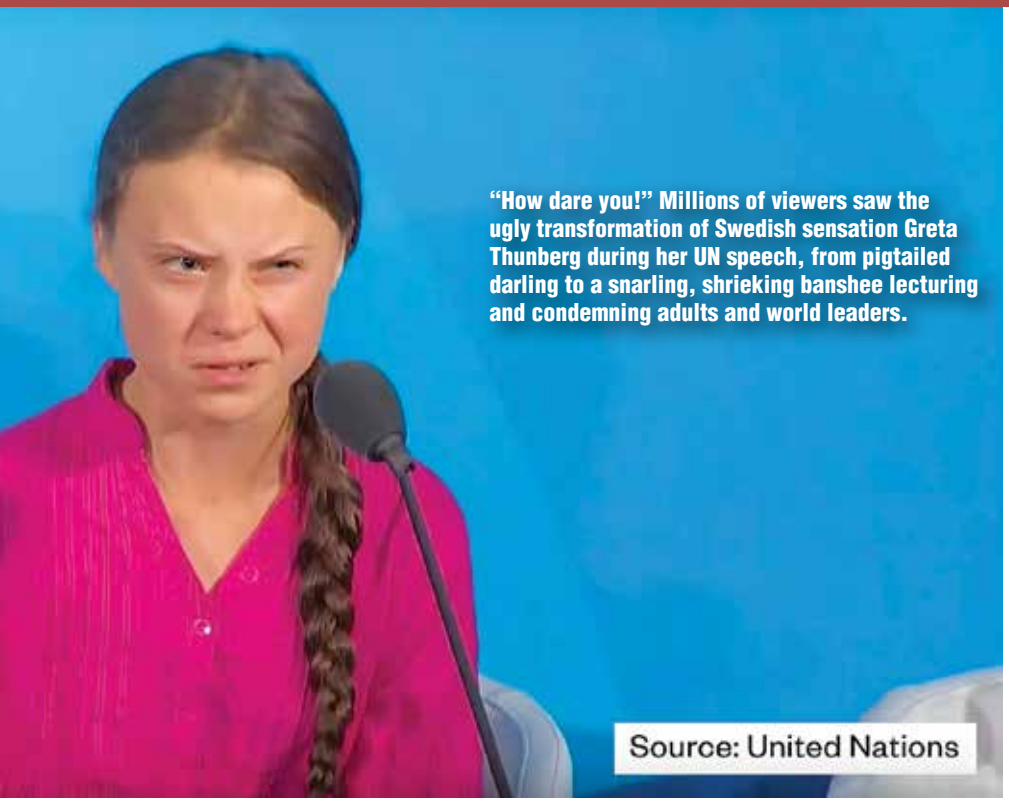


"How dare you!" Millions of viewers saw the ugly transformation of Swedish sensation Greta Thunberg during her UN speech, from pigtailed darling to a snarling, shrieking banshee lecturing and condemning adults and world leaders.

In addition, *Newsweek* treated its readers to the rantings of teen climate "experts" Nyiesha Mallet and Asli Mwaafrika, who penned a Marxoid op-ed entitled "For Lasting Climate Change Solutions, It's Time to Listen to Young People of Color." The two young female activists, identified as "climate justice youth leaders," demonstrated that they are quickly mastering the politically correct rhetoric of identity politics and perpetual grievance by their "woke" condemnations of "environmental racism," "colonialism," and the "burden of polluting infrastructure [that] falls on communities of color."

The duo tells readers, "Together, at the Climate Justice Youth Summit, we will work to operationalize our Just Transition principles." Neither they nor *Newsweek* bother to inform readers that the Climate Justice Youth Summit is a contrivance of the Climate Justice Alliance and other extreme-left groups that include, for instance, the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS, a notoriously pro-communist, pro-Castro, pro-Moscow outfit since the 1960s), The Ruckus Society (anarchist, enviro-extremist), and the Democratic Socialists of America. The Climate Justice Alliance homepage features a large photo spread across the page showing Alliance leaders posing with the Democratic Socialists' Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in her congressional office, beneath the headline, "CJA and the Green New Deal: Centering Frontline Communities in the Just Transition."

Enacting Ocasio-Cortez's multi-trillion dollar Green New Deal is a big part of the Climate Justice Alliance's agenda, which would indeed bring about a transition to socialism. But there are plenty of reasons to dispute the notion that such a transition would have anything remotely to do with justice.

Nonstop Youth Summits

The Climate Justice Youth Summit to which Mallet and Mwaafrika made reference (held in New York September 20-21) was but one of the many conferences and summits around the planet through which the globalists and leftists recruit, groom, indoctrinate and activate "youth thought leaders." In addition to the UN's Civil Society Conference in Salt Lake City mentioned above, a large variety of youth summits — or official UN conferences with hefty youth contingents — has already taken place, or will be taking place, this year. These include the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum in New York City (April 9-10); the Global Peace Summit Kurdistan 2019 (October 9-10); the One Young World Youth Summit 2019 in London (October 22-25); the Young African Leaders Summit 2019 in Ghana (November 22-23); and the World Youth Forum 2019 in Egypt (December 14-17).

Commercial websites such as youthop.com, entorm.com, afterschoolafrica.com, and the UN's own Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) website provide irresistible allurements to young people salivating to travel to exotic locales, have fun, and feel important — all expenses paid. Many of the postings note that the conference scholarships are "fully funded," with roundtrip airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals all covered. What high-school or college student wouldn't jump at such an opportunity?

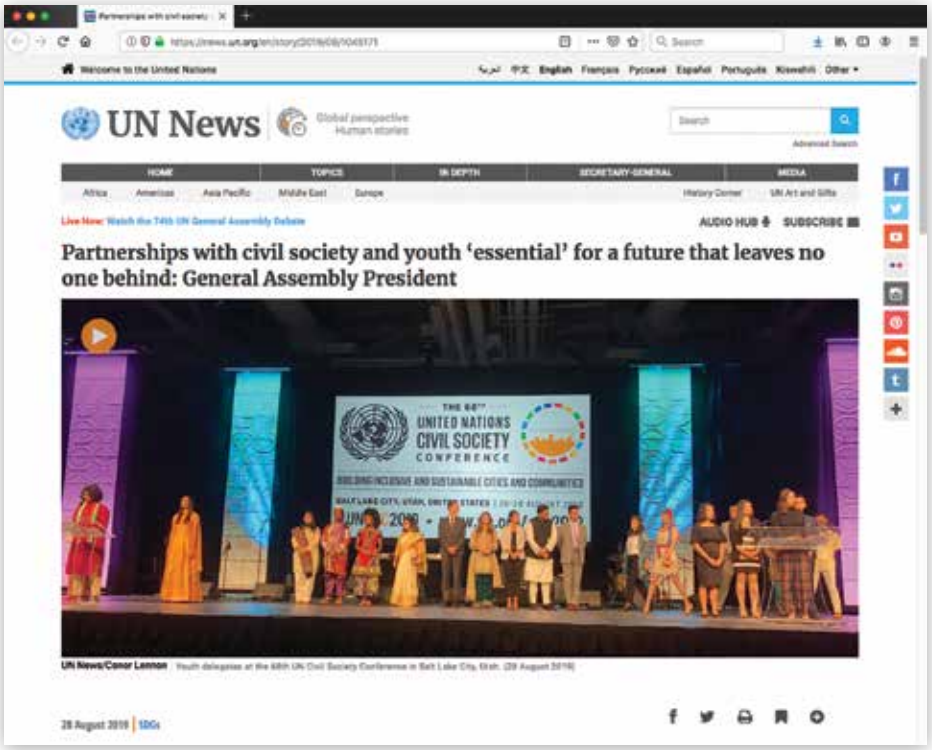
The UN and its allies view the world's youth as a critically important component of their global civil society mobs. To this end, on September 24, 2018, the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth issued *Youth2030: The United Nations Strategy on Youth*. This builds on the World Programme of Action for Youth adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1995.

At the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the youth activists, like the other "civil society" NGO representatives, carried out their roles of providing "pressure from below" on the outskirts of the official UN proceedings. However, by the time that the 1998 Rome conference on establishing an International Criminal Court rolled around, the UN managers realized they could create more of a pressure-cooker effect on the diplomats and politicians by bringing the "civil society" mobs, including the youth, into the official proceedings. Since then the NGO cadres and their young protégés have become standard features at UN affairs, both inside and outside of the official summits. At this year's Climate Summit of World Leaders on September 23 at the UN headquarters in New York, Greta Thunberg and young climate activists from Kenya, Fiji, and Argentina

took center stage in the UN General Assembly, alongside UN Secretary-General António Guterres (the former president of the Socialist International).

The purpose of all this choreographed theater, of course, is to create the appearance of overwhelmingly popular support. Even the establishment press acknowledges this. Reporting on the student Climate Strike, NBC said: "The walkouts, which organizers say will take place in over 150 countries, seek to put pressure on world leaders ahead of the U.N. Climate Action Summit, which is set to begin Monday…. Thunberg and other teen activists have been planning Friday's [September 21] strikes for months, hoping to exert maximum pressure on leaders attending the United Nations summit."

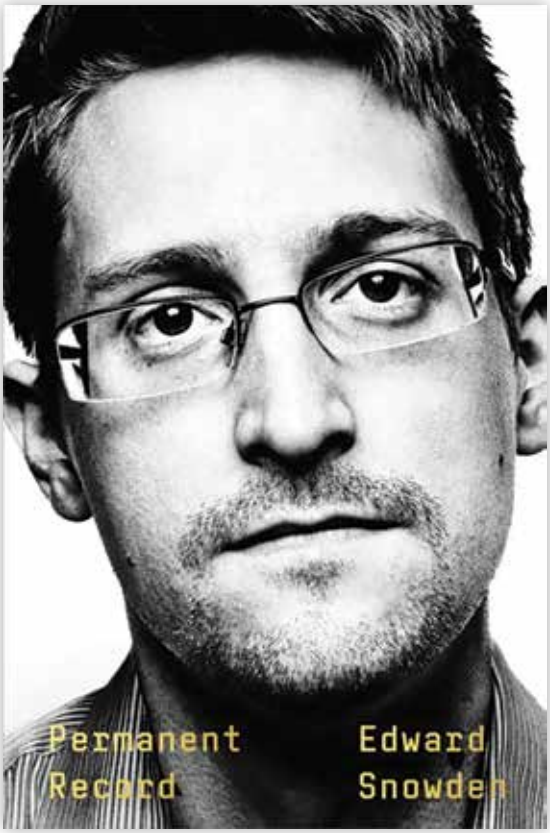
However, the "pressure from below" provided by Thunberg and her young comrades would have little effect, if not for the "pressure from above" provided by the UN, the media, and the governments, corporations, universities, and foundations that are funding and directing the "civil society" youth army. ■



Creating "youth thought leaders": The UN's 68th Civil Society Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 26-28, brought hundreds of youth from around the world to train as the elite cadres that will lead other youth in support of enacting and implementing UN programs.

A Surveillance Story

Edward Snowden, considered by the U.S. government to be a traitor, tells why he went from helping build the U.S. surveillance apparatus to becoming a whistleblower.



by C. Mitchell Shaw

Permanent Record, by Edward Snowden, New York: Metropolitan Books (Henry Holt and Co.), 2019, 352 pages, hardcover.

In 2013, Edward Snowden's revelations of mass surveillance by the NSA and other government agencies confirmed what many had long suspected: The United States government had — for more than a decade — been building a massive program of surveillance and was using it to spy on all of us. Snowden's 2013 disclosures to journalists revealed much of the apparatus and techniques the government used to build what can only be called the Surveillance State. His new book, *Permanent Record*, picks up where those disclosures left off and reveals even more of the intelligence community's illegal spying activities.

Permanent Record — released on September 17 (Constitution Day) — is surprising in at least two ways. First, it is well written and makes for a compelling and enjoyable read. While many technologists are very capable of writing about technology so long as their audience is other technologists, a technologist who can write in a style that is both informative and enjoyable to the average reader is a rarity. Snowden personifies that rarity. His book is so compelling and readable that it is easy to get lost in it and forget that you are reading. The story almost comes to life for the reader. Second, when Snowden made his initial disclosures, he told journalists, including Laura Poitras and Glenn Greenwald, that he was not the point of the story, the disclosures were the point — this book is a reversal of that position. Before *Permanent Record*, little first-hand information was known about Ed Snowden. *Permanent Record*, by contrast, is a look inside the mind of the man who — by revealing the size and scope of government surveillance — changed the world while remaining largely in the background until now.

Beginning with Snowden's childhood and moving forward in chronological order, *Permanent Record* reveals not just *what* Snowden discovered and exposed to the world about illegal, unconstitutional government spying, but *why* he felt compelled to expose it, even at great risk to himself. Ranging from the humorous to the traumatic, *Permanent Record* is both a detailed blow-by-blow of the emergence of the Surveillance State and an intimate self-disclosure of the man who unwittingly helped build it and then — not unlike Dr. Frankenstein — upon discovering that what he helped create was a monster, set out to destroy it.

On that note, Snowden details his "tipping point" moment when he realized that the technology he had helped to create — in the "us vs. them" mind-set of the immediate post-9/11 America — was likely being used against the very Americans he and others in the NSA and CIA (for both of which he had worked as a "contractor") were ostensibly working to protect. "I felt used, as an employee of the [intelligence community] who only now was realizing that all along I'd been protecting not my country but the state." That "tipping point" moment was born of his realization of a fundamental rule of technology that says that anything that can be done, will be done and is probably already being done. Snowden was working on a presentation for NSA employees about China's surveillance abilities and activities when he first asked himself the question, "Could the American government be doing this?"

That question led him down a rabbit hole from which — at least for him, with a strong sense of right and wrong where the liberty of the individual is concerned — there was no return. As he advanced into that rabbit hole, he discovered that his fears were well-founded. Not only *could* the American government do it, it *was* doing it. In fact, the goal was to harvest everything that could be harvested about everyone — including American citizens — and store it in perpetuity. That way, anything about anyone could be searched and retrieved whenever it suited the interests of the powers-that-be.

To confirm his suspicions, Snowden used another well-established (if often overlooked) rule of technology: The systems administrator has access to everything. In other words, the IT guy — even

if paid less and having less authority than his bosses — is perhaps the most powerful person in the building because he has access to information his bosses probably cannot even access.

As Snowden dug down into the information to which he had legitimate access as part of the responsibilities of his position, he discovered a "litany of American destruction by way of American self-destruction, with the promulgation of secret policies, secret laws, secret courts, and secret wars, whose traumatizing impact — whose very existence — the US government has repeatedly classified, denied, disclaimed, and distorted" and a classified report on the capabilities of government surveillance that made it clear that such capability was being illegally and secretively employed. In fact, the actions of the intelligence community (IC) were being deliberately kept not only from the American people — to whom the IC was ultimately accountable — but also from Congress, to whom the IC was immediately answerable.

In fact, what led Snowden to search for that classified report was his reading of the "declassified version" of it that had been made available to Congress. What he found was that the "declassified version" was nothing of the sort. It was a complete fabrication bearing no resemblance to its "classified" counterpart besides sharing a title. The "declassified" version was problematic in itself. As Snowden wrote:

> Another aspect of the report that threw me was its repeated, obscure references to "Other Intelligence Activities" [the capitalization is the report's] for which no "viable legal rationale" or no "legal basis" could be found beyond President Bush's claim of executive powers during wartime — a wartime that had no end in sight. Of course, these references gave no description whatsoever of what these Activities might actually be, but the process of deduction pointed to warrantless domestic surveillance, as it was pretty much the only intelligence activity not provided for under the various legal frameworks that appeared subsequent to the PSP [the President's Surveillance Program, issued by President George W. Bush in the wake of 9/11].

But as bad as the "repeated, obscure references" were, the actual report — which Snowden describes as not "a redaction of the classified version, as would usually be the practice" but "a wholly different document [from the classified version], which the classified version immediately exposed as an outright and carefully concocted lie" — "laid out the nature, and scale, of [the] intensification of [the IC's surveillance]." Snowden explains, "The NSA's historic brief had been fundamentally altered from targeted collection of communications to 'bulk collection,' which is the agency's euphemism for mass surveillance. And whereas the unclassified version obfuscated this shift, advocating for expanded surveillance by scaring the public with the specter of terror, the classified version made this shift explicit, justifying it as the legitimate corollary of expanded technological capability."

In other words, since as technology evolves, the capability of surveillance expands, the IC realized that it could capture more and more data on anyone who uses technology. And as Snowden observes, "So many decisions that have been made by technologists in academia, industry, the military, and government since at least the Industrial Revolution have been made on the basis of 'can we,' not 'should we.'" The end result of the intersection of these two ideas is a Surveillance State with capabilities and actions that would have seemed like science fiction to a previous generation.

To make matters worse, the only purpose for collecting all of everyone's data was to hang on to it "forever," according to Gus Hunt, who served as the chief intelligence officer for the CIA. Snowden recounts a public Web conference in which Hunt stated, "At the CIA, we fundamentally try to collect everything and hang onto it forever." As Snowden explains, "As if that wasn't clear enough, [Gus Hunt] went on: 'It is nearly within our grasp to compute on *all* human generated information.' The [emphasis] was Gus's own. He was reading from his slide deck, ugly words in an ugly font illustrated with the government's signature four-color clip art."

This principle of perpetual storage of the data collected from all persons served as the title for Snowden's book, *Permanent Record*. As he states early on in his book, his is the last generation of Americans (and many other world citizens) whose childhoods would be stored in photo albums and VHS tapes. Every

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Filling in the gaps: *Permanent Record* adds much detail to what Edward Snowden had already revealed about warrantless surveillance and the incestuous relationships between government spy agencies and telecommunications companies.

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Tell all: Snowden reveals his deepest thoughts and what motivated him to make the largest and most damning disclosures ever about the nature, size, and scope of the mass surveillance programs operated by the NSA, CIA, and other intelligence agencies.

generation born since the advent of Internet storage and Social Media would be part of a "permanent record" from cradle to grave. Whereas previous generations could have chosen to destroy unflattering yearbook pictures, videos, etc., no person born in the age of surveillance can ever make that choice. Period. It is all online — in iCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox, Facebook, and any number of other online platforms and services — and is stored *forever* by the Surveillance State. From childhood to death, it is all in their control.

As to the danger of that "permanent record," Snowden writes, "Once the ubiquity of collection was combined with the permanency of storage, all any government had to do was select a person or a group to scapegoat and go searching — as I'd gone searching through the agency's files — for evidence of a suitable crime." With massive data centers being built and more to come, the idea of permanency of storage is no pipe dream; it is a reality.

Snowden acknowledges the existence of what this writer has often called the incestuous relationship between the Surveillance State (born of the government) and the Culture of Surveillance (born of the tech industry), writing, "The data we generate just by living — or just by letting ourselves be surveilled while living — would enrich private enterprise and impoverish our private existence in equal measure," and:

> Meanwhile, the private sector was busy leveraging our reliance on technology into market consolidation. The majority of American Internet users lived their entire digital lives on email, social media, and e-commerce platforms owned by an imperial triumvirate of companies (Google, Facebook, and Amazon), and the American IC was seeking to take advantage of that fact by obtaining access to their networks — both through direct orders that were kept secret from the public, and clandestine subversion efforts that were kept secret from the companies themselves. Our user data was turning vast profits for the companies, and the government pilfered it for free.

Revisiting the idea of technological evolution, Snowden reflects that the data-gathering capabilities of the Surveillance State are far beyond those employed by previous totalitarian regimes. "A single current-model smartphone commands more computing power than all of the wartime machinery of the Reich and the Soviet Union combined. Recalling this is the surest way to contextualize not just the modern American IC's technological dominance, but also the threat it poses to democratic governance. In the century or so since [the census efforts of those totalitarian regimes, which they used to consolidate control over the people], technology has made astounding progress, but the same could not be said for the law or human scruples that could restrain it." With tech platforms and services collecting vast amounts of data about every aspect of the lives of those who use them and government helping itself to that data and then storing it in perpetuity, the prospect of Total Government requires no stretch of the imagination. Its nucleolus is here and now.

While these realizations were keeping Snowden awake nights and driving him to a desire to act, he had two sirens attempting to sing him back to sleep: the immediate responsibilities of his job and the apathy of his fellow Americans. He writes, "Life took over and I had work to do. When you get asked to give recommendations on how to keep IC agents and assets from being uncovered and executed by the Chinese Ministry of State Security, it's hard to remember what you were Googling the week before," and "I wondered what the point was of my getting so worked up over government surveillance if my friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens were more than happy to invite corporate surveillance into their homes."

Thank God, in the end higher principles won out. On the first point, Snowden realized that empowering the State to dominate the people was antithetical to the right reason for government — the protection of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On the second point, he realized that his fellow Americans had bought a lie because they had been sold a lie. He wrote of those who shrug off mass surveillance, "Ultimately, saying that you don't care about privacy because you have nothing to hide is no different from saying you don't care about freedom of speech because you have nothing to say."

In the final summation, while *Permanent Record* is not perfect — Snowden's morality, while getting some things right, gets other things wrong, and he often conflates "democracy" with the correct understanding of a republican form of government — it is still very good and well worth the read. ■

What's Mine Is Yours

Michael Todd, 15, was bullied because of his clothes during his first few weeks of high school at Martin Luther King, Jr. College Preparatory School in Memphis, Tennessee. When two students noticed what was happening, they stepped in to help.

Todd told WHBQ-TV that his family cannot afford to buy him clothes, and so he tends to wear the same clothes every day. "I really don't have clothes at home. My mom can't buy clothes for me because I'm growing too fast," he said.

Sadly, being bullied became a way of life for Michael, who told the news outlet he's been bullied his whole life.

But two students took notice of the bullying and decided to do something about it. One of the students, Kristopher Graham, admits to having first joined in on the laughter when Michael was teased over his clothes. Kristopher said he later regretted laughing at Michael and wanted to help him. "When I saw people laugh at him and bully him, I felt like I needed to do something," he said.

Kristopher contacted his friend, Antwain Garrett, and the two boys came up with an idea. They would go through their own closets and collect shirts, shorts, and shoes for Michael to wear so that he would not have to continue wearing the same outfit daily.

When the boys approached Michael in the hallway at school the following day, they could see that Michael did not know what to expect.

"He wasn't smiling, and I was like, yeah, I think this is gonna make him smile," Kristopher said. "I told him, 'We're in the same third period and I apologize for laughing at you and I want to give something to you to make it up.'"

The moment was captured on video by a fellow student.

Michael told WHBQ that the day Antwain and Kristopher approached him proved to be the "best day of my entire life."

Not only did Michael gain a new wardrobe, he also gained two new friends. And when word of Michael's predicament spread, people from across Tennessee reportedly reached out to send the teen more clothing.

But while the situation ended well for Michael, Erica Williams, spokeswoman for Michael's school district — Frayser Community Schools — noted that his situation was not unique, prompting the school district to set up a clothing closet to provide wardrobe assistance to its students, People.com reported.

"Antwain, Michael, and Kristopher are overwhelmed by the outpour[ing] of support from our community and people from across the country," the statement read. "Unfortunately, situations that show students in need are not unique within our school because we serve a demographic where the household income is well below the state and national average."

Dope Dads Doing Dope Things

We often hear stories of moms coming to the aid of other moms or helping young children in need of a parental figure in a moment when none is around, but this story out of Philadelphia is about dads.

When an unidentified young boy was seen crying outside of Stearne Elementary on his first day of school, a group of dads from the nonprofit group DOPE (Doing Our Part Eclectically) immediately took notice, Fox 29 reported.

The group was there to greet students on their first day of school and to give out high-fives, offer encouraging words, and hand out much-needed school supplies.

At one point, the men spotted a boy who was having a hard time adjusting to a new school. He was crying, and the dads immediately swooped in to provide words of comfort. "It was just a magnet feeling, you saw him going through something we all felt before, we all felt this, and when we saw that we just all gravitated to this kid," one of the dads, James Wells, explained.

The *Western Journal* reported that Jai Crabbe, who invited "Dope People Doing Dope Things" to be at the school on that day, captured a video of the encounter.

One of the dads, Patrick Faulkner, is seen hugging the boy. Faulkner later told Fox 29 that the urge to give the boy a hug was "innate."

"A lot of kids don't get hugs in the morning," Faulkner pointed out.

Another dad is heard on camera complimenting the boy's shoes and backpack. Others encouraged him to wipe his tears, cheer, and clap. Encouraging words can be heard on the video, as the boy is seen bravely walking into his school.

"Our goal is just to show kids that there is love outside of the family, the community loves them too, and if we rally together as a community, we are all pretty much family," dad Dave Miller said. "If we can affect just one child, our job is done."

Do You Need Some Help?

Detroit Police Officer Jeremy Thomas is being praised for going beyond the call of duty to help a homeless man regain some dignity.

Stanley Nelson, 62, was struggling to shave in a rainy parking lot after a stranger handed him a bag full of toiletries. Nelson was anxious to use the products provided to him, including his razor, but without running water, he decided to use a sidewalk puddle to shave.

When Officer Thomas spotted the man, he immediately offered to help.

"He had shaving cream on his hands, his coat, his face, his eyes," Officer Thomas recalled to WXYZ. "So I walked up and said 'Excuse me, sir,' and … he said 'I'll leave, I'll leave,' and I said 'No, do you need some help?'" The kindly officer then proceeded to help the man shave.

An onlooker was so moved by what she witnessed that she pulled out her phone to capture the moment.

Reporters later had the chance to speak with Nelson, who had nothing but kind words to say about the police officer. "That was beautiful, what he did, and God is gonna bless him for doing that for me because he didn't have to do that," Nelson told WXYZ. "I really appreciate [it]." ■

—Raven Clabough

PERPETUAL PEACE THROUGH PERPETUAL WAR

To idealists, the UN Charter is a peace document through which the peoples of the world will all get along, but it calls for war based upon the weakest pretexts — or more war.

by Steve Byas

The Roman senator and historian Gaius Cornelius Tacitus described his country's desire to rule the known world: "To ravage, to slaughter, to usurp under false titles, they call empire; and where they make a desert, they call it peace."

Tacitus wrote mostly of the Roman Empire of the first century into the early years of the second century, and his cynical reference meant that what the Romans called their *Pax Romana* (or "Peace of Rome") was in reality just a ruthless imposition of Roman rule. He just as easily could have been describing the desire of many globalists for the United Nations of our day.

The UN Charter was adopted on October 24, 1945, promising to bring peace to a world weary of two world wars that had brought death to millions of human beings. But, as the Romans deemed their ravaging and slaughtering to be in the name of "peace," so the UN Charter set the stage for a series of wars led by the UN since that time — all supposedly in the cause of peace.

From the days of the Tower of Babel through the wars of Alexander the Great and the Roman Empire to the League of Nations, and even President George Herbert Walker Bush's call for a New World Order in the aftermath of the First Persian Gulf War, there have been continued efforts in our world's history for world government. In a 1961 document entitled "Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World," the U.S. State Department called for "complete disarmament" of all nations of the world, including the United States, which could "only be achieved through the progressive strengthening of international institutions under the United Nations and by creating a United Nations Peace Force to enforce the peace."

The ultimate goal was for the "disbanding of all national armed forces and the prohibition of their reestablishment in any form whatsoever other than those required to preserve internal order and for contributions to a United Nations Peace Force."

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Hope sank: Americans were hopeful at the signing of the UN Charter. The Charter was sold to Americans as a peace document, but in reality it has been mostly a war document. Among its authors was American Communist Alger Hiss, later exposed as a Soviet spy for Joseph Stalin.

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From its inception, the United Nations Charter was never about creating peace in a form in which the average person would recognize — with sovereign nations, complete with limited constitutional governments, all at peace with one another. Instead, the UN Charter envisioned a world government, using war to enforce its version of peace.

J. Reuben Clark, who served as an undersecretary of state and as U.S. ambassador to Mexico, reviewed the UN Charter even before its final adoption in October of 1945, and concluded, "There is no provision in the Charter itself that contemplates ending war. It is true the Charter provides for force to bring peace, but such use of force is itself war.… The Charter is built to prepare for war, not to promote peace.… The Charter is a war document not a peace document."

Clark predicted, "Not only does the Charter Organization not prevent future war, but it makes it practically certain that we shall have future wars."

And Clark added that these wars will not be wars of our own choosing, arguing that "as to such wars it takes from us the power to declare them, to choose the side on which we shall fight, to determine what forces and military equipment we shall use in the war, and to control and command our sons who do the fighting." And sure enough, since the United States agreed to the UN Charter, Congress has never declared war once, even though U.S. military personnel have died in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Lebanon.

Clark was not the only American political leader who understood this. During the mere six days of deliberations the U.S. Senate devoted to discussing whether to ratify the UN Charter, Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana warned, "If we enter into this treaty, we take the power away from the Congress, and the President can send troops all over the world to fight battles everywhere."

Charles Malik, a Lebanese delegate to the founding conference of the UN in 1945, who served as president of the General Assembly in 1959, wrote a book in 1963, *Man in the Struggle for Peace*, in which he explained, "When responsible representatives deliberated the United Nations Charter at San Francisco in 1945, nobody thought for one moment that the new world organization was going to abolish war for all time.… The whole organization is predicated on the distinct possibility of war."

This Orwellian-sounding "Peace Force" would "enforce the peace" by making war on any power that dared to oppose its rule.

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Here, there, everywhere: In 1992, American military personnel died in Mogadishu, Somalia, fighting in that country's civil war as part of a "peace-keeping"mission of the United Nations. Americans have also given their lives in other UN missions since the UN was established in 1945.

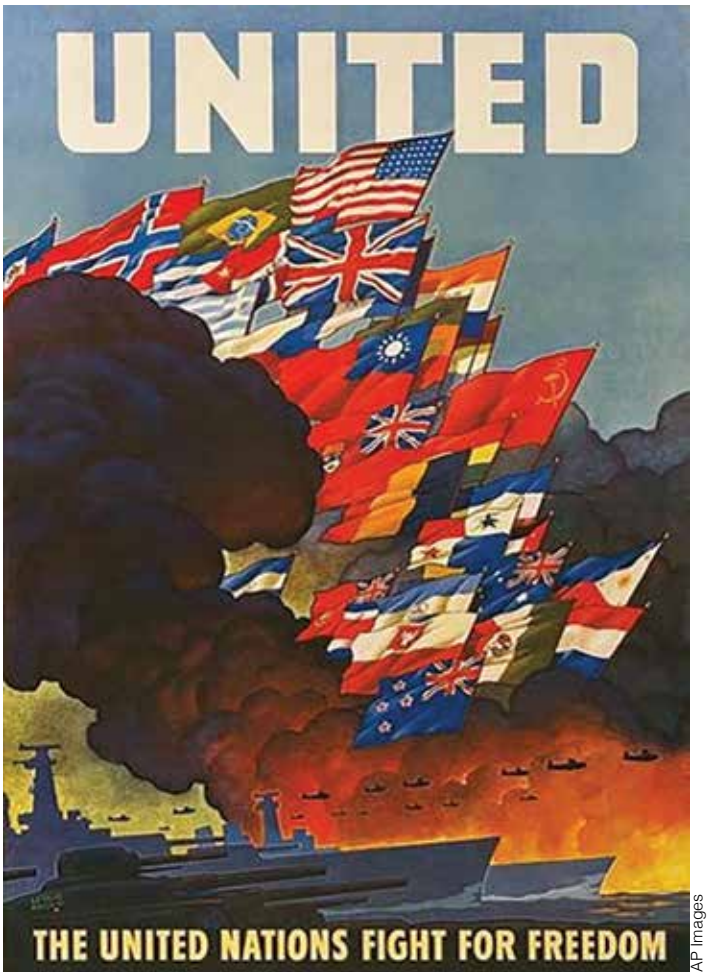
American Military as Part of the UN

And Americans have donned UN insignia multiple times after WWII in places as diverse as the Western Sahara and Haiti. Many Americans first became aware that American soldiers were relegated to UN command in 1995 when Specialist Michael New, a medic, was disciplined for refusing to wear UN insignia during his deployment to Macedonia during the administration of President Bill Clinton. As his father, Daniel New, explained, "If the armed forces of any country can be forced to serve another power against their will, that country is not a free country anymore. In any definition you use, the UN is another power."

Probably many Americans object to placing American military personnel under the command of the United Nations, but the same principle is involved in the use of the U.S. armed forces as part of the more popular North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), formed in 1949, ostensibly to provide a collective defense for the United States, Canada, and Western Europe against possible attack by the Soviet Union and the eastern bloc countries.

With the end of communist rule in many of these eastern bloc nations, such as Poland and Hungary, some Americans are curious as to why the United States continues its membership in NATO, or for that matter, why NATO even still exists. But when one considers that NATO is actually part of the "collective security" concept that supposedly justifies the UN, that mystery is explained. In the founding charter of NATO, the UN is mentioned five times. When Secretary of State Dean Acheson urged the U.S. Senate to approve the treaty that created NATO, he said that the treaty was "an essential measure for strengthening the United Nations." The very right of NATO to even exist is justified by reference to Chapter VIII of the United Nations Charter, which provides for such "regional arrangements."

So despite the understandable opposition to Americans serving in UN uniforms, or even to wearing UN insignia, the truth is that any soldier serving under NATO command has also been serving under UN command.



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Scammed: The propaganda effort for the United Nations has been intense since its inception in 1945. Americans were told that the UN would "save future generations from the scourge of war," but the reality has been that many Americans have died in UN-approved wars, all supposedly designed to keep the peace. It brings to mind Harry Elmer Barnes' famous statement of "perpetual war for perpetual peace."

Writing in his book *Marxism and the National Question* in 1942, Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin called for an eventual world government, and considered regional governmental structures to be a transitional stage to that eventual world government. This should set off alarm bells among those who sincerely oppose world government, yet support the continued push for regional economic blocs, as well as military agreements, such as the European Union and the USMCA trade deal the United States is trying to work out with Canada and Mexico.

The Myth That the UN Charter Respects National Sovereignty

Some argue that the UN Charter promises to honor the sovereignty of its members, citing wording in Article I: "Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state, or shall require the Members to submit such matters to settlement under the present Charter."

Unfortunately, the sentence continues, "but this principle shall not prejudice the application of enforcement measures under Chapter VII." Chapter VII of the Charter proclaims, in Article 39, "The Security Council shall determine the existence of any threat to the peace, breach of peace, or act of aggression … and shall decide what measures shall be taken." In short, the UN itself will determine what is "essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state," and can therefore take military action, ignoring any respect for national sovereignty. Article 42 makes this even clearer, authorizing the UN Security Council to "take such action by air, sea, or land forces as may be necessary to maintain or restore international peace and security. Such actions may include demonstrations, blockade, and operations by land, sea, or air forces of Members of the United Nations."

As John F. McManus, president emeritus of The John Birch Society, said in a speech in 2001 in Switzerland, "That's no guarantee of peace, it's a blueprint for war. Clearly, a nation that balks at being controlled by the UN will be deemed to be a threat to the UN's definition of peace. And the UN has authority under this section of its Charter to wage war to accomplish its idea of peace."

Harry Truman, who was president at the time of the adoption of the UN Charter, seemed to understand that any "restrictions" on the UN found in the Charter would eventually be overcome to make the UN a true world government. In his *Memoirs*, Truman wrote, "I always kept in mind our own history and experience in the evolution of our Constitution. It took many years and a number of amendments and compromises to make our Constitution work.… It would take much more time and patience to work out a world constitution." In 1950, Truman even argued that "there is no longer any real difference between domestic and foreign affairs."

One shudders at such a statement, when considering how far beyond the intent of the Founders our present U.S. Constitution has been stretched, and how the federal government has grown considerably at the expense of the states, all despite the 10th Amendment, which states that all powers not given to the U.S. govern-

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ment are reserved to the states, or the people themselves. Clearly, the founders of the UN intended for it to evolve into a world government, with nations reduced to mere administrative units, much like counties in U.S. states.

As our Constitution has been perverted in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, giving more and more powers to the federal government, the UN World Court declared in a 1952 case, "Under international law, the organization [the United Nations] must be deemed to have those powers, which, though not expressly provided in the Charter, are conferred upon it by necessary implication as being essential to the performance of its duties."

These duties extend beyond the power to make war for a UN-defined "peace." Other matters, supposedly domestic concerns, are also expected to fall under the UN. John Foster Dulles, secretary of state for President Dwight Eisenhower, and a protégé of President Woodrow Wilson — who led the earlier effort, after World War I, for a world government known as the League of Nations — was an advocate of world government. He said, "I have never seen any proposal made for … world government … which could not be carried out by the United Nations or under the United Nations Charter."

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Selling the UN concept: John Foster Dulles (right) advised presidential candidate Dwight Eisenhower and served as his secretary of state. Dulles, a protégé of Woodrow Wilson (who made the first attempt to place the USA in a world government known as the League of Nations), strongly supported world government, and believed that the United Nations could provide the framework for a world government. Dulles also supported the UN concept of peace through going to war.

The UN Charter Promotes Socialism

As such, it is not surprising that the UN Charter addresses many matters that have little or nothing to do with world peace. Article 56 states, "All members pledge themselves to take joint and separate action in cooperation with the Organization for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55." The purposes set forth in Article 55 include the following: "The United Nations shall promote: (a) higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development; (b) solutions of international, economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation...."

Exactly what is meant by promoting the health of the world's populations? The constitution of the UN's World Health Organization states, "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.… Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provisions of adequate health and social measures."

According to the UN Charter, "Everyone has the right to … medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age, and other lack of livelihood." This internationalization of the welfare state would, of course, mean that the American taxpayer would pick up the tab for such needs of people all over the world.

If one thinks this wording opens the door for socialism, others thought so, too. The principal authors of the UN Charter included Vyacheslav Molotov of the Soviet Union, and the American Alger Hiss, a Soviet spy. In fact, Hiss even said that these provisions would include "not only


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Against us: General Douglas MacArthur led UN forces (90-percent American) in the Korean War in 1950-51. Despite his brilliant military amphibious landing at Inchon in North Korea, which essentially won the Korean War, the United Nations so tied his hands that he was unable to complete the victory. Under pressure from the UN, he was not allowed to bomb the bridges over which Communist Chinese forces were crossing the Yalu River into North Korea. This led one soldier to ask MacArthur which side the UN was on, to which MacArthur later wrote, "I could not answer."

UN POSTURING
AS A CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

At a Paris meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, the world body adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Immediately labeled a "Magna Carta for Mankind," its chief author and compiler was Eleanor Roosevelt, the widow of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt had regularly demonstrated her favoritism for communism by lending her name and influence to approximately 100 officially cited communist organizations operating within our nation. So it's hardly surprising to know that the celebrated UN document, which deals with human rights, is remarkably different from, and truly subversive of, the essence of freedom and the American attitude toward basic rights.

Our nation's Bill of Rights appears in the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The rights mentioned are consistent with the philosophical base of our nation expressed in the Declaration of Independence. It is there where one will find the thunderous assertion that "all Men … are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." The American attitude is clear: God-given rights are "unalienable" and cannot rightly be cancelled, suspended, or taken away by any level of government.

Contrast the American system with the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights document. The world body's declaration makes no mention of man's "Creator" as the provider of rights. And while the UN statement mentions numerous rights all expect to enjoy, it states very clearly in its Article 8 that rights are "granted … by the constitution or by law." It is of course without doubt that any right granted by government can be restricted or abolished by that same government.

Not only does Article 8 of the UN's 1948 Human Rights document state the precise opposite of the American system, where God is recognized as the grantor of rights, the document proceeds in its Article 29 to claim that all rights are granted "by law." Contrast the UN document with our Constitution's First Amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law" regarding God-given rights to speech, religion, assembly, etc. The same Article 29 of the UN Declaration states that "rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations." Therefore, the UN's attitude toward human rights establishes an obvious route to cancellation of all rights, and does so in the act of claiming to provide them.

the more conventional fields of activity but also mental health, housing, nutrition, economic or working conditions and administrative and social techniques affecting public health."

Of course, nothing was said at the time by those advocating American entry into the United Nations regarding the fact that the Charter was written by a couple of communists. Instead, Americans were fed a steady diet of pro-UN propaganda, with some even arguing that the UN somehow protected us from communist aggression. As author John T. Flynn said at the time of this massive propaganda effort, "It has been a grand job. As one who has been watching propaganda for a great many years, I take off my hat. You cannot turn on the radio at any hour of the day — morning, noon or night — whether you listen to the Metropolitan Opera or to a horse opera, a hillbilly band, a commentator or a newscaster, that you do not hear a plug for this great instrument of peace."

Even Secretary of State Dean Acheson later admitted that the propaganda effort (which he participated in) for the UN Charter was over the top: "Moreover, its presentation to the American people as almost holy writ and with the evangelical enthusiasm of a major advertising campaign seemed to me to raise popular hopes which could only lead to bitter disappointment."

The UN and American Failure in the Korean War

"Bitter disappointment" would be an understatement for those American military personnel who died in the Korean "conflict," fought under the flag of the United Nations. General Douglas MacArthur, writing in his memoir, *Reminiscences*, recalled how the United States became involved in the Korean War, under the control of the UN: "I could not help being amazed at the manner in which this great decision was being made. With no submission to Congress, whose duty it is to declare war, and without even consulting the field commander involved, the members of the executive branch of the government agreed to enter the Korean War."

In his book about the threat of the UN to America's national sovereignty and each American's individual liberty, *The Fearful Master*, G. Edward Griffin noted the negative role the UN played in the conduct of that indecisive conflict, writing, "Until the United States became a member of the United Nations, of course, we had never fought a war that ended in anything except victory."

The course of the Korean War is well known. By the late fall of 1950, the United Nations (in reality the United States under General MacArthur) had essentially won the war in Korea. Then, the Communist Chinese invaded in force across the Yalu River, which separated China from North Korea. Although the United States provided about 90 percent of the battlefield forces of the UN, General George Marshall later admitted that the policy of "hot pursuit" — allowing our pilots to pursue attacking enemy aircraft back into their own territory — was abandoned because the UN opposed it.

MacArthur had ordered 90 B-29 bombers to destroy the bridges across the Yalu, in order to keep the Communist Chinese from sending any more soldiers into North Korea. Almost immediately, Secretary of Defense George Marshall countermanded MacArthur's orders. After MacArthur protested, he received permission to bomb the "Korean end of the Yalu bridge," an order that MacArthur denounced as the most idiotic order he had received during his 52 years of military service. He said that he had never been taught how to bomb "half a bridge."

Writing in *Reminiscences*, MacArthur told of one bomber pilot, "wounded unto death, the stump of an arm dangling by

Therein lies the fundamental difference between our nation's attitude about fundamental rights and the UN's opposite stance. The U.S. system recognizes God-given rights that guarantee freedom; the UN system opens the door to cancellation of rights and tyrannical rule by the giver. Ignoring God and naming government as the issuer of rights is downright treachery.

UN supporters also fail to mention the striking parallel between the world body's revealing Declaration of Human Rights and the Stalin-era Constitution of the USSR, where human rights were acknowledged but immediately rendered moot. Example: Article 125 of the Soviet Union's Constitution guaranteed freedom of speech, press, assembly, and more. But in the Soviet Union, meetings could only be held in government-owned halls whose use would be denied. Opposition to government could be published in a book or newspaper if government allowed the use of its printing presses and provided the paper. You could travel, but only in government-owned trains, airplanes, etc. In every detail, the government that granted rights was the same entity that could cancel them.

Not only did the United Nations bare its totalitarian intent with the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the world body repeated its fraud in 1966 with publication of its *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*. Articles 18-22 of this document repeatedly stress that "everyone" shall have the right to freedoms such as religion, expression, peaceful assembly, association with others, etc. But in every case the acknowledgement of such basic rights is followed by the "limitations … as prescribed by law."

On April 2, 1992, a mere handful of senators led by then-Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine ratified the 1966 *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* in a late-night gathering held in the Senate Chamber. Mitchell and his associates thereby extended approval and a high degree of legitimacy to the anti-freedom UN document. That this deed was carried out in virtual secrecy is hardly surprising.

There are numerous sound reasons why the United States should withdraw from the world body. The UN's attitude about basic rights is only one of those reasons, though an important one. If more Americans could be made aware of the fundamental differences between our nation's view toward basic rights and that of the UN, the campaign to "Get US out!" of the United Nations would be far easier to win. ■

— John F. McManus

his side," who asked him, "General, which side are Washington and the United Nations on?"

It was a good question then, and it remains an important question today for all Americans who love their country to consider.

UN Charter Is a Threat to American National Sovereignty

Whether it be UN control over our foreign policy, or interference in our domestic affairs, America's continued membership in the UN is a threat to the lives, the property, and the liberty of every American. While the UN Charter asserts no desire to interfere in the domestic affairs of member nations, such interference has happened time and again, often with the full support of U.S. presidents, of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

In one such case in 2004, the UN's International Court of Justice ordered the United States to reopen the murder and rape conviction of Jose Medellin, who was sitting on death row in Texas. If this UN dictate had been followed, it would have been the first time that American courts had altered their decisions to please an international body, and would seem to be a clear violation of the UN Charter's pledge not to interfere in the domestic affairs of member nations.

Unfortunately, the U.S. State Department agreed with the UN's order and convinced President George W. Bush to sign a two-paragraph executive order to Texas to comply with the World Court. No previous president had attempted such a thing, but Bush said that his inherent authority as commander in chief gave him the power to promote "international comity," and make such an "order."

Fortunately, Texas decided to defy the president's order, and the Supreme Court of the United States ultimately sided with Texas against President Bush in a 6-3 decision.

While the UN did not prevail in this particular case, who is to say that a future Supreme Court might not decide that agencies of the United Nations supersede the laws of the United States and the states of the United States?

As long as the United States remains a part of the United Nations, our national sovereignty is in jeopardy. As John Foster Dulles said years ago, the Charter of the United Nations provides the framework for a world government. Such a world government would threaten the lives, the property, and the liberty of every single American citizen.

What Ted Galen Carpenter wrote in a piece for the Cato Institute in 1997 still holds true today: "The United Nations as an embryonic world government with an independent taxing authority and the other powers of a political state would pose a threat to individual liberty wherever it exists. Most UN members are ruled by authoritarian regimes.… The culture of governance at the United Nations itself is hardly sympathetic to the values of individual rights."

The only certain way to extricate ourselves from this threat created by the UN Charter on October 24, 1945 is for Congress to vote to leave the United Nations, and to evict the UN from its headquarters located near the East River in New York City. ■

Stand Your Ground in Georgia

CNN reported on September 17 about an incident in Conyers, Georgia, that occurred when three would-be burglars with bandannas covering their faces tried robbing a man standing outside his house shortly after 4 a.m. At the time the three suspects surrounded him, the homeowner was talking to another person who lives with him. One of the burglars was armed with a handgun; he repeatedly fired it at the two people but missed. Fortunately, the homeowner was also armed and returned fire, striking all three suspects and fatally wounding them.

The quick action by the homeowner and the fact that all three suspects died contributed to the newsworthiness of the story. The fact that all three suspects were under the age of 18 added to its dramatic nature and made it quickly go viral. The investigation is still ongoing, but because the shooting occurred outside the residence means that Georgia's Stand Your Ground law, which permits deadly force if a person believes his life is at risk, will most likely apply, not the Castle Doctrine, which has a presumption of innocence for a homeowner who uses lethal force against an intruder inside his residence.

Darryl Cohen, a prosecutor-turned-defense attorney, gave his analysis of the situation to First Coast News and said, "I see this as assault — several crimes, felonies being committed — and the person, the homeowner, did exactly what he needed to do, which is protect himself, protect people in his house and protect his property…. As soon as you see that weapon pointed at you, you have the right to defend yourself and obviously once it's been fired you have the right and a duty to defend yourself." Cohen added that the 4:00 a.m. timing of the incident helps to explain why the homeowner shot all three suspects, even though investigators later learned that only one of the suspects was armed. "When you take the dark and you add that to the scenario it makes it even more credible for the homeowner…. You don't know where the shot came from, you don't know which of the three fired the weapon, so you have a right to defend yourself — self-defense. If you've been shot at you have every reasonable expectation that they're trying to kill you." Cohen did state that his analysis was based on the facts as they are presently reported, and if more details are revealed that substantively change the case, his analysis might change as well but, as it stands now, he told First Coast News, he considers this a "strong self-defense case."

Should You Be Carrying a BUG?

A September 16 column posted on Guns.com by its editorial staff explored whether civilians should be carrying a "BUG," which is short for "Back Up Gun." People who don't have a background in law enforcement might not be familiar with the concept, but the idea of carrying a smaller backup gun, or BUG, has, according to Guns.com, "steadily crept its way into the lives of civilian concealed carriers offering a few benefits for those willing to pack an extra gun."

As the column explained, these smaller guns are easily concealable and are not intended "to shoot long-range or pack an overwhelming amount of rounds but simply stand as a secondary tool to see the concealed carrier out of whatever dangerous spot they've suddenly encountered." Guns.com broke down three major reasons why someone would consider carrying a smaller backup gun. The first reason is because your primary conceal-carry firearm could malfunction. "If that primary gun fails in the middle of a fight or a bad guy wrestles it away a BUG … suddenly becomes a viable ticket out of a bad situation. The second firearm grants the concealed carrier one more option in the fight. More options mean more opportunities to live another day."

The second reason is that an extra firearm allows you to have more shooting capacity. Even if you're carrying an additional magazine to give yourself supplemental rounds, you could find yourself in a situation where you need to get off a few additional shots, and that's where a BUG could come in handy. "When facing multiple attackers, concealed carriers may find themselves in need of even more ammo than they're packing in their primary gun. In this defensive situation, a second setup proves advantageous."

Finally, the article argued, having a BUG might be useful if you have someone with you who can aid you in your armed self-defense. "Facing off against multiple attackers, a concealed carrier with a BUG and a buddy can reasonably hand the spare to a friend thereby introducing another armed citizen into the equation. Word of caution, though, a BUG should only be handed to a trusted individual or someone you are certain possesses the training and wherewith-all [*sic*] to tackle a defensive shooting situation."

As the piece concluded, it explained that a BUG won't be a panacea, but having one definitely gives those interested in armed self-defense "a solid second option for those that want a little extra help when things go sideways." ■

— Patrick Krey

Climate-obsessed Greenies Fear Emissions, but Reject Carbon-free Nuclear Power

Item: Time*, dated September 23, 2019, filled a double-sized magazine of 112 pages (in the print version) with a "Special Climate Issue." The issue leads with a piece with this premise: It is the year 2050 and this is "How We Survived Climate Change," written by environmental activist Bill McKibben. In this imaginary future, "the climate fight remains the consuming battle of our age, but its most intense phase may be in our rearview mirror."*

In the entire issue there is but one small section (two paragraphs in the digital version) devoted to it. There, contributor Andrew Blum does acknowledge (on page 107): "Nuclear reactors have been providing zero-carbon power since the 1950s, and today supply 20% of the U.S.'s electricity and 11% of the globe's. But safety and environmental concerns have increased the cost and complexity of nuclear power plants, and their construction has all but stopped in the U.S."

Item: *Greenpeace is an environmental organization; it declares on its website: "Nuclear energy has no place in a safe, clean, sustainable future. Nuclear energy is both expensive and dangerous, and just because nuclear pollution is invisible doesn't mean it's clean. Renewable energy is better for the environment, the economy, and doesn't come with the risk of a nuclear meltdown." Greenpeace's message also asserts: "High profile disasters in Chernobyl, Ukraine in 1986 and Fukushima, Japan in 2011 have raised public awareness of the dangers of nuclear power."*

Item: *CNN for September 4 summarized the stances of Democratic presidential candidates following that news network's "climate crisis town hall." (We concentrate herein on those leading the polls.) For instance: "Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren are both opposed — in different ways — to nuclear power," essentially differing at the rates in which the candidates would get rid of nuclear power.*

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Contradictions: Presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren want to spend trillions of dollars to remediate supposed catastrophic climate change. Yet both also want to get rid of nuclear energy, without which their plans to lower CO_2 can't work in their acceptable time frames.

Item: *The position of former Vice President Joe Biden was noted by the Verge in a September 5 piece entitled "Democrats Are Divided on Using Nuclear Energy to Stop Climate Change." The media site said Biden "is curious enough to throw an undisclosed amount of money into nuclear R&D." That "curiosity" doesn't seem particularly fervent. As the Verge said, according to the Biden climate plan, the candidate wants "to look at issues, ranging from cost to safety to waste disposal systems, that remains [sic] an ongoing challenge with nuclear power today."*

Correction: The globe, some 25,000 miles around with a mass of 6.6 sextillion tons, will keep rotating despite human activities. It will spin even if Democrats in the United States gain power while repudiating nuclear, a source of energy that is safe, comparatively cheap, reliable, generates no greenhouse gases, and (unlike solar and wind) doesn't require huge amounts of land. Nonetheless, there are significant decisions pending that will affect the environment and economy.

Meanwhile, many (but not all) veteran left-wing political gurus spurn nuclear energy, even as *a few* of the nascent zealots of the Green New Deal seem to be begrudgingly okay with it (depending on the day and the direction of the political winds).

American statists typically parrot the revealed wisdom of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Yet, as one *Forbes* writer has reminded us, reports from the IPCC, the International Energy Agency, the UN Sustainable Solutions Network, and the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate have "argued for a tripling of nuclear energy, requiring over a thousand new reactors to stabilize carbon emissions." Even the left-leaning Union of Concerned Scientists maintains that nuclear energy is necessary to address climate change. So much for listening to experts.

Let's stipulate that nuclear energy isn't perfect. As with other sources of energy, there are trade-offs to consider. For example, fossil fuels are generally cheaper of late than nuclear. Nuclear energy is the third largest electricity source in the United States, behind natural gas and coal. It is dependable and available when the sun does not shine and the wind does not blow. Nuclear power operates around-the-clock at more than 92-percent average capacity factor. That is more than twice the capacity factor of any other "clean" energy source (including solar and wind, which collec-

tively account for around eight percent of the U.S. power supply).

By comparison, wind is online and generating power only about 37 percent of the time, with solar clocking in at 26 percent. They require (expensive) battery storage. And as noted by physicist Mark Mills, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, "Batteries are a lousy way to store energy." The ingredients of battery packs are not "green." As summarized by Mills, "You have to consume 100 barrels of oil in China to make that battery pack. Dig up 1,000 pounds of stuff to process it. Digging is done with oil, by big machines, so we're consuming energy to 'save' energy."

Leading politicians seemingly live in another world. Candidate Joe Biden, during a debate this summer, answered "no" when he was asked if there would be "any place for fossil fuels, including coal and fracking" in his administration. That is not exactly what his own plan says, but perhaps he didn't know that. What is in his plan is bad enough.

Keep in mind that he is the supposed moderate among leading Dems. Here's how the *Wall Street Journal* summarized Biden's plan: He would "regulate gasoline cars out of existence, forge a new transcontinental railroad, retrofit half of U.S. buildings within 15 years, and restrict development on nearly a third of the country's land and water." Biden does appear willing to spend some tax money on research for nuclear power; Warren and Sanders wouldn't. The senators from Massachusetts and Vermont have both promised to dismantle existing nuclear power plants.

Keep in mind that climate change is said to be among the most important issues for Democrats, with many pointing their collective finger at man-made carbon emissions as the prime villain. Yet as a spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute has noted, the projected renewable timelines for most political candidates in the United States cannot be reached unless the mix of energy sources includes nuclear. As noted by Neal Cohen of the institute, nuclear power "represents close to 55 percent of the carbon-free energy in this country. If you are going to reduce emissions you are going to need to maintain that level and add more carbon-free resources, whether that be wind, solar, carbon capture [or] other additional nuclear energy."

A study group, led by MIT researchers in collaboration with colleagues from the Idaho National Laboratory and University of Madison-Wisconsin, not long ago released the finding of its analysis. It found that unless nuclear energy is meaningfully incorporated into the global mix of low-carbon energy technologies, "the challenge of climate change will be much more difficult and costly to solve."

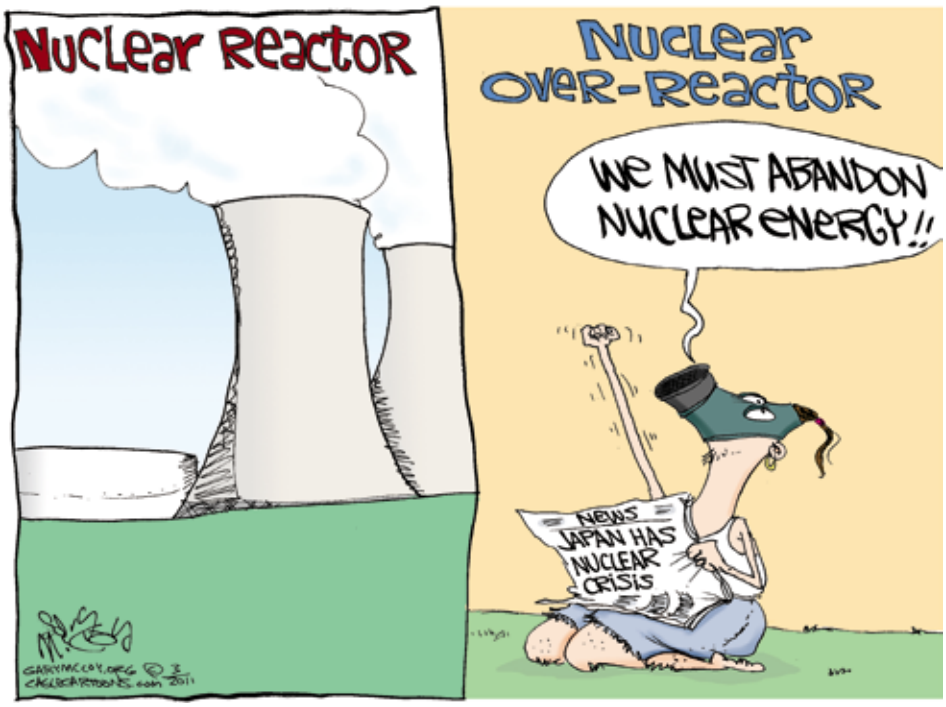
Indeed, Professor Jacopo Buongiorno, head of the MIT's Center for Advanced Nuclear Energy Systems, says that in a world where the climate is changing, we can't afford not to build new nuclear power plants. Their analysis, as the professor told WBUR (a public radio station in Boston), "shows that the most effective and frankly least-cost path toward decarbonizing our economy includes nuclear energy."

Nuclear energy is truly impressive. As described by the Nuclear Energy Institute:

> One uranium fuel pellet — about the size of a gummy bear — creates as much energy as one ton of coal, 149 gallons of oil or 17,000 cubic feet of natural gas. A single nuclear power reactor generates enough electricity on average to power 755,000 homes without emitting any greenhouse gases. That's more than enough to power a city the size of Philadelphia.

Still, recognizing its drawbacks, the industry has plans to develop a new generation of small modular and advanced reactors. Using thorium as an alternative to uranium ore for producing nuclear fuel does have some advantages, as has been pointed out by (among others) Rob Jackson, chairman of the Earth System Science Department at Stanford.

However, obsessed fear-mongers — Greenpeace is but one example — contend that nuclear power is a potential disaster. But getting out of bed can be dangerous. Dams can break, killing thousands. Producing and using coal certainly affect the environment, as do petroleum products, though technology has reduced their negative effects. Oxford researcher Hannah Ritchie has calculated that (per unit of electricity generated) oil is 263 times more



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Concentrated energy source: Just one little uranium fuel pellet could produce as much energy as a ton of coal. Better yet, it has a comparably small amount of waste after being used.

deadly than nuclear power, while ordinary coal is 352 times deadlier, and lignite coal even more deadly than that.

Here's another related factoid, by James Meigs, former editor of *Popular Mechanics*: "More people have fallen off of roofs installing solar panels than have been killed in the entire history of nuclear power in the U.S."

Should we outlaw all those sources of deadly energy?

Of course, nuclear opponents always bring up the accidents at Chernobyl (in the former Soviet Union), Three Mile Island (in Pennsylvania), and Fukushima (in Japan). But as usual, what a lot of people know (or think they know) just ain't so. Katie Tubb, a senior policy analyst for energy and environmental issues at the Heritage Foundation, is succinct:

> It may be hard to believe, but no one has died from radiation exposure from the latter two. In the case of America's worst nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in 1979, actual radiation exposure for the 2 million people living closest to the reactor amounted to less than a dental x-ray. For decades, state and federal agencies and private companies tested agricultural, health and environmental factors, finding nothing of concern.

As far as the Chernobyl incident, as numerous experts have mentioned, it was the result of Soviet designs and bungling as well as human negligence. Its meltdown, as recounted by William Shughart, "culminated in the immediate deaths of 30 people, two of whom died during the meltdown itself and another 28 dying shortly afterward from radiation exposure."

Other than the Chernobyl disaster, as has been written by Shughart (a senior fellow at the Independent Institute and a professor at Utah State University),

> no instances of death related to radiation exposure from nuclear power plants have been recorded, even though more than 600 nuclear reactors have been built around the world since 1954. Remarkably, deaths associated with wind turbines over the past decade are three times as high as deaths from Chernobyl, although this statistic gets little if any media coverage.

(There have been a number of studies about Chernobyl over the years, with differing numbers about casualties. The UN, for instance, has confirmed 43 deaths said to be the result of radiation.)

Nuclear waste remains an issue, but only because misinformed people want it out of their vicinities. *How* to store the waste is less a concern than *where* to do so.

Michael Shellenberger (president of Environmental Progress and a convert to nuclear) noted that when it comes to electricity production, nuclear waste is the only type that is safely contained. "All other waste for electricity goes into the environment including from coal, natural gas and — here's another uncomfortable conclusion — solar panels."

Here's a bit more about the extent of solar "waste" as compared to nuclear. There are, recounts Heritage's Tubb,

> 81,500 tons of nuclear waste from commercial power reactors in the United States. That represents all the nuclear waste from every commercial reactor in the United States since 1957 — no more than a football field 10 yards deep. For reference, the International Renewable Energy Agency estimates the United States will have 170,000 to one million tons of waste from solar panels by 2030.

Others have noted that the total of nuclear waste in the United States over six decades could be fitted into the size of a Walmart store.

Finland has shown how this matter can be handled. The Finns are constructing a permanent underground depository. "The project has been supported by the government and, most importantly, by the local community," says Jonathan Lesser, an adjunct fellow at the Manhattan Institute and author of the report "Is There a Future for Nuclear Power in the United States?"

Here, the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP), according to Lesser, "stores mid-level nuclear waste and is located just south of Carlsbad, N.M." It is, he notes, "strongly supported by the local community because of its economic benefits."

Yet the loudest anti-carbon, climate-change voices continue to shriek that our situation is urgent — even as they disdain our best source of carbon-free power. It makes you wonder if the people who act foolish really aren't acting. ■

— William P. Hoar

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Deep State **Impeachment Coup**

Is impeachment fever spreading? Until very recently, virtually all polls showed that Americans were not succumbing to the contagion, no matter how frantically it was being promoted by Rachel Maddow, Joe Scarborough, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and the rest of the anti-Trump virus-spreading crew. Is the Trump Derangement Syndrome now reaching beyond the hyperventilating bloviators at CNN/MSNBC and the Never Trump neocon Republicans at the *Weekly Standard/Washington Examiner* and *National Review*? Various polls claim to show that the Democrats' current drive for impeaching President Donald Trump is now supported by close to 50 percent of American voters. The Quinnipiac poll released on September 30 showed a 10-point swing in favor of impeachment over its own earlier poll released on September 25.

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What has caused the big up-tick in impeachment fever? Well, supposedly, it is outrage toward President Trump over the allegations that the president, during a telephone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, improperly pressured Zelensky to investigate the allegedly corrupt business dealings in Ukraine of Hunter Biden, son of the Democrats' leading candidate in the 2020 White House race, former Vice President Joe Biden. The allegations against Trump come from an anonymous "whistleblower" at the CIA. As per usual, the uncorroborated "charges" against Trump were breathlessly heralded by the reliable Deep State channels: the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff — two of Trump's fiercest and most devious congressional opponents — were primed to respond. On September 24, Speaker Pelosi announced that she has directed six committees of the House of Representatives to proceed with an "impeachment inquiry."

The coup plotters are determined to remove Trump from office "by any means necessary." And they think they have a new smoking gun: "Ukrainegate." We can be fairly certain, however, that it will again turn out to be more smoke and mirrors than a smoking gun. In fact, that's what we have so far — smoke and mirrors. When President Trump declassified and released a transcript of his conversation with Zelensky on September 25, it was much like Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on Trump's alleged "Russia collusion" and "obstruction of justice." You know, the Mueller "smoking gun" that turned out to be a smoking nothingburger, after the Fake News Media — print, web, broadcast, cable — had carpet-bombed us with "Russiagate" saturation coverage for more than two years. From what we've seen so far, Ukrainegate will prove to be just as fraudulent and barren as the Pelosi-Schiff-Mueller "investigation." And as with that big con, where the Democrats and their "progressive" media allies covered up Hillary Clinton's *real* collusion with Putin while screaming about faux Trump collusion, the same cast is blathering again about alleged Trump conspiracy in Ukraine, while ignoring the very troubling evidence of Biden-Ukrainian conspiracy.

What's new this time around is that the *allegations* of presidential wrongdoing (again, by an *anonymous*, alleged CIA agent) are providing cover for some globalist Republicans to jump on the impeachment bandwagon, to give it the appearance of bipartisan, broad-based support. Among the early GOP vocal supporters of the impeachment effort is former Massachusetts Governor (and 2020 Republican presidential aspirant) William Weld, who has gone full derangement, claiming Trump has committed treason. "It's treason, pure and simple," Weld said of the unsubstantiated allegations. "And the penalty for treason under the U.S. code is death," he continued. "That's the only penalty."

Whew! From accusation to conviction to execution! No need to stand on ceremony, or constitutional due process. For Weld, it's "Off with his head!" — plain and simple. Besides being one of those establishment Republicans who support abortion, gun control, homosexual "marriage," the United Nations, open borders, and big government (and most other Democrat hobby horses), Weld is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the most influential organization promoting world government and an end to American sovereignty and independence. It was the Weld-type Republicans (and Democrats) to whom Trump was referring in his recent address this year (as in his previous two UN speeches) when he denounced globalism and unapologetically endorsed national sovereignty and nationalism. Weld made his outrageous treason-death comments on the MSNBC show of Republican CFR member Joe Scarborough's *Morning Joe*, co-hosted with Scarborough's wife, Mika Brzezinski (CFR). Former Republican advisor (and current CFR Senior Fellow) Max Boot, the "conservative columnist for the *Washington Post*," has been writing and speaking in favor of impeaching Trump almost since the president's inauguration.

The Deep State globalists are desperate. ■

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